

Four - Invite into community

At the end of Lent is Easter. For many people around the world, if they're only going to go to worship once in a year, it'll be on Easter Sunday. It's such a great opportunity for those who may be distant from God today, to experience His love and His people in a safe and energizing environment - Easter worship. As you Pray for your Five, ask God to help you determine which of them to invite (if it's not all five).

Five - Party as a community

On Easter Sunday, March 31 (1-4pm), we'll host our annual Easter party. Like last year's party, it'll include yard games, potluck food, an Easter egg hunt, laughter and lots of fun! Mark it on your calendar now and definitely plan to be there! You won't want to miss it!

My personal Leap of Faith breakthrough prayer:

Pray for your Five | My five people are...



2024 LEAP OF FAITH

Charlottesville Vineyard Church

Leap of Faith is our way of celebrating Lent - the church's historically observed period of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus on Good Friday & Easter. During Leap of Faith, we encourage the entire church family, youngest to oldest, to join us in six-weeks of prayer, with the hope of increasing faith and shifting our lives closer to God. Doing this as a whole community alters the atmosphere, expectancy and brings mutual encouragement for everyone.



2024 Leap of Faith Theme

Every Leap of Faith has a theme. That theme often ties into our church wide prayer focus, our sermon series and some activities we include in the Leap of Faith season. This year, our theme is “Made for Community.”

Made for Community

“Above all,” says both Paul and Peter in their letters to the followers of Jesus... Above all, love one another. Peter heard those exact words from Jesus himself. Very likely, Paul’s unorthodox encounter with Jesus would have included that same admonishment. After all, it was one of those few statements we know Jesus repeated throughout his public ministry. John records some of Jesus’s last moments with his disciples in John 13, *“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* Jesus clearly believed that the best life for all humans was a life with God, surrounded by people we love. But, what does that look like, practically? That’s exactly what we’ll be working on these six weeks.

During Leap of Faith, we’ll pray for our community, we’ll pray for others to join our community, our sermon series will be centered on community, we’ll serve our city as a community, our habit for life will be about community and on Easter day we’ll party with our community!

How you can engage

There are several ways you can engage in Leap of Faith...

One - Join us in prayer

Pray for our church: Pray that our church family would experience the formational depths of community life Jesus envisioned for His church; Pray for our church to be instrumental in people putting initial trust in God and finding a home in our church family in 2024 (including prayer for our

Alpha course); Pray for others’ personal breakthroughs (see below)

Pray for your Five: This will also be our Habit for Life for March/April. Think of five people you see fairly regularly who you suspect are not currently in a growing relationship with God. Commit to praying regularly for those five to encounter God, to experience His love and pray for an opportunity to speak with them about the difference God has made in your own life. Also, pray for an opportunity to invite them into the community life of our church.

Pray for your personal breakthrough: Take some time to prayerfully consider what one thing you’d like to ask God to do in or through your life in this season... something you think God would be pleased to do (i.e. financial freedom, relationship restored, career change, physical healing...). We encourage you to choose something that, should it be answered, would be a powerful testimony to God’s work... Something that would be hard to explain any other way than God’s intervention.

*In Lent tradition, prayer is often associated with fasting. Consider safely fasting from something during Lent

Two - Join our March/April Habit for Life

Every two months, we focus our attention on a new spiritual practice that is intended to form our lives intentionally toward God. This March & April, we’re combining our Habit for Life with Leap of Faith. The habit we want to form these two months is praying blessing into the lives of those we suspect are far from God. Pray they would witness God’s love and find Him irresistible. (see Pray for your Five above)

Three - Serve as a community

We have two big, churchwide, service opportunities in March. Our first is working within our small groups to prepare and serve (+ clean) a meal for the homeless men of PACEM at a partner church near UVA grounds. The dates are March 12, 13 & 14. The second opportunity is to attend the Nehemiah Action with our Justice Team on March 18. More info will be shared as we draw near.