
FCC NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

June 4, 2023

Join us on Sunday, June 4th at 5pm for a Potluck & Covenant Member Meeting! Those who are in Covenant with Faith Community Church are welcome to attend! Bring an item to share for our potluck dinner, and stay to hear all that is happening here at FCC, as well as what is to come!

Childcare with a movie will be provided in D1 for children ages 3 and up during the meeting portion of the evening!

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RUBY'S PANTRY

Every Third Thursday of the Month

Our May distribution served over 225 families, and we had fun doing it! Special thanks to our outside volunteers who stood in the rain to pray with cars and direct traffic. Our next distribution is Thursday, June 15th 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 early in the month. Contact Chuck at chuck.olson@homeforever.org for more information!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

fccnr.org/womensministry

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

There is a lot going on in our Women's Ministry. You can find all the information you need on the **Women's Ministry Page** of our website, or head to [page 4](#).



Contact Stephanie at stephanie.langer@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 & Acts in D1 @ FCC. Join us!!



Contact Paul at paul.warner@customtruck.com

MISSIONS

fccnr.org/missions

Church, please continue to pray for our very own Charlie Gess, and his family, as Charlie commits to serving the missionaries of Mexico Caravan Ministries in Tijuana, Mexico beginning June 2nd. Charlie will be coordinating efforts to provide local families with shelters, while pressing in the truth of the Gospel to the people of Tijuana, and the groups from all over the United States that are joining in the work.



Charlie can receive letters of encouragement and support at this address during his time in Mexico:

Mexico Caravan Ministries
ATTN: Charlie Gess
555 Saturn Blvd. Ste. B-510
San Diego, CA 92154



PRAYER LIST

For Our Missionaries

- TLI (Mike Evans, Stu Dix and Larry Szyman) in Uganda and the surrounding area
- Tutapona
- St. Croix Valley Lead Team (Church Planting)
- Converge Worldwide/Great Lakes
- Charlie Gess (Tijuana, Mexico)
- Matt Larson (Gothenburg, Sweden)
- Gary Sandman (Los Canelos, Mexico)
- Pastor Antonio (Guatemala)
- Jody Carrell (Edinburgh, Scotland)
- Pastor Lovejoy (Zimbabwe)
- Operation Christmas Child

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP NIGHT

July 9th | 6PM

Our next Prayer and Worship Night is scheduled for Sunday, July 9th from 6:00 - 7:30pm. We will hear from a couple of lay people about what God is doing in their lives. We will sing our praise to our Savior. We will also pray around tables for the many requests of the congregation. Do you have something you would like others to pray about? There will be an opportunity to fill out a request card beginning a couple of weeks before the gathering.



GRIEF SHARE

Friday Nights This Summer

Faith Community Church is offering a grief support group that meets every Friday at 6pm (through August 18th), using the GriefShare Study. This is a group led by some awesome, godly trained leaders who have the desire to help you work through the intricacies of losing someone you love. Please go to the fccnr.org events page to sign up for the group. There is no cost to attend, donations for the books will be accepted.



SMALL GROUPS

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

If you are not a part of a small group yet here at FCC, you are greatly missing out on God's beautiful plan for His people. Small groups are weekly gatherings of people for prayer, study, fellowship, accountability, training, and mission. At Faith Community Church, small groups serve as our primary vehicle for the care and discipleship of the church that God has entrusted to us. Let's get you connected! Contact Mike Eastep at maelk4@gmail.com



We are in need of more small group leaders! If you love the Bible and have a desire to be a part of and lead an intentional community of believers, please contact Mike Eastep.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Speaking Tour to come to FCC!

God is on the move! We're hearing amazing testimonies of His provision and His protection as shoebox distributions continue in various parts of the world. Evangelism and discipleship are happening!

Shoebox Recipient Speaking Tour is coming to Faith Community Church in September! Watch for more details coming soon.

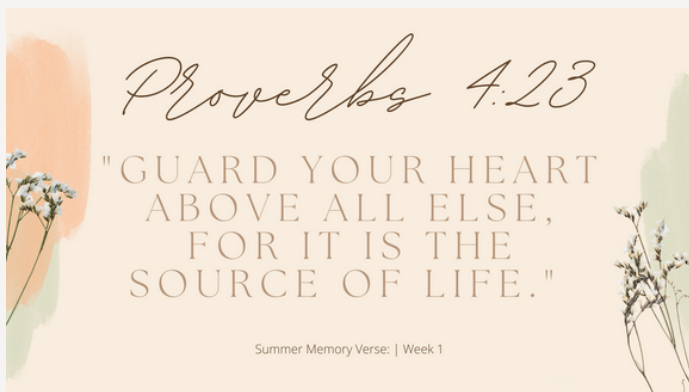
Shoebox Tip: It's never too early to shop for your shoebox gifts - fun summer items will make great additions to your shoebox packing efforts this fall!



