Matthew
ReAlignment:
Setting Our Priorities to Match the Priorities of God
Matthew 21:12-22 (p. 982)
Sunday, October 11, 2026
Dr. Cameron Dahl, Elder/Pastor

Characteristics of the Temple and of the Kingdom of God

- **P_____ not P_____ (v. 12-13)**

- **H_____ not H_____ (v.14)**

- **P_____ not P_____ (v.15-16)**

- **F_____ P_____ not F_____ P_____ (18-19**

- **F_____ and F_____ (v. 20-22)**

For Further Reflection

1. How can we, even with good intentions, make the church more about our own preferences, priorities, and agendas than about God's will? What might it look like to genuinely seek God's agenda instead?

2. Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." What does that mean for the church—not simply as a place where we pray, but as a people who are fundamentally dependent upon God? How can a church gradually drift away from being a house of prayer?

3. 1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus were to walk into the "temple" of your life today, what tables might He want to overturn? What might need to be cleared out to make more room for prayer, worship, and His presence?

4. Jesus demonstrated a particular concern for those who were being excluded from the temple. In what ways should the church be a place of healing, welcome, and restoration for people who are hurting, marginalized, or far from God? Conversely, how can churches become insular and unintentionally shut themselves off from the very people Jesus came to reach?

5. What is the balance between praise and complaining in your own life? When you face difficult circumstances, what keeps you from allowing your circumstances to determine your view of God?

6. We sang, "My praise is a weapon; oh, it's more than a sound. My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down." How can praise become an expression of trust in God even when we don't yet see the outcome we are praying for? What would it look like to praise God in the midst of one of your current challenges?

7. Jesus expects His people to bear fruit. What kind of spiritual fruit is God producing in your life right now? Where do you see evidence of growth in Christlikeness?

8. The fig tree had leaves but no fruit. What are some ways we can give the appearance of spiritual health without actually bearing spiritual fruit? How can we guard against becoming more concerned with religious activity and appearance than with genuine transformation?

If Jesus were to examine our church and each of our lives today, what would He celebrate, what would He overturn, and what would He call us to become?



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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. Click here 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.

Spotify Playlist: Would you like to listen to the songs from recent Sunday services? Go to our **FCC Spotify Playlist** by clicking here.

Faith Community Church
1306 Riedel Road | Gambrills, MD 21054
410.451.1220 | faithcommunity.net
Worship Service & Bible Study for all Ages 9 am
Worship Service, Nursery, Kidz Zone Pre-K-5th Grade 10:45 am

Follow Christ in Faith, Share the Gospel of Hope,
Unite in Love for God and One Another

This Week at Faith

Sunday (10/11)

Classes for all children birth - 5th grade - 9 am & 10:45 am
Middle School Bible Study- 9 am - Activity Room #2
High School Bible Study - 9 am - Classroom #2
Adult Bible Study - 9:00 am - Activity Room #1
Adult Bible Study - 9:00 am - Room #8
Children's Christmas Play Practice - 12:15 pm Activity Room #2
Nursing Home Ministry - 2 pm - Autumn Lake Waugh Chapel

Monday (10/12)

Men's Fraternity - 7:00 pm
Contact Paul Sabota: men@faithcommunity.net

Tuesday (10/13)

Perspectives - 6:30 pm
Contact John Battan: johnbattan54@outlook.com

Wednesday (10/14)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9:00 am
Contact Dave Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Contact Women's Ministry: women@faithcommunity.net
Retired Only Men Eating Out - 11:30 am
Contact Brian Showler: romeo@faithcommunity.net
Middle School & High School Student Ministry- 6:30 pm
Contact Matt Hemphill: Matth@faithcommunity.net
Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Contact Don Fast: music@faithcommunity.net

Thursday (10/15)

Young at Heart & Renewed - 11:30 am
Contact Brian Showler: youngatheart@faithcommunity.net
Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm - At FCC
Contact Matt Hemphill: youngadults@faithcommunity.net
Women's Bible Study - 7 pm
Contact Women's Ministry: women@faithcommunity.net

Friday (10/16)

No Events

Saturday (10/17)

Men's Bible Study - 7:30 am
Contact Ken Crane: walk@faithcommunity.net
Fall Festival - 1 pm
Contact Matt Webster: Mattw@faithcommunity.net

Upcoming Events at FCC







Opportunities at FCC

NURSING HOME *Ministry*



2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

2-3 PM | Autumn Lake at Waugh Chapel

WAYS TO HELP

Music • Leading Singing • Sharing a Testimony
Visiting Residents • Set Up & Tear Down
Speakers • Special Talents

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP



OUR KIDS MINISTRY *Needs You!*

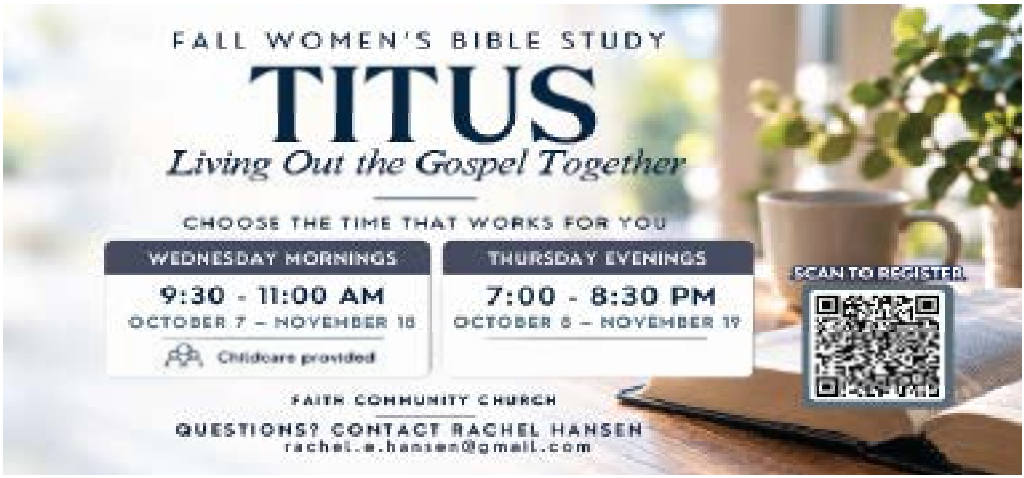
LOVE WORKING WITH LITTLE ONES?

We're looking for **1-2 adults** to assist in our **10:45 AM Pre-K class** on a rotating Sunday schedule beginning **October 18**

Interested? Scan the QR code or contact:
Amy McDougall
amy@faithcommunity.net



Ongoing Ministries at FCC







Financial Update

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2026 - June 2027)
FYTD as of September 6, 2026

Projected Income	Giving	Surplus/Deficit
$216,912	$153,562	$ (63,350)

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

Ways you can give:

*Dropping your tithe in the offering boxes (located by the doors as you exit the worship center)
*Via our website www.faithcommunity.net
*Via our app or scan the QR code
*Scanning the QR Code

Please remember with the new tax laws, some donors are choosing to support FCC using their retirement or brokerage accounts. **This allows them to reduce their tax bill while supporting disciple-making through the ministries of FCC.** Contact your financial advisor for detailed information.

FCC Leadership

Deacons	**Pastors/Elders**
Brett Bujac	Cameron Dahl, staff
Adam Coleman	Chris Handel, non-staff
Caleb Gowan	David Hansen, non-staff
Mike Hite	Brian Jenkins, non-staff
Jon Luman	Matt Webster, staff
Kevin Williams	
Matt Zimmerman	

FCC Staff

Matt Hemphill.....Student Ministry Coordinator
Amy McDougall.....Children's Ministry Coordinator
Kris Floyd.....Administrative Assistant
Liesl Kopp.....Communications