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HISTORY & INTRODUCTION TO FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

Beginnings

In 1993, Faith Bible Church arose from the need for another gospel-centered Bible church in Lincoln, Nebraska. At the same time, God was stirring the hearts of a dozen heads of households. They began to pray together for several weeks and felt God's leading to start a Bible church. The first Sunday, nearly 173 people showed up in a basement lecture hall of



a local college. Over the next year, Faith Bible Church continued to grow and God continued to pour out blessings. After outgrowing the lecture hall, the next move was to the local Christian school until the Lord opened up a piece of land that now holds the physical building of Faith Bible Church. Faith Bible Church is still led by godly men who serve on the Elder Council and lead from the Word, utterly dependent on the Lord.

Introduction

Reaching as many as are called to eternal life, maturing all in Christ, equipping all to serve and many to lead - all to the glory of God is the purpose and model for all that is done at Faith Bible Church. As laid out in Scripture, we do not cease gathering together and we encourage believers to grow in the Word of God, worship, and participate in corporate prayer. Sunday morning services are a time of worship to exalt Christ and edify and equip the believer, designed as a gathering of the whole church body. This is a time for the whole family to gather together centered around expository preaching (majority of the service), corporate worship, Scripture reading, the ordinances (Lord's Supper, baptism), and prayer. A number of ministries are involved in facilitating the worship services: worship team, band, orchestra, choir, audio/visual, communion team, ushers, greeters, coffee team, security, and welcome team.

Before we gather for worship on Sundays, all are invited to a time devoted to prayer and seeking the Lord. During the second hour, there are additional options for fellowship and growth for adults, youth, and children. Even the youngest among us have an opportunity to hear the Gospel in nursery

through preschool Sunday school with volunteers that pray and minister to the children.

Additionally, our mission to live out Ephesians 4:12-16 to “equip the saints” is exemplified in our Faithlife Bible Studies & Groups. By taking the larger church body and creating small groups and Bible studies we provide more intimate settings to study the Word, develop connection opportunities for new Christ-centered friendships, and serve one another.

WHO WE ARE

The People

As stated in 1 Corinthians 12:12-19, God has composed the body, the church, so that every member is significant and an integral part of the gathering. Our body is composed of multi-generational attendees; from infants to the greatest generation. Young families, children and youth, singles, widows and widowers, empty nesters, and those with differing needs make up the unique fingerprint that is the Faith Family.

Leadership

We believe that the Church, whose Head is Christ Jesus her Lord, is to be led by biblically qualified Elders, who are assisted in service by biblically qualified deacons. Properly appointed Elders are the pastors and shepherds of the Church. Elder selection is on the basis of character, calling, and spiritual giftedness.

Faith Bible Church is led by an elder council of eight men who meet regularly. The elder council is composed of Staff Elders and Lay Elders who work together to shepherd, guide, and pray for those in the care of Faith Bible and other ministry leads within the church.

Several aspects of individual ministries are administered by elder-approved deacons or deaconesses. These men and women are affirmed by the elders with qualifications based on Scriptures such as 1 Timothy 3, then appointed as helpers to the elders. Their role is to address a specific need/task to allow Elders to focus on the ministry of the Word and prayer.

Staff

Our ministry staff supports the church as a whole organization. Faith Bible Church's staff includes our Administrative Director, Staff Pastors (Worship, Bodylife, Youth, & Adult Ministries), Administrative Assistant, Children's Ministry Director, Accounting Specialist, Communications Director, Facilities Manager, as well as a part-time grounds, facilities, and maintenance team. Each role exists to aid in the day to day duties in order to be a resource to the church body.

Statement of Faith

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Purpose Model

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Budget & Financial Plan

Faith Bible Church has a strong stewardship team that devotes their time and resources to the financial side of the church. This team works diligently to aid and plan the yearly financials and projections. They work with the various ministry areas to plan an appropriate budget for the year as well as monitor the weekly giving.

The 2022 Faith Bible Financial Plan and Budget is \$1,529,301.00 with a planned and projected income of \$1,530,909.00. (Below is a brief overview of planned expenditures.)

