



POWER CAMP

JUNE 26-30 | 5:30-8PM

AGES 8-12 YEARS OLD
REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.FAITHCOMMUNITY.NET

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
FCA

KIDZ KAMP

JULY 10-14
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

TO REGISTER, VISIT:
FAITHCOMMUNITY.NET

FOR ALL KIDS ENTERING K-5TH GRADE DURING THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

AMEN!

AUGUST 7-11

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS

DETAILS COMING...CHECK WWW.FAITHCOMMUNITY.NET FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION DATE



Donuts WITH DAD

Hey Dads and Special Loved Ones...
Join your kids for yummy donuts on
Sunday, June 18th 8:15-8:45 AM
in Activity Room #1

Giving Information

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)		
YTD as of May 21, 2023 totals not yet available		
Giving	Budget	Surplus
\$786,322	\$746,000	\$40,322

Thank you for your faithful giving. Ministry needs continue and have increased in some areas. There are several options for giving.

- MAIL your check to the church office.
- BILL PAY SERVICES via your bank.

* TEXT GIVING: Just text FAITHCC to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

- By dropping your tithe into the offering boxes by the doors as you exit the Worship Center.

* OR on our webpage: www.faithcommunity.net

Faith Community Church
1306 Riedel Road | Gambrills, MD 21054
410.451.1220 | faithcommunity.net
Sunday Services at 9 am & 10:30 am

Executive Pastor: Steve Bond | **Student Ministry Coordinator** Matt Hemphill
Worship Pastor: Dr. Cameron Dahl | **Church Secretary** Kris Floyd
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Amy McDougall

THE BOOK OF
RUTH

A Journey from Desperation to Redemption
Introduction to Ruth: Anarchy to Monarchy

Elder David Hansen May 28, 2023
Selected Scripture from Judges & Ruth 1:1-5

Welcome to Faith Community Church!
We are a family of followers of Jesus Christ who desire to honor God by applying His sufficient Word to all areas of life. We seek to grow in our love for Jesus and in our love for the people around us. Whether you're uncertain about faith or already a follower of Jesus, we invite you to become part of our family. Use the QR code to fill out a Connection Card so we can get to know you better!



Our pastors, elders, and deacons are available to meet with you. Make an appointment by calling the church office at 410-451-1220. After hours your call will be forwarded to one of our leaders who is on call for the week. This is for emergencies only. Our leader on call this week is David Hansen. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm and Friday 9 am-NOON.

Would you like to listen to the music we are using each week at home? Go to our Spotify playlist at: <https://spoti.fi/3o2jnty> or use the Spotify Code with your app.



This Week at FCC



Sunday (5/28)

- Adult Bible Study - The Gospel of John - 9 am - Act #1
- HS & MS - The Gospel of John - 9 am - Rm #9
- Adult Bible Study - Psalms - 10:30 am - Act #1
- Adult Bible Study - Heartbeat of a Disciple Pt. 2 - 10:30 am - Rm #8
- Teen Mission Trip Mtg - NOON Act #1
- Small Group Pot Luck - 5 pm Act #1

Monday (5/29)

Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed

Tuesday (5/30)

Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
 Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com

Wednesday (5/31)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am
 David Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net
 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
 Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com
 Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm
 Don Fast: fast_da@verizon.net
 HS & MS Youth Group - 7 pm
 Matt Hemphill: marchgutsandglory@gmail.com

Thursday (6/1)

Young at Heart & Renewed - 11:30 am
 Brian Showler: showlerbrian@gmail.com
 Women's Bible Study - 7 pm
 Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com

Saturday (6/3)

Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am
 Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com

*FOLLOW Christ in FAITH * SHARE the gospel of HOPE
 *UNITE in LOVE for God and one another
 WORSHIP | WALK | WORK | WITNESS | WELCOME

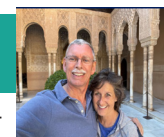
This Week's Global Partner



GTI HOPE: is an Indian-based organization that trains and equips the churching India so that it can reach its own people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. GTI/IBL is staffed by over 150 Indian

employees and assisted by 2000 national volunteers. Our support of this ministry goes fully to training and sending out church planters named Gulab Singh, Ajay, and Samson Pal. Look for their pictures and information on the missions' wall in the foyer.

