

# Month at a Glance



PRAYER  
FOCUSES  
SEPT 2010

## EARLY ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST PRAYER

### Prayer Focus #1

Pray that God will give our congregation a heart like His.

### Prayer Focus #2

Pray that God will unite families, communities and churches through the life changing & life giving blood of Jesus.

### Prayer Focus #3

Pray that God will guide us past all distractions as we seek unity in His Kingdom through service.

Join us each Friday morning at 6:30 AM as we have an encounter with the Lord. Remember, in the words of Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D., "If you meet the Lord early, you can meet anyone else later on"

For more information on an "Early Encounter with Christ", call Apostolic Faith Church at (773) 373-8500.

## Weekly Services & Meetings

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	7:00 am	<b>Morning Corporate Prayer</b>
	8:00 am	Early Morning Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School/Christian Education
	11:00 am	Breakfast is Available
	11:15 am	Praise and Worship
	11:30 am	Morning Worship Service & Youth Worship
	1:00 pm	FaithWorks Ministries Broadcast WJYS TV (CHANNELS 34 & 62 OR CHECK YOUR LOCAL LISTING FOR THE CHANNEL IN YOUR AREA)
	2:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Corporate Prayer</b>
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	12:00—1:00 pm	<b>Noon Day Prayer - Sanctuary</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Bible Study</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Evening Prayer Service</b>
	7:30 pm	FaithWorks Ministries Broadcast The WORD Network CHANNEL 486
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:15 pm	Call To Service Assembly (2nd Wednesdays)
	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Youth Bible Study</b>
	7:30pm	Voices of Judah Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	Adult Praise Dance Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 am	Early Encounter with Christ Prayer
	11:00 am	Senior Saints Seminars/Meeting (3RD FRIDAY)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	<b>Brotherhood Prayer</b>
		Men of Faith (3RD SATURDAY)
	8:00 pm	FaithWorks Ministries Broadcast
	11:00 am	Y.M.E.N. (3RD SATURDAY)
	12:00 pm	W.I.N.N.E.R.S. (3RD SATURDAY)

*Please DO NOT walk during the Altar Call unless coming toward the Altar. Let's not distract anyone who wants to come to the Lord.*

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**Deaf Ministry TTY Phone Number (773) 924-1270**

## Responsive Scripture Reading

Sunday, September 5, 2010

### Psalm 37:1-6, 25 (New International Version)

**MINISTER** <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

**CONGREGATION** <sup>2</sup> for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

**MINISTER** <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**CONGREGATION** <sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**MINISTER** <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

**CONGREGATION** <sup>6</sup> He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

**ALL TOGETHER** <sup>25</sup> I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

**MINISTER** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**ALL TOGETHER** *Thanks be to God!*

#### SUPER SATURDAY

Super Saturday for the month of September is Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Join the men for prayer from 8am until 10am. All women are invited to join WINNERS at Noon as they hear from Sister Ashley Stephenson and Sister Chloe Gillespie. The women of WINNERS are embracing the young women of AFC and are asking them to come out and support their sisters in Christ. If you have a son, ages 7 through 18, they can come out for YMEN during the WINNERS session. And don't forget, G4 is going apple picking this month, and you must register for this event. Remember, Super Saturday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and everything is open to the public! Come out and be prepared to register for FaithWorks when you arrive!

## Read Through the Bible 2010

#### READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Today's Bible reading is Ezekiel chapters 21 through 22. Please download your bookmark from our website at [www.afcchicago.org](http://www.afcchicago.org) so that you can follow along with your church family.

## Pulpit Perspective

### Confidence in Numbers

*Taken from Prime Time with God Devotional*

*"David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, 'I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, O Lord, I beg You, take away the guilt of Your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.'" - 2 Samuel 24:10*

It just seems to be human nature. As we grow in wealth and ability, our confidence moves from complete trust in the Lord to trust in our resources. King David decided one day that he needed to know how many fighting men he had in his army. This was a grievous sin in the nation of Israel. God always made it clear to the nation that He, not their army, was their source. It was against the law of God to number the troops. David's general, Joab, knew the serious nature of such an action.

