

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

Jazz Night



March 24 | 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Dessert & Coffee Provided

At the Ninth Hour

A LENT & EASTER MUSICAL JOURNEY



An FCC Easter Choir Musical
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Giving Information



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30) YTD as of March 12, 2023		
Giving	Budget	Surplus
\$658,198	\$629,000	\$29,198

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.

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



Talking WITH GOD

Dr. Stan Smith
Dr. Cameron Dahl
Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4
March 19, 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/302jnty> or use the Spotify Code with your app.



This Week at FCC



Sunday (3/19)

- 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

Monday (3/20)

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

Tuesday (3/21)

- Moms and Tots - 9 am
- Raven Bethancourt: theravieleterz@gmail.com
- Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
- Veronica Platt: womensministry@faithcommunity.net
- AWANA: Cubbies, Sparks & TNT - 6:30 pm
- Dave Jarvis: d2jarvis@verizon.net

Wednesday (3/22)

- 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 (3/23)

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

Friday (3/24)

- Night of Jazz - 6:30 pm
- office@faithcommunity.net

Saturday (3/25)

- Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am
- Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com
- Youth Group Game Night - 6 pm
- Matt Hemphill: marchgutsandglory@gmail.com

Student & Children's Ministry



Spring is in the air! Opening Day for Major League Baseball is **March 26th**. On **March 26**, 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



SAVE THE DATE FOR
SUMMER FUN

Power Camp June 26-30
VBS July 10-14
Performing Arts Camp August 7-11

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

Men's & Women's Ministry



New Bible Study Begins Tomorrow, March 20: Come be a part of the community of men and women growing in the Word together! ***Men's Fraternity meets Monday evenings at 7 pm.** Contact Chuck Phillips at: icphillips57@gmail.com
***Women's ministry meets Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am, and Thursday evening at 7 pm.** Childcare is available for the Wednesday sessions. Contact Veronica Platt: womensmin@gmail.com

Global Partner of the Week



JOHN & CELIA FLETCHER, PIONEERS, ORLANDO, FL: John and the International Initiatives Team focus their efforts on coordinating Pioneers' relationships with international missions agencies and on mentoring new and emerging leaders.

5 W Meeting



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.

The Worship of God
Sunday, March 19, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Praise Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Global Partner Prayer: John Fletcher

Introduction

Message, part 1: Doxology

Kingdom and Power

Video The Lord's Prayer
written and presented by Nick Benoit

Message, part 2: Kingdom and Power

Song of Praise The Lord's Prayer
(It's Yours)

(the congregation is invited to respond during the scripture readings of Psalm 47; 93; 97:1-2, 6; and 145:1-3)

Glory

Song of Praise Great Are You, Lord

Message, part 3: Glory

Responsive Reading Glory

(led by Violet Hansen and Al Ashe incorporating Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Hebrews 13:20-21; Jude 24-25; and Revelation 1:4-6)

Forever Amen

Song of Praise Doxology (Amen)

Message, part 4: Forever Amen

Doxology: Response

Dramatic Sketch The Lord's Prayer
(presented by John Dennison and Cameron Dahl)

Message, part 5: Doxology Response

Response Points to Ponder

Our Father . . .

Do you identify with the trust in Jesus Christ as your own Savior, and the faith in God as your own God through him, and the recognition of every Christian as your own brother in God's family, which is expressed by "Our Father"?

Hallowed be Your name . . .

Is the hallowing of God's name in and through you, whatever that may cost, your own controlling purpose in life? Do you want to see God triumph in his kingdom, and to see everything that does not match his perfection come to an end?

Your kingdom come . . .

Will you labor and suffer for the kingdom, if need be, so as to become its agent, the means of bringing it into lives and situations where the gates have been locked against God?

Your will be done . . .

Do you happily take God's will of command for your rule, and God's will of events for your destiny, knowing (by faith) that both are supremely good?

Is there any matter in which you are flying in the face of God's will of command, excusing yourself on the grounds of there being other commands which you faithfully keep? If so, what will you now do about it?

Give us this day . . .

Do you see and know that unless God acts to provide for today's needs, and to pardon today's sins, and to protect you in today's temptations, you are lost?

Forgive Us our debts as we forgive . . .

Do you make it an issue of conscience never to bear a grudge or cherish bitterness against anyone, but to show forgiving mercy always, because of the forgiving mercy that God always shows you?

Is there any person whom hitherto you have refused to forgive for what he or she did to you? Will you ask the Lord this moment to help you change your attitude, and get right with that person?

Lead us not into temptation . . .

Do you make it your habit to watch and pray against temptation? Will you make it your habit from now on?

Doxology . . .

Is the Lord's Prayer really in your heart? Are you being honest when you say "amen" to it? "O God, make clean our hearts within us; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us." Lord, teach me how to pray, by teaching me how to live; for Jesus' sake; amen.

Song of Response

Jude 24-25

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (NASB)



Al Ashe and his wife Dianell joined Faith Community Church in 2020 when they moved from Oahu Hawaii. Al has been involved in several ministries at Faith including Adult Bible Study, Men's Fraternity, the Pastor Search Committee, Saturday Morning Bible Study, and Communion Services, "We love hearing God's Holy Word and being with our extended family at FCC."

Al and Dianell have a blended family that includes five sons. Al works in Washington DC supporting the Naval Sea Systems Command as an Information Systems Manager; Dianell is the owner of the Spoiled Dog Bakery which specializes in creating delicious homemade dog treats and is also involved in the Women's Ministry at Faith.

We are considering Al Ashe for the position of deacon at FCC. Our constitution gives these instructions: Deacons assist the elders in serving the church body in specific areas of service that are determined by the needs of the church. These needs may be permanent or temporary in nature. Deacons are recognized as qualified by the elders and examined by the congregation who participate in the selection process as outlined in the By-Laws. The qualifications of deacons are set forth in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. These qualifications indicate a man's present testimony within and outside the congregation. The qualifications are high but are no different than the testimony expected by God of all believers.

The candidate is presented to the congregation and members shall prayerfully consider the candidate for three weeks. Anything which could disqualify a candidate should be presented first to the candidate, and if necessary to an elder as required by Matthew 18:15-16. The elders will respond to any question or concern. Upon completion of the review period, the elder board will present the candidate to the congregation for affirmation and installation with the following statement: "After prayerful consideration, we acknowledge Al Ashe as a deacon. We promise to pray that he may be Spirit-controlled. In confirming this man, we know of nothing that would disqualify him from his service to the church."



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

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



Choir Easter Musical

Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy desserts and coffee and the powerful story of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. Featuring the Faith Community Church Choir, narrators, and select instruments including handbells. 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

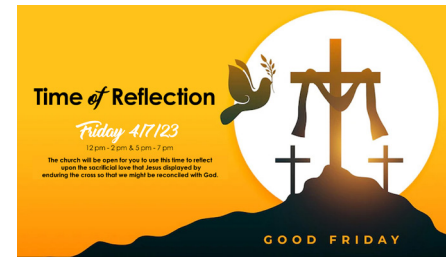
Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: 15 per person/45 family max (includes dinner, a love offering will be taken for Chosen People Ministries) Reservation Required
Childcare available by reservation (2 and under)



MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER, a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM, at Faith Community Church. This visual presentation will be conducted by Mr. Derek Blu-menthal of Chosen People Ministries.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER begins with the traditional Passover Seder—complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on 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. The experience also helps both Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.



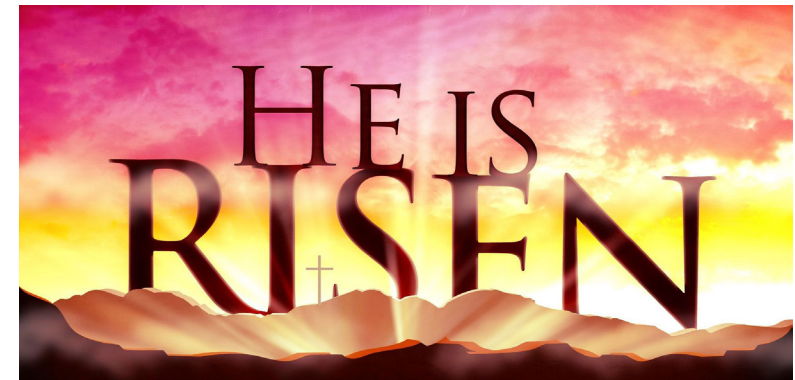
Good Friday Time of Reflection

Friday, April 7, 2023

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to stop by Faith Community Church 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 self-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.



Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 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.