- Ministry & Benevolence = \$670,462.00
- Missions = \$140,055.00
- Facilities & Administration = \$489,280.00
- Facilities = \$229,505.00

MINISTRIES

Faithlife (Bible Studies & Small Groups)

Faithlife is designed to connect members of the local church body in a Christian community that encourages every believer to mature in Christ and equips them to serve. This is done through a variety of smaller gatherings such as women's Bible studies, men's Bible studies, small groups, and Sunday morning adult education classes. These smaller settings foster relationships, where each member can know and be known. Each group has one of three main focuses: *Up-Focused* groups primarily make their chief aim the study and application of God's Word; *In-Focused* groups are driven by a relational emphasis on fellowship; *Out-Focused* groups seek to obey Christ's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." Groups meet at a variety of times and settings, and many diverse groups meet throughout the week, welcoming people from a variety of ages and life stages. Periodically throughout the calendar year, we host connection opportunities for further fellowship and engagement.

Faithstudents (Middle & High School)

From Acts 2:42, we see the early church devoted to the apostle's teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Our student ministries seek to focus on the same things. During the school year both the middle and high school groups meet weekly. These gatherings include a game time, teaching from the Word, small group time, and monthly meals and fellowship.

Throughout other times of the year students can engage in the church middle and high school camps, Worlds of Fun trip, and Senior Retreat led by the Youth Pastor and student ministry leaders. Through these various activities, students learn God's Word in order to have a foundation that will equip them to face the things God calls them to in life with a Biblical worldview. Youth ministry also provides opportunities for students to fellowship as they build important relationships that encourage prayer while seeking to care for each other's needs.

Children's Ministry

"Our Children's Ministry seeks to glorify God by partnering with families to proclaim the gospel, teach the Bible, model godly living, and prepare children to be sent out where God has called them. Realizing that children

are a mission field ripe for harvest and future leaders of the Church, we commit to pray for every child that God brings us.” -FBC Children’s Ministry Mission Statement

Our children’s ministry offers families an opportunity to have their children hear about the Gospel and learn Biblical foundations through nursery, preschool and elementary Sunday school, and Children’s Church. Wednesday evening is a time for Faith Bible children and community children to come together for AWANA. During the year, children can attend other outreach opportunities through Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs, and Kids’ Retreat. In recent years, the Children’s Ministry has grown a “Buddy Ministry” that allows children with special needs to attend Sunday school and church activities with their peers and additional support and hear how Jesus loves them. This ministry not only supports the children but gives families a chance to worship as well.

Missions

We believe that *“[Missions is] the work of the Church in reaching across cultural, religious, ethnic, and geographic barriers to advance the work of making disciples of all nations.”** It is sending people to cross these barriers to preach the Gospel to those who otherwise would never hear, because the Church is not established in their culture, so that they might believe. We prioritize the sending of both Faith Bible members whose calling, character and competence we have affirmed, and indigenous workers with whom we can maintain a relationship and level of accountability. We focus our mission's efforts on planting and establishing churches in areas of spiritual need. As a sending church, we seek to bring awareness to the church body of the Biblical basis for missions, the continuing need for the Gospel to reach specific peoples, and each member’s individual role in obeying Christ’s command to make disciples of all nations.

Local Outreach

Local evangelism is bringing the Gospel to the unsaved in our own context, where the Church is already established, so that the Gospel continues to permeate and disciples are made within each subculture. We seek to evangelize our community by equipping members of Faith Bible Church, from preschool to adult, to share the Gospel in their own unique sphere of influence. At the same time, there are some segments of society that are

outside the normal sphere of most believers, so we send and financially support members of Faith Bible Church, where in their calling, character, and competence we have affirmed, to further the work of making disciples within each facet of our own culture. We also support local ministries through prayer and financial giving.

