

FAITH NEWS

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Updates Galore!

Items Needed! Lots of big and beautiful things are happening in the Newark Faith Church basement. The church and Champions recently received lots and lots of clothing from our friend Donna. She receives clothing donations from her customers in New Albany and Granville. The newly received donations are mostly women, girls, and infant clothing items but we have plenty of men's clothing available too. The women of the "work force development team" have been sorting the clothing together and developing friendships and providing support for each other.

If you or someone you know is in need of some nice clothing - please let us know or come on down after the Sunday service. Also, don't forget that an awesome lunch is served after the service and this is a good time to fellowship together and meet new friends. If you would like to bless people in our community - the following items are needed: razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant. Thank you! God is good! ~ Tina Roberts

Culture of the Church

Thank you, Faith Church for letting me introduce Rupert, the Missionary recently on a Sunday morning. He really had a great time! I know the Little Lambs of Faith Church get a kick out of him.

Also, I would like to thank you for letting me speak on church culture that Sunday. Remember, I said, "God is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). We need to understand that our culture changes and that we need to keep this in mind and consideration. What is usually happening on the west coast, eventually makes it throughout the rest of our nation.

In our town, we have seen church after church closing. I believe that sometimes part of the reason is that they don't recognize culture changes. If you have ever been on a mission trip or plan to be - the best way to prepare is to study the culture you will be working with. It is of great benefit to learn what the people eat, how they dress, how they worship, what they need and their traditions. These are a few of the things that are good to know so that we can relate, form friendships, and minister to them.

After talking to Pastor Haley and Pastor Paul about church culture at Faith Church, they both told me about it being known, back in the day, as the "hobo church". With the B&O Railroad being just down the hill, the "hobos" would come to our church to be fed and I imagine received clothing too. I'm sure many had friends here at the church. Just think about it - they had a chance to also receive Jesus. My grandparents, back in the day, lived on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Mill Street down the road from our church. My grandpa was an engineer on the B&O. I have heard stories of my grandma fixing meals for the "least of these". One of God's greatest commandments is: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34). We are ALL in need of each other.

Newark Faith Church is not on East Main Street by accident. You and all of us are not here by accident. One reason is that I believe our calling is to build the Kingdom of God by understanding the culture around us. Just like our church did years ago, let's keep up the good works. We can all do this together because everyone of us is valuable and can contribute in some way! Prayers, acts of service, giving and donating our time and treasures, forming new friendships, welcoming and accepting others are just a few of the things we can do. Jesus said, "Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me." (Matthew 25:4). ~ Sincerely, Chris Roberts

Treasurer Note

Lenten/Easter Offering - Thank you everyone! We received \$362 for our special offering. We were able to give The Champions \$181 and the Salvation Army Food Pantry \$181! Again Thank You!