

FCC NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of The Faith Community Church - New Richmond



ONE FINAL STOP FOR THE ROCKY RAILWAY

VBS Donations

The Rocky Railway made one final stop at Grace Place to deliver all donations from our little engineers at VBS. The final tally? 14 pillows, 37 bottles/sippy cups, 12 pairs of underwear, 96 pairs of socks, 36 rolls of toilet paper, 5 bottles of Windex, 28 rolls of paper towels, 7 bottles of bathroom cleaner, 6 canisters of cleaning wipes, 8 light bulbs and 78 batteries! Also, \$115.90 was donated for the Rocky Railway CD's and given to Grace Place for more supplies. Praise God for the generosity of our little church!



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MEXICO MISSION

Thank you!!!

Faith Family! Thank you for all of your hard work and effort in supporting our team of 24 students and leaders as we headed out to Tijuana Mexico at the beginning of the month. The work was hard and the weather was hot, but the Lord worked in a mighty way to provide for the people we met, and to teach us MANY important lessons about God, Mission, the church, and our need to GO and SEND in the name of Jesus! We are so grateful for the chance you gave us to go, and we can't wait to share with you all the things we saw and did. Now let's GO!



CHAOS KICKOFF

FCC Student Ministry

IT'S TIME! Our youth group will be kicking off on September 21st at 6pm.

Our Jr. and Sr. high groups will be meeting at the same time, 6-8pm, this year. A meal will be provided. See you there!

CHAOS 5TH QTR.

NR Football!!!

After the home football games on Sep 23rd and Oct 7 We will be having a SHINDIG here at the FCC building. There will be food, games, bonfires, food, music, fun and food.

While this is a youth even, we encourage parents to come and hang out as well. See you directly after the football game, rain or clear skies!

CHAOS CALENDAR

Available on September 5th

The CHAOS Calendar for the 2022/23 school year will be released on the website on Sep 5th! Be sure to pick up a copy to find out all about our exciting plans for the new CHAOS year! For more information, reach out to Pastor Noah or Pastor Ben.

DISCIPLE6

October 2nd @ 5pm

Disciple6, our exciting new discipleship group for students interested in growing in the knowledge of God through Christian community, will begin meeting on October 2 at 5pm. Over the course of 35 weeks, we will be learning a WIDE variety of subjects from apologetics and church history to issues students may face in our schools today including gender identity, ethics and evangelising to other faith groups. You can learn more about the topics being covered at disciple6.com, or reach out to Pastor Ben for more information!

WORSHIP & THE WORD

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

The Gettys

*What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.*

*Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

The question and answer structure of this song is modeled after a catechism. Catechisms were intended to teach people specific truths found in scripture usually by stating a question that had a specific answer to be memorized and understood by the learner.

When we worship this way it really helps us understand what we are singing. It causes us to think about what the answers to the questions are.

"What is our hope in life and death? What will keep us to the end?" Those are real questions that should be asked, and we believers should be able to answer readily and joyfully!

The first article of the Heidelberg Catechism, the one that this song is based on, states:

"Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
A. That I am not my own,¹ but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—² to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."
1) 1 Cor. 6:19-20 | 2) Rom. 14:7-9

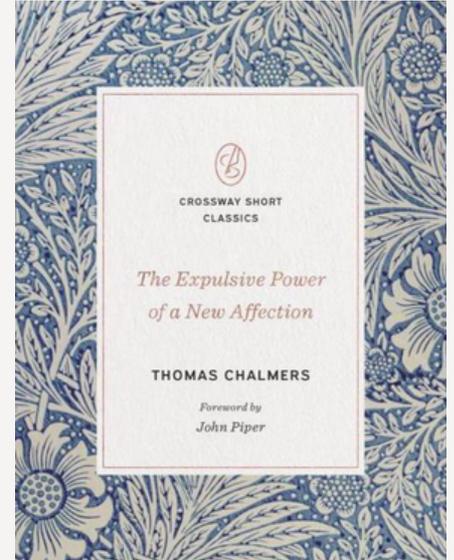
This is an important question to ask (and to be able to answer) because it touches on all of our common fates... We all *will* die. But we know that the gospel frees us from the fear of death and from the gloom of life. We know that we are Christ's, that we share not only in His eternal life that we will one day receive, but we share also in the temporal joy and peace that he has given to us.