WOMEN IN THE WORD

Memory Verses

Our current series will be wrapping up in just a few short weeks. For the summer, I would like to challenge all of us to make a deeper commitment to scripture memory. Committing God's Word to memory, and hiding it in our hearts, grows our intimacy with God. It allows us to continually remember and meditate on the Word of God. Each Monday, beginning June 12, I will post a new verse to memorize on our [webpage](#) and [Facebook page](#). Check out the church library for helpful Scripture Memory resources. Here is the first verse:



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](#).

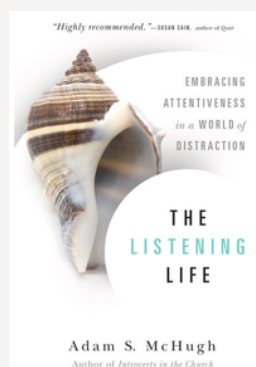
DISCIPLE HER

Stay tuned as we make plans for our next training and mentoring opportunities. Are you interested in being a mentor or having a mentor? Let us know by completing this very short survey: [Disciple Her Survey](#).

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

June 17th

Join us on June 17th to discuss our next book "The Listening Life" by Adam S. McHugh. We meet from 10 am-noon in the cafe. Read the assigned book and join in the fellowship and discussion. Sign up [HERE!](#) A few copies are available in the bookstore in the foyer.



MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Regressive Dinner

Join us Saturday, June 24th beginning at 5:00 pm for a regressive dinner (dessert first!). This will be a fun evening of fellowship for all of our ladies (12+). We will move to different areas of the building as we enjoy the various courses of our meal and each other!

Order of Events:

- o 5:00PM: Mocktails in the Foyer
- o 5:30PM: Desserts in D3
- o 6:15PM: Dinner in the Cafe
- o 7:00PM: Apps in D3

Head to the events tab of the website for more details.

Sign up for the guest list [HERE!](#)

Sign up to join a team to help with different parts of the meal [HERE!](#)



LADIES TIME OUT

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

Ladies of all ages and stages have been meeting once a month at Ladies Time Out! This is a great way to connect with other women, and enjoy some adult conversation!

During the summer months, Ladies Time Out will be having park dates! June 21st we will be meeting at Paperjack Park (E 11th St New Richmond WI) where there is a park, walking trails, restrooms, pavilions with picnic tables, and a large grassy area! Bring water bottles and a snack if bringing your little ones!

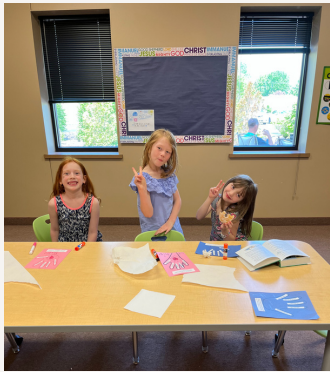
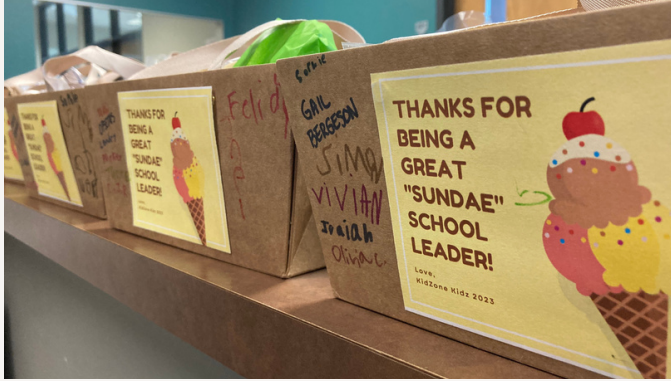


Please contact Christa Poole for more information at christa.poole@homeforever.org

THANK YOU

"Sundae" School Leaders

Our KidZone end of school year celebration was a success! What a joy to not only celebrate the faithfulness of our leaders, but also what God has been doing on Sunday mornings all year! If you see a KidZone volunteer, take a moment to thank them for their investment in our littlest church!



Church, please look out for new faces and make them feel welcome! We have the privilege of informing their first impressions of the church, so let's do what we can to make those first impressions ones of encouragement and grace! The rest of KidZone will run as usual for ages 0-3rd grade, with all children being dropped off and picked up from KidZone.

