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# FCC NEWSLETTER

## *Easter Edition*

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



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*Holy Week*

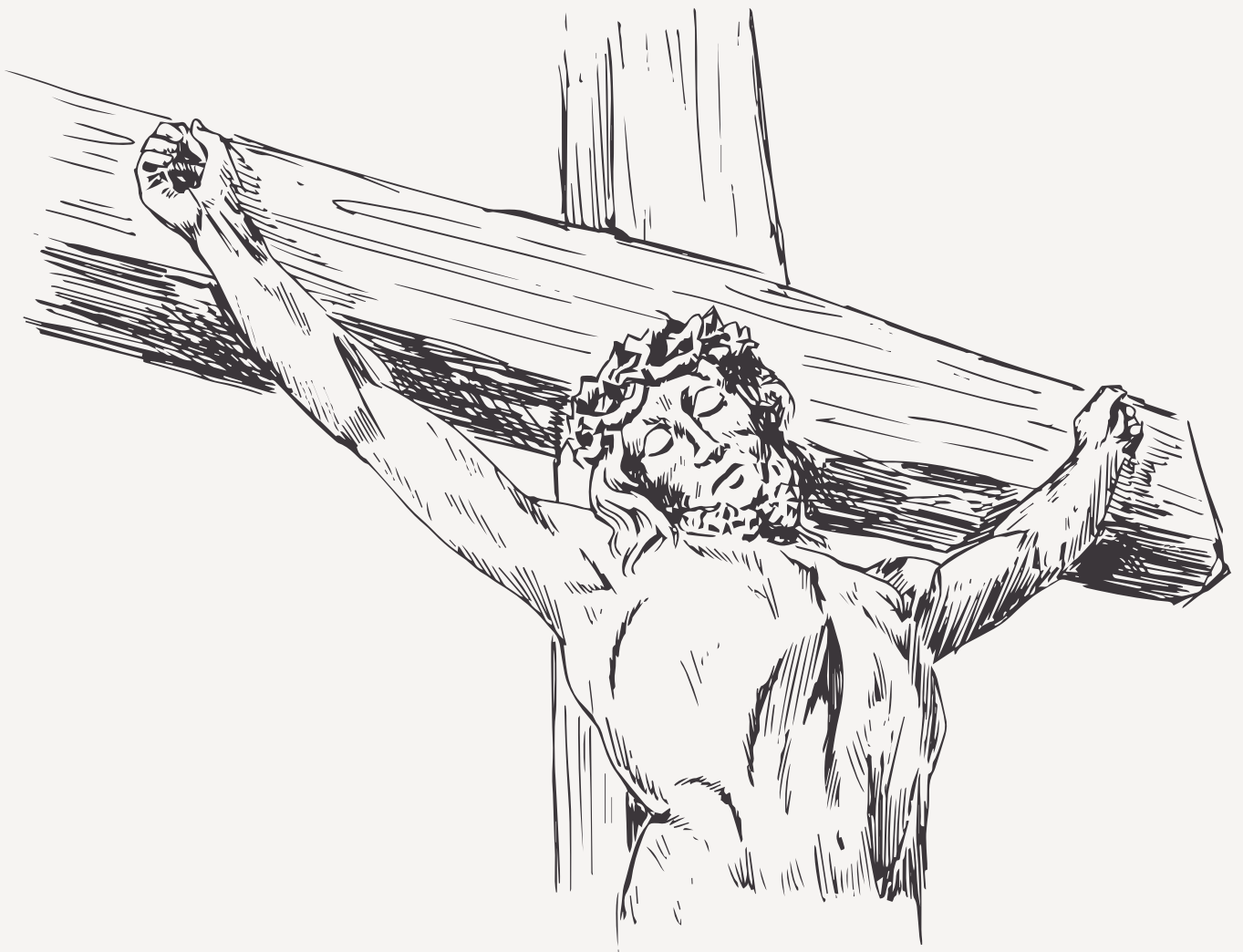
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# **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**April 7th at 6pm**

# **EASTER SERVICES**

**April 9th at 9am & 10:45am**



# ministries

## SMALL GROUPS

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

You can't live the Christian life outside of Christian community. If you are not a part of a group of people that is dedicated to each other and to the Word, then you are greatly missing out on God's plan for His people. Let's get you connected!



