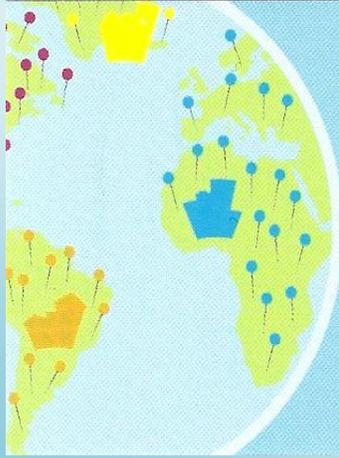


## First Faith Apostolic Church

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### All Nations Sunday Celebration

Worship and Food  
From around the World  
MANY NATIONS REPRESENTED

**October 20 @ 11 AM**

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**October 2013**



The Word for the Month:

#### **Song of Solomon 2:15**

*Take us the foxes, the little foxes,  
that spoil the vines: for our vines  
have tender grapes.*

From: Pastor Jonathan Hanney:

Welcome to First Faith Apostolic Church.

To you our Friends and Neighbors:

We extend this hearty invitation for you to attend our church services. When you come, we believe you will especially enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship and spiritual services. We believe you will have an opportunity to encounter the presence of God!

At First Faith Apostolic Church, we are striving to uphold true Biblical Salvation. We believe that in order to be saved, one must obey the Gospel!

We are a growing multicultural Church and would love to have you join us in worship. Please come as you are.

We are part of the Oneness United Pentecostal Church International, which is one of the fastest growing religious groups in the world.

## Statement of Faith:

### 1. The Bible

- a. The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It gives a true history of the creation of heaven, earth, and humanity.
- b. The Bible contains correct prophecy of the ages to come regarding heaven, earth, and the destiny of humanity.
- c. The Bible is True and Authoritative and it teaches us how to be saved and lead a Godly life.

### 2. Plan of Salvation:

- a. Through sin, humans have separated themselves from God. Though we like to think of ourselves as basically good, we're deceiving ourselves if we claim we haven't sinned (Romans 3:23, 1 John: 8-10)
- b. Only through the blood of Christ do we receive deliverance from all sin and unrighteousness.
- c. We believe a PERSONAL relationship with Jesus Christ is the only way back to God (John 14:6).
- d. To be forgiven, we must admit we are going the wrong way, ask God to forgive us of our sins, and see the need for him in our lives.
- e. We must be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. This is a necessary part of New Testament Salvation as the apostles and other followers did (Acts 2:36-41; 8:16; and 19:5).
- f. We must receive spiritual baptism available for all believers today, and the Bible describes it as a spiritual birth. This was preached by Peter in Acts 2:37-39 and Jesus in John 3:3-8. The evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost is speaking in other tongues (other languages) as the Spirit of God gives utterance (Acts 2:4).

### 3. Divine Healing

- a. The Apostles prayed for the sick as prophesied by Jesus in Mark 16:18: "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." We are promised divine healing in James 5:14-15: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."



Pastor Hanney of  
First Faith  
Church

### Focus verses: Song of Solomon 1:6

Look not upon me,  
because I am black,  
because the sun  
hath looked upon  
me: my mother's  
children were angry  
with me; they made  
me the keeper of  
the vineyards; but  
mine own vineyard  
have I not kept.

## Keeping the Vineyards!

Compare your life to a vineyard. We cultivate it by the way we take care of our family. How we spend our time. We often look at other vineyards (lives) and neglect our own. Think of your personal vineyard as your soul. It is your most valuable possession. According Matthew 16:26 it is written "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" The care of the soul is a very tedious and tough process. It involves the careful work of plowing, planting, cultivating, weeding, watering, and harvesting. We cannot be lackadaisical.

## Proverbs 24:30-34

*I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.*



Hill of Tuscany Vineyard in  
the Chianti region of Italy

Be sure to Check out the First Faith Webpage for our past sermons audio streams and information on our church at:

<http://www.firstfaith.org/>

We are also on Facebook at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/FFC-Kansas>

Driving Directions:  
<https://tinyurl.com/FFC-drivingdirections>

**Pastor: Jonathan Hanney**

**Bishop: Ron Hanney**

**Music Director: Nicole Hanney**

**Deaf Ministry: Joe Oborny**

**Media: Kendall Shives**

**Sunday School Director: Jean Hanney**

**Youth Department led by our youth team**

**Outreach Team led by Jesse Cheng**

**Hospitality: Karen Thomas**

Focus verses: **Hebrews 12:5-6**  
And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, **My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

## Keeping the Vineyards continued...

Just as a farmer is in a joint venture with God, to care for our soul will have to be a joint venture with God. We cannot do it all alone! We must have God to intervene with Spirit and Word to accomplish His will for us.

The care of the soul requires years of constant devotion. People think when they come to Jesus that everything will be easy. When the enemy can't run in and out of our vineyard, he will attack. It's the little foxes that get in our lives and mess it up. Sin can be enticing and if you let something small (ex. white lies, being easily offended, gossiping, etc.) get into your vineyard pretty soon you will need major renovations in your life. How many times have we confessed the same sins over and over again? We look at other vineyards but our own vineyard is in shambles. We need to be constantly on guard to make the right decisions, the right choices. In Romans 8:13 "For if we live after the flesh, ye shall die but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (make right choices) the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

The second vineyard that we have a responsibility for is our family. It is one of the most challenging vineyards to take care of. The family has been under the attack by the devil since the first family in the Garden of Eden. Satan refuses to let the family rest from his attacks. Heed Deuteronomy 6:7 "And thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children..." The word diligently in Hebrew means "To sharpen." So you must intensely sharpen your sons and daughters. In Deuteronomy 6:10-14 it warns parents to avoid the trap of materialism. This is only overcome when there is constant gratitude and humbleness in the heart.

The third vineyard that requires our care is the church. If you are a Born Again Christian and have experienced the New Birth of repentance, water baptism by immersion in Jesus Name, and received the Holy Ghost manifested by speaking in tongues, you have a responsibility to help with the vineyard of the church. Pastors are the leaders of the church but we must all play our part. There are four priorities in Acts 2:42 that sum up everything we must do. We must be devoted to learning - Study your Bible daily. We must be devoted to fellowship - regular church attendance. We must be devoted to worship - we must give ourselves

to prayer. Our challenge is to balance all 3 vineyards. So how can we experience peace, love, and the joy of God?

1. Meditate on God's Word every day! We are a Bible rich society but most Bibles remain unopened. You really can't expect to be hungry for the Word on Sunday if you have not been reading it during the week.
2. Pray throughout the week! Prayer is very crucial to help us to hunger for the Word. Ask God to give you the ability to hear and pursue the Word! Ask the Lord to rightly divide his word and you will gain understanding.
3. Confess your sins on a daily basis.
4. Reduce your media intake. The average American watches TV just over 4 hours a day. But we can't stand sermons over 30 minutes! That speaks to our priorities!
5. Be consistent with church attendance. You can fall into spiritual apathy if you miss church.
6. Fight off distractions! Focus on the vineyard of your life.
7. Control the weeds! Focus on things that are really important. Don't let the urgent take the place of the important.

The Lord will prune us to improve us and mold us into a better Christian! The pruning of the soul often comes in the form of divine chastisement. There is nothing that promotes spiritual growth and maturity like chastening of God.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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