

# Mark Your Calendar



## BAPTISM

**\*DATE CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 4, 2024**



If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Ken Crane @: [mtelpub9@gmail.com](mailto:mtelpub9@gmail.com)

# Giving Information



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2023 - June 2024) YTD as of January 14, 2024 **Information from 1/21 not yet available		
Giving	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$506,612	\$524,639	(\$18,072)

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](http://www.faithcommunity.net)

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

### FCC Leadership

- Al Ashe.....Deacon
- Steve Bond..... Pastor/Elder
- Adam Coleman.....Deacon
- Ken Crane.....Elder
- Cameron Dahl.....Pastor/Elder
- David Hansen.....Elder
- Jon Luman.....Deacon
- Matt Zimmerman.....Deacon

### FCC Staff

- Matt Hemphill.....Student Ministry Coordinator
- Amy McDougall.....Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Kris Floyd.....Secretary

# Psalms

## Ancient Worship for Modern Times

Psalm 88: 1-18  
When Darkness Seems  
To Hide God's Face

David Gough

January 28, 2024

### 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. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm and Friday 9 am - NOON. 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 Steve Bond.

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.



## CHURCH-WIDE BIG GAME PARTY

February 11 | 4 pm For Pre-Game Fun  
Bring your family, friends and a dish

## Wellspring Life Ministry Volunteer Training



February 8, 2024 @ 9:30 am Faith Community Church  
For Complete Details Contact Wellspring at: [wellspringlife.org](http://wellspringlife.org)



# This Week at FCC



## Sunday (1/28)

**Adult Bible Study: 1 Corinthians - 9 am Activity Room #1**  
**Adult Bible Study: Mark - 10:30 am Activity Room #1**  
**Young Adult Bible Study: Romans - 10:30 am Room 8**

## Monday (1/29)

**AWANA Trek and Journey - 7 pm**  
**Contact Dave Jarvis: d2jarvis@verizon.net**  
**Men's Fraternity - 7 pm**  
**Contact Chuck Phillips: icphillips57@gmail.com**

## Tuesday (1/30)

**Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am**  
**Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com**  
**AWANA Cubbies, Sparks, T&T - 6:30 pm**  
**Contact Dave Jarvis : d2jarvis@verizon.net**

## Wednesday (1/31)

**Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am**  
**Contact Dave Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net**  
**Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am**  
**Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com**  
**R.O.M.E.O (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Fellowship - NOON**  
**Contact Brian Showler: 301-343-6479**  
**MS & HS Youth Group - 6:30 pm**  
**Contact Matt Hemphill: matthewhemphill.p23@gmail.com**  
**Choir Practice - 7 pm**  
**Contact Don Fast: fast\_da@verizon.net**

## Thursday (2/1)

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

## Friday (2/2)

**Women's Retreat at Sandy Cove**  
**Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com**

## Saturday (2/3)

**Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am**  
**Contact Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com**  
**Women's Retreat at Sandy Cove**  
**Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com**

# This Week's Global Partner



The mission of **Central Africa Baptist College (CABU)** is to glorify God by advancing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. CABU serves to equip servant leaders to be pastors, evangelists, educators, and trainers of Christian leaders for service to Christ our King in strategic African ministry.

# Missions Trips



## See the SON in Spain 2024 Prayer Conference! June 14-23

**Who can participate?** Anyone ages 16yrs + desiring to see Spain transformed and new churches planted by the power of the Gospel.  
**Location:** Madrid and beyond.  
**Host:** Kristin Bond  
**Cost:** Approximately \$2400. This would include airfare, meals, transportation, taxes, lodging, and ministry supplies for the trip.

Scan Code for more information



## Camp Canada 2024! July 20-27

**Who can participate?** Anyone 6th grade+ desiring to work with missionaries, helping to meet their needs, and learn about their training process.  
**Location:** Durham, Canada (Ethnos 360 training facility)  
**Hosts:** Todd and Rebekah Culbertson  
**Cost:** Based on preliminary planning, the figure will be approximately \$600.

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# CANADA

# Student Ministry News



## STUDENT MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT FEBRUARY 16-19

**A weekend full of fun & God's Word.**  
**Join us as we dive into what the Bible says about our Identity In Christ.**

**Retreat Registration Cost:**  
**\$140 (ends Feb 7th)**

**Cost for optional Ski activity:**  
**\$167 (lift ticket & rental equipment)**



# Ladies' Craft and Comedy Night



**Women's Craft and Comedy Night: Friday, February 16 at 7 pm.** Crafters and non-crafters alike can join us for an evening of working on unfinished projects, learning new crafts, and enjoying some comic relief from Christian comedian videos. Please RSVP [fccwomensmin@gmail.com](mailto:fccwomensmin@gmail.com)

OUR MISSION AT FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH IS TO



WORSHIP | WALK | WORK | WITNESS | WELCOME

## WHEN DARKNESS SEEMS TO HIDE GOD'S FACE

Psalm 88:1-18 (page 585)

January 28, 2024

Pastor David Gough

### Introduction

The Psalm's inscription

### Discussion

The psalmist's feelings of deep \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 3-5).

His feeling utterly \_\_\_\_\_ by God (verses 6-7).

His feelings of deep \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 8-9).

He feels as if he is \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 10-12).

He feels as if God has \_\_\_\_\_ on him (vs. verses 13-14).

His energy to \_\_\_\_\_ it has all but vanished (verses 15-18).

### Application

The 88th Psalm is an invitation to \_\_\_\_\_.

Christians can know that...

...God understands the full range of human \_\_\_\_\_.

...We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world filled with \_\_\_\_\_.

...God's \_\_\_\_\_ with me means that I can be \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

...Going to God in times of doubt and despair is an act of \_\_\_\_\_.

The sufferings in this life are the \_\_\_\_\_ that we will ever go through.

### Conclusion

No one ever suffered more than \_\_\_\_\_, and He did so for us.

Our pain felt in the darkness is never as certain as \_\_\_\_\_ spoken in the light.

## WHEN DARKNESS SEEMS TO HIDE GOD'S FACE

Psalm 88:1-18

1. Do you expect to have a well-ordered, trouble-free life? How is your trust in God affected during times of personal affliction?

2. When you cry out to God during prolonged seasons of suffering, how do you reconcile His apparent silence? Do you find yourself feeling guilty when you doubt God, possibly even blaming Him for the afflictions you are facing?

3. Psalm 88 is an invitation to honesty. How does this Psalm encourage you to be more honest and authentic with God in your prayer life, times in the Word, and gatherings with other believers?

4. To what extent are you able to relate with Heman in describing the feelings he experienced during a season of prolonged affliction?

5. How are you encouraged and given hope in knowing that the sufferings of this life are the worst that you will ever have to go through?

6. In the providential plan of God, how do you believe that your sufferings are able to serve the purposes of God?

7. No one has ever suffered to the extent that Jesus Christ did. Spend some time meditating upon the reason that was so. Does that reflection impact the manner in which you face your own afflictions?