Contact Noah at  
noah.burnett@homeforever.org

**We are in need of more small group leaders! If you love your Bible and have a desire to be a part of and lead an intentional community of believers then contact Noah.**

## 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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**[fccnr.org/womensministry](http://fccnr.org/womensministry)**

The FCC Women's Ministry exists to equip women to be disciples who plant the church.

There's a lot going on in the Women's Ministry. You can find all the information you need on the [Women's Ministry page at fccnr.org](#), or head to [Page 10](#).



Contact Stephanie at  
stephanie.langer@homeforever.org

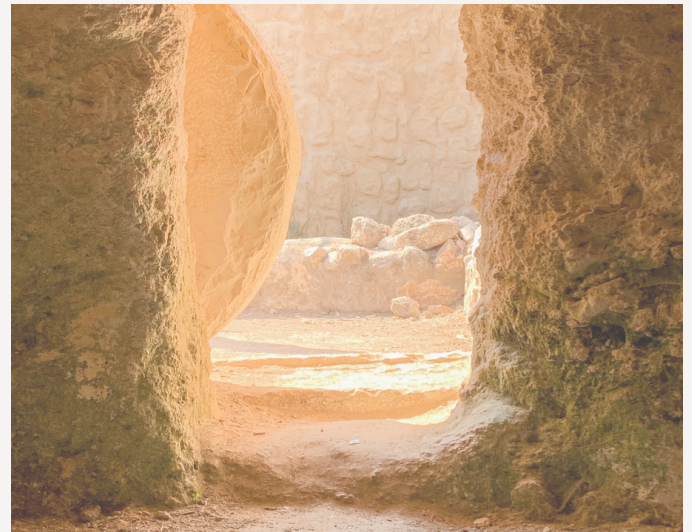
## PRAYER MINISTRY

**Sundays @ 8am**

You are invited to join the Prayer Team! Join us for our time of prayer on Sundays at 8am in D3.



Questions? Contact Peter Bergeson at [pgbergeson@gmail.com](mailto:pgbergeson@gmail.com)



## MISSIONS

**[fccnr.org/missions](http://fccnr.org/missions)**

The FCC Mission Team would like to encourage our faith family to devote to prayer the efforts of Pastor Stu, Pastor Mike, and Pastor Larry as they head to Uganda from March 22nd through April 1st, 2023 for the purpose of training up local pastors and leaders to carry out the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20) in Uganda and the surrounding region through TLI (Training Leaders International). Seventy-one prospective students committed to attend, in covenant, the classes (cohorts) led by our team of missionaries and by men raised up in previous cohorts.



Contact Ben Sepulveda at  
[ben@homeforever.org](mailto:ben@homeforever.org)

## SUMMER KIDZONE IS COMING!

### We need YOUR help!

This is your opportunity to serve together as a small group, bible study group, friend group, or family while blessing our littlest church and their families. Your one Sunday commitment allows our Sunday school teachers to take a much needed break and allows you to get a glimpse of what happens behind closed KidZone doors every week! A simple curriculum is provided and you can make it as basic or complicated as you'd like.

Depending on the Sunday and service, you will have anywhere from 15-30 kids 4K-3rd grade.

We would

recommend you have at least two adults per service. Have a bigger group? No problem!! We'd love your help in nursery too! Check with your group and [SIGN UP!](#)



## SAVE THE DATE (AND YOUR GLUTTER) FOR OUR KIDZONE TRUNK SALE

June 10th from 9am-4pm

This will be an opportunity for anyone in our church family to get rid of some clutter, while allowing our KidZone Kids an opportunity to serve with their families! 1 Timothy 4:12 More details to come.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

August 1st-4th

We'll be headed to the Jerusalem Marketplace Tuesday, August 1st - Friday, August 4th with a program to follow on Sunday, August 6th. So, mark your calendars, get your robe and sandals ready, and keep an eye out for a sign up and ways you can help later in the summer!



## BABY & CHILD DEDICATIONS ORIENTATION

April 16th @ 10:15-10:45am

Orientation will be held in the Family Room for anyone who is considering the step of dedication for their child(ren). Register online at [fccnr.org/events](http://fccnr.org/events).

\*Dedications will be held on Sunday, April 23rd

## KIDZONE DETAILS FOR GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER

We'd love to see you!

