

Mark Your Calendar



BAPTISM

Resurrection Sunday, April 9, we will have a baptism. If you would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Steve at: sabond256@gmail.com

At the Ninth Hour

A LENT & EASTER MUSICAL JOURNEY



An FCC Easter Choir Musical

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Messiah in the Passover

A CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES EXPERIENCE



Ul Seder Passover Meal | April 6, 2023 @ 6:30 pm | Reservations Required | www.faithcommunity.net

Giving Information



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)
YTD as of March 19, 2023

| Giving | Budget | Surplus |
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| \$666,504 | \$646,000 | \$20,504 |

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)**
- **OR** 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

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

Encounters on the Road to the Cross

Dangers of Distraction

March 26, 2023 * Luke 9:5-62, 10:38-42
Dr. Stan Smith

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 David Hansen. 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/302jnty> or use the Spotify Code with your app.



This Week at FCC



Sunday (3/26)

Adult Bible Study - The Gospel of John - 9 am - Act #1
 HS & MS - The Gospel of John - 9 am - Rm #9
 Adult Bible Study - Minor Prophets - 10:30 am - Act #1
 Adult Bible Study - Heartbeat of a Disciple - 10:30 am - Rm #8
 Opening Day Fundraiser - after both services
 5 W Interest Meeting - NOON - Activity Room #1

Monday (3/27)

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

Tuesday (3/28)

Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
 Veronica Platt: womensministry@faithcommunity.net
 AWANA: Cubbies, Sparks & TNT - 6:30 pm
 Dave Jarvis: d2jarvis@verizon.net
 Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm
 Contact Matt Hemphill: marchgutsandglory@gmail.com

Wednesday (3/29)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am
 David Cole: davidcole2@verizon.net
 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
 Veronica Platt: womensministry@faithcommunity.net
 Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm
 Don Fast: fast_da@verizon.net
 HS & MS Youth Group - 7 pm
 Matt Hemphill: marchgutsandglory@gmail.com

Thursday (3/30)

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

Saturday (4/1)

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

Student & Children's Ministry



Spring is in the air! Opening Day for Major League Baseball is **TODAY**. The Youth Group will have hotdog/chili dogs, chips and drinks after both services to celebrate opening day and as a fundraiser for the teen mission trip. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help fund the teen mission trip this summer to Kentucky to offer disaster relief in that area.

Be a game changer! Summer will be here before we know it. Our Children's Ministry summer motto is "Following Jesus changes the game." FCC Kid's Team takes a much needed break in the summer. Our kids need you! We have so many opportunities for our Faith family to help "change the game." You can teach or help Sunday mornings in June, July, and August. Help out with our Power Camp (aka Sports Camp) in June and Kidz Kamp (aka VBS) in July. Sign up in the foyer or contact Amy McDougall amy@faithcommunity.net



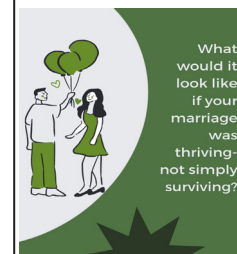
Power Camp (aka sports camp) June 26-30

Kidz Kamp (aka vbs) July 10-14

Worship Arts Camp August 7-11

DETAILS TO COME SOON! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS ANY OF THESE FUN-FILLED WEEKS!

United Marriage Encounter



What would it look like if your marriage was thriving - not simply surviving?

UNITED MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

On April 22nd, FCC will host a United Marriage Encounter Workshop from 9 am - 3:30 pm. Childcare is provided. This workshop is for all married couples, whether you have been married for 5 days or 50 years. Everyone wins when marriages get better and stronger. For complete details, contact Dawn Duran at dawnduran@protonmail.com.

Global Partner of the Week



FRED & BARB KORNIS, HEARTLAND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY: HIM includes all forms of public and church evangelism worldwide. They also have a growing staff around the world. Fred and Barb have been proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ for over 40 years.

5 W Meeting - TODAY



5 W Vision Casting Meeting -

Who: Those interested in learning about the 5 W Team structure (**Worship, Walk, Work, Witness, Welcome**)
What: We will give an overview of the 5 W meta-team structure and the sub-teams of each W; then we will split into 5 W interest groups each led by one of our elders for further information.
When: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26th (Grab a chili dog from our youth group fundraiser, make a donation then join us in Activity Room 1)
Where: Activity Room 1
Why: To learn about the meta-team structure and to get involved in serving Faith Community Church.

Encounters with Jesus on the Way to the Cross
The Danger of Distraction
Luke 9:51-62; 10:38-42
Dr. Stan Smith
March 26, 2023

The turning point of the Gospel of Luke

What does "setting one's face" mean?

Luke 9:51-56 The Danger of Trying to Make Jesus Fit Our Plan

How do we deal with those who do not receive Jesus?

Luke 9:57-62 The Danger of Focusing only on the Immediate

First man

Second man

Third man

Commitment and dedication to Jesus and His mission leave no room for other commitments or for thinking about what might have been.
(T C Butler)

Luke 10:38-42 Distracted by the good and missing the best

Martha

Mary

As you prepare for Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday what distractions do you face?

To Ponder and Dig Deeper

1. The Jewish people generally despised the Samaritans because their ancestors were Jews who had intermarried with the enemies of the Jewish people, the Assyrians. Their beliefs became an evil mixture of idolatry and truth, sometimes called syncretism. For the biblical account, see 2 Kings 17:22–41. Luke 17:15–19 and John 4:7–10 help us to see the Samaritans as people, not enemies. Today, in our culture, whom might we regard as our enemies? Is it hard to love them?

2. From Luke 9:57-62 what immediate situations impact our response to follow Jesus?

3. Consider Luke 10:38–42. The Bible emphasizes the importance of devotion and activity. Isaiah 40:31 suggests that waiting on God gives strength to act. In Luke 10:2 the active laborers were to pray for more people to join in the harvest. In Exodus 17:9–11, Moses prayed as Joshua fought. How can we achieve the right balance?

4. 'Lord, do you not care ...?' (v. 40). How often is this cry heard in Scripture? See, for instance, Psalm 10:1; and Mark 4:38. Do we say this today?[1]

You are invited to
Holy Week at
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APRIL 2 @ 6 PM - Come enjoy desserts, coffee, and the story of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The last week of Christ's life on earth is the central drama of the Christian faith. Mark devotes over a third of his gospel to the

events that begin with Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and end with his suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection. It is a story that plummets from exuberant celebration to the darkest depths of pain and betrayal, and then soars once again to the transcendent joy of Easter morning. It was the first account to be memorized and communicated by the followers of Jesus, and it remains the foundation of our faith today.

Messiah in the Passover April 6, @ 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 person/ \$45 family for dinner (a love offering will be taken for Chose People Ministries) Reservation Required (faithcommunity.net) Childcare available by reservation (ages 2 and

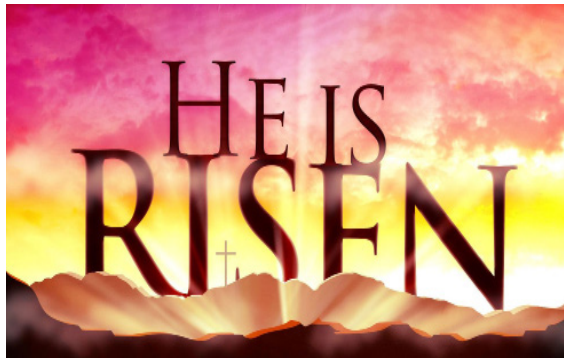


under) **MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER**, is an exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover. This presentation will be conducted by Mr. Derek Blumenthal of Chosen People Ministries. **MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER** begins with the traditional Passover Seder meal. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, emphasizing the redemptive significance of the crucifixion. **MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER** gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood.



All are invited to stop by Faith Community Church Friday, April 7 and spend time in quiet reflection in our sanctuary between the hours of 12 and 2 pm and again between the

hours of 5 and 7 pm. A devotional booklet for a guided reflection and prayer will be available for you to use. There will be soft music playing and slides on the screen for you to reflect upon. This is a time to reflect upon the sacrificial love that Jesus displayed by enduring the cross so that we might be reconciled with God. .



Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 2023 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to come celebrate the risen Lord. Jesus has conquered death and the grave and accomplished our salvation. We will celebrate this truth with uplifting hymns and songs of praise, hear a powerful message of victory from Pastor Stan, and celebrate the lives of those transformed by Jesus' love as symbolized through the act of baptism.

***FOLLOW** Christ in **FAITH** *** SHARE** the gospel of **HOPE**

***UNITE** in **LOVE** for God and one another

WORSHIP | WALK | WORK | WITNESS | WELCOME



Faith Community Church will present **Messiah in the Passover** on Thursday, April 6, 2023. **Messiah in the Passover** is a powerful visual demonstration of the Passover meal, depicting not only the drama of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but also the beautiful story of redemption from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus.

Thursday, April 6, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Reservation Required – [www.faithcommunity.net]

Cost: \$15/person - \$45 max per family to offset cost for dinner (a love offering for Chosen People Ministries will also be taken)

Childcare available by reservation (ages 2 and under)

Help Needed

Coordinating Team – to manage all the logistics

Cooks – you will be provided with all supplies and a recipe to prepare part of the meal that will be served to everyone

Kitchen Help/Coordination - help manage the serving plates and dishes for the tables on the night of the event.

Set Up Team – to help with tables, chairs, and decorations

Clean Up Team – to help with tables, chairs, decorations and the kitchen