There are still plenty of opportunities to serve in KidZone this summer in order to give our regular volunteers a break! Visit the website or click [HERE](#) to sign up to serve!



VBS - 2023

August 1-4

We're excited for FCC's Vacation Bible School 2023, Jerusalem Marketplace! Kids entering grades 4K-5th, grab your robe and sandals and join us Tuesday, August 1st through Friday, August 4th from 5-7:30pm! Dinner will be provided again this year! Details and registration can be found on the events tab of our website!

To register your children: [CLICK HERE](#)

To sign up to volunteer: [CLICK HERE](#)



SUMMER KIDZONE

Starting June 4th

A reminder that Summer KidZone starts Sunday, June 4th. This means our current 4th & 5th graders will be joining us in big church for the summer. Parents, encourage your kids in this transition! It will be a great opportunity for them to not only gain right expectations of adult worship, but also understand that they are an important part of their church.

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

June 10th from 9am-4pm



The graphic features the 'KidZone' logo in large, colorful letters (purple, green, orange, purple) followed by 'TRUNK SALE' in black. A yellow price tag with 'SALE' written on it is attached to the right. Below the logo is a circular inset photo of a car trunk filled with children's toys. To the right of the photo, text reads: 'Clear some clutter without having to do a garage sale!! Reserve your parking spot and sell your stuff right from your trunk! Your \$25 registration will support Children's Ministry at FCC!' Below this is a quote: '1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.' The event details are listed as '9AM - 4PM SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH, NR'. At the bottom left, it says '*Set up beginning at 7am'. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a cup of ice cream with the text 'Kid-Run Bake Sale & Lemonade Stand'.

The First Annual KidZone Trunk Sale will be Saturday, June 10th! Our littlest church will be hosting the event and living out 1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

Proceeds from parking lot reservations and bake & lemonade sales will benefit Children's Ministry. Specifically, our new sensory room. Thank you for helping our littlest church be the church!

To Sell Your Stuff, register [HERE](#) to reserve your parking spot!

- Gather your "stuff", fill your trunk!
- Come on June 10th & sell your "stuff"! Set up will start at 7 am.
- You might want to bring a table, clothing rack, or simply a tarp to lay your "stuff" on.
- Don't forget to have some change for customers!

To Serve With Your KidZone Kids:

- Sign up [HERE](#) for a one hour slot to:
 - Set up
 - Sell baked goods
 - Sell lemonade
 - Welcome people and hand out tracts
 - Clean up
 - Make some home baked goodies & lemonade!

Visit the [events page](#) to sign up for a parking spot and/or to serve!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

FCC Student Ministry | 6-12th Grade

CHAOS Students, Parents and Leaders! Thank you all for being a part of another fruitful year of student ministry! Over the course of the school year, we were able to consistently present the truth of the Gospel to over 150 students, while offering a great place for our kids to hang out and have access to some really awesome events.

If you are interested in volunteering in student ministry, please reach out to Pastor Ben at ben@homeforever.org

THANK YOU LEADERS

Leader Appreciation Dinner

The leaders were all invited to the patio for a thank you cookout last month! What a fun way to close out the year and get some great feedback for the future! Thank you to all who helped grill and set up/clean up!



DISCIPLE6

Brown Year Coming This Fall

Disciple6 finished strong last month and we are already looking forward to next fall (brown year) and all the new topics we will be able to cover together! Please reach out to Pastor Ben for more information about summer gathering opportunities for your students who participated in D6 this year (or who may be excited about joining up in the fall).

Also, if you are interested in your youth participating in this AWESOME study, or if you would like to volunteer to lead or provide a meal, please contact Pastor Ben at ben@homeforever.org for more information.

CHAOS GAMES

Wishlist Link

THANK YOU to the many people who donated games off of the kids' wishlist! We are excited to have them on hand to utilize for not only Wednesday nights, but other game nights as well! There are still a few games left 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!



Congratulations Seniors

Congratulations (CHAOS) Seniors! We were very blessed to celebrate and pray for the Class of 2023 during services on May 21st. Please continue to pray for our students, parents and leaders, as our graduates forge forward toward the plans God has for their lives!