This song was based off these truths. It is intended to bring joy and cause us to praise because of what Christ has done.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

The Expulsive Power of a New Affection by Thomas Chalmers

In this powerful sermon, Thomas Chalmers inspires Christians to remove the snares and tangles of sin—not through legalistic obedience but through the power of a new and greater affection for God. Chalmers reminds God's saints that as sojourners living in this world, true power over the trials and sins of this life is found only in desiring Jesus Christ.



DEVOTIONAL

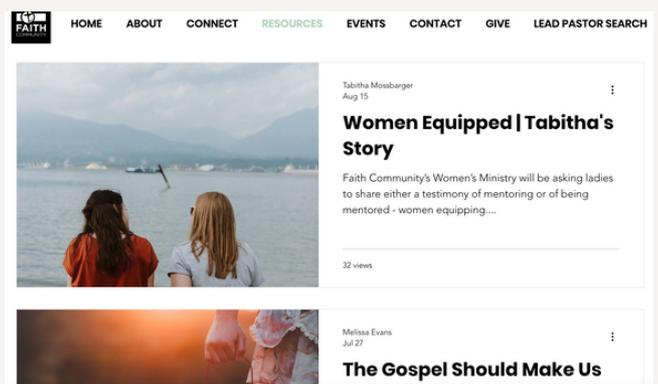
Recommended by Pastor Stu

Here is a link to a very good devotional:
<https://www.desiringgod.org/solid-joys>

ALL WOMEN EQUIPPED BLOG

fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog

Check out the Women's Ministry Blog! Subscribe to get updates on the Women's Ministry Page.



LADIES TEA REGAP

'Twas a wonderful partea!

The Ladies Tea was a great success. The Lord blessed us with approximately 70 attendees. We spent the afternoon enjoying the Lord and each other. I would like to thank Nicole Burnett and Anna Egeberg for their leadership and the Event Team for serving. Also, a special thank you to Noah, Nate and Ben for serving our ladies so well.



WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

October 7th @ 7pm at FCC

No game night in September due to the holiday. Our last game night of 2022 will be on October 7. We hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023

Save the Date: January 20-22

The Lord is calling his women to retreat! We will retreat to Oak Forest Conference Center January 20-22, 2023. Plans are in the works. If you would like to help plan and support the retreat, you can join the Event Team by emailing stephanie.langer@homeforever.org. We will share updates and progress as the plan develops.

DISCIPLE HER MENTOR TRAINING

7-Week Study

This is a 7-week study where we will equip women to be disciples and make disciples. We will spend time in God's Word, memorize Scripture, pray together, journal, and hold each other accountable. We will include a study of "Disciple Her" by Kandi Gallaty. We will have two sessions available to accommodate more ladies. The weekday cohort will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning September 8. The weekend cohort will meet on Saturdays from 10:30-Noon beginning September 10. Sign-up on the Women's Ministry webpage or at Connections. Please reach out to Stephanie Langer if you have any questions.

LADIES TIME OUT

Every Third Wednesday

Join us at Faith Community Church in the Café every third Wednesday from 9-11am for Ladies Time Out. This is a time for ladies of any age and stage to hang out together and enjoy some treats and conversation. It's a fun "time out" for everyone and great way to connect! Childcare is provided.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

1-2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World

As we wait on the Lord to call teachers for our studies, I will be posting studies for you to do on your own or to gather with other women to complete. As preparation for our conference in October, I would like to recommend Lydia Brownback "1-2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World". The study includes a link to a free leader's guide 1-2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World (Flourish Bible Study). If you begin the study in mid-August, you will complete it by the conference date.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Registration Opens September 6th

"Living Hope in a Hard World" Conference. We will be hosting a one-day conference here at FCC on Saturday, October 29. We will be studying Romans 5:3-5 together. Registration opens September 6. Watch the webpage for registration details.

