



FCC CHOIR
Christmas Musical
AND DESSERTS
DECEMBER 10 | 6PM

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

JAZZ
Christmas
CAFE
December 15
6:30pm

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2023 - June 2024) YTD as of December 3, 2023		
Giving	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$412,635	\$413,491	(\$856)

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

BEHOLD: A
SAVIOR IS
BORN
Shalom: The Way It's Supposed to Be | Isaiah 9:6-7

David Shive December 10, 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 Steve Bond.

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 (12/10)

- 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 Potluck - 5 pm**
- Christmas Choir Dessert - 6 pm**

Monday (12/11)

- Ladies' Lunch Bunch - NOON Ledo's Crofton**
- Contact Sue Hornberger:** grandmasue29@verizon.net
- AWANA Trek and Journey - 7 pm**
- Contact Dave Jarvis:** d2jarvis@verizon.net
- Men's Fraternity - 7 pm**
- Contact Chuck Phillips:** icphillips57@gmail.com

Tuesday (12/12)

- AWANA Cubbies, Sparks, T&T - 6:30 pm**
- Contact Dave Jarvis:** d2jarvis@verizon.net
- Young Adult Christmas Party - 6:30 pm**
- Contact Matt Hemphill:** matthewhemphill.p23@gmail.com

Wednesday (12/13)

- Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am**
- Contact David Cole:** davidcole3@verizon.net
- 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 (12/14)

- Global Partners Prayer Meeting - 7 pm**
- Contact Jon Luman:** jonathan.r.luman@gmail.com

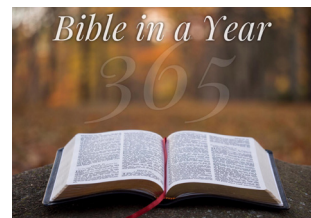
Friday (12/15)

- Jazz Cafe' - 6:30 pm**
- Contact the church office:** office@faithcommunity.net

Saturday (12/16)

- Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am**
- Contact Bob Crane:** ettabilkaknm@icloud.com
- Children's Christmas Play Practice Dress Rehearsal - 9 am**
- Contact Kayla Floyd:** Kaylafloyd3@gmail.com

Bible Reading Plan



As we've recently reflected on Psalm 1, we want to be people who meditate on God's Word like trees planted by streams of water, A daily personal Bible reading plan is a great way to do that! To support our growth as God's people together at FCC, we have one-year and two-year Bible reading plans available in the foyer. Consider picking one up if you don't have a plan for 2024 already, and let's grow together as God's people as we read His

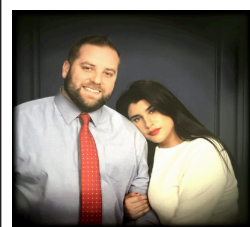
This Week's Global Partner



Todd & Rebekah Culbertson (Ethnos 360) Todd teaches interactive linguistics classes, including phonetics, phonemics, and grammar, that prepare future missionaries to learn tribal languages directly from the people. Together, Todd and Rebekah serve in a variety of roles as part of the training center community and are involved in one-on-one discipleship of missionary trainees and their families.



Welcome New Members



The Bible describes local church membership as a relationship between people that is much like a body. We are to be knit together, caring for each another, participating in ministry together, and submitting to each other. Today, the elders are happy to affirm the request of Matthew & Shirin Love for membership. Be sure to give them a warm welcome!

Notes for Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve Morning Service

9:30 am Fellowship Time with Christmas Treats

Followed by 1 Service at 10 am

Holy Night

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24

4:00 & 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Nursery Help

We are looking for 2 teen and 2 adult helpers on Christmas Eve for the 4 pm service. Sign up on the nursery door or contact Brenda Handel to let her know you can help. cbhandel96@gmail.com

I. Ahaz has a problem (Isaiah 8:22)

- A. Darkness, gloom, anguish
- B. Why is there a problem?
- C. How can Isaiah help Ahaz? (see Isa. 6:1-8; 7:1-16)

Review the early part of Isaiah 7. What is Ahaz's problem? Are you facing a similar intractable problem?

II. God offers hope (Isaiah 9:1-3)

- A. No more gloom, darkness, and anguish (1)
- B. Light is coming to the region (9:2-3)

Review Isaiah 6:1-8. What allows Isaiah to be an advisor to Ahaz? What advice does Isaiah give to Ahaz in chapter 7? Is that good advice for you?

What happened in the geographical region described in 9:1 to create gloom, darkness, and anguish?

What will occur in 9:2-3 to change the darkness to light?

III. God offers three reasons for hope (Isaiah 9:4-6)

- A. For... (4) –
- B. For... (5) –
- C. For... (6) –

Isaiah uses the word “for” to begin v. 4-6. He is giving reasons for why things are happening. What are those reasons?

Why do Isaiah's three reasons culminate in reference to the “Prince of Shalom”?

What is significant about the last line of v. 7 – “The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this”? Can you apply that line to your circumstances and find comfort in it?

IV. God's zeal guarantees shalom (Isaiah 9:7)