MEET OUR CLASS OF 2023



**Anna
Fitzgerald**



**Sam
Tyvoll**



**Shelby
Hennlich**



**Charlie
Gess**



**Paige
Stangl**



**Grace
Gustafson**



**Josh
Fox**



**Seth
Livingston**



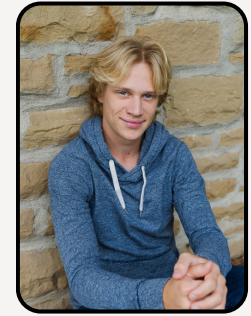
**Blake
Milton**



**Faith
Albert**



**Dylan
Triem**



**Drew
Eckert**



**Ava
Olson**



**Brandon
Bros**



**Gaby
Aune**



**Zach
McFarland**



**Cullen
Lease**



**Makayla
Langeness**



To view the senior slideshow that was presented on Senior Sunday, click [HERE](#) to watch it on our Facebook Page!

You can also view the second service from Senior Sunday on our [website](#).



FAITH TRAINING FOR FALL 2023/SPRING 2024

For more information about how you can participate in our classes, or if you are interested in exploring the opportunity to participate in this ministry, please contact Pastor Ben at ben@homeforever.org.

FALL 2023

John (1-3 John):

Day: Sundays

Dates: Sep 24 - Dec 10, 2023

Time: 12-2PM

Location: D3

Length: 12 weeks

Kings & Prophets (An Old Testament Survey):

Day: Mondays

Dates: Sep 11 - Nov 27, 2023

Time: 6-8pm

Location: The Worship Center

Length: 12 weeks

Knowing the Bible's Story (Theology):

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Sept 12 - Nov 7th, 2023

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Worship Center

Length: 9 weeks

SPRING 2024

James (Be a Hearer AND a Doer):

Day: Sundays

Dates: Feb 11 - April 12, 2024

Time: 12-2

Location: D3

Length: 12 weeks

The Judges (An Old Testament Survey):

Day: Mondays

Dates: Feb 12 - April 29, 2024

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Worship Center

Length: 12 weeks

Understanding and Communicating

Narrative and Law (Genesis - Exodus):

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Feb 13 - April 9, 2024

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Worship Center

Length: 9 weeks



FAITH TRAINING ONE-TIME EVENTS

1st Quarter - Jonah Was a Prophet

Date: Aug 27, 2023

Time: 12-2

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED

2nd Quarter - The Arian Crisis (and a History of Heresy)

Date: Dec 3, 2023

Time: 12-2

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED

3rd Quarter - From the Pulpit: Faith Training Inspired by Sunday Teaching

Date: Feb 4, 2024

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED

4th Quarter - Then and Now (A Comparative History of the 1-2nd Century Church)

Date: May 5, 2024

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED

helps wanted

REGRESSIVE DINNER LINK

Ladies – sign up to help provide part of the meal for our regressive dinner!



FUNFEST FOOD BOOTH LINK

Sign up to help serve Fried Oreos and Beef Plates during Fun Fest!



VBS LINK

Sign up to serve during VBS this summer! We need a big team of people to help setup, teach, serve food and more!



SUMMER KIDZONE LINK

Sign up to serve our little church on a Sunday during the summer!



BIBLICAL COUNSELOURS

Join the Team!

Faith Family! Do you possess a strong confidence in your knowledge of God's word? Do you have a desire to help both fellow believers and the lost wade through the challenges of sin and the freedom found in the redemptive and sanctifying power of our Lord Jesus Christ? Then join our growing team of Biblical Counselors!

We need faithful, available, and teachable Christians to address a huge need in our church and our community. If you think the Lord may be calling you to serve in this area, please reach out to Pastor Ben at ben@homeforever.org to learn what the next steps are for you to join the team! It's gonna be great!

HOSPITALITY TEAM

HELP WANTED

We are looking for welcoming smiles and helping hands to join the welcome and coffee teams on Sunday mornings. Stop by the connection point or contact chuck at chuck.olson@homeforever.org if you want to join the team!

