

**Psalm 49 (pg.558)**  
**A Beastly Tale**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2026**  
**Elder Ken Crane**  
**Sermon Notes**

I. Futility of Earthly Wealth

II. Cost to Ransom Souls

III. Truth of the Grave

- a. Contrast of Homes
- b. Contrast of Shepherds

IV. Summary: Contemplating a Beastly End

### **For Further Discussion**

1. In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus shared the tale of poor Lazarus and the rich man. What are the parallels with Psalm 49? How should Jesus' parable motivate us in our priorities and relationships today?
2. Meditate on Psalm 49 and list the false assumptions reflected in the psalm by people trusting in riches and pursuing their own glory. Which of these assumptions are most tempting, compelling or evident in our community or your life today? Pray over these that sober truth and a humble dependence on the Redeemer would prevail.
3. With the backdrop of Psalm 49, read Matthew 19:16-30. How do you explain Jesus' statement in Matthew 19:23? What actions are a fitting response to the temptation to trust in wealth and the risk Jesus mentions in Matthew 13:22? What actions will you take to better realize Matthew 6:20 toward laying up treasures in the Kingdom of Christ?

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# Psalm 49

God will  
REDEEM my soul  
from the power of Sheol,  
for He will RECEIVE ME.

Psalm 49

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A Beastly Tale

## 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](http://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 (5/24)

Adult Bible Study - Hebrews - 9 am - Activity Room #1

Adult Bible Study - Matthew - 9 am - Classroom #8

## Monday (5/25)

Memorial Day - Office Closed

## Tuesday (5/26)

No Events

## Wednesday (5/27)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am

Contact Dave Cole: [davidcole3@verizon.net](mailto:davidcole3@verizon.net)

Women's Bible Study - 10 am

Contact Veronica Platt: [women@faithcommunity.net](mailto:women@faithcommunity.net)

R.O.M.E.O (retired old men eating out) - 11:30 am

Contact Brian Showler: [bkshowler@gmail.com](mailto:bkshowler@gmail.com)

MS & HS Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Contact Matt Hemphill: [matth@faithcommunity.net](mailto:matth@faithcommunity.net)

Women's Bible Study - 7 pm

Contact Veronica Platt: [women@faithcommunity.net](mailto:women@faithcommunity.net)

## Thursday (5/28)

Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm - The Dahl's House

Contact Matt Hemphill: [youngadults@faithcommunity.net](mailto:youngadults@faithcommunity.net)

## Friday (5/29)

No Events

## Saturday (5/30)

Men's Bible Study - 7:30 am

Contact Ken Crane: [walk@faithcommunity.net](mailto:walk@faithcommunity.net)



# Upcoming Events at FCC



Happy Memorial Day

The Church Office Is Closed

May 25, 2026

Ladies' Summer Study | Lamentations

2 class options | Wednesday 10 am & 7 pm

May 27 - June 24



Childcare available with  
advanced registration.

Scan the QR code to register.

**May 31st**

Nursery & Pre-K Classes Only

NO classes for grades K-12th

(Please sit with your parents in the worship center)

NO Adult Bible Study

FAMILY

WORSHIP

# Upcoming Events at FCC (con't)

## R.O.M.E.O.

(Retired Old men Eating Out)

Men, if you are retired and would like to connect with other retired men at FCC, join Brian Showler each Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Cafe. Bring a bagged lunch and enjoy some laughter and fellowship!



## Young at Heart

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
11:30a - 1:00p

We gather to encourage each other, laugh together, and reach out to seniors in our community



FAITH

FREE!

# VBS KIDZ KAMP

ILLUMINATION STATION

JULY 13-17 | 5:30-8:30 PM

ENTERING K-5TH GRADE

SCAN TO REGISTER!



# Upcoming Events & Other News



Save the Date

July 26-31

5:30 pm -8:30 pm

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Details coming soon! Keep an eye on our website!



Greeters and Welcome Team Help Needed.  
Contact Holly Webster by scanning the QR code



OUR MISSION AT FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH IS TO



WORSHIP | WALK | WORK | WITNESS | WELCOME

# Financial Update

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2025 - June 2026)

FYTD as of May 3, 2026

Projected Income	Giving	Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b>
\$836,651	\$919,257	\$82,606

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

\*Via our app or scan 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

Brett Bujac  
Adam Coleman  
Caleb Gowan  
Mike Hite  
Jon Luman  
Kevin Williams  
Matt Zimmerman

#### Pastors/Elders

Steve Bond, non-staff  
Ken Crane, non-staff  
Cameron Dahl, staff  
Chris Handel, non-staff  
David Hansen, non-staff  
Matt Webster, staff

### FCC Staff

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