

KINGDOM WARRIORS

FAITH FORCE MULTIPLIER UPDATE

WARRIOR MESSAGE

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As you know, one of the great struggles that FAITH churches experience is the FAITH connection to Sunday School. This information from Rick will be of help to you as you dialog with churches.

Programs are measured by **MEMBERS**.
 Strategies are measured by **CHANGED LIVES**.
“CHANGED LIVES” IS THE MEASURE
OF OUR SUCCESS.

- What are the implications for my Sunday School?
 - ★ Is my Sunday school a strategy or a program?
 - ★ Is my Sunday school truly OPEN?
 - ★ Is my Sunday school changing lives?
- Some things to consider...
 - ★ Sunday School is THE evangelistic arm of the church.
 - ★ In most churches, it is unusual to find an unsaved adult sitting in Bible study.
 - ★ In most churches, it is unusual to find more than the pastor and a handful of others that are regularly visiting unsaved people.
 - ★ In most churches, it is unusual to find an active prospect file where people are being cultivated.
 - ★ In most churches the Sunday School is on defense rather than offense.
- The Sunday School...
 - ★ Is the largest group of organized Christians in the church with a focus on Kingdom work.
 - ★ Should have at least one group targeting every individual in your community.
 - ★ Is designed to provide ministry to members and the Gospel to prospects.

- What does a strong connection between FAITH and Sunday School look like?
GOAL: Every class is represented by at least ONE FAITH Team!
 ~ FAITH IS SUNDAY SCHOOL ~
 1. At least one OPEN GROUP in each age division.
 2. Two CLASS MEMBERS from the same class/department who are willing to be trained to train others.
 3. Designated schedule for 16 WEEKS of on the job training in evangelism and ministry. DO FAITH BY THE BOOK . . . it works!
 4. Teams should always ENLIST persons into their class during the visit.
 5. HIGH EXPECTATIONS! Raise the bar of excellence! Teachers sign a commitment covenant every year. FAITH is part of this!
 6. Regular SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP meetings.
 7. Weekly FAITH GROUP LEADER meetings. (See FAITH FORCE meetings)
 8. Strong ADMINISTRATION process.
 - a. Create organization that is dynamic and grows with the strategy.
 - b. Paperwork!
 9. Start NEW UNITS to facilitate growth.
 10. Have a FAITH/SS Banquet between semesters.
 - a. Celebrate what God has done.
 - b. Enlist new participants.
 - c. Focus on classes that need a team.
 - d. Highlight teachers that are committed to the strategy.
 11. Talk it up!
 - a. Pulpit.
 - b. Newsletter, bulletin, church publications (use the FAITH logo).
 - c. Promote and spotlight the success and growth

- in FAITH SS classes.
- d. Use the FAITH Celebration time as part of a worship service.

The FAITH Group Leader/SS Leadership Meeting:

- What is the goal of the meeting? What is the desired outcome?
 - ★ Sunday School/FAITH oneness.
 - ★ Stronger attendance of FAITH participants.
 - ★ Improved communication.
 - ★ Ministry multiplication.

More people involved in the process of making decisions.
 Responsibilities are delegated among capable leaders.
- Who is involved?
 - ★ Staff, FAITH Group Leaders (4-6 teams per Group Leader), SS Leadership, SS Division Directors.
- When and where is the meeting?
- What is the meeting agenda?
 - ★ Review: Team Time, Training, Visitation, Report/Celebration, Attendance
 - ★ Distribute and brief visit follow up (Group leaders confer with SS Division and Department directors).
 - ★ Administrative needs (paperwork, process, etc).
 - ★ Who needs encouragement?
 - ★ Prayer.
 - ★ Dismiss (always on time).
- What should be prepared for the meeting?
 - ★ Paperwork: meeting agenda, attendance reports, celebration reports, forms to be reviewed.
 - ★ Meal, snacks, refreshments.



WARRIOR TESTIMONY

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Last Sunday a couple prayed to receive Christ in Sunday School and they were baptized that night. Here's the story behind the story:

Last year a visitation team knocked on a door and did a questionnaire with a young lady in our community. As a result of this visit, the young lady, in the midst of a trial, decided to visit Sherwood. The young lady soon brought her boyfriend/roommate to church and within a few weeks prayed to receive Christ during another visit with a Sunday School Visitation Team. In the space of about six months, God saved them, brought them into marriage, and began to grow them in their new faith.