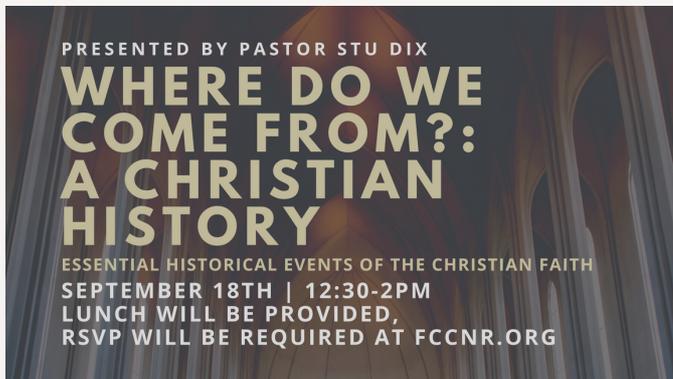


WHERE DO WE COME FROM?: A CHRISTIAN HISTORY



September 18th | 12:30-2pm

Hey Faith Family! Ever wonder why we do what we do in the church? Join us on September 18th from 12:30-2:00pm, for a VERY exciting history of the church, presented by our very own Pastor Stu Dix, called "Where Do We Come From?" Beginning with the birth of the church, this course will cover the essential historical events of the Christian faith all the way to the present day. These events contribute to the way we live, worship, study and love today in the name of Jesus! So sign up today at fccnr.org! Lunch will be provided, RSVP will be required by September 15th.



SMALL GROUPS

You can't live the "Christian life" outside of Christian community.

At FCC we believe that real connectedness and change happen best in small groups. Please get involved in a small group if you aren't already!

Contact Noah at noah.burnett@homeforever.org



MINISTRY FAIR

September 11th | 10-12:30pm

Come and check out all the ways that you can get involved at FCC!



RUBY'S PANTRY

Every Third Thursday

This is a great opportunity to serve your community! Thursday, August 18th from 5-7pm at the Armory. Volunteers arrive at 4pm and can sign up at fccnr.org/events.

Contact Chuck at chuck.olson@homeforever.org



MEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesdays 5-6am

Saturdays 7-8am

Men's ministry is a group of men coming together to study and discuss scripture.

We are currently working through Genesis. D1 @ FCC. Join us!!

Contact Paul at paul.warner@customtruck.com



WORSHIP NIGHT

September 24th @ 5pm

Join us for an indoor worship night @ FCC! Saturday, 9/24 at 5pm

KIDZONE UPDATES

We help make (little) disciples who plant the church.

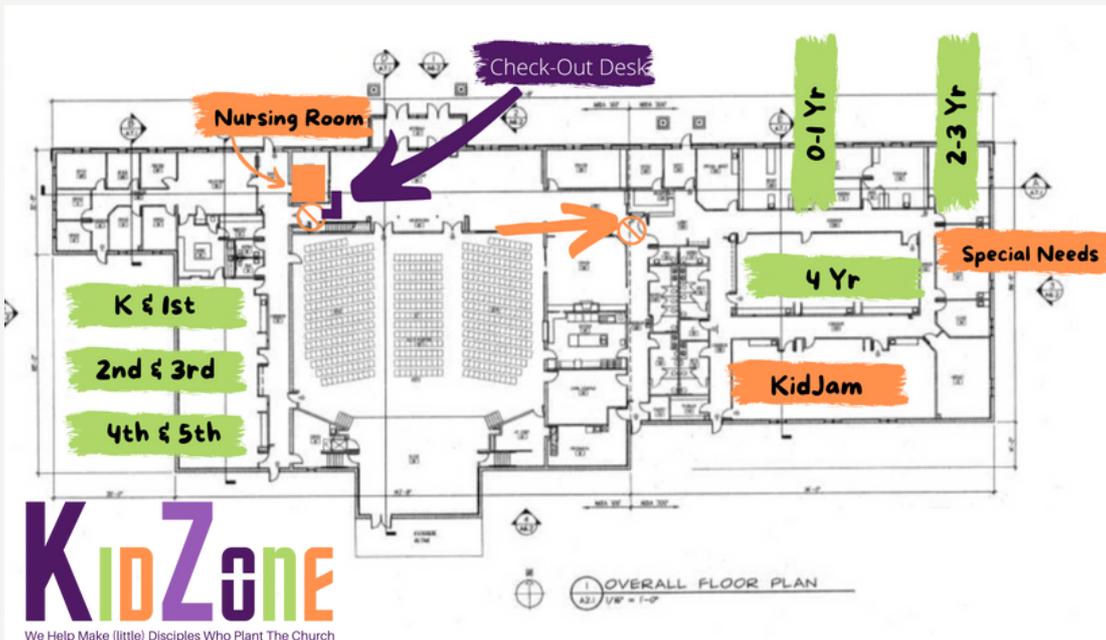
The KidZone academic year will kick off on Sunday, September 11th! We're really excited to share some changes for our Sunday morning ministry. In order to provide a space more conducive to learning for the ages we're serving in Sunday school, we'll be utilizing the Discipleship, or "D" rooms during services. This will allow our teachers and students to individualize their classrooms and make it easier to maintain lesson focus. The current counseling room will also now serve as a private room for nursing mothers, with the services available on TV. The "D" hallway will have a temporary check out desk and limited access during services.