COMMUNITY

Lincoln, Nebraska

Faith Bible Church is located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Lincoln is the second largest city in the state of Nebraska with a



current population of around 291,000 people as of 2020. Located in the Southeast part of the Capitol City, Faith Bible Church is home to many residents of Lincoln as well as smaller communities that surround Lincoln. Faith Bible Church partners with other local Bible churches for conferences, events, and collective pastoral alignment.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible, consisting of both the Old and New Testaments, to be the inerrant Word of God. Every word of the original manuscripts having been breathed by God Himself and written by men moved by the Holy Spirit and spoken from God. As God's completed revelation, the Scriptures are fully sufficient as our ultimate authority for faith and practice.

[Psalm 19:7-9](#) | [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#) | [2 Peter 1:2-4, 20, 21](#)

GOD

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All are identical in essence and equal in power, glory, attributes, and perfection.

[Deuteronomy 6:4](#) | [Isaiah 45:5-7](#) | [Matthew 28:19](#) | [1 Corinthians 8:4](#) | [2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

We believe God the Father is the author of creation and the source of all things. He is the Head of Christ, the initiator of our salvation, the standard of holiness, and the designer of our redemption. As God, He is holy, righteous, good, loving and full of mercy. God the Father sovereignly controls the flow of human history and will personally bring it to fulfillment through the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

[Genesis 1:1-31](#) | [1 Chronicles 29:11](#) | [Psalm 103:19, 145:8-9](#) | [1 Corinthians 11:3](#) | [Ephesians 1:3-5, 10](#)

We believe in the true deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His promised personal return to earth in power and glory to reign as the King of kings.

[Luke 1:26-35](#) | [John 1:1-5, 14, 5:21, 25, 10:30, 14:16-17](#) | [Romans 3:24-25, 6:5-10](#) | [Philippians 2:5-8](#) | [Colossians 1:15-17](#) | [1 Peter 1:18-21](#) | [Revelation 20:11-15](#)

We believe in the full deity of the Holy Spirit as eternal and coequal with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, brings new life to those who were once spiritually dead, and baptizes (places) all believers into the one true universal church. The Holy Spirit permanently indwells every believer beginning at the moment of salvation and seals them unto the day of their final redemption. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts for ministering to others, guides believers in all truth, and empowers them to live in victory over sin.

[John 3:3-8, 14:16-17, 16:7-13](#) | [Romans 8:9-11](#) | [1 Corinthians 12:7-14](#) | [Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:4-6, 30, 5:18](#)

MAN

We believe man was created in the image and likeness of God in innocence and without sin. Through Adam's sin, all humanity has fallen and is in rebellion against God and is therefore spiritually dead and alienated from God.

[Genesis 1:26, 3:1-24](#) | [Psalm 14:1-3](#) | [Jeremiah 17:9](#) | [John 1:12-13, 3:3-8](#) | [Romans 3:9-18, 23, 5:10-12, 8:6-8](#) | [Ephesians 2:1-3](#) | [Titus 3:4-7](#)

SALVATION

We believe salvation is wholly of God by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, through the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. Salvation is given by God as a gift to those whom He has chosen before the foundation of the world and drawn to Himself through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit guides in repentance and gives the faith necessary to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and His completed work by His death, burial, and resurrection so that no one can boast.

[John 1:12, 16:7-11](#) | [Acts 11:18, 13:48](#) | [Romans 2:4, 6:23, 8:29](#) | [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#) | [Ephesians 1:4, 7, 2:8-10](#) | [Hebrews 10:12-14](#) | [1 Peter 1:18-19](#)

We believe that those who are saved are recreated spiritually, born again, as completely new creatures, resulting in the full forgiveness of sins and the liberty of holy living. Though indwelling sin remains a reality in every believer, we are to be led by the Holy Spirit, grow in the knowledge of the Lord, keep the Lord's commandments, and live in such a way that all may see our good works and thus glorify our Father who is in heaven.

[Ezekiel 36:16-27](#) | [John 3:1-21](#) | [Romans 6:17-18, 7:21-25, 8:1](#) | [2 Corinthians 5:11-19](#) | [Galatians 5:1](#) | [Titus 3:1-8](#) | [1 Peter 1:13-21](#)

We believe that those who are saved are pardoned of their sin and are given the promise of eternal life by virtue of the perfect righteousness of Christ that is freely given to us of God.