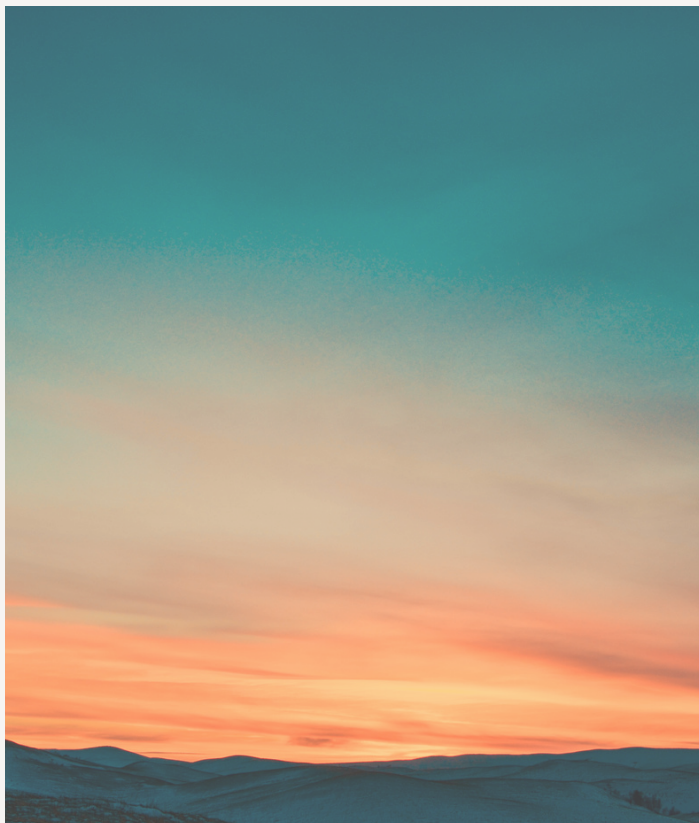


from the Lead Pastor Search Team

HAPPY SUMMER FCC!

As most of you know, we are no longer working with P3, as they are no more. We have started working with another staffing company, Chemistry Staffing. We have a phone meeting this week which should finalize our information and we should be posting the Lead Pastor position, once again, within the week. Chemistry has been so great to work with and they have a much larger pool of candidates than the previous partnership. We are excited and hopeful that God is continuing to move in this process. He has been so faithful this entire time. He has even given us an awesome teaching pastor for the summer in Dave Mobley. We continue to pray that God would bring us the right man for this position. Please pray with us for the man God has for us, pray for our FCC body as we continue to do ministry and life together while we wait, pray for the elders as they continue to lead, and pray for all the staff and ministry leaders that God has placed here.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to anyone on the team.



The team is also praying for you. Let us live these words as we grow and do life together.

Ephesians 4:1-16

I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." 9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

With great expectation,

The Lead Pastor Search Team

book recommendation

BIBLICAL TRUTHS TO CHILDREN

Series by R.C. Sproul

As a Christian father, the weight of the biblical responsibility to "raise (my children) up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4) is constantly on my mind as I seek to interact with the young lives God has instructed to my care. This is a weight that I know my wife, Hannah, also feels, daily, as a mother of three beautiful sinners in need of a Savior.

As early as the genesis of God's law, we were informed by God of our responsibility to not only love God with all that we are, and to commit to knowing His word intimately, but also to "teach (God's word) diligently to your children ... and (you) 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:5-9)

Our lives, therefore, are to be centered on the commands of God, in response to the love of God that we have received, and committed to sharing those commands with our children in the rhythms of our daily lives. So, then, what are the rhythms of our lives? Do they include a daily commitment to creating an environment of discipling our kids into the truths of His word?

If you (like me) are intimidated by this question, you might say, "I WANT to make a commitment to discipling my kids, but I'm not sure where to start." Well, to quote Bob the Tomato: "Do we have a book for you!"

Many people are aware of the contributions of R.C. Sproul to the church through his lectures, sermons, and excellent commentaries and books. However, Sproul was also an accomplished writer of children's books, authoring a series of excellent fictional works that were designed to teach children biblical concepts through fairy-tale-like stories.

These stories include:

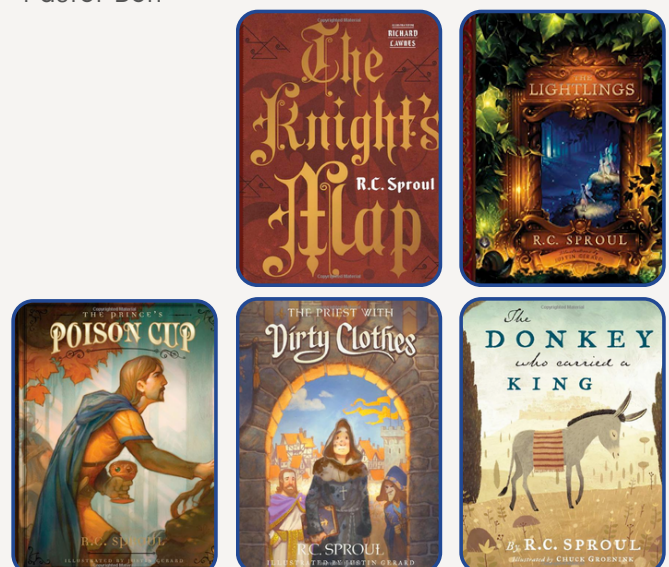
- The Knight's Map
- The Prince's Poison Cup
- The Priest with Dirty Clothes
- The Donkey Who Carried a King, and
- The Lightlings

