The Book of Matthew
The Superior Wisdom of God
Matthew 22:15-46 (p. 983)
Sunday, November 1, 2026
Pastor Matt Webster

**** A Political Challenge (vv.15-22)**

**** A Theological Challenge (vv.23-33)**

****An Ethical Challenge (vv.34-40)**

****The Messianic Counter Challenge (vv.41-46)**

For Further Reflection

1) How can we allow political loyalties, cultural pressures, or earthly authorities to compete with our ultimate allegiance to God? What does it practically look like to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's?

2) Jesus exposed the Sadducees' failure to understand the Scriptures and the power of God. Are there areas where you may be reading God's Word selectively or allowing your own understanding to limit what you believe God can do? What would it look like to approach Scripture with greater humility and confidence in God's power?

3) How do the two great commandments help us evaluate whether we are merely going through the motions of religious obedience or genuinely pursuing God's priorities? How has Jesus perfectly fulfilled these commandments on our behalf, and how can we rest in His righteousness while growing in our love for God and neighbor?

4) Jesus challenged the Pharisees to recognize that the Messiah was not merely David's descendant but also David's Lord. What does this reveal about the true identity and authority of Jesus? How might someone acknowledge Jesus as a great teacher or moral example while still failing to submit to Him as Lord?



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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 (11/1)
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
Global Partners Prayer Meeting - 5:00 pm

Monday (11/2)
Ladies' Lunch Bunch - 12:00 pm - Ledos in Crofton
Contact Women's Ministry: women@faithcommunity.net
Men's Fraternity - 7:00 pm
Contact Paul Sabota: men@faithcommunity.net

Tuesday (11/3) - Election Day
Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Contact Don Fast: music@faithcommunity.net
Perspectives - 6:30 pm
Contact John Battan: johnbattan54@outlook.com

Wednesday (11/4)
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

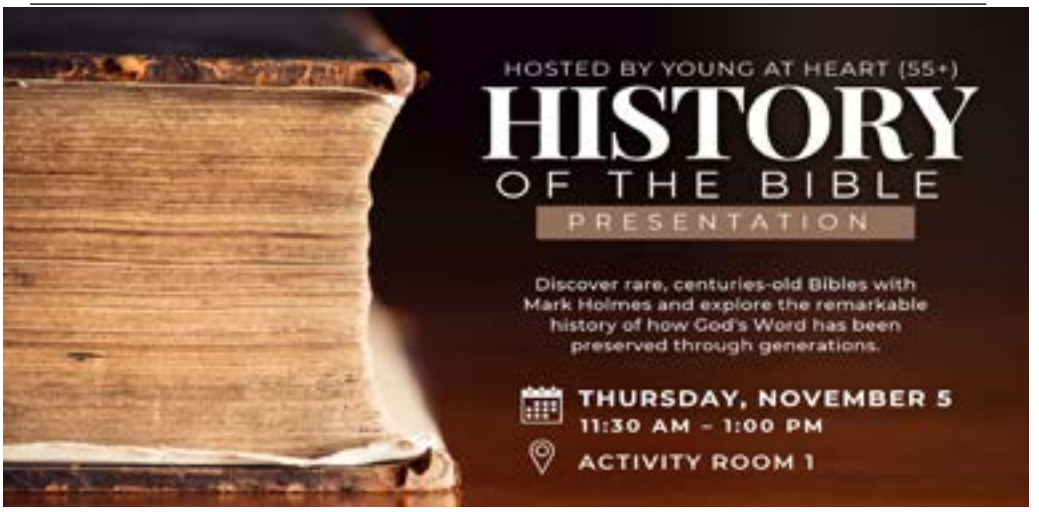
Thursday (11/5)
Young at Heart - 11:30 am
Contact Brian Showler: youngatheart@faithcommunity.net
Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm - At FCC
Contact Matt Hemphill: youngadults@faithcommunity.net
Women's Bible Study - 7 pm
Contact Women's Ministry: women@faithcommunity.net

Friday (11/6)
No Events

Saturday (11/7)
Men's Bible Study - 7:30 am
Contact Ken Crane: walk@faithcommunity.net

Upcoming Events at FCC







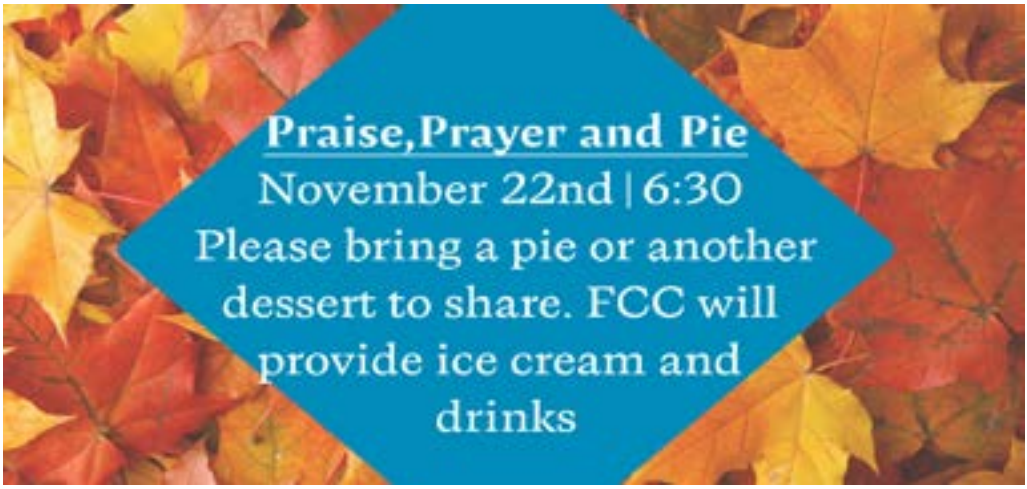
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Financial Update

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2026 - June 2027)
FYTD as of October 25, 2026

Projected Income	Giving	Surplus/Deficit
$372,919	$295,347	$ (77,572)

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

Pastors/Elders
Cameron Dahl, staff
Chris Handel, non-staff
David Hansen, non-staff
Brian Jenkins, non-staff
Matt Webster, staff

FCC Staff

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