



**CHURCH-WIDE
BIG GAME
PARTY**

February 11 | 4 pm For Pre- Game Fun
Bring your family, friends and a dish

Ladies' Craft &
COMEDY
night

February 16, 2024 @ 7PM

Featuring Valentine's Day Love Songs
JAZZ CAFE
February 16
6:30pm
Dessert & Drinks Provided

Giving Information



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2023 - June 2024) YTD as of January 28, 2024		
Giving	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$533,114	\$560,821	(\$27,707)

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
- Brett Bujac.....Deacon
- Adam Coleman.....Deacon
- Ken Crane.....Elder
- Cameron Dahl.....Pastor/Elder
- Chris Handel.....Elder
- David Hansen.....Elder
- Jon Luman.....Deacon
- Kevin Williams.....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

Psalm 46

God, our Secure Shelter

David Shive

February 4, 2024

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 Adam Coleman.

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 (2/4)

Adult Bible Study: 1 Corinthians - 9 am Activity Room #1
Adult Bible Study: Mark - 10:30 am Activity Room #1
Young Adult Bible Study: Romans - 10:30 am Room 8
Small Group Potluck - 5 pm
Contact David Hansen: dgh10@albion.edu

Monday (2/5)

Ladies' Lunch Bunch - Ledo's Pizza Crofton - NOON
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 (2/6)

Mom and Tots - 9:30 am
Contact Raven Bethancourt: theravieleterz@gmail.com
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com
AWANA Cubbies, Sparks, T&T - 6:30 pm

Wednesday (2/7)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am
Contact Dave Cole: davidcole3@verizon.net
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
R.O.M.E.O (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Fellowship - NOON
Contact Brian Showler: 301-343-6479
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 (2/8)

Wellspring Training - 9:30am
Contact: Wellspringlife.org
Global Partners Prayer Meeting - 7 pm
Contact Jon Luman: jonathan.r.luman@gmail.com
Women's Bible Study - 7 pm

Saturday (2/10)

Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am
Contact Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com

This Week's Global Partner



TODD AND REBEKAH CULBERTSON, CANADA: The Culbertsons serve at the Emanate Missionary Training Center. Todd teaches many classes, including phonetics, phonemics, and grammar. These interactive linguistics classes prepare future missionaries to learn tribal languages directly from the people.

Missions Trips



Interested in going on a missions trip this summer? Sunday, February 25 @ 5 pm we will have an informational meeting along with a report from our team that went to India in November.



June 14-23
See the SON
in Spain Conference
With
Kristin Bond



July 20-27
Camp Canada
with the
Culbertsons

Scan the QR code to let us know you are coming.



Meet Our Newest Member



The Bible doesn't give us a specific copy of what local church membership should look like, but it does describe the relationships between people in local churches as a body that is knit together. We are commanded to care for and submit to one another, participate in ministry together, confess sin to one another, and submit to leadership. Today, the elders are happy to affirm the request of **Toby Babcock** for membership. Be sure to give him a warm welcome!

Student Ministry News



STUDENT MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT FEBRUARY 16-19

A weekend full of fun & God's Word.
Join us as we dive into what the Bible says about our Identity In Christ.

Retreat Registration Cost:
\$140 (ends Feb 7th)

Cost for optional Ski activity:
\$167 (lift ticket & rental equipment)



Spring Bible Conference

2024 Spring Bible Conference

March 1-3

1 & 2 Peter "Being a Christian in an Age of Nones"

Special Speaker Pastor Stan Smith

Please register by 2/25 by scanning the QR code.



Wellspring Life Ministry Volunteer Training



February 22, 2024 @ 9:30 am

Faith Community Church

For Complete Details Contact Wellspring at: wellspringlife.org

God, our Secure Shelter
Psalm 46 (page 557)
February 4, 2024
Pastor David Shive

Thesis: (v. 1) When we are in the narrow place, God, our strong refuge, is found to be an abundant help.

When chaos happens: (v. 2-3)

1. Earth is altered
2. Mountains totter
3. Selah – Scene is changing

Experiencing asylum in God's presence: (v. 4-7)

1. There is a river that brings rejoicing
2. There is a city that is stable
3. There is a refrain to be sung
4. Selah – Change in action

Everyone can relax after surveying God's mighty victory (v. 8-11)

1. God's brings war to an end
2. God is exalted in victory
3. A refrain is to be sung
4. Selah – Pause and reflect

Questions for further reflection and discussion

Consider v. 1. This is the thesis of the psalm. How does this thesis help to begin the psalm?

In Psa. 46:2-4, unimaginable chaos has erupted. The psalmist does not explain the chaos in detail but allows the reader to imagine what might be going on. Why does he do this?

What might the earth, the mountain, the sea be referring to? Might this be symbolic language?

Notice "Selah" at the end of v. 3. Why is this term here and what might it suggest?

There is a noticeable change of tone in v. 4. What has happened? Instead of forces of nature (as in v. 2-3), what is acting in v. 4-6 and what are they doing?

There is a refrain in v. 7 (it occurs again in v. 11). It signals that God is with his people and that he is their high and secure lair. How does that fit in the psalm?

Notice a second "Selah" at the end of v. 7. Why does the psalmist place Selah at the end of v. 3, 7, and 11?

The final section of the psalm is v. 8-11. What does this section encourage the believer to do?

Why is the refrain repeated at the end of v. 11? Why is there a "Selah" at the end of v. 11?

Can you summarize Psalm 46 in a sentence?