



Our mission is to model and communicate the love of Jesus Christ to speakers of other languages through quality English teaching and personal caring relationships.

FAQs and answers about Faith International English Classes:

- 1) Who runs your program?** Faith Church on the Corner of 91st St and College Ave in Indianapolis, Indiana financially supports and encourages our totally volunteer-operated program. Our FIEC staff includes about 88 members including teachers, conversation partners, childcare workers, event coordinators, evening hosts, staff-care night hosts, administrators and a security team. We have a leadership board of seven members that meets monthly to cast vision, plan events, and advise / help implement weekly operations.
- 2) How long have you had an ENL program?** 2010-11 is our 6th year of service.
- 3) When do you hold classes?** **Tuesday nights 7-9pm, September through May** (for the 2010-11 school year registration night is September 7, 2010 and classes go through May 17, 2011) We also offer Bible-based ENL classes **Sunday mornings from 10:45am-12:00pm, year round.** Free and fun children's classes and childcare are offered during each of these class times.
- 4) Do you accept students throughout the school year?** We have open enrollment year round as space allows. *Books are introduced in September and are studied consecutively throughout the school year. Students starting in the middle of the year will be starting in the middle of the book.*
- 5) What is your current enrollment?** Enrollment currently is approximately 234 adults and 163 children.
- 6) Do you have an attendance policy?** This year to accommodate the large numbers of students that have registered at the beginning of the school year and the continually growing waiting list, we have a new attendance policy – Students missing three classes in a row are notified by their teacher and by postcard and are reminded that one more consecutive absence will remove them from their class and place them and their children on the waiting list – and their seats will be filled by a student (and their children) waiting to begin class. This is a new policy and much grace and assistance will be given to help students take their class attendance seriously.
- 7) What nationalities are represented?** In fall 2010, our students represent at least 29 different countries from around the world and more than 21 different languages. The only two continents not represented *this year* are Australia and Antarctica!
- 8) What is the cost?** There is a one-time \$25 book fee. Payment plans are offered and scholarships available if necessary. However, students are encouraged to pay for two reasons: to take ownership of their studies and to “pay it forward” to enable more students to participate.
- 9) Do you offer childcare?** Yes, we offer free childcare - for children of students and staff ONLY -, not for daycare charges.

10) What classes are you offering and what curriculum do you use? We have conversation-based classes offered each **Tuesday evening** including:

- Literacy level (or very beginning) using Step Forward, an Oxford Press curriculum and The Basic Picture Dictionary, also an Oxford Press curriculum.
- Levels 1-4, using Side By Side curriculum a Pearson Longman Press curriculum.
- Level 5 (professional level) tailored to the current class needs and written by the teachers.

On **Sunday mornings** the main textbook is the Bible.

11) How do students know what level class to attend? At the beginning of the year, we have a registration night where the bulk of our students come to take a written and an oral exam and fill out paperwork with translators. Classes commence the following week. When a student walks into our program to register on Tuesday evenings throughout the rest of the school year, the registration process is completed on one evening, exams are then evaluated and students are placed the following Tuesday in the class that we feel best fits their needs. These tests are curriculum-specific and can pretty well tell us where the student should be placed. However, this is an adult program and students are allowed to “shop” for the class that fits them best before we issue textbooks.

12) Do students graduate from your program? We do not graduate students. Each student may choose to repeat a class or move to the next level on recommendation of themselves or their teacher. We do, however, award an official “Certificate of Attendance” at the end of the school year which includes the student’s name and the hours he/she attended class.

13) What and when are your special events? Special events include: a class “family” Thanksgiving evening the Tuesday before Thanksgiving; We have a white linen-candlelit table Christmas Dinner and Program around mid-December; And during the Easter season we facilitate procuring tickets for students to attend the “Behold the Lamb” production by Harbor Springs Church at Noblesville High School; We have a Year-End Awards Pitch-in Dinner in mid-May; and an Evening Summer Carnival the last Tuesday of June. All events take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm and are FREE not only to the students, but also their families and friends!

14) What is your bad weather policy?

- When Metropolitan School District of Washington Township (MSDWT) schools are closed or cancelled, Faith International English Classes will be cancelled also.
- Your teacher will try to contact you by phone and/or email.
- Cancellations are posted on TV channels: WRTV 6, WISH 8, WTHR 13, and FOX 59.

15) How can I get in contact with the administrator of Faith International English Classes?

Currently Dawn Waltz is the administrator of the program. Feel free to contact her with any additional questions or comments; her contact information is dwaltz@faithliveitout.org or 317.815.8931.

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