Good Friday (April 7th @ 6pm): There will be a supervised movie and craft in the "D" Rooms for children 3+.

Easter Sunday (April 9th): KidZone nursery will run as usual, but because we'll have less volunteers available, we will have a movie and craft in the large room for 4K-3rd Grade.

# the family conference recap

## THE FAMILY CONFERENCE RECAP

-Pastor Ben Sepulveda

It was GREAT!!!! Thank you to everyone who came out, helped out, and participated in the first (annual, hopefully) Family Conference! What a wonderful day! Over 100 people braved the snow storms and brought the kids to enjoy an excellent day of teaching, prayer and worship together, covering subjects from marriage and singleness to raising kids in the 21st century (Deuteronomy is an awesome book, btw). A special thank you to Kenny Ortiz from Bethlehem College and Seminary, who served as our keynote speaker, walking us through the entire story of redemption, and how God is redeeming and equipping families for the work of the ministry even now! Be sure to ask a friend who attended what they learned and plan to join us for our next conference soon!





## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHAOS

**FCC Student Ministry | 6-12th Grade**

The schedule for Wednesday night CHAOS:

(5:30-6 Middle School Small Groups Meet)

**6-6:30 Food | 6:30-7 Game | 7-7:30 Lesson**

(7:30-8 High School Small Groups Meet)

For more information and access to the CHAOS calendar, visit [fccnr.org/chaos](http://fccnr.org/chaos).

**Wanting to serve in our youth group? We would love to have some extra hands on deck on Wednesday nights! Contact Noah or Ben!**

[noah.burnett@homeforever.org](mailto:noah.burnett@homeforever.org)

[ben@homeforever.org](mailto:ben@homeforever.org)

# CHAOS

## CHAOS GAMES

### Wishlist Link

CHAOS is building their Game Collection! If you are willing and able to donate, head [HERE](#) to see what's on the kids' wishlist.

Games can be shipped directly to FCC, or dropped off in the church office! THANK YOU!



## DISCIPLE6

**Sundays 5-6pm**

Disciple6, our exciting new discipleship group for students interested in growing in the knowledge of God through Christian community, meets on Sundays from 5-6pm! 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 evangelizing to other faith groups. Cost is \$5 (to cover the cost of books). Contact Pastor Ben at [ben@homeforever.org](mailto:ben@homeforever.org) for more information.

You can find the D6 schedule [HERE](#).

## FROM OUR PRAYER TEAM: RAMADAN PRAYERS

-Peter Bergeson

I have a friend who came to America from Saudi Arabia. On Monday I saw him briefly. I asked him if he was observing Ramadan. His face lit up. He was surprised that I even knew about Ramadan. He was pleased that I would ask. "Yes," he answered. Like all good Muslims, he is abstaining from food and drink between sunrise and sunset, for the whole month. Not even a drop of water is to be drunk during the daylight hours. This year, Ramadan begins with the crescent moon of March 18 and lasts until the crescent moon of April 18.

"What else are you supposed to be doing during Ramadan?," I asked.

"Reciting the prayers, reading the Quran and giving to charity."

"Are you reading the Quran?" At this he covered his face, smiled and shook his head.

"How do you know when you've done enough to please God?"

"Oh, you know. By the good things God gives you. Like my job."

I am praying for my friend. He is sincere, but lost. He is trying to earn God's favor by his good behavior. He needs Jesus. Ramadan is a time when Muslims are especially focused spiritually. It is a month when they expect that their good deeds will receive increased rewards from God.

I'm looking forward to further conversation with my friend. I'm looking forward to explaining to him that no amount of good deeds on my part can earn God's favor. Jesus has done for me what I cannot do for myself.

We don't all have Muslim friends. But we all have unsaved friends. I think our approach can be the same. We can show a genuine interest in their lives and in their beliefs. Ask good questions. Listen well. Show respect. Be ready to explain what we believe. Then pray. And leave the results to the Holy Spirit. I have learned that I cannot argue or trick anyone into the Kingdom of God.

But I can show genuine love and interest in a friend. I can share what the Bible says. And I can pray earnestly that God will open their hearts and minds.

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

## BOOK REC

Tiny Theologians



We offer training tools that will help parents and children's ministries pass on the Christian faith. Covering topics like theology, church history, missions, and discipleship, we pray these tools are a blessing as you seek to train the tiny theologians in your life.