My family has used these books to teach our kids important biblical concepts with the help of R.C. Sproul's questions and commentaries found in the back of the book. That's right! Included in the stories are questions and answers, designed by the author and with corresponding Bible verses, that you can work through as a family. So, as your children are enthralled with the excited exploits of the Knight searching for truth and learning to trust the King, as they are devastated by the sacrifice of the Prince for the sake of the King's wayward people, or as they are enraged by the actions of the wicked accusations leveled against the Priest by the Accuser (I wonder who he's supposed to represent), you as the parent will have the opportunity to unpack the greater meaning of these characters and their actions as mirrored in the story of redemption through Jesus Christ.

I personally experienced the joy of watching my children excitedly devour these stories, and I can testify to the great comfort of hearing them confirm the truths of God's word through the questions provided by Sproul in the back of each storybook. If you are a parent looking for a good, faithful bridge to getting your children engaged in God's word, then in ADDITION to committing to reading God's word with them consistently, I highly recommend and submit for your consideration R.C. Sproul's series of children's books. It's gonna be great. :-)

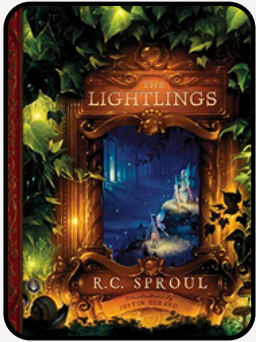
Please see the links attached to each story book title on the next page, or reach out to a staff member if you would like to know more information about these books or how to acquire them.

Christ is all,
Pastor Ben



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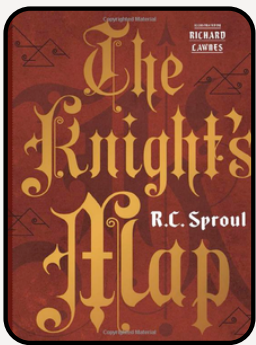
BOOK & ORDERING INFORMATION



The Lightlings

In *The Lightlings*, Dr. R.C. Sproul weaves an allegorical tale that captures the essence of the biblical story of redemption in a manner that will fascinate and delight children. A race of tiny beings known as lightlings are a picture of humanity as they pass through all the stages of the biblical drama – creation, fall, and redemption. In the end, children will understand why some people fear light more than darkness, but why they need never fear darkness again.

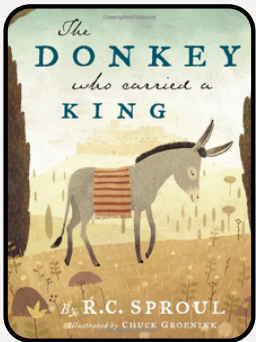
ORDERING LINK: CLICK [HERE](#)



The Knight's Map

Since the first temptation, Satan has aimed to cast doubt on God's Word. Our children and grandchildren need to be prepared for this. In this allegorical tale, theologian, pastor, and author Dr. R.C. Sproul continues his life's work of making deep biblical truths clear and understandable to students of all ages. *The Knight's Map* is the story of a knight who undertakes a perilous journey full of bad advice and wrong turns. In the end, he must decide whether he will trust the map provided by the King.

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The Donkey Who Carried a King

The Donkey Who Carried a King offers a unique perspective on the events of Jesus' Passion Week and calls all believers, both young and old, to follow in the footsteps of the Suffering Servant for the glory of God. Jesus was willing to leave the glories of heaven to suffer and die in this world on our behalf, so we should serve Him with all our hearts.

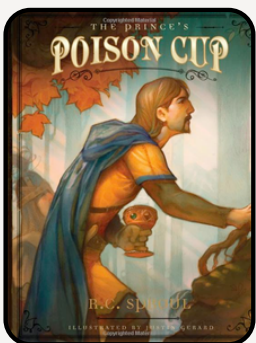
ORDERING LINK: CLICK [HERE](#)
(There are a few copies available in the bookstore!)



The Priest with Dirty Clothes

Using the story of Joshua the high priest (Zechariah 3:1-5) as his jumping-off point, Dr. Sproul weaves a classic tale about a young priest who is invited to preach his first sermon before the king and his court. But on his way to the palace, he falls from his horse, getting his clothes hopelessly muddy. Jonathan finds that he needs powerful help if he is to stand before the king.

