



WINTER IS ON THE WAY!



give the gift of warmth!

Bring in a new or gently used coat which will be taken to the Baltimore Rescue Mission and Karis Home. Please drop your coat by the FCC kids check in station by November 5th.



Children's Christmas Play 2023
 All kids in 1st-8th grade
 Auditions for solos and speaking parts October 1 at NOON in Act #2 - Bring a bagged lunch
 Rehearsals begin October 8 at NOON in Act #2 Bring a bagged lunch
 Performance Date: December 17 both services
 Questions? Contact Kayla Floyd: kaylafloyd3@gmail.com
 Sign up by using this QR code



Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30) YTD as of September 10, 2023		
Giving	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$196,680	\$203,698	\$(7,018)

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

Tell Me a Story
The Parables of Jesus

Parable of the Two Debtors



Elder David Hansen

September 17, 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 Ken Crane. 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/3o2jnty> or use the Spotify Code with your app.



This Week at FCC



Sunday (9/17)

HS & MS - Jeremiah & Lamentations - 9 am - Act #2
 Adult Bible Study - Jeremiah and Lamentations - 9 am & 10:30 am Act #1
 Small Group Potluck - 5 pm - Activity Room #1

Monday (9/18)

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

Tuesday (9/19)

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

Wednesday (9/20)

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: marchgutsandglory@gmail.com
 Choir Practice - 7 pm
Contact Don Fast: fast_da@verizon.net

Thursday (9/21)

Young at Heart & Renewed - 11:30 am
Contact Brian Showler: showlerbrian@gmail.com
 Women's Bible Study - 7 pm
Contact Veronica Platt: FCCwomensmin@gmail.com

Saturday (9/23)

Men's Prayer Time and Study of God's Word - 7:30 am
Contact Bob Crane: ettabilkaknm@icloud.com
 Walk & Run for Life - 8 am - MACC Church
Contact Wellspring Life: www.walkandrun.org

2023 Walk & Run for Life



Every person can make a difference! Join FCC at the 2023 Wellspring Life Ministry's Walk and 5k Run for Life on Saturday, September 23, 8 am at Mid-Atlantic

Community Church in Gambrills! Help our team (**Steps of Faith Community Church**) support the mission of serving women and families, saving lives, and sharing Jesus. Each year, the ministry cares for over 1,000 women and families in our community. This is a great way to make a real, life-saving impact in the fight against abortion in our community! Learn more and sign up at www.walkandrun.org or by contacting Brian Crabtree briancrabtree@gmail.com

Small Group Potluck



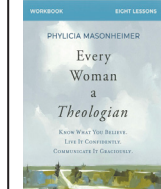
SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS: Small Group Potluck Fellowships are held in **Activity Room #1 at 5-6:30 PM** every other Sunday. Our next meeting is Sunday, **September 17th**. Contact David Hansen for details dgh10@albion.edu

This Week's Global Partner

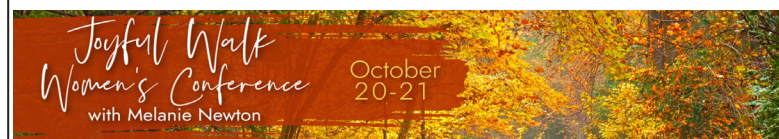


FCC supports a husband and wife team who work with church planters from many different countries. Due to the sensitive nature of their work, we must keep the names of this husband and wife team hidden. This couple lives in Malaga, Spain where they are able to equip and mentor church planters working all over the world. The wife is involved in counseling women on the field. The husband trains national church planters across the Middle East and North Africa. The couple's primary role is to train, mentor, and counsel so that workers can thrive and remain on the field.

Women's Ministries



NEW Women's Bible study will start the week of Sept. 17th with 3 class options: **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as well as Thursday evening.** Childcare will be available for Wednesday sessions. Come join in discovering why theology is essential to every area of your life and how to graciously communicate Christian truths confidently. Check out our table in the foyer or go to our webpage: <http://www.faithcommunity.net/women-s-ministry>



Are you a joy seeker? You make choices daily that can lead you on a walk that is joyful or one that is frustrating and destructive. The FCC Women's Conference, with speaker and Bible teacher Melanie Newton, will be **Friday, Oct. 20th, 7-9 pm** and **Saturday, Oct. 21st, 9:30 am-3 pm**. Join us as we discover how to have a joyful walk! Space is limited, so register today! Use the QR Code above or go to: <http://www.faithcommunity.net/women-s-ministry> or stop by the table in the foyer.

Location: Faith Community Church
 Registration: \$60
 Saturday Lunch included

Meet Our Newest Member



New Member! 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 one another, participating in ministry together, and submitting to each other. Today, the elders are happy to affirm the request of **Sunday Olaitan** for membership. Be sure to give him a warm welcome!

Jesus' Parable of Two Debtors
Luke 7:36-50 (pg 1027)
September 17, 2023
Faith Community Church
Elder David Hansen

The context (verses 36-40)

The story (verses 41-43)

The meaning (verses 44-47)

The Savior (verses 48-50)

Application

Whom do you relate to more? The woman or Simon?
Have you received God's forgiveness through Jesus?

If you have been forgiven much, what could it look like
...to **love God** much?

...to **love others** much?

How is **God's idea of love** different from the ideas of love
we sometimes have? (I Corinthians 13)

Jesus' parable of two debtors (Luke 7:36-50)
Questions for further reflection and discussion

Those who have been forgiven much

How have you experienced the forgiveness Jesus freely offers?

Can you remember a time when you vividly grasped the grace God has
shown you in Christ? How did you respond?

Loving God

Sometimes as Christians we want to love God much but do not feel the
affection the woman in this story felt.
How can we respond in this situation?

When we gather together for corporate worship services, do you ever
find yourself more concerned about those around you than about God?
What are specific things we can do to redirect our focus toward God in
this situation?

Worship is about more than singing! Read the first several verses of
Romans 12. What are other ways we can love God much?

Loving others

What are some practical ways we can demonstrate costly love toward
one another?

One way we are called to show love toward one another as Christians
is through hospitality (**I Peter 4:9**). How can we grow in welcoming others
into your home and our lives?

Which aspects of Christlike love in **I Corinthians 13** do you find it most
difficult to emulate?

Jesus told another parable of two debtors in **Matthew 18:21-35**.
Is there someone in your life whom Christ would have you forgive?