[Romans 3:26, 4:6, 8:33](#) | [1 Corinthians 1:30](#) | [2 Corinthians 5:21](#) | [Colossians 2:13-14](#)

We believe salvation is eternal, and that God finishes the saving process without the threat of losing saving grace.

[John 3:16-17, 10:27-30](#) | [Romans 8:31-39, 16:25](#) | [1 Corinthians 3:10-15](#) | [2 Corinthians 5:10](#) | [Ephesians 2:8-10](#) | [Philippians 1:6](#) | [1 John 5:13](#)

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is Christ's Body on this earth and is comprised of all true believers in Him throughout the world.

[John 17:11-26](#) | [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

We believe that there is a biblical distinction between Israel as a nation and the Church as a "holy nation." The earthly, temporal promises made to Abraham (a land in which to live, a nation of people, and the temporal blessings of God) are fulfilled through Israel as God's chosen people. The Heavenly, eternal promises made to Abraham are fulfilled through Christ and are experienced by those, both Jew and Gentile, who are in Christ, the heirs of the promises.

[Genesis 12:1-3](#) | [Galatians 3:6-9, 16, 29](#) | [Hebrews 11:8-10, 12-16](#) | [1 Peter 2:9](#)

We believe that the Church, whose Head is Christ Jesus her Lord, is to be led by biblically qualified men called elders, who are assisted in service by biblically qualified deacons. Properly appointed Elders are the "pastors/shepherds" of the Church. Elder selection is on the basis of character, calling, and spiritual giftedness.

[Acts 14:23, 20:17-35](#) | [1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17-25](#) | [Titus 1:5-9](#) | [Hebrews 13:17](#) | [1 Peter 5:1-5](#)

We believe that true believers must meet together on a regular basis for instruction, worship, sharing, and encouragement in order to maintain spiritual growth and to encourage each other to continually look for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. These assemblies are to be characterized by corporate worship, biblical instruction, prayer, and fellowship.

[Acts 2:42-47](#) | [1 Corinthians 11:17-34, 12:1-14](#) | [Ephesians 4:1-16](#) | [1 Timothy 3:14-15](#) | [Hebrews 10:23-25](#) | [1 John 3:16-20](#)

We believe that the exercise of divinely granted spiritual gifts by each member of the Body is essential for attaining full spiritual maturity on behalf of all the members of this local Church.

[Romans 12:3-8](#) | [1 Corinthians 12:1-31](#) | [Galatians 5:13](#) | [Ephesians 4:1-16](#) | [1 Peter 4:7-11](#)

We believe that the miraculous gifts of divine revelation and healing were affirmations of apostolic authority, supernaturally given to affirm the Word as delivered through these chosen men until the Scriptures, God's inspired revelation, were completed.

[1 Corinthians 13:9-13, 14:20-22](#) | [2 Corinthians 12:12](#) | [Hebrews 2:1-4](#)

We believe that the members of the Church are responsible to live lives of holiness as salt and light in the world, and that individual believers are responsible for evangelizing those who are lost.

[Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20](#) | [Acts 1:8](#) | [Ephesians 5:1-21](#) | [Titus 2:11-15](#) | [1 Peter 1:13-21](#) | [2 Peter 3:11-12](#)

We believe that the Family is the foundational institution of both society and the Church, that children are a gift from the Lord, that parents are first and foremost responsible for the spiritual education of their children, and that the Church is a supporting and complementary entity in the process of training the next generation.

[Genesis 1:26-28, 2:21-25](#) | [Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#) | [Psalm 78:1-7, 127:1-5](#) | [Ephesians 5:22-6:4](#) | [Colossians 3:18-21](#) | [2 Timothy 3:14-15](#)

We believe that the God of the Old and New Testaments teaches us through His Holy Scriptures that marriage is ordained by God as a physical and spiritual union between one man and one woman exclusively and that only such a union can be rightly blessed by the Church.

[Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-25, 5:1-2](#) | [Matthew 19:4-9](#) | [Ephesians 5:31-33](#) | [Revelation 19:7](#)

We believe that all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Savior are to be water- baptized as a public identification with Him. We also hold that the clearest portrayal of the significance of this baptism is the mode of immersion.

[Matthew 28:18-20](#) | [Acts 2:41, 8:12, 36-39, 10:44-48, 16:33](#) | [Romans 6:4-11](#)

We believe that participation in the Lord's Table, Communion, is the privilege and responsibility of all believers, and that it should be celebrated with regularity as a continual testimony to Christ's death and soon return to earth. We also hold that this celebration is open to all true believers.

[Acts 2:42](#) | [1 Corinthians 11:17-34](#)

END TIMES

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—those who are saved to the resurrection of life in Heaven, and those who are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation in Hell.

[John 5:29, 6:39, 11:23-26](#) | [Romans 8:10-11, 19-23](#) | [2 Corinthians 4:14](#) | [Revelation 20:13-15](#)

We believe that this present age will culminate in the coming “day of the Lord” when believers will be “caught up” and forever be with Him. We also hold that this “coming day of the Lord” will manifest the just wrath of God on an unbelieving world followed by a 1000-year rule and reign of righteousness by the Lord Jesus Christ. Final judgment and a new redeemed heaven and earth will then come.

[1 Thessalonians 4:17, 5:2-9](#) | [Revelation 14:14-15:1, 19:1-20:6, 21:1-27, 22:1-21](#)

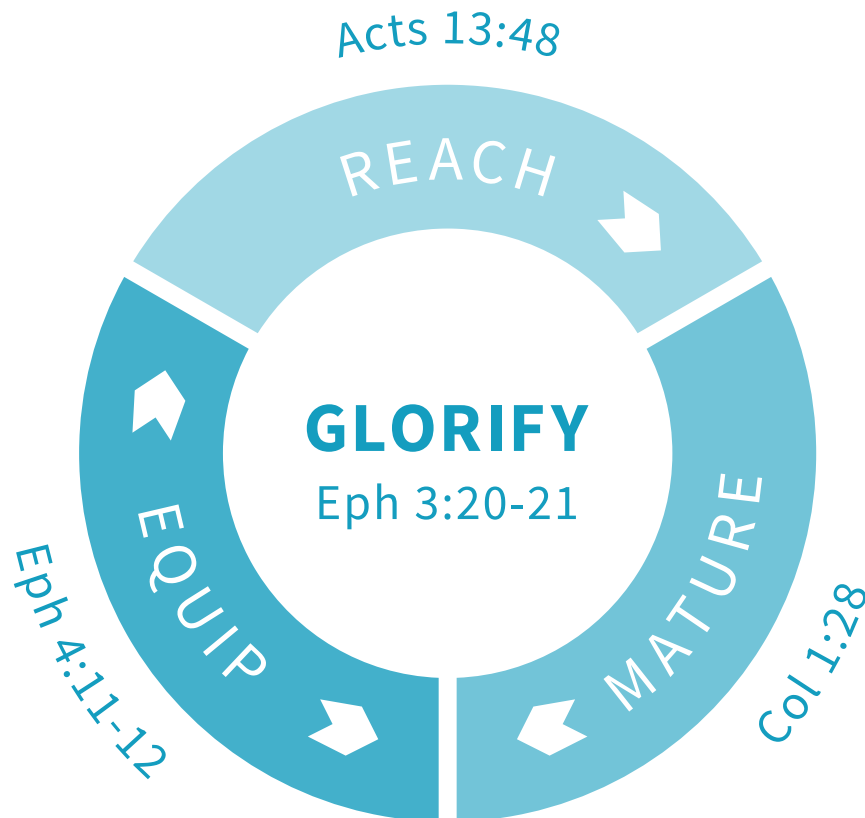
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Purpose Statement & Model



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Reaching as many as are called to eternal life, maturing all in Christ, equipping all to serve and many to lead—all to the glory of God.

10And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. [Acts 13:48](#)

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. [Colossians 1:28](#)

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. [Ephesians 4:11-12](#)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. [Ephesians 3:20-21](#)