ORDERING LINK: CLICK [HERE](#)



The Prince's Poison Cup

When Ella gets sick and has to take yucky medicine, she wonders why something that will help her get well has to taste so bad. When she puts the question to Grandpa, he tells her the story of a great King and His subjects who enjoyed wonderful times together—until the people rebelled against the King and drank from a forbidden well. To their horror, they found that the beautiful water in the well made their hearts turn to stone. To reclaim His people, the King asks His Son, the Prince, to drink from a well of horrid poison. The poison will surely kill the Prince—but He is willing to drink it to please His Father and help His people.

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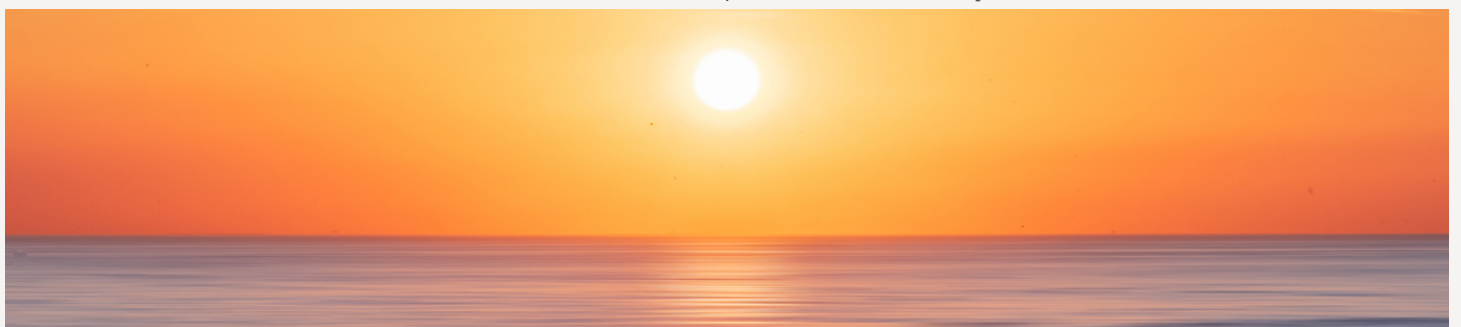
upcoming events @ FCC

JUNE EVENTS

- 2nd: GriefShare Meeting 6-8pm
- 3rd: Men's Study 7-8:30am
- 4th: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Communion
& Covenant Member Inductions
Covenant Member Meeting 5pm
- 7th: Men's Study 5-6am
Women's Study 9-10:30am
Women's Study 6:30-8pm
Women's Min Planning Meeting 6:30pm
- 9th: GriefShare Meeting 6-8pm
- 10th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
KidZone Trunk Sale 9am-4pm
- 11th: Worship 9 & 10:45am
- 14th: Men's Study 5-6am
Women's Study 9-10:30am
Women's Study 6:30-8pm
- 15th: Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm
- 16th: GriefShare Meeting 6-8pm
- 17th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
Ladies Monthly Book Club 10am-noon
Women's Min Planning Meeting 10-11:30am
- 18th: Happy Father's Day
Worship 9 & 10:45am
Coffee Hour Between Services
- 21st: Men's Study 5-6am
Ladies Time Out Park Date 9-11am
- 23rd: Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm
- 24th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
Regressive Dinner (Dessert First) 5-7:30pm
- 25th: Worship 9 & 10:45am
- 28th: Men's Study 5-6am
- 30th: GriefShare Meeting 6-8pm

JULY EVENTS

- 1st: Men's Study 7-8:30am
- 3rd: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Communion
Dedication Orientation (Between Services)
- 4th: Happy Independence Day!
- 5th: Men's Study 5-6am
- 7th: Grief Share 6-8pm
- 8th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
- 9th: Worship 9 & 10:45am with Dedications
VBS Leader Meeting 12:15pm
- 12th: Men's Study 5-6am
- 13th: Fun Fest Food Booth
- 14th: Fun Fest Food Booth
Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm
- 15th: Fun Fest Food Booth
Men's Study 7-8:30am
Ladies Monthly Book Club 10am-noon
- 16th: Fun Fest Beer Tent Service
- 19th: Men's Study 5-6am
Ladies Time Out Park Date 9-11am
- 20th: Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-7pm
Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm
- 21st: Red Cross Blood Drive 8am-4pm
Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm
- 22nd: Men's Study 7-8:30am
Women's Beach Day
- 23rd: Worship 9 & 10:45am
Coffee Hour Between Services
- 26th: Men's Study 5-6am
- 28th: Grief Share Meeting 6-8pm
- 29th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
Covenant Member Class 9am-noon
- 30th: Worship 9 & 10:45am



STRENGTHENING THE ELDER COUNCIL

This update is actually a repeat of one that the elders sent out last year. With several elder interns stepping away from the elder council for various reasons, and the addition of our newest intern, we felt it was appropriate to share this information once again. You may have questions about the role and selection of elders and how the elder internship process works, so we are hopeful that this information will be beneficial to you.

