

Dates to Remember

save the date

Work With Our Missionary Aaron Rosa
At the Harbor House Community in Annapolis with a

BIG DAY!

NOVEMBER 15TH | 10 am - 2 pm

Scan Here To Register to Help

FCC is providing food.

We need: grillers, popcorn makers, snow cone makers etc.
Contact Steve Bond to volunteer to help:
sabond256@gmail.com

It is going to be a lot of fun! Stay tuned, details coming!

KIDS SERVING KIDS!

New unwrapped toys for the children of the Karis Home in Baltimore!

Drop your toys off
Nov 16th - Dec 14th
in the one of the bins located in front of the children's classrooms.

DROP N' SHOP

SATURDAY
NOV 22
4PM-8PM

Parents of Faith Community Church can leave their kids with the FCC youth to do some last minute shopping, take a nap, or go on a date.

Contact Matt Hemphill with questions.
matth@faithcommunity.net

Giving Information

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2025 - June 2026)
FYTD as of October 26, 2025

Projected Income	Giving	Surplus/Deficit
\$330,769	\$330,129	(\$640)

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

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

THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Mistaking Cleanliness for Conversion

November 9, 2025

Pastor Matt Webster

Matthew 12:43-45

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.

Would you like to listen to the music we are using each week at home? Go to our Spotify playlist by scanning the QR code.

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

This Week at FCC



Sunday (11/9)
Adult Bible Study: Galatians - 9 am - Rm #9
Adult Bible Study: Matthew - 9 am - Rm #8
Children's Christmas Play Practice - NOON - Activity Rm #1

Monday (11/10)
Men's Fraternity - 7:00 pm
Contact Chuck Phillips: men@faithcommunity.net

Tuesday (11/11) - Veteran's Day - Office Closed
Women's Bible Study - 7 pm
Contact Veronica Platt: women@faithcommunity.net

Wednesday (11/12)
Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am
Contact Dave Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Contact Veronica Platt: women@faithcommunity.net
R.O.M.E.O (retired old men eating out) - 11:30 am
Contact Brian Showler: bkshowler@gmail.com
HS & MS Youth Group - 6:30 pm
Contact Matt Hemphill: matth@faithcommunity.net
Choir Practice - 7 pm
Contact Don Fast: music@faithcommunity.net

Thursday (11/13)
Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm - Pastor Dahl's House
Contact Matt Hemphill: youngadults@faithcommunity.net

Saturday (11/15)
Men's Bible Study - 7:30 am
Contact Ken Crane: walk@faithcommunity.net
The Big Day - 10 am - Off Site
Contact Steve Bond: sabond256@gmail.com

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

Upcoming Events



**MEN'S CHILI COOKOFF**



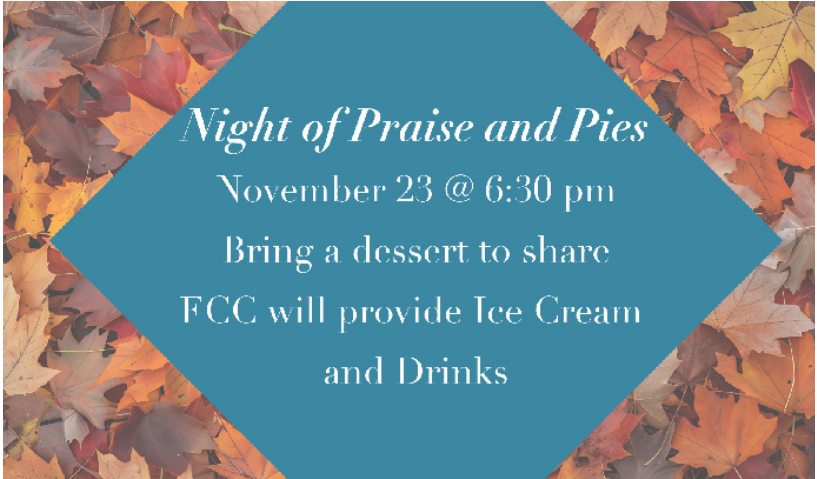
November 17 @ 7 pm in Activity Room #2

Bring a medium sized crockpot of chili (enough for everyone to sample) and see who we crown the Chili Champion!

If making chili isn't your thing, that's ok, bring some cornbread.

Scan the QR code to register.





Night of Praise and Pies

November 23 @ 6:30 pm

Bring a dessert to share

FCC will provide Ice Cream and Drinks



TURKEY BOWL

NOV. 27 | 9AM @ FCC

Everyone is invited to join us Thanksgiving morning for a friendly competition of Flag Football!

Contact Dwayne Woodard for details:
Dwaynewoodard@comcast.net

Shoeboxes and More!



**MAX LUCADO**
BECAUSE OF
Bethlehem

Ladies, let's prepare our hearts this Advent season by focusing on the manger and reviving wonder and connection to Christ. Two class options with 4 sessions starting **Tuesday evening November 11th, 7:00-8:30 pm or Wednesday morning November 12th, 9:30-11:15 am.** Childcare available with advance notice. Register at: women@faithcommunity.net




Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a world-wide Gospel outreach ministry. In October and November, people across the country will pack shoeboxes with hygiene items, school supplies, small toys and other age-appropriate gifts. Those shoeboxes are shipped worldwide to missionary teams who then host shoebox distribution parties where the Gospel is presented in the child's own language. For those children seeking to commit themselves to Jesus Christ, a 12-week follow-up discipleship program is available.

How to Pack a Shoebox: Operation Christmas Child 2025 kicked off **October 26th** and runs through **November 16th.** **School supplies, hygiene packs, and assorted shoebox fillers are available for purchase in Activity Room #1.** You can get the latest information on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FCCOCC) for this year's campaign, share tips, good deals on shoe box items, or just stay up to date on OCC news. **Contact Ron or Iva Grahek at rongrahek@verizon.net** with any questions.



Thanksgiving cards for our missionaries are ready for you to pick up! Already stamped, all they need is your personal touch. Stop by the rack near the map in the cafe' and get **1 or more.**



Mistaking Cleanliness for Conversion
Matthew 12:43-45 (page 972)
November 9, 2025
Pastor Matt Webster
Sermon Notes

I. Parable: The Vacant House

II. Principle: The Vulnerable Heart

For further reflection:

1. What does this passage teach us about the danger of spiritual “vacancy” — of being empty but not filled with God? How does this passage challenge the idea that people can be neutral — neither for nor against Jesus?

2. What modern examples show people “cleaning up” their lives without actually being changed by Christ? What might it look like today for someone to have their “house swept clean” but still be spiritually empty?

3. Jesus describes the evil spirit finding the house “swept and in order.” How can we move from merely orderly lives to Holy Spirit-filled lives? What’s the danger of focusing on “sin management” rather than heart transformation?

4. Jesus says emptiness invites worse things — What’s one area of your life where you’ve been focused on sweeping and organizing, but not truly surrendering? What might it look like for you to stop trying to fix yourself and instead invite Jesus to fill you?