But Joab replied to the king, "May the Lord your God multiply the troops a hundred times over, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king want to do such a thing?" (2 Samuel 24:3)

Joab knew that David was treading in dangerous waters when he brought up the idea to him. But David had it in his mind that this is what he was going to do. And he did. The result: God judged David for this sin by smiting the nation with a plague that resulted in the loss of 70,000 lives.

Recently, I was having lunch with a former stockbroker who lost everything in the 1987 stock crash in the United States. He made an interesting comment. "You cannot know how to fully trust the Lord in the financial area until you really have to. When I lost everything, I was forced to trust Him when I knew I could not pay my next bill unless God provided. This was the time I learned to trust God. I never had to trust God before I lost my money because I had plenty. We don't willingly enter this level of trust with God."

Ask God today to keep you from trusting in your own resources. Ask Him how to balance trust and blessing from Him this day.

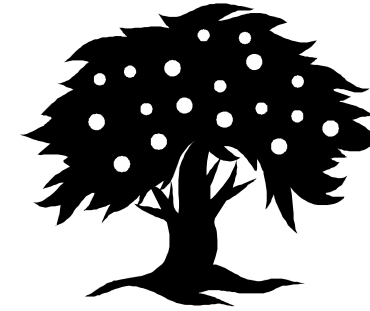
### FAITHWORKS 2010 • OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE TO-DO LIST

- ✓ Pray for the conference
- ✓ Register, Register, Register
- ✓ Bring at least 1 person with you to the conference each evening
- ✓ Sponsor an adult or youth (*stop by registration table in lobby of AFC*)
- ✓ Distribute fliers and spread the word about daytime sessions and evening services

CHECK OUT THE FAITHWORKS 2010 CONFERENCE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES...

[http://www.afcchicago.org/faith\\_works.asp](http://www.afcchicago.org/faith_works.asp)

## Announcements



#### G4 APPLE PICKING

Girls Growing Gracefully in God is going apple picking! You can register today to join them on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until 4:30pm at the Royal Oaks Farm in Harvard, Illinois. The cost is \$10 and includes transportation to and from the church. If you would like to participate in the Train ride, Carousel or Orchard Hayride which are each \$2.50. For more information, please see the Registration and Resource Center following service or call the church office at extension 303.

#### GOLF OUTING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Ministry Golf Outing is set for September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. The cost is only \$75 and includes a fellowship dinner afterwards at The Tinley Park Convention Center, only 5 minutes from Odyssey. Don't want to play? Why not sponsor a hole? A portion of the proceeds will go towards YMEN. Sign up in the foyer or online today. See you there!

#### SCHOLARSHIP FAIR

Please join the AFC Scholarship Committee at the Scholarship Fair on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 3pm here at AFC. We encourage all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school students to attend this important event. For questions and to sign-up, please come to the Resource and Registration center following service, or register online.



#### MEDIA TEAM

How many of you enjoy the video announcements, our broadcast, and the dynamic ministry that goes on through new media? If you are experienced in or currently in school for video or sound editing and production, and you would like to lend a hand in our media department, you are just what we need! Please call the church office at 773.373.8500 extension 222 to find out more about the Media Team here at AFC.

#### FAITHWORKS 2010 VOLUNTEERS

October 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome family, friends, and guests into our home. We are getting prepared to make sure we are prayed for, welcomed, seated, fed and in a safe and clean environment. However, we could use some additional assistance! Once you register to attend FaithWorks, sign-up to chip in and serve for a few hours during one of the morning or evening conference activities. If you are available to serve during FaithWorks, please contact us at 773-373-8500 extension 324.

#### FOOD BOX PROGRAM

Apostolic Faith Church and Changing Life Education Initiative are again partnering to provide food boxes to those in need. If you are a member of our church, or know someone in the community who is in need of food assistance, please come to the church any 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday between 4:30pm and 6:00pm. For more information on our food x the foyer or call 800-520-9946.