teacher across the building to their classroom in the "D" hallway. Parents will then pick them up, using their check out sticker, from the desk at the "D" hallway.

CHAOS Lite (Grades 4 and 5) will check in as normal and go to worship in service with their parents. Upon completion of worship, they will be dismissed to their teachers and their classroom in the "D" hallway. Parents will then pick them up, using their check out sticker, from the desk at the "D" hallway.

Parents with children in both areas of KidZone will use the same sticker to check out from both locations.

Just a reminder that we'll be working on updating information for your children in September, so please allow for a little extra time checking in during these first few weeks.



We will also be working on a new special needs room in KidZone! This is an area of the ministry we are hoping to revive in the months to come. Our men of the church are already working on a plan to get this room ready and then we'll start looking to staff it. Stay tuned!

With all of these additions to our

Here are the details on how Check-In and Check-Out will look for your students:

KidKare (ages 0-4K) will remain in KidZone and Check In and Check Out as normal!

KidzKonnnect (Grades Kindergarten to 3rd Grade) will check in as normal and report to KidJam for worship. Upon completion of their worship time, they will accompany their

Children's Ministry we'll need additions to our team! Specifically, we need Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers, worship leaders, and several Check In staff. Please contact Bobbi (bobbiblanchard@homeforever.org) as soon as possible if you are able and willing to serve our Lord, and His littlest church, in this way.



WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

We are still waiting. P3 let us know that there are candidates in their system because of our recruiting efforts and candidates applied for the FCC Lead Pastor position. It's still too early to know the number of candidates specific to us but by September we will have some candidates to review.

PRAY

Please continue to pray for the new Lead Pastor, our Faith family, and the team as we continue this process. Pray that God would make clear His direction.

QUESTIONS

As always, we welcome your questions, so please ask.

~TAMMY WHITE, LEAD PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

HELP WANTED

FCC Job Opportunity

FCC is looking to hire a part time building custodian and routine maintenance person. Fifteen hours a week. Submit your interest to Pastor Chuck Olson at chuck.olson@homeforever.org

TEACHING SCHEDULE

Sermon Series

Sept 4: How to Love Your New Pastor
Sept 11: Created for Good Works (Ministry Fair)
Sept 18- Oct 9: Contending for the Faith (Jude)

GIVE

fccnr.org/give

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



CONNECT

We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00am or 10:45am. Stay up to date with what's going on and follow us on Facebook!

 @fccnewrichmond

 @faithcommunitynr



STRENGTHENING THE ELDER COUNCIL

Over the past eight months, both in this monthly newsletter and in covenant gatherings, we have officially announced the addition of a number of elder interns to our elder council. During this time Randy Kostroski, Jason Anton, Jodie Ryan, and now Dave Mobley, have all entered into the process of exploring eldership. Understandably, you may have questions about the role and selection of elders and how the elder internship process works.

