



FCC CHOIR
Christmas Musical
AND DESSERTS
DECEMBER 10 | 6PM

Young Adult
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 12 | 6:30PM
Contact Matthew Hemphill at: matthewhemphill.p23@gmail.com

A Classified Christmas Adventure
WE THREE SPIES
Performance 2023
December 17th
Both Morning Services
9 am & 10:30 am
CREATED BY CHRISTY SEMSEN | ADAPTED BY DANIEL SEMSEN



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30) YTD as of November 12, 2023		
Giving	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$378,171	\$377,510	\$661

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

FCC Leadership

- Al Ashe.....Deacon
- Steve Bond..... Pastor/Elder
- Adam Coleman.....Deacon
- Ken Crane.....Elder
- Cameron Dahl.....Pastor/Elder
- David Hansen.....Elder
- Jon Luman.....Deacon
- Matt Zimmerman.....Deacon

FCC Staff

- Matt Hemphill.....Student Ministry Coordinator
- Amy McDougall.....Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Kris Floyd.....Secretary

Psalms
Ancient Worship
for Modern Times

Psalms 4
From Claustrophobia to
Spaciousness

David Shive

Novmber 26, 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. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm and Friday 9 am - NOON. 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 Jon Luman.

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 (11/26)

Adult Bible Study: 1 Corinthians - 9 am Activity Room #1
Adult Bible Study: Mark - 10:30 am Activity Room #1
Young Adult Bible Study: Hermeneutics - 10:30 am Room 8
Children's Christmas Play Practice - NOON Act #2
Small Group Pot Luck - 5 pm
Contact David Hansen
 dgh10@albion.edu

Monday (11/27)

AWANA Trek and Journey - 7 pm
Contact Dave Jarvis: d2jarvis@verizon.net
Men's Fraternity - 7 pm
Contact Chuck Phillips: icphillips57@gmail.com

Tuesday (11/28)

Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com
AWANA Cubbies, Sparks, T&T - 6:30 pm
Contact Dave Jarvis: d2jarvis@verizon.net
Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm
Contact Matt Hemphill: matthewhemphill.p23@gmail.com

Wednesday (11/29)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am
Contact David Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com
MS & HS Youth Group - 6:30 pm
Contact Matt Hemphill: matthewhemphill.p23@gmail.com
Choir Practice - 7 pm
Contact Don Fast: fast_da@verizon.net

Thursday (11/30)

Women's Bible Study - 7 pm
Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com

Saturday (12/2)

Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am
Contact Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com
Women's Christmas Event - 1 pm
Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com

Adult Bible Studies



Please join us for two new ABS series on Sunday mornings beginning TODAY, November 19.

The first service class (9 am) will study **I Corinthians**. The church at Corinth

struggled with a number of issues, and this letter was written to encourage them (and us!) to live out their faith in Christ in a way that glorifies God!

The second service class (10:30 a.m.) will be the **Gospel of Mark**, taking a close look at the life of Christ and learning what it means to live as a genuine servant and disciple of Jesus.

Missionary Cards

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Our missionaries would love to receive Christmas cards from their family at Faith. Cards are on the credenza in the foyer ready to send, except for a message from you. If you are planning to send Christmas cards to **Kristin Bond, the Pattons, the Risdens, or the Culbertsons**, please send them as soon as you can so they will be received in time for Christmas. If you plan to send a card to **KD Bhutt** or the **Batemans**, please do so in an email: (kdbhutt@yahoo.com), (dylan_bateman@NTM.org).



OCC Opportunity



Operation Christmas Child Volunteer opportunities:

November 20 – December 10 at the Baltimore- Washington Regional Processing Center in Edgemere, MD 21219. Directions and hours are on the easel in the foyer. You must be 13 years old or older to volunteer. Contact Ron and Iva Grahek at rongrahek@verizon.net with any questions.

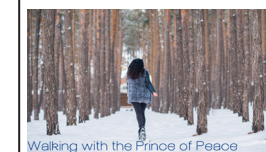
Children's Ministry



KIDS SERVING KIDS: We are collecting **NEW UNWRAPPED toys** for the children of the Karis Home in Baltimore. **Please drop off your toys November 12 - December 10** in any of the bins located in front of the children's classrooms or at the table in the foyer. For more information, see Amy McDougall or visit the table in the foyer.



Women's Ministry



Walking with the Prince of Peace

Women's Christmas Event
Walking with the Prince of Peace
Saturday, December 2nd, 1:00 PM
Cost \$12 per person

Join us for the FCC Women's Christmas Event as we focus our hearts on the Prince of Peace!

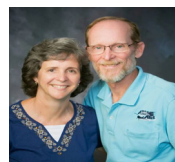
The event will begin with a luncheon fellowship, featuring baked potato and salad bars, as well as dessert! We will sing Christmas carols and hear from **Kristin Bond** and **Nancy Cole** as they share about **walking with the Prince of Peace this holiday season and in 2024!**

Invite a guest to this special program and outreach event! **Sign up by November 30th** in the foyer or online at: www.faithcommunity.net/women-s-ministry. **Childcare for elementary age children and under is available with advance sign-up.**

This Week's Global Partner



Al and Kim Yoder have been in aviation church planting since 1980 in eastern Brazil and the Upper Amazon River. Currently they live in Georgia where they remotely teach, counsel, and oversee the Masters Counseling program in two seminaries in northeast Brazil. Al also makes extensive trips to Brazil when required.



From Claustrophobia to Spaciousness

Psalm 4 Pg. 529

November 26, 2023

Dave Shive

Psalm 4

Questions for further reflection and discussion

What does spiritual "claustrophobia" look like in your life?

If God were to bring you out into a "spacious place," describe what that would look like.

In Psalm 4, David's leaders have betrayed him. Think of how you have been betrayed by someone you trusted and how you have responded.

How might David's response help you if you are betrayed in the future?

What might God's "smile" on you look like? Do you often sense God's "frown"? Can you picture God beaming a smile in your direction?

As you linger in the "place of restriction," what strategy do you have in place to maintain your confidence in God until he brings you into the "wide open place"?

I. David's two-fold problem (v. 1-2)

A. Release is needed from the narrow space into the broad place (1)

B. His "cabinet" has been disloyal to him (2)

II. David's two-fold solution (v. 3-4)

A. He must maintain secure confidence in God (3)

B. His leaders need to cease their sin (4)

III. Steps forward for David and his leaders (5-8)

A. Leaders: You must restore your trust in the Lord (5)

B. David: God needs to smile upon us (6)

C. Leaders: Your trust in bountiful crops is inadequate (7)

D. David: I sleep soundly because I trust in God's faithfulness (8)