The gentleman baptized this past Sunday, a co-worker of the young lady mentioned above, saw the story unfold from a different perspective. The change in the young lady's life became more apparent in their workplace over time. This co-worker had a lot of questions and the young lady invited him to come to Sherwood and find the answers in Sunday School.

The co-worker and his wife came to Sherwood and enrolled in a Sunday School class.

They came for three months, asked questions, listened, and watched. In three months time, they moved from not believing in God, to joining Sunday School to check God out, to being saved and baptized.



It's true! 80% of unsaved people who enroll in Sunday School will make a profession of FAITH within a year. In this case three months!

Sunday School is about **CHANGED LIVES** and **FAITH** is about **Sunday School!**



FAITH EVENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

2003

For the most up-to-date information, call 1.877.324.8498 or visit our Web site www.lifeway.com/FAITH.

DATE	LOCATION	CITY/STATE
A Oct. 2, 2003	Westmont Baptist Church	Johnstown, PA
S Oct. 4, 2003	Life Line Baptist Church	Little Rock, AR
C Oct. 13-16, 2003	Dawson Street Baptist Church	Thomasville, GA
P Oct. 15-18, 2003	Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel	Aurora, IL
A N R Oct. 16, 2003	First Baptist Church	Pikeville, KY
C Oct. 16-19, 2003	Community Baptist Bible Church	Mansfield, OH
C Oct. 20-23, 2003	Calvary Baptist Church	Greenwood, IN
C Oct. 20-23, 2003	Hyde Park Baptist Church	Lumberton, NC
N Oct. 23, 2003	Calvary Baptist Church	Greenwood, IN
C Oct. 27-30, 2003	Christ Memorial Baptist Church	Westernport, MD
C Nov. 10-13, 2003	First Free Will Baptist Church	Gastonia, NC
C P Nov. 10-13, 2003	Southeast Baptist Church	Salt Lake City, UT
C Nov. 17-20, 2003	Bellevue Baptist Church	Cordova, TN
C Jan. 12-15, 2004	Lakeview Baptist Church	Auburn, AL
C Jan. 19-22, 2004	First Baptist Church	Pikeville, KY
I Jan. 26-29, 2004	First Baptist Church	Daytona Beach, FL
C Feb. 16-19, 2004	East Side Baptist Church	Fort Smith, AR
C P Feb. 16-19, 2004	Trinity Southern Baptist Church	Casa Grande, AZ



As a FAITH Force Multiplier, we need to hear from you regarding any information

on new churches you enlist and the clinic they will be attending. To report, contact James Walker, FAITH Director, at 615.251.2686 or by e-mail at faithforce@lifeway.com.

James Walker, FAITH Director
 LifeWay Christian Resources

- A** FAITH Awareness Meeting
- C** National FAITH Clinic (3½ days)
- I** National FAITH Institute (3½ days)
- N** FAITH Network Meeting
- P** POR FE (Spanish Tract)
- R** FAITH Rally
- S** FAITH Summit

Registration Information

- For general information about FAITH, call toll free 1.877.324.8498.
- To register for FAITH Training Clinics, call toll free 1.800.254.2022. Spanish-speaking representatives are available at 1.800.257.7744.
- For other information, contact James Walker at 1.615.251.2686.

FAITH Training Clinics offer step-by-step instruction on how to introduce the FAITH Sunday School Evangelism Strategy® into your church and make it an effective means of reaching lost people for Christ. Remember, attending a FAITH Training Clinic is the required first step for becoming involved with FAITH.

RESOURCE UPDATE:

Building Bridges Through FAITH: The Journey Continues Training Pack for Sunday School Evangelism Ministry

by Bobby H. Welch and Doug Williams with David Apple



Everything you need to lead FAITH Advanced training is in this pack! It contains: *Building Bridges Through FAITH: The Journey Continues*

Facilitator Guide; Building Bridges Through FAITH: The Journey Continues Journal (learner's guide); *My Next Step of FAITH—Baptism* leaflet; overhead cels; a computer presentation diskette; a training videocassette; a reproducible audiocassette featuring an interview with author Bobby Welch; and a set of *FAITH Visit Outline Cards*. Completing *A Journey in FAITH*, the FAITH Basic training, is a prerequisite for participating in this course.

- Training Pack 0-7673-9575-1 \$285.00
- Journal 0-7673-9443-7 \$12.95
- Facilitator Guide 0-7673-94444-5 \$20.00