The Scriptures indicate the church is to be led by a team of godly men. Gene Getz makes this observation in his book, *Elders and Leaders*: "As the biblical story unfolds in the New Testament, it becomes increasingly clear that each local church was to be managed and shepherded by a unified team of godly men."

ELDERS AND THEIR FUNCTION:

The basic ministry role of the Elders is to GUARD and GUIDE. The Elders are responsible to discern God's leading for our church family through the study of the Word of God, prayer, and a reliance on the Holy Spirit. Elders provide guidance in matters of general policy. The Elders face the task of making decisions under the direction of the Spirit of God, and only move ahead when there is unanimity. If one elder has reservations, we wait, pray, and study.

ELDER INTERNSHIP

The names of elder interns are presented to those in Covenant Relationship. This begins a six-to-twelve-month internship for them, during which time the congregations should observe, encourage, and evaluate their suitability to serve in the office of elder.

THE NEXT STEP:

If after the internship the intern still believes God is calling him to serve as an elder, and upon unanimous confirmation of the Elder Council, the intern's name will be announced to the congregation as a nominee to the office of elder.

Any member of the congregation may present concerns of any nominee's suitability to any member of the Elder Council for a period of 30 days following nomination.

After 30 days, with all concerns resolved and upon unanimous confirmation of the Elder Council, the nominee shall be received as a member of the Elder Council, announced to the congregation, and publicly commissioned for service.

TERM OF ELDER OFFICE:

Since the Bible indicates no fixed term for elders, no specific fixed term of office is recommended. Each elder will be asked for a one-year commitment, subject to review, with recommitment and reaffirmation each subsequent year.

SUPPORT OF ELDERS:

In response to the Biblical pattern of leadership, members of the body are taught in Scripture to lovingly support their leaders and to submit to Christ's care for His church through the shepherding of elders. 1 Corinthians 16:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Obligation falls on all who claim FCC as their church home to participate in the process of examining and evaluating elder interns according to the qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3: and Titus 1. Let your evaluation and/or questions be known to them. They are here to serve and are open to your inquiries.

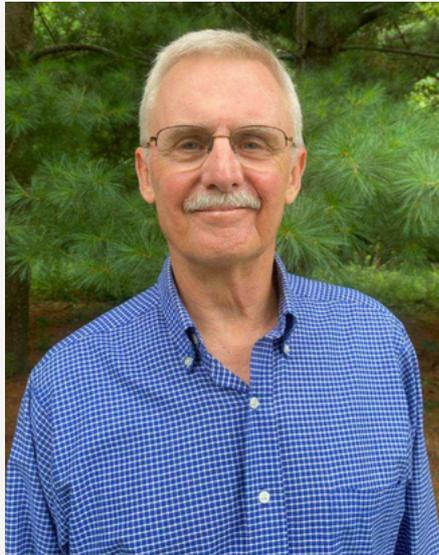
You are urged to get to know the elders and the elder interns on a personal level. Invite them to dinner, ask if you can visit their home, seek to understand the elders, who aspire to become relational leaders. These men desire to serve you, and to do so effectively, they need to know you beyond a superficial level. You need to evaluate their enthusiasm, passion, and commitment.

Additional details about the role, selection, and term of elders can be found in Articles 7 and 8 of the church constitution.

from the Elders continued...

INTRODUCING DAVE MOBLEY

My name is Dave Mobley. Even though we have been a part of the Faith family since 2013, when I am privileged to bring a Sunday message, I always introduce myself because there are so many new people that wouldn't know who I am. More important than



you knowing me and my wife of 47 years, Brenda, is our desire to know you and your stories of seeing and knowing Christ. What follows is a little bit of our story.

Brenda and I are both natives of Missouri. We both grew up in families which encouraged regular church attendance. While I did not clearly respond to the gospel message until 17 years old, Brenda remembers being moved at age 9. For us, these earlier movements of repentance and faith did not consummate until our sophomore years in college. God, using leaders and students who were part of a Cru ministry, got our full attention and we entered into a Spirit-driven life with Jesus that carries us into the present day.