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.



from the Elders

We encourage you 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**.

INTRODUCING BRYAN STANGL

Starting in June Bryan Stangl will begin sitting in with the elders as he explores a potential call to serve as an elder at Faith Community Church. While Bryan and his family have been faithfully attending and serving at Faith Community for many years, you may not have had the opportunity to meet him yet, so I asked Bryan to share a little of his story so that you can begin getting to know him.



My name is Bryan Stangl. My wife Julie, and my children Caleb, Paige, Josh, and I have been coming to Faith Community Church for about 17 years. Julie and I have been a part of various ministries over the years at Faith Community. Through prayer and conversation with my family I believe God is calling me to pursue becoming an elder at Faith Community Church at this time. I am excited to serve God and the church in this process.



A PARTING NOTE:

Unfortunately, people are often reluctant to approach the elders with questions that they may have. We want to assure you that we are “regular” people who face the same joys and struggles that you do, and that when we say we want to get to know you, we really mean it! If you have questions, or if you need help or prayer, the elders would like to encourage you to reach out to one of us or all of us.

We would love to connect with you!
God’s blessings to you all,

Your Elders: Steve, Steve, Randy, and Bryan

CHILD DEDICATIONS

Join Our Classes in July

Join us on Sunday, July 2nd from 10:15am-10:45am for Baby and Child Dedication Orientation. We will be meeting in the Family Room (the room right by the cafe) at FCC!

Dedications will be the following Sunday (July 9th) at the 9am service.

If you have any questions, please email Bobbi at bobbi.blanchard@homeforever.org Sign-up can be found on the [website!](#)



CHILD DEDICATIONS

ORIENTATION
Sunday, July 2nd @ 10:15 am in the Family Room

DEDICATIONS
Sunday, July 9th @ 9:00 am

*Register at FCCNR.org/events

CONGRATS MATTHEW & MADELINE

May 6, 2023

Our members, Matthew and Madeline, got married here at FCC on May 6th! Pastor Ben officiated, and they were surrounded by so many of their FCC family! Keep them in your prayers as they begin this new adventure as husband and wife!



SENIOR LUNCH

Pausing for the Summer

Our Senior Lunches were a hit the last few months here at FCC. In May, the "Seasoned Saints" gathered for their meal and then took off on a scavenger hunt around New Richmond! Below are pics from their adventure!

Senior Lunches will be taking a little break for the summer, and starting back up on September 11th! Mark your calendar!



housekeeping

BUILDING UPDATES

Inside the building, our very own Tony Arrona from A Wise Solution Steam Cleaning cleaned our carpets, as well as 300+ chairs!! We appreciate his hard work!



Outside, our lawn crews have been hard at work to keep the grounds in good shape, as well as new flower pots being maintained by the Ruhls! Thank you to all who help keep our building looking its best!



COFFEE HOUR

June 18th | Between Services

In efforts to provide an opportunity for our church body to connect, we have been having a monthly coffee hour between services. This has been a great time of fellowship, has provided an opportunity for 1st service attendees to meet 2nd service attendees, and hopefully has ignited some great conversations! If you typically attend 2nd service, come early and join us!

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!

 [@fccnewrichmond](https://www.facebook.com/fccnewrichmond)

 [@faithcommunitynr](https://www.youtube.com/@faithcommunitynr)

BOOKSTORE



Stop by the bookstore in the foyer for your next book of choice! It has been re-organized to include something for everyone! Check or cash payments for books can be made at the Connection Point! T-shirts are also available for just \$5!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

For Your JOY

Our current sermon series, taught mostly by Pastor Dave Mobley, is called "For Your Joy - Walking in the Love of God" and will run from May 21st - July 9th. This sermon series will focus in 1 John and will cover themes such as confidence, discernment, life eternal, and love! Join us at 9am and 10:45am all summer long!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year-to-Date

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted	+/-
Giving	531	570	-39
Expenditures	583	602	-19

GIVE

[fccnr.org/give](https://www.fccnr.org/give)

You can give online or in the offering boxes just outside the sanctuary doors! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.