FCC NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Coming Soon!

With so many new faces, we are excited to announce that we are putting together a church directory for our members that provides options for both digital access, as well as the ability to create instant printable directories that are always up to date! We hope this will be a useful tool to connect our church body, and assist in getting to know one another better. Head to **page 8** for more information on how to update your profile, photo options, and more!

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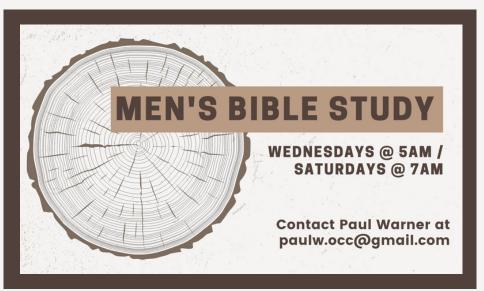


<u>Men's Night</u>

Men! Join us for a night of foosball, bean bag toss, ping pong, a hot dog eating contest and more on Saturday, March 16th from 7-10pm here at FCC.

Cost is \$10/person. SIGN UP HERE!

We hope to see you there!



Men's Bible Study

Want to get in the Word with other men? We have groups who meet on Wednesday mornings at 5am, and Saturdays at 7am to go through the Bible, talk it through, and relate it to your life! Men can join anytime! <u>Email Paul Warner</u> if you are interested!

womens ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Visit our website here: <u>https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry</u>

Email Stephanie Langer here: stephanie.langer@homeforever.org

Check out and subscribe to our blog here: http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog

Follow us on Facebook here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMnr</u>

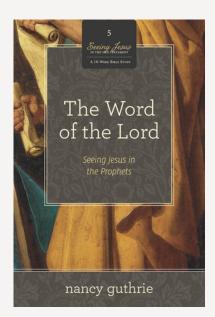


WOMEN IN THE WORD

Bible Studies and Scripture

We will be announcing the dates for our study of the final book in the Nancy Guthrie's series soon. Dates and sign-ups will be announced in the Women's Ministry monthly update. If you are not receiving the update, sign-up on our **webpage**.

Watch for new weekly scripture memory posts on our **<u>Facebook Page</u>**!

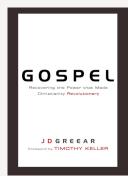


MOMENTS THAT MATTER

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Monthly Book Club:

Join us March 16th in the cafe from 10am-noon to discuss <u>Gospel</u> by JD Greear. Limited copies are available in the bookstore for \$12 each! Can't make it this month? Join us next month when we will read <u>Love Comes Softly</u> (Love Comes Softly Series, # 1) by Janette Oke



Brainstorm Brunch

Join us for our 3rd annual Brainstorm Brunch on Saturday, March 9th from 10am-noon. We will brainstorm ideas for the upcoming ministry year, set our calendar, and assign leaders and teams. I hope to see you there! Bring a brunch item to share if you are able! Registration is not required, but helpful so we can plan for beverages! **LINK**



LADIES TIME OUT Third Wednesday of Every Month

Ladies - take time out of your month for some fellowship with other Christian women! You are invited to FCC on Wednesday, March 20th from 9llam for our next gathering! LTO is an opportunity for ladies of any age and stage to get together for encouragement and to 'do life' together. Coffee and childcare are provided! Bring a brunch item to share if you are able. We would love to see you there! More info and dates can be found <u>here</u>.

Please contact Christa Poole for more information at **christa.poole@homeforever.org**

children's ministry

BIBLE PRESENTATION & MEMORIZATION

Bible Presentations were a smashing success! Praise God for His generous provision! Parents, help us keep up the Bible momentum! For the month of March, plan some family time to work on:

Matthew 22:37-39

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Here is a link to the Seeds Family Worship song they'll be working on this month, "Greatest Commandment" Mark 12:30–31: <u>https://youtu.be/A2aTD0j2M5c?</u> <u>si=M2hLN6hjH7NE4SkE</u>

Although it does not perfectly match the memorization verse, it conveys the same message.

