

## First Faith Apostolic Church

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### Service Times:

*Sunday Pre-service Prayer:* 9:30 AM

*Sunday Bible Study:* 10 AM

*Sunday Worship Services:* 11 AM

*Wednesday Pre-service Prayer:* 7:00 PM

*Wednesday Service:* 7:30 PM

*Saturday 9/13/2014 Family Prayer* 9:00 AM



### The Word for the Month:

**Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## September 2014

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

## Surrender, Part 1!

We must live for God on a daily basis. I can catch myself not "Sold out to Christ." We are built not to surrender. It is human nature to do our own thing. But God is looking for us to surrender our all. What does the term "surrender" mean? -To deliver up; to yield to another; to resign; to relinquish. We must give up our Earthly, fleshly desires and turn our lives over to Him.

However do we so soon forget that everything we have in this world is from God? If you want God to take care of your life, then you have to give up your life to him. Pray this prayer: *Lord this is your house. I surrender to you. I give everything to you Lord Jesus Christ. All that I have in this world is because of your Grace. I turn all my worries, my sins, my health problems – EVERYTHING! Please help me lead a surrendered life to you Lord Jesus!*

## Romans 6:13

*Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

The universal sign of surrender is holding both your hands up high to the sky.



### Focus verses:

## 1 Corinthians 6:19

*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

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**

**Outreach Team led by Jesse Cheng**

**Hospitality: Karen Thomas**

#### **Focus verses:**

**Rom 6:16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **Rom 6:19** I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

## **Surrender, Part 1 continued...**

If you want God to take care of your life, then you have to give up your life to him. We need to surrender our self-will over to him and let him be our pilot.

Apostle Paul had been a Jesus-hater, a self-righteous persecutor of Christians. He said he literally breathed hatred toward Christ's followers. He was a Pharisee, among the most zealous of all Jewish religious leaders. Yet the Lord turned Paul into one of the most God-dependent, God-filled, God-led people in all of history. Paul declared his life a pattern for all who desire to live fully surrendered to Christ: "For this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting" (1 Timothy 1:16). The apostle was saying, "If you want to know what it takes to live a surrendered life, look at mine. Have you set your heart to go deeper with Jesus? Here's what you can expect to endure." Paul knew that not many would be willing to follow his pattern. But his life is a blueprint for all who choose the fully surrendered life.

### **1. The path of surrender begins with a God-led sense of utter helplessness.**

God begins the process by knocking us off our high horse. This literally happened to Paul. He was going his self-assured way, riding toward Damascus, when a blinding light came from heaven. Paul was knocked to the ground, trembling. Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" (Acts 9:4).

Humility to surrender is the key. You don't want to be proud. Often when the Lord asks us to give up something we refuse to surrender. What do I have in my life that God is not pleased with? God is just looking for us to be open and available to him. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 30:8:

*Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.*

What we need to do is drop everything and worship the Lord. We can't just give him 90% and keep the other 10% to ourselves. We've got to give Him 100%!

## Surrender Part 1 continued...

### 2. The path of surrender leads to much suffering.

"He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15-16). Paul had to endure physical agony, mental anguish, emotional distress, and spiritual pain. In some manner, every devoted believer is going to face pain. Suffering is an area of life over which we have no control. It's the realm where we learn surrender to God's will. Such suffering is a training place where, like Paul, we fall on our faces, and end up crying, "Lord, I can't handle this." He responds, "Good. I'll handle it. Surrender all to me, your body, soul, mind, heart, everything. Trust me fully."

### 3. The path of surrender leads to a single ambition.

Paul had no other ambition, no other driving force in his life, than this: "That I may win Christ" (Philippians 3:8). When we stand before God at the Judgment, we won't be judged by our ministries, achievements or number of converts. There will be but one measure of success on that day: were our hearts fully surrendered to God? *Stay tuned for Surrendered, Part 2 next month.*

### ~ September 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Wednesday Pre-Service Prayer – 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:30 PM	4	5	6
7 Leadership – 9:25 AM Prayer – 9:30 AM Bible Study – 10:00 AM Service – 11 AM	8 Music Team Practice – 6:00 PM	9	10 Wednesday Pre-Service Prayer – 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:30 PM	11	12	13 Family Prayer Morning and Outreach – 9 AM
14 Leadership – 9:25 AM Prayer – 9:30 AM Bible Study – 10:00 AM Service – 11 AM	15	16	17 Wednesday Pre-Service Prayer – 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:30 PM	18	19 College Career Event	20 College Career Event
21 Back to Church Sunday Leadership – 9:25 AM Prayer – 9:30 AM Bible Study – 10:00 AM Service – 11 AM Luncheon – 12:15 PM	22 Music Team Practice – 6:00 PM	23	24 Wednesday Pre-Service Prayer – 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28 Leadership – 9:25 AM Prayer – 9:30 AM Bible Study – 10:00 AM Service – 11 AM	29 General Conference – Pastors	30 General Conference	Notes: Be sure to invite friends and family to visit on Back to Church Sunday			