Brenda and I married during our senior year in college and then spent the next 7 years in campus ministry with Cru, elementary school teaching in Missouri, seminary training in Denver, Colorado, and more teaching post seminary. During those years we had gained two daughters and left seminary with no debt! Both miracles! In 1981, we were led to serve Christ as lead pastor of a 5-year-old church in Shawano, Wi. During those 7 years we added a son to our

family and received far more training from the church than seminary could ever do. We were sent by our first church to plant a church in Milwaukee. By God's grace Woodridge Community Church was launched in 1988 where we served for 25 years.

In 2012, we initiated a transition at Woodridge to see a young leader we had identified and mentored to take over the leadership at Woodridge. As we began to look for a staff position, we providentially connected with Mike Evans and discovered a position was open at FCC. We served FCC from 2013 until 2017. We spent two years in interim ministry and then retired in 2019.

I enjoy the feeling of community that town living offers as well as soccer matches, pickleball, and having our 5 grandkids close by. Over the years we have grown to love the church of Jesus Christ and believe deeply that this love is evidenced by service and commitment in joy to each other in our local church.

A PARTING NOTE...

As of this writing Jodie Ryan has decided to discontinue his pursuit of eldership.

Jodie and his wife Michelle have determined that with the responsibilities of raising a family and growing their small business, they simply do not have the bandwidth in their lives at this time to pursue eldership with the passion and joy that would be required.

Jodie's presence will be truly missed on the elder council. If you see him, please thank him for his service and his love for our faith family.

As always, if you have questions, the elders would like to encourage you to reach out to one of us. We would love to connect with you!

God's blessings to you all,
Steve, Steve, Randy, Jason, and Dave

CHRIST THE MEDIATOR

NOAH BURNETT

Here at FCC, we have strong ties to the Baptist faith practice, so for this month's theology section I thought I would expand on an excerpt from the 1689 London Baptist Confession Of Faith. This is a classic confession that has been used for centuries to prop up the truth found in the Scriptures and to guard against harmful teachings. The confession in its entirety will be available at the bookstore in the lobby (free). I would encourage you to read through it, it is an enormous help when looking to better understand the doctrines we hold to.

This is an excerpt from the Founders Ministries Modern English Translation.

Chapter 8 - Christ the Mediator

1. God was pleased, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them, to be the mediator between God

and humanity.¹ God chose him to be prophet,² priest,³ and king,⁴ and to be head and savior of the church,⁵ the heir of all things,⁶ and judge of the world.⁷ From all eternity, God gave to the Son a people to be his offspring. In time these people would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by him.⁸

(1)Isaiah 42:1; 1 Peter 1:19, 20. (2)Acts 3:22. (3)Hebrews 5:5, 6. (4)Psalms 2:6; Luke 1:33. (5)Ephesians 1:22, 23. (6)Hebrews 1:2. (7)Acts 17:31. (8)Isaiah 53:10; John 17:6; Romans 8:30.

One of our biggest comforts as followers of Christ, should be the fact that God the Trinity, in eternity past, had already chosen that we should be redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection. Our salvation was not a hail mary

thrown by God in the last quarter of the game in hopes that somehow we would make the catch. Our salvation was an intricate and divine plan that has been determined since before the foundations of the world.

Acts 4:27-28 Says this :

"For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place."

Jesus was fully aware of the sacrifice He was going to make; He was, after all, there when the plan was created. It pleased Christ to do the will of the Father, to lay down His life for the people that God had given to Him.

What's even better is that God's plan of redemption is comprehensive.

The confession says "these people would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by him." This paraphrase from Romans 8 is the reason we have peace, the reason death is no longer a thing to be feared by those who have faith in Christ. Not only has God chosen us in Christ and

credited us His righteous through His substitutionary death, but now by the keeping of the Holy Spirit, we are guaranteed to be sanctified and ultimately glorified in Christ as well. This means that after death we will be united with Jesus, we will be raised to a glorious eternity in the presence of our Savior.

God's eternal plan for Christ to become the mediator between Himself and His offspring is something that's often denied. There are many weighty theological implications that rub people the wrong way. **BUT WE'LL CHERISH**

THESE TRUTHS. NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THEY MAY BE TO UNDERSTAND.