We have some of their resources in our bookstore. They are primarily geared toward children. Worth checking out!!

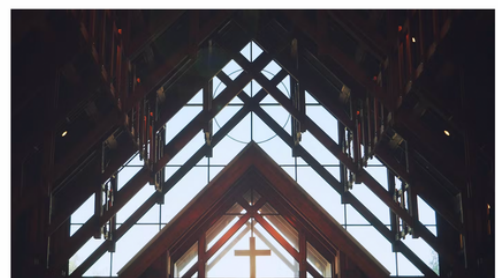
## WORSHIP IN THE WORD

-Noah Burnett

I found this article extremely beneficial when thinking of how to approach the Sunday gathering. Enjoy!

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/five-benefits-of-corporate-worship>

### Five Benefits of Corporate Worship



Article by David Mathis  
Executive Editor, [desiringGod.org](http://desiringGod.org)

## RUBY'S PANTRY

Every Third Thursday

Our March distribution served over 200 families, and we had fun doing it! Our next distribution is Thursday, April 20th from 5-7pm at the Armory. Volunteers arrive at 4pm to build shares and load vehicles, all while getting to know each other and serving the community! The sign up can always be found at [fccnr.org/events](http://fccnr.org/events) early in the month. Contact Chuck at [chuck.olson@homeforever.org](mailto:chuck.olson@homeforever.org) for more information!



## SENIOR LUNCH

April 17th @ Noon

Inviting all Seniors to attend a Potluck Luncheon on Monday, April 17th at noon in the FCC Cafe.

Please bring a dish to pass, and enjoy the fellowship of other "seasoned" saints.

No sign-up is necessary! Just come!



## TIES OF FAITH BLANKET MAKING

April 29th 9:30-11:30am

Join us for our Second Annual Ties of Faith Blanket Making Event!

In Person Date: Saturday April 29th, 9:30-11:30am or Create at Home: and drop off by the Church Office by Sunday, April 30th.

All blankets will be donated to Grace Place and FCC will donate pillows to go with all of the blankets that are made! We will also take pillowcase donations if you are willing.

More information [here!](#)

Register [here](#) or at the Connection Point so we know how many tables to set up!



# LIFE OF DAVID: A STUDY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

**Mondays 6-8pm**

"The Life of David" has begun! Have you ever wondered where (many of) the Psalms came from? Wanna know more about why it was a BIG DEAL that Jesus was called the Son of David? Well then, come out and join us every Monday through May 8th for our next exciting theology class covering the life of David (the good and the bad), a study through 1-2 Samuel, 1 Kings, the Davidic Psalms, and in many other places throughout scripture!

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Ben at [ben@homeforever.org](mailto:ben@homeforever.org), or [sign up online](#) today!



# A WALK THRU ROMANS

**Sundays @ 12pm**

A Walk Thru Romans is now here!!! Considered by some to be the greatest letter ever written, join us every Sunday through April 23rd as we explore the Apostles' letter to the church in Rome!

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Ben at [ben@homeforever.org](mailto:ben@homeforever.org), or [sign up online](#) today!



## WOMEN IN THE WORD

### **The Lamb of God by Nancy Guthrie**

Our Women in the Word Bible Study continues using the second book of the "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament" series: "The Lamb of God-Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy" by Nancy Guthrie. This is a 10 week study. We will offer 2 sessions starting on April 12th:

- Rochelle Haugen will be teaching the Wednesday morning session again from 9-10:30am in room D3 Sign-up [HERE](#)
- Bobbi Blanchard will be teaching the Wednesday evening session from 6:30-8pm in the Sonshine staff room. Sign-up [HERE](#)

You can also sign up at the Connection Point on Sunday mornings | [More Info](#) [HERE](#)

## ALL WOMEN EQUIPPED BLOG

[fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog](http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog).

Check out the Women's Ministry Blog! Subscribe to get updates on the [Women's Ministry Page](#).

## LADIES TIME OUT

### **Every Third Wednesday**

Ladies of all ages and stages have been meeting once a month at Ladies Time Out where we gather in the cafe and get to know each other over coffee and treats. LTO meets the third Wednesday of every month from 9-11am here at church.