Lunch with Alvin Hull



On June 11th Alvin Hull will be preaching about the "white space" in Paul's life – the 14 years between his Damascus Road conversion and being sent out from Antioch. **You are invited to join Alvin for a light lunch at 12:00 in activity room 1. Registration is necessary so we can plan accordingly.** Please register by using the QR code or by stopping at the table in the foyer.

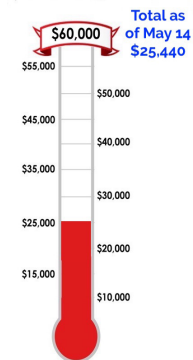


In addition, **Todd and Rebekah Culbertson** will be sharing during our **Adult Bible Studies** that morning and will be present for our congregation to greet them and hear an update on their ministries.

Tropical Sunday



Rescue Mission Project



Baltimore Rescue Mission

The Mission Trip to the Baltimore Rescue Mission is quickly approaching! Projects consist of:

- Demolition & Reconstruction of third floor men's quarters
- Deep cleaning, painting and plumbing work,
- Rehab front of chapel and various other smaller projects

Who can help? **ANYONE** who can work! Some skilled labor is needed for specific projects, but more helping hands are welcome in other projects where no skills are required just a willingness to work. You can sign up to help for one day or for the entire week. The materials estimate for the project is approximately \$60,000. The deadline to raise this amount is **TODAY, May 28th**. An anonymous donor will match up to \$30,000! Please help us reach our goal!

Faith's Family Fun Day



Fabulous 50's Diner Free Community Event On June 10th, from 11 am to 2 pm, our church parking lot and pavilion will be transformed into a rockin' fabulous 50's diner complete with

disc jockey, children's games, youth car wash, photo booth, and good eats—hamburgers, hot dogs, and an ice cream stand. **The food and fellowship are FREE.** Donations will be accepted for the car wash to support the Youth Missions Trip. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Ken McCreedy (667-228-2275) or Brian Showler (301-343-6479).

Introduction to Ruth: Anarchy to Monarchy
Ruth 1:1-5; May 28, 2023
Faith Community Church
Elder David Hansen

Background to Judges and Ruth

God's covenant with Abraham

God's covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai

Judges

2:1-3:6: Cycles of sin, discipline, repentance, and deliverance

"In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:6; 21:25)

Ruth

Elimelech - "My God is King"

A **catastrophic** choice

Eucatastrophe: God uses the faithful actions of a few individuals to reverse the hopeless desperation...

*For this family

*For Israel

*And for the world!

What does **God's unfailing faithfulness** mean to you?

How might God be leading you to **follow Him as your King?**

Introduction to Ruth: Anarchy to Monarchy
Questions for further reflection

How was faithful **worship of God** as Israelites under the Law similar or different to what it looks like for **Christians to faithfully follow God?** For example,

* As Christians our worship is not tied to a particular geographic location (John 4:21-24). But what does it look like to faithfully abide in Christ? Consider **John 15:1-17** and **Hebrews 10:24-25**.

* As Christians we do not have the same restrictions regarding particular nations like Moab (Ephesians 2:11-22). **But in what ways must we still be careful not to be drawn away from God by the world?** Consider **I John 2:15-17** and **Revelation 2:12-17**.

The last five chapters of Judges repeat variations of the refrain "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:6; 21:25) **What similarities or differences do you see in our time and place?**

Between Judges and Ruth there is an astonishing contrast between the people's unfaithfulness to God and God's unfailing faithfulness to His promises. **Have you experienced God's unfailing faithfulness expressed toward you in Christ Jesus?** Reflect on Romans 8:31-39 and I John 2:1-2.

The decisions Elimelech made for his family seemed logical but were made at the expense of faithful obedience to God.

Can you think of situations you've faced or are currently facing requiring a choice between "what seems right in our own eyes" and faithfully following God our King?