Notecards on the bathroom mirror or refrigerator doors are good places to post memorization verses. Got a commute in the morning or a long ride to the game? It's a good time to practice together!

We want to help you in your ministry at home by adding some extra Bible memorizing encouragement in KidZone. Over the next few months, if your children learn and recite the monthly verse to their teacher, they will be given an opportunity to dunk Pastor Patrick at the church summer picnic! They will have an opportunity to earn up to four balls for the dunk tank. Help them practice and participate in this fun event!





Join us on Easter Sunday for a fun Easter Egg hunt between services on the front lawn at FCC! Please note there will be no KidZone or nursery during Easter services so that our volunteers & children have the opportunity to celebrate our risen Savior together with their families in service!

MEMORIZE YOUR MONTHLY VERSE AND...

Recite your monthly verse to your teacher and earn a ball to try to dunk Pastor Patrick at the church picnic this summer!

pastor patrick

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Our Bible verse for this month is Matthew 22:37-39 which says:

"And [Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus is drawing from the creed of ancient Israel in Deuteronomy 6:4-6,

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

But it's interesting that Moses draws an important application from this truth in verse 7:

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

As Christians we are commanded to teach our children and grandchildren who God is and what it means to love and worship Him. At Faith Community Church we want to see all believers grow in their walk of faith with their families, as well as individuals. Next month we will be holding a Faith Training event on Sunday, April 14th after the second service in order to help teach you how to disciple your families. Whether you are newly married, parents, or grandparents - this class is for you. We want to equip you to lovingly lead your families in the truth of God's word because that is what we are called to do. It's not easy, but it's totally worth it.

Years ago, I was attempting to lead my wife and kids in a time of family worship before bedtime. (Family worship is when we get together as a family to worship God by singing His praises, reading the Bible, and praying just before bedtime.) On this particular day, I was worn out, the kids were fussy, and for the millionth time it occurred to me to just send the kids to bed. But, four years of routine helped me to discipline my mind and power on. We stumbled along in a few songs, my two-year-old daughter stubbornly refusing to take the pacifier out of her mouth. I powered through a chapter of the gospel of Matthew. As I closed my Bible, I looked up to discover my wife was cutting my six-year-old's toenails and my daughter was now playing with a toy. Not exactly a captivated audience. With a huff, I looked to my wife for support, "Sweetheart, would you close us in prayer?" She graciously agreed. I looked to my kids and said, "Let's pray," and we knelt down.

To be honest, prayer was the farthest thing from my mind at that moment. As my wife began to pray, my mind began to wander. *I was frustrated*. I was frustrated that my heart wasn't right, I was frustrated that my kids weren't paying attention, frustrated that my daughter wouldn't sing, frustrated that there were toe clippings on the carpet next to me! I know the Bible has some very harsh things to say about spiritual apathy and simply going through the motions. It just seemed like the whole enterprise was totally meaningless.

As the prayer went on, I became more uncomfortable. My knees are bad and I began to adjust my posture. As I shifted, I did something I rarely ever do; I opened my eyes during prayer. What I saw stopped my self-pity cold. There was my two-year-old daughter, kneeling next me, with her pacifier in her mouth. She stared up at me, on her knees, hands together on her lap to mirror my own. As I shifted to move to one knee, she shifted too. She mimicked my movements and changed her posture to reflect my own, and then closed her eyes again. I then glanced to my left side to see my son kneeling down, eyes closed, head bowed, as my wife continued to pray. It's amazing how fast your attitude can change.

Discipling your family can be difficult at times. It may seem meaningless, and you may feel like you are simply going through the motions. But the response to lethargic worship is not to stop worshipping. Get your eyes off of yourself and the people around you, repent of your boredom with God and ask Him to empower you to worship in Spirit and in truth. Our kids desperately need to see what real worship looks like. To all the parents and grandparents reading this, you have more of an effect on your children than you know.