Childcare is provided. We hope you can join us next time! This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to, and introduce them to the beauty of relationships centered on Christ. Want to contribute? You are always welcome to bring a brunch item to share, and if you are bringing kiddos, please pack a water bottle.

Contact Christa Poole at [christa.poole@homeforever.org](mailto:christa.poole@homeforever.org) for more info!

Next Gathering is April 19th.

## BRAINSTORM BRUNCH UPDATE

### **Women's Ministry Planning**

We met on March 18 to brainstorm and plan our events for the next year. We had lots of new ideas and great discussions. We have added Moments that Matter to our planning. These will be opportunities for us to come together to fellowship, serve, and have fun! The full calendar will be available soon. We are always looking for new people to join the event team. Let me know if you feel God calling you to serve in this way.

Email Stephanie at [stephanie.langer@homeforever.org](mailto:stephanie.langer@homeforever.org)

## MOMENTS THAT MATTER

### **Ties of Faith | April 29th 9:30-11:30am**

Join us for Ties of Faith. We are collecting and making blankets for Grace Place! Join us on Saturday, April 29th from 9:30-11:30am for in-person blanket making. [Sign up on the Events page](#). If you are not able to join us, feel free to drop off blankets you create at home anytime now through April 30th by the church office. FCC will donate a pillow to go with every blanket!

## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

### **Starting May 20th**

Join us for a Ladies Book Club Kick Off Potluck Saturday, May 20th from 10am-12pm in the Cafe.

1st book: "The Cost of Control" by Sharon Hodde Miller (There will be some copies will be available in the FCC bookstore, otherwise please order online). Read this book for discussion at our first meeting. We will keep meeting the 3rd Saturday of each month.

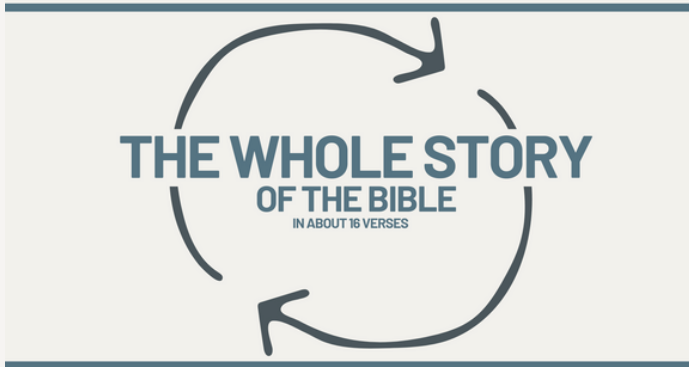
Sign up [online](#) or at the Connection Point

More Info [HERE](#)

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### The Whole Story of the Bible in About 16 Verses

Following the storyline of the Bible as God reveals the fundamental truths of his plan to rescue his world and reconcile his image bearers.



## FCC T-SHIRTS

Only \$5.00!

We have lots of FCC t-shirts available for purchase at the Connection Point! Stop by and grab one.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Fiscal Year-to-Date

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	407	443
Expenditures	459	471

## GIVE

[fccnr.org/give](http://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

# upcoming events @ FCC

## A P R I L

## M A Y

**1** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am

**2** Sunday Worship 9 & 10:45am w/ Communion | Romans Study 12pm | CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**3** Monday Life of David Class 6-8pm

**5** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | CHAOS 6-7:30pm

**7** Friday **Good Friday Service 6pm**

**8** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am

**9** Sunday Easter Sunday | Worship 9 & 10:45am | Coffee Hour Between Services

**10** Monday Life of David Class 6-8pm

**12** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

**15** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am

**16** Sunday Worship 9 & 10:45am | Child Dedication Orientation 10:15am | Romans Study 12pm | CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**17** Monday Senior Lunch 12pm | Life of David Class 6-8pm

**19** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | **Ladies Time Out 9-11am** | CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

**20** Thursday **Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm**

**22** Saturday **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOBBI BLANCHARD!** | Men's Study 7-8:30am

**23** Sunday Worship 9 & 10:45am w/ Child Dedications | Romans Study 12pm | CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**24** Monday Life of David Class 6-8pm

**26** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

**27** Thursday Red Cross Blood Drive 12-8pm

**29** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am | **Ties of Faith Event 9:30-11:30am**

**30** Sunday Worship 9 & 10:45am | Romans Study 12pm | CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**1** Monday Life of David Class 6-8pm

**3** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

**6** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am | Covenant Membership Class 9am-12pm | Matt and Madeline's Wedding 2pm - All church is welcome to ceremony!

**7** Sunday Worship 9 & 10:45am w/ Communion | CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**8** Monday Life of David Class 6-8pm

**10** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

**12** Friday Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm

**13** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am

**14** Sunday Happy Mother's Day | Worship 9 & 10:45am | Coffee Hour Between Services | CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**17** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | **Ladies Time Out 9-11am** | CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm | Elder Meeting 6:30pm

**18** Thursday **Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm**

**19** Friday Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm

**20** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am | Women's Monthly Book Club Kickoff Potluck 10am-12pm

**21** Sunday Senior Sunday | Worship 9 & 10:45am | Baptism Orientation Class 10:45 | (last) CHAOS Disciple 6 5-6pm

**24** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | (last) CHAOS 6-7:30pm | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

**26** Friday Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm

**27** Saturday Men's Study 7-8:30am

**28** Sunday Worship 9 & 10:45am w/ **Baptisms** | CHAOS Leader Appreciation BBQ

**31** Wednesday Men's Study 5-6am | Women's Study 9-10:30am | Women's Study 6:30-8pm

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*from the Lead Pastor Search Team*

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## **WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?**

Pause. That is where we are still at in this process. The elders are continuing to pray and process together. One important change is that when we do continue in our Lead Pastor Search, we will no longer be using P3 as they are no longer in operation. It has been a tough season for so many and the church is no different.

## **PRAY**

This process has been covered in prayer by our team and many of you. Please continue to pray for our church body as we wait and seek what God has for us. We are so blessed by the good teachers and leaders here at FCC, please pray for them as they continue to lead us. Pray that God would continue to lead this process and our team. Pray for the elders as they continue to seek God for us.

## **QUESTIONS**

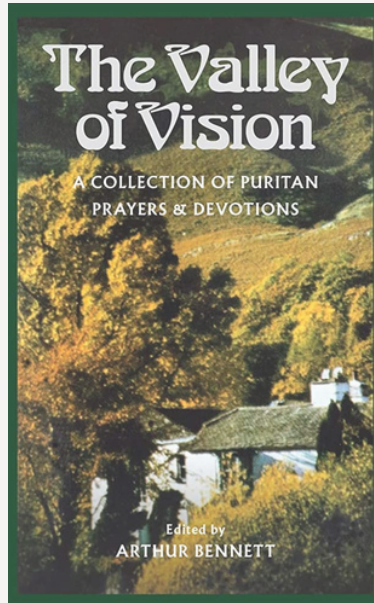
As always, if you have questions, please feel free to ask any of the team members. We are happy to answer those..

**~TAMMY WHITE. LEAD  
PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**



## HI EVERYONE!

The corporate prayer on March 19th generated responses from a surprising number of people who heard it that morning. It must have touched a nerve, with many of you asking about the prayer itself and the book that the prayer came from. I am including the text of the prayer here as well as a link to the book, ["The Valley of Vision"](#) from publisher The Banner of Truth Trust.



## CORPORATE PRAYER. FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH MARCH 19TH, 2023

Good morning.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

You don't have to get into the Bible very far before you read about the enemy of God, the devil. He first reveals himself, as a serpent, in the third chapter of Genesis, and because of his hatred for God, and through lies and deceit, he brings about the fall of mankind. And even now, all around us, but unseen, the devil and his demons are actively waging war against God and anyone who is a follower of God.

Paul tells us in the 6th chapter of Ephesians that as followers of Christ we must be prepared for this spiritual battle.

### ***Ephesians 6:11-13***

*11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the*

*devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

Here Paul draws back the curtain on reality, and he gives a peek, he gives us a glimpse, into the place where dark, and sinister demonic forces exist. He tells us to put on the full armor of God - you have to "suit up" to be a Christian here.

Why? Because Paul tells us that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood". We think, especially in the church, that our battle is with people, but Paul clearly tells us here that our battle is NOT against flesh and blood, but rather it is against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness in this world, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

He paints a picture of a highly sophisticated and organized rebellion against God. The Bible tells us that the devil is a real spirit being, and Jesus talked about the devil often. I know it's not popular in our culture to talk about the devil, and some people may think that you've lost your mind, but the devil is real. Jesus believed that he was real. Jesus confronted the forces of evil by casting out demons. The Bible even says that Jesus was tempted by the devil.

Now the devil was not omnipresent like God is, but in some sense, he doesn't have to be because in the rebellion spoken of in the Old Testament, he took 1/3 of the angels with him and they are focused, and they are intentional, and they are purposeful about doing one thing, and that is multiplying

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# from the Elders

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disobedience to God. This is basically Ephesians chapter 2 verses 1 to 3 - creating more sons of disobedience that are in rebellion to God and that will follow the devil in this rebellion. There's a very real, spiritual battle that is going on all around us, and we are naive followers of Jesus if we don't recognize that.

So, if the enemy is all around us, and we are under attack, how do we combat this? We are told what to do in 1 Peter 5:8.

## **1 Peter 5:8-9**

*8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

We need to be sober-minded. We need to be watchful. We need to resist him by being firm in our faith. So how do we do that? How can we be firm in our faith? We need to pursue and press into Jesus even harder. We need to be in God's Word. We need to pray. We need to talk to, and read about, the brothers and sisters who have been seasoned from being in the battle before us. I personally have found wisdom in the writings of the Puritans.

The Puritans acknowledged this spiritual battle and they took it seriously. Thankfully, we can be encouraged and strengthened by their faith as many of their writings survive. I have been personally experiencing some heavy spiritual attack, and this morning I would like to share a Puritan prayer that I came across in the book, "The Valley of Vision", which is a collection of Puritan prayers and devotions.

This prayer is titled "The Servant in Battle".

PLEASE PRAY WITH ME:

## **THE SERVANT IN BATTLE**

*O LORD,*

*I bless thee that the issue of the battle  
between thyself and Satan has never been  
uncertain, and will end in victory.*

*Calvary broke the dragon's head,  
and I contend with a vanquished foe,  
who with all his subtlety and strength has  
already been overcome.*

*When I feel the serpent at my heel  
may I remember him whose heel was bruised,  
but who, when bruised, broke the devil's head.*

*My soul with inward joy extols the mighty  
conqueror.*

*Heal me of any wounds received in the great  
conflict;*

*if I have gathered defilement,  
if my faith has suffered damage,  
if my hope is less than bright,  
if my love is not fervent,  
if some creature-comfort occupies my heart,  
if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight.*

*O thou whose every promise is balm,  
every touch life,  
draw near to thy weary warrior,  
refresh me, that I may rise again to wage the  
strife,  
and never tire until my enemy is trodden down.*

*Give me such fellowship with thee  
that I may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, the  
world,*

*with delight that comes not from a creature,  
and which a creature cannot mar.*

*Give me a draught of the eternal fountain  
that lieth in thy immutable, everlasting love and  
decree.*

*Then shall my hand never weaken, my feet never  
stumble,*

*my sword never rest, my shield never rust,  
my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never  
fall,*

*as my strength rests in the power of thy might.*

*Father God, we lift this prayer to you in the  
victorious name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen!*

## HOLY WEEK APRIL 3RD TO 9TH

Sunday, April 3rd, is Palm Sunday and it marks the beginning of Holy Week, with Easter Sunday, April 9th, marking the end of Holy Week. Below is a link to an article on The Gospel Coalition website that does a great job of taking you through a day-by-day breakdown of that first Holy Week. There are numerous Scripture references listed for each day that can give you a fuller, more detailed picture of what happened during each day of Holy Week and you can use those for deeper study if you choose.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/easter-week-in-real-time/>



## FINAL THOUGHTS

The elders care for each of you very deeply. We want to remind you that if you have questions or doubt, if you are struggling or going through trials, we want to hear from you and come alongside you in those moments that make up each of our lives. The Christian faith is to be lived out in community. God calls us together as a family so that we can care for one another and lift one another up. You do not have to face life alone! - We are here for you.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Dave, Randy, Steve, and Steve



You're invited to celebrate

# EASTER

at Faith Community Church

**GOOD FRIDAY 4/7**

6:00pm Worship Service

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/9**

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

Let's fellowship together  
and worship the crucified,  
risen and living Lord Jesus  
Christ through song,  
prayer, and scripture.



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