

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

UPDATE



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

THE DEADLY FRUIT OF PRIDE

Former heavyweight boxer, James Quick Tillis from Oklahoma tells a story about his arrival in Chicago in 1980. Tillis took a bus from Tulsa to come to Chicago to establish himself as a professional boxer. He got off the bus carrying two cardboard suitcases. He had arrived in downtown Chicago in front of the Sears Towers. Tillis said, "I put my suitcases down, and I looked up at the tower and I said to myself, 'I'm going to conquer Chicago.' When I looked down my suitcases were gone." Circumstances often have a way of humbling our pride sometimes.

Someone defined "pride" as the loss of balance due to the inability to recognize one's true position. In his book *Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis describes pride as "a telescope turned the wrong way. It magnifies self and makes the heavens small." Pride is a sin that effects and infects every person. We think we have it under control, and it pops up again in some other area of our lives.

Pride produces several types of deadly fruit. Pride produces the deadly fruit of self-deception. A believer who is infected with the sin of pride will often be unable to see his own sin. He is completely deceived. 1 Jn. 1:8 tells us, "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Pride produces the deadly fruit of self-conceit. In the New Testament, the Pharisees thought very highly of themselves. They saw themselves as righteous and better than those around them. They were forgetting that judged by God's perfect standard, they are on a level with all other people. In a Christian, this kind of characteristic can be the cause of much friction and dissention.

Pride also produces a spirit of self-sufficiency or independence from God. It's appealing to us to feel that we are the masters of our fate, and that we

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

Friday 3/1:

Round the Clock
Game Night –
6:30pm

Saturday 3/2:

Round the Clock
Craft Day – 9am

Tuesday 3/12:

"The Well" Women's
Gathering – 7pm

Saturday 3/16:

Awana Games &
Sparks-A-Rama –
9am

Saturday 3/23:

Men's Breakfast –
8:30am

Corn Hole

Tournament – 9am

Sunday 3/31:

Prayer Gathering –
6pm



really don't need anyone else but ourselves. This may be appealing but it's false because it's a lie of Satan. In reality we depend upon God for everything including our next breath.

Ultimately pride produces nothing that is useful in the Christian life. It produces deadly fruit that poisons our spiritual life and our relationship to God and His people. What can we do with the pride in our lives? We can deal with it or we can ignore it. If we seek to deal with our pride we must remember it's like a weed and we are going to have to keep chopping it down through confession and repentance. If we seek to ignore it, God will deal with it. Proverbs 29:23 says, A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor."

-Pastor Greg Uhrich

EVENTS AT FAITH

SNO GLO 2019 – FOLLOW ME

This past January, 35 youth and 6 leaders had the special opportunity to attend Sno Glo at Pinebrook Bible Conference. The theme for the weekend was the call of discipleship and understanding what it truly means to follow Christ in a world of entertainment, social media, and sex. The youth were challenged deeply to approach the many cultural norms through a Biblical lens. We spent time in various texts throughout the main sessions understanding the high cost of following Christ, and what it means to leave behind some of the things we have grown to be so comfortable with. In addition to the main sessions, youth had the privilege to attend different breakout sessions, which allowed for more intentional times of conversation and growth.

Maybe the most spiritually formative time came on Saturday night when the guys and girls split up to discuss the topic of God's design for sex. In separate groups, our guys and girls had the opportunity to discuss the struggles and temptations that come from a culture that has distorted God's design for sexual purity. Both groups had great conversation and ended with time in meaningful prayer.

Students were also able to participate in various sports tournaments, swimming, music competitions, art competitions, and other exciting activities. We also were blessed with a snow fall on Saturday night that resulted in many of our students enjoying the tubing hill. Needless to say, there was no shortage of opportunities to engage in over this busy weekend.

I am thankful to the Lord for blessing us with such an exciting and memorable weekend. And I would be remiss not to express a special thanks to those leaders who helped throughout the weekend. Thank you to Steve G, Nate W, Aggie L, Katie M, and my wife, Shelby. There is no way we would have made it through the weekend without you (or our Starbucks coffee)!

-Pastor Nate Miller

The Center Update

The Center continues to be a testimony of God's grace in the 6th Ward of Lancaster City. Young men are coming weekly to a Wednesday night Bible study, lead by Pastor Los. The monthly Community Closet free clothing giveaway is another means of outreach in the community. Please continue to pray that the gospel spreads, and that lives are changed for the glory of God through the ministry of The Center.