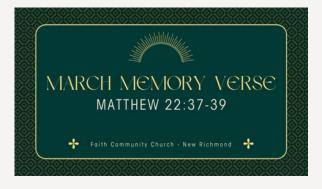
Pastor Patrick Mostek



verse of the month

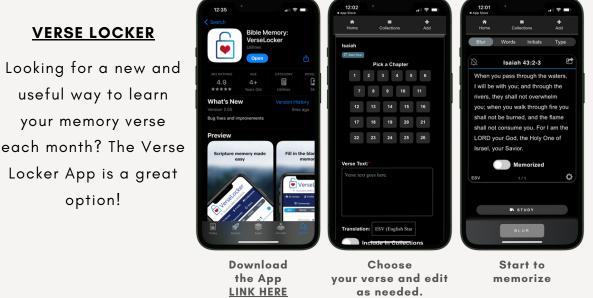


AND HE SAID TO HIM, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREAT AND FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND A SECOND IS LIKE IT: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.



MEMORY CARDS

Each month, we will have memory cards available for you to take home! They will be located on a table as you exit the church. Hang them on your mirrors, tuck it in your wallet or your phone case, put it by the door... keep it handy to memorize!



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book recommendation

THE GOSPEL PRIMER By: Milton Vincent

Besides the Bible, there is no other book I've read more, or recommended more, than Milton Vincent's, "A Gospel Primer for Christians: Learning to See the Glories of God's Love". The reason for this is simply because, as Christians, our desperate need for the gospel never goes away or diminishes. Though this book was published back in 2008, I want to make sure that every Believer, young or old, knows about this resource.

As Christians, we are aware that we should be meditating regularly on the glorious truths of Jesus' life, death and resurrection; but sometimes, we can be at a loss on how to take up that challenge. That is exactly why Vincent wrote this primer:

"This book is offered as a handy guide to help Christians experience the gospel more fully by preaching it to themselves each day. It is also offered as a correction to a costly mistake made by Christians who view the gospel as something that has fully served out its purpose the moment they believed in Jesus for salvation...I have come back to a focus on the gospel and have found its sufficiency for daily living to be truly overwhelming...Over the course of time, preaching the gospel to myself every day has made more of a difference in my life than any other discipline I have ever practiced."

This short book contains robust gospel truths that will deepen the Believer's understanding, and yet, it is laid out in such a simple, accessible way. "A Gospel Primer" is divided into four scripture-saturated sections:

Part I: Reasons to Rehearse the Gospel Daily.

31 reminders of "some of the valuable blessings which the gospel can render in the life of the believer who rehearses the gospel in faith each day".

Part II and Part III: A Gospel Narrative.

The gospel message in "both prose and poetic format…written in a way that facilitates memorization and smooth recital of the gospel."

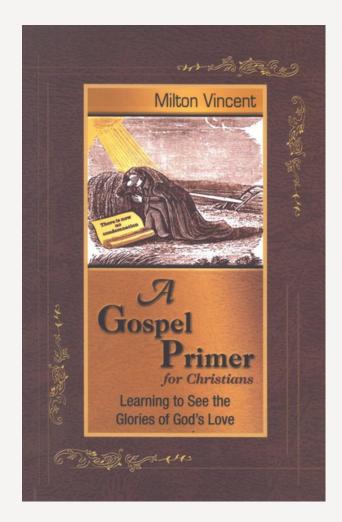
Part IV: Surprised by the Gospel.

This is Milton Vincent's encouraging testimony of how the gospel lifted this weary pastor and helped him rest in Christ alone.

Get this book on your shelf (or get it free on kindle). There are so many ways to use this as a tool alongside the Word – to disciple others, in biblical counseling, in small group settings, as a gift for new believers, to share the gospel etc. I personally read a small portion before my daily Bible reading. When I finish the book, I start all over again in order to freshly remind myself of the goodness and majesty of Christ my Savior.

"If indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister." Colossians 1:23

Melissa Evans



FCC has copies of "The Gospel Primer" in our bookstore, or you can order online! <u>LINK</u>

church directory







Faith Community Church is getting a directory! How do you get started? Members can click <u>HERE</u> for directions! If you prefer to call the office for help, they would love to assist you: 715-529-2207 or email <u>info@homeforever.org</u>



In order to connect our church families...

Click <u>HERE</u> to watch a video about our new directory!



Click <u>HERE</u> to sign-up for your family photo session on March 17th. Cost is \$25. Photo sessions are available to anyone who attends FCC!

sign-ups

DONATE FOOD!

Meals & Snacks For the Youth

Looking for a way to serve? Sign up for one of the dates on the sign-ups below! We need desserts, meals, and snacks for our youth ministries!

CHAOS Meals/Desserts: <u>LINK</u> Disciple6 Snacks: <u>LINK</u>



D6 TESTIMONY By Miss Josie Wendt

My name is Josie Wendt! I am in 8th grade and have been attending D6 since it started in 2022. When I first started going, I was mostly there because my mom was making me go. But, as I started maturing and growing in my faith, I began wanting to go. Through the struggles and big questions I have had in my life, D6 has always been a place where I feel like I can be myself and ask those hard questions to my teachers and in front of my friends because they won't judge me. It has been an amazing place for me to grow, and ultimately learn more about God!

COVENANT MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Join the FCC Family

If Faith Community Church is your home, and you want to become a Covenant Member with us, please register for our upcoming orientation class and we will get you connected to the next steps of completing your journey.

We have two upcoming dates for orientation. Register on the links provided to join the class:

- Thursday, March 14th from 5:30-8pm! (LINK)
- Saturday, April 13th from 9–11:30am (LINK)

SAVE THE DATE: Inductions will be on Sunday, May 5th.

If these dates don't work for you and you want to be in the loop about our next orientation dates, email the **<u>church office</u>** to receive notifications!



BAPTISMS March 24th

Baptism is a public testimony identifying a believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As you take this step of being baptized, you are making a public statement to our church family that you have been born to newness of life through Christ.

Please **register here** so we can connect with you!

To view our position on Baptisms, click the link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aALnkvOcw xl7zcjDUfhlwL95CQaS4Nul/view

Orientation class will be held on Sunday, March 17th during second service, and Baptisms will be on Sunday, March 24th.

Good Friday & Easter





PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO KIDZONE OR NURSERY DURING EASTER SERVICES SO THAT OUR VOLUNTEERS & CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE OUR RISEN SAVIOR TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN SERVICE!

coming up

SEASONED SAINTS Monday, March 11th at noon

Our Seasoned Saints gather every second Monday of the month here at FCC to fellowship, eat together, and get to know the other seniors in our church! This month, our seniors will gather for a potluck lunch, and then take on New Richmond for a fun scavenger hunt!

Register **online** to be added to our "Seasoned Saints Roster" to receive reminders, updates and more!



Upcoming Dates: April 8: Potluck & Pickleball Demonstration May 13: Potluck & Porch Pot Demonstration



RUBY'S PANTRY March 21st | 5-7pm

Ruby's Pantry is every third Thursday of the month! Distribution is from 5-7pm (or until we run out) at the Armory in New Richmond. This is a great opportunity to stretch your food budget AND serve if you are able. Click **HERE** for more information and to watch for the sign-up!

INFO MEETING For Welcome and Hospitality Team

Welcome and Hospitality Team Members are asked to join us for a meeting on Sunday, March 17th from 12:15-1:30 in Room D1.

A light lunch will be served so please RSVP how many will be attending. **LINK HERE**



PRAYER & WORSHIP Save the Date

Join us in the Discipleship Rooms at FCC on Saturday, April 27th for a night of Prayer and Worship.



GRIEFSHARE Starting June 17th

We have completed the second session of GriefShare. A number of contacts were made but only two committed to the full 13 weeks. It is our hope that the next session, starting on June 17th, will be as successful. There has been concern that the Friday night schedule was too inconvenient because it was at the start of the weekend. The next session will be on Monday nights from 6-8pm. On April 21st, following the second service, there will be an orientation to the GriefShare program. Stay tuned for additional information. Questions about the program can be addressed to either Rita Baker (801) 699-1709 or Cal Gale (208) 860-4172.

housekeeping

GIVE fccnr.org/give

You can give once, set up recurring donations online, or place your tithes in the offering boxes just outside the sanctuary doors (in the wall)! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

We are excited to share that we will be transitioning to a new, safe, and secure online giving platform on March 21, 2024. Online giving will continue to be processed through our current platform until we complete the transition. Please look for additional communication that will be coming in March via email and the Sunday worship bulletin that will provide more information about the transition.



FINANCIAL UPDATE Month of January

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	66	62
Expenditures	53	60

Because of your generosity and faithful giving, many of these classes, events and opportunities are possible. Thank you!

The Treasure Principle

Mathew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

PRAYER TEAM

Every Sunday Morning

Each Sunday morning we host a time of prayer for our church, our leaders, our missionaries and our activities. We also pray for any specific needs we are aware of. This time is open to everyone, not just members of the Prayer Team. We meet in Classroom D-3 at 8:00 AM each Sunday.

Questions? Contact Peter Bergeson at **pgbergeson@gmail.com**



HERE TO SERVE T-Shirts for Sale

We have these great serving t-shirts available for \$5 in our bookstore! Feel free to wear them on the days you serve, and for different events around FCC! Faith Community Church shirts are also available!



CONNECT We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00am or 10:45am for in person services. Stay up to date with what's going on and follow us on Facebook, or catch up on services you have missed on our YouTube channel!

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upcoming events @ FCC

MARCH 2024

- 2nd: Men's Study 7-8am Directory Photo Sessions 9am-5pm
- 3rd: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Communion Directory Photo Sessions 10:45am-5pm Disciple6 5-6pm
- 4th: Christian Parenting Class 6:02-7:32pm
- 5th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 6th: Men's Study 5-6am CHAOS 6-8:30pm Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 7th: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am Worship Practice 7-9pm Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
- 8th: Ignite Youth Conference, Iowa
- 9th: HAPPY BIRTHDAY FCC Ignite Youth Conference, Iowa Men's Study 7-8am Brainstorm Brunch 10-noon
- 10th: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Worship 9 & 10:45am Coffee Hour between services Disciple6 5-6pm
- 11th: Seasoned Saints Lunch 12pm Christian Parenting Class 6:02-7:32pm
- 12th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 13th: Men's Study 5-6am CHAOS 6-8:30pm Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 14th: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am Covenant Member Class 5:30-8pm Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm Worship Practice 7-9pm
- 16th: Men's Study 7-8am Women's Book Club 10am-noon Men's Night 7-10pm
- 17th: Worship 9 & 10:45am Baptism Orientation 10:15-10:45am Directory Photo Sessions 10:45am-5pm Disciple6 5-6pm
- 18th: Ministry Team Meeting 6-8pm Christian Parenting Class 6:02-7:32pm
- 19th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 20th: Men's Study 5-6am Ladies Time Out 9-11am CHAOS 6-8:30pm Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm

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- 21st: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am Ruby's Pantry 5-7pm Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm Worship Practice 7-9pm
- 23rd: Men's Study 7-8am
- 24th: Worship 9 & 10:45am Baptisms Disciple6 5-6pm
- 26th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 27th: Men's Study 5-6am NO CHAOS (Spring Break) Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 28th: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am Worship Practice 7-9pm
- 29th: Good Friday Service 6pm
- 30th: Men's Study 7-8am
- 31st: Happy Easter He is Risen! Worship 9 & 10:45am Easter Egg Hunt between services NO Disciple6

