



**Business Advisory Council  
Business Focus of the Month  
Edward C. Spoon Jr., MD  
LAS VEGAS OB/GYN ASSOCIATES**

**Up Close & Personal**

Dr. Ed Spoon and his wife Susie have been married 24 years and have two daughters. They have been a part of the Faith Family since 2000 when their oldest daughter Jordan entered sixth grade. Jordan, now a sophomore in college, was active in choir, cheerleading and track before attending the University of San Diego on an academic scholarship. Their youngest, Sydney is currently a junior at Faith and is active in National Honor Society, soccer, track, peer ministry and choir. Ed and Susie are avid supporters of the fine arts department, including the Chapel and Performing Arts Building, athletics, and the alcohol and drug-free Grad Nite event. Dr. Spoon is a member of the Business Advisory Council which benefits the strong academic program at Faith Lutheran. "We are enjoying our years at Faith and plan on remaining a part of this great family for many years to come."



*Dr. Ed Spoon*

Edward C. Spoon Jr., MD, FACOG, FACS was born and raised in Nevada. He attended Western High School and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno receiving his Bachelor of Science with High Distinction in pre-medicine. He received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Nevada, School of Medicine and served an internship in general surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology was completed at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada which is a program balanced in academics and clinical experience. In 1994, he joined Las Vegas OB/GYN Associates and has maintained Board Certification since 1997. "I feel blessed to have found a career I truly enjoy. Obstetrics and gynecology is a perfect blend of medicine, surgery and primary care. You get to know patients and their families, and have the privilege of helping in so many ways."

**About Las Vegas OB/GYN Associates**



Las Vegas OB/GYN Associates has been serving the Las Vegas area since 1990 and the Summerlin area since 1996. The physicians currently include Dr. Edward Spoon, Dr. Brent Bartholomew (who's children also attend Faith), and Dr. Susan Boyd. Las Vegas OB/GYN Associates strives to meet the health-care needs of women and families with a balance of compassion and medical expertise. Routine and high risk obstetrical services are provided with in-office ultrasound and fetal testing, as well as evaluation and treatment of infertility. "Bringing a new life into the world is one of the most rewarding things I do. It truly is a miracle each and every time." Comprehensive care for women of all ages is provided with convenient in-office bone density testing and laboratory services. Staying current is essential in guiding patients through new recommendations in cancer screening including vaccinations for cervical cancer, new contraceptive options, osteoporosis prevention and treatment, and hormone replacement therapy. New technologies for minimally invasive surgery, such as endometrial ablation and outpatient laparoscopic hysterectomies, pelvic reconstruction and minor cosmetic procedures are available at Las Vegas OB/GYN Associates. A good patient-physician relationship is the cornerstone to better health. "I take pride in listening to my patients, educating them, and explaining treatment in simple terms, and in a personable, relaxed setting. I strive to gain their trust and respect." For more information about Dr. Spoon and Las Vegas OB/GYN Associates, please call (702) 382-2900 or visit their website at [www.lvobgyn.com](http://www.lvobgyn.com).



**From the  
Executive Director's Desk**

*Kevin Dunning, FLHS Executive Director  
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What's next? That question has been much on my mind as we rejoice in the completion of the chapel/performing arts building. It is a complicated question.

As we move forward, debt service will take a bigger bite out of our income. This year, our principal payment on our bond indebtedness will jump to \$300,000, an increase of \$100,000 over what we have paid the last several years. It will jump by another \$100,000 in just four more years. We are currently paying interest only on what will eventually be about a \$7 million loan for construction of the CPAC. In less than three years that money has to be repaid or refinanced.

After some years of making progress in moving the starting teacher's salary at Faith towards the CCSJ schedule, this year we slipped a bit. We are regularly urged by the good people at Summerlin to find a permanent solution to our portable classrooms. With our move to 4A athletics, it would be helpful to add to our athletic facilities.

Readers of this space also know of our commitment to make Faith a leader in using technology to improve student learning. As we contemplate moving to one-to-one computing for the start of the next school year, we must be conscious of the overall cost of attending Faith. The past ten years have seen enormous improvements in our facilities, supported by rising tuition and generous contributors. It

seems unlikely that tuition can rise at the pace of the last decade and the downturn in the national economy has certainly been felt in our development efforts.

The next year is an opportune time to take stock of where we are and what direction we need to pursue in the future as we seek to fulfill the school's mission of providing an excellent education in a Christian environment. And like a lot of 30-somethings, it is important we take a mature approach to our decisions.

One thing of which I am certain: we need to filter our aims and aspirations through the lens of our mission. Big for the sake of big is not a goal worth pursuing. Big for the opportunities that are presented to share the Gospel is a worthy endeavor. School spirit is definitely tied to having successful programs and teams. Whether the pursuit of championships should eclipse the need for a separate middle school, well that's problematic.

The good news is that this is all very exciting. Our challenges really are opportunities to look at our ministry from differing viewpoints, figuring out what we do well, what we need to improve upon, what new programs we should add, what others we should discontinue. As always, your input in this discussion is always valuable and appreciated.

*Kevin M. Dunning*

**HOME COMING  
TAILGATE  
PARTY**

Join us for fun and fellowship before the Homecoming football game!

*Classic tailgate fare with all the trimmings.*

**Friday, October 17  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Get Your Tickets at the Gate!  
\$5 for Students and Adults

FREE for Alumni and Children under 6

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

2008 Scholarship Endowment Gala

**Saturday,  
November 15, 2008**

Bellagio Hotel Resort

Watch for your invitation coming in mid October

*All proceeds will benefit Faith Lutheran's Scholarship Endowment Fund.*

**NOTES FROM THE PTF**

Welcome Back to School! The Parent Teacher Fellowship provides an excellent opportunity to get information, meet other Faith families and get involved at your child's school. The PTF would like to thank the many wonderful parents who volunteered to help kick-off the new school year. Because of their time and effort, the PTF provided over 200 New Family Survival Guides during the two New Family Orientation sessions. They also helped to welcome our faculty and staff back to school with a breakfast and a "New Hire Shower." PTF Board members and volunteers were also on hand to welcome sixth grade parents to the Sixth Grade Spectacular!

So many thanks to Peggy Munson, Carla

Hays, Samantha Ryu, Debbie Fleury, Kelly Shields, Penny Padilla, Kathy Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, Joni Trageton; George Gatewood; Crystal Zohner and Shannon Southwick, for their help in making these Back to School events a success. Also, thank you to Karyn Finlayson who will once again chair the monthly Faculty/Staff Birthday Recognition.

The PTF is also planning a speaker event for parents. Based on feedback from families and faculty, we have several topics which are of interest. This once a year event offers Faith families the opportunity to hear from a nationally recognized speaker on relevant topics. Many of us could use a magic wand...but in lieu of that, the PTF hosts leading authorities, talking about current concerns and issues for

parents. Our goal this year is to fill the room with parents. Information will be posted on the website and in upcoming issues of the Crusader. When you get the information, mark your calendar for an inspiring and informative evening! We also welcome suggestions for local speakers and topics of interest.

So here we go - we are off and running! The Parent Teacher Fellowship Board wishes all of our Faith families a wonderful 2008 - 2009 school year! Of course there will be challenges but may we turn them into opportunities and may we treat each other with kindness and respect along the way.

Blessings