

**The Book of Matthew**  
**Matthew 16:21-28 (pg.977)**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
**Todd, FCC Global Partner**  
**Sermon Notes**

I. The Way of the King

II. The Way of the Disciple

II. A Word of Warning

## For Further Discussion

1. Why do you think Jesus waited until now to tell his disciples about his coming death, burial, and resurrection? Why do you think they still struggled to understand?

2. What are the benefits of suffering and persecution in the Christian life? Can you find Bible passages about this?

3. What is precious to us? What needs to be put back in its rightful place, and what do you need to let go of completely?

4. How can you apply personally Jesus' exhortation to take up your cross daily and follow him?

5. What is your main responsibility as a follower of Jesus in this age? What could that look like this week?



# This Week at Faith

## Sunday (4/26)

Adult Bible Study - Hebrews - 9 am - Activity Room #1

Adult Bible Study - Matthew - 9 am - Classroom #8

Potluck with Missionary T&R - 12:15 pm Activity Room #1

Contact Jon Luman: [missions@faithcommunity.net](mailto:missions@faithcommunity.net)

## Monday (4/27)

Men's Fraternity - 7:00 pm

Contact Paul Sