



Faith Community Church

July 24 @ 6:45 pm

CHURCH-WIDE

PRAYER

JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR THE WORLD!

BAPTISM

JULY 30

For more information, contact Pastor Steve: sabond256@gmail.com

ParableLoza!

A MUSICAL AND GAME SHOW ALL ROLLED INTO ONE!

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

For kids entering 2nd - 8th grade

August 6-11 | 5:30 pm -8:30 pm

Cost: \$40 | Discounts for families with multiple children

Visit: www.faithcommunity.net to register or use the QR code below



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30) YTD as of July 16, 2023		
Giving	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$38,072	\$56,445	\$(18,873)

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

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

Pastor: Steve Bond
Pastor: Dr. Cameron Dahl
Student Ministry Coordinator Matt Hemphill
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Amy McDougall
Church Secretary Kris Floyd

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

Tell Me a Story
The Parables of Jesus

Be Prepared: The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Dr. Cameron Dahl Matthew 25:1-13 July 23, 2023

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. 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 Adam Coleman. 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 at: <https://spoti.fi/3o2jnty> or use the Spotify Code with your app.



This Week at FCC



Sunday (7/23)

Youth Mission Trip

HS & MS - The Gospel of John - 9 am - Rm #9

Adult Bible Study - Jeremiah and Lamentations - 9 am

Act #1

Adult Bible Study - A Better Country - 10:30 am - Act #1

Small Group Pot Luck - 6 pm

Monday (7/24)

Youth Mission Trip

Church Wide Prayer Meeting - 6:45 pm

Contact Jim Avery Jim.h.avery@gmail.com

Tuesday (7/25)

Youth Mission Trip

Wednesday (7/26)

Youth Mission Trip

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am

David Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net

Ladies' Bible Study - 10 am

Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com

HS & MS Youth Group - 7 pm

Contact Matt Hemphill: marchgutsandglory@gmail.com

Ladies' Bible Study - 7 pm

Contact Veronica Platt: FCCWomensmin@gmail.com

Thursday (7/27)

Youth Mission Trip

Friday (7/28)

Youth Mission Trip

Saturday (7/29)

Youth Mission Trip

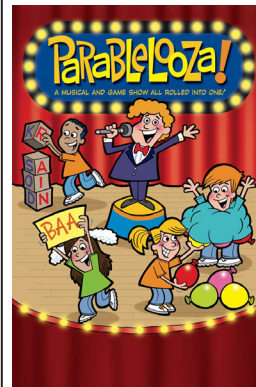
Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am

Contact Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com

Ice Cream Social with the Pastoral Candidate - 6:30 pm

Contact the church office: office@faithcommunity.net

Worship Arts Camp (WAC)



SO WHAT IS A WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

(WAC) ANYWAY? Worship Arts Camp is energy, singing, energy, dance, energy, Boomwhackers (you will see), energy, drama, energy, set design, and energy. Mix-in a bunch of children, quadruple the energy! We will be learning a musical in one week! Every child will participate in the choir and in one breakout class: dance, boomwhackers, drama, or set design/art. By Friday night we will put it

all together for a grand performance of Parableloza! for our parents, congregation and guests. If you have a child who is entering into 2nd – 8th grade, Worship Arts Camp is for you. Register by scanning the QR code on the next page. Hope to see you there!

Pastor Candidate Visit



Faith Community Church will host a Pastor/Elder candidate and his wife during the **weekend of July 30th**. There will be opportunities for you to interact with and hear the candidate on **Saturday night (6:30 – 8 p.m.)**, **Sunday morning (regular worship schedule) and evening (beginning at 6:30 p.m.)**, and **Monday night (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)**. Childcare available for children 6 years and younger. **You play an important role in our discernment of God's leading.** If you are a member, please be on the lookout for a letter with more details and your affirmation card to arrive in the mail near the end of this week. Church members will have the opportunity to express their affirmation for the candidate via the affirmation cards. Affirmation cards need to be returned by **5:00 p.m. Friday, August 4th**. Please continue to be in prayer as we seek God's will and direction.

This Week's Global Partner



Kristin has worked in Spain since 2013 and works with her team as they develop numerous outreach events and strategies. After COVID it continues to be challenging. To share the love of Christ, she continues to meet people and develop meaningful relationships by tutoring English, working at a homeless shelter, planning small group and virtual events, and is involved with the Spanish church in Cáceres.

Lunch with the Batemans



The Bateman family will join us in worship on

August 6, 2023. We look forward to reconnecting with our partners for the Gospel in Peru! In addition to Dylan sharing the message that morning, we'll enjoy a potluck lunch in Activity Room 1, following the second service. During the lunch, Dylan and Millie will share about what's been happening in their ministry.



Reminder: potluck means please bring food to share (an amount of food equal to what your family will eat). **Last name A-J sides and deserts, K-Z: main dish.**

Bateman Fundraiser



Dylan and Millie Bateman have finished their training with Ethnos 360 and will be in Maryland for the next 6 weeks as they seek to update their supporters, raise some additional support, and prepare to go back to start their work in the jungles of Peru. **When they return to Peru, they will fix up a house to live in and need a car.** Please consider giving to the Bateman fund **above and beyond your normal offering to the general fund of Faith Community Church**. You can give on our giving page or by filling out the Special Offering envelope over the offering boxes as you exit. Because of your generosity and a contribution authorized by our elders we have already raised \$22,575 for their needs.

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Context

All are _____!

All have the _____ to be _____!

_____ is _____ defined!

(Living _____ in light of
the certainties of _____)

Lack of _____ =

Lack of _____ for the _____

Not All _____!

_____ cannot be

_____ or _____!

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

What are some similarities between the wise and foolish virgins? What about between them and you?

What are some of the differences between the wise and foolish virgins? Do you relate more to the wise or the foolish virgins?

If the Lord returned today, what do you think He would be wanting us to be doing? What is the equivalent of being prepared?

In what ways do you “show respect” for the bridegroom? How are you staying prepared?

Do you live life with an eschatological outlook? Do you live life today in light of tomorrow’s certainties?

“But no passage of Scripture elsewhere ever teaches that God can rebuff genuine repentance, so it is more likely that these five bridesmaids are still trying to maintain control themselves, precisely what Castelo reminds us is impossible. They failed to take responsibility for one of the most fundamental and obvious tasks of preparing for the wedding, they tried to “mooch” off their companions and deprive them of participating, and now they are trying to command the master of the house himself (“Lord, Lord . . . open the door for us!”)”

– Craig L. Blomberg from Interpreting the Parables

What are some areas that you are still trying to control, that you need to surrender to God? Who are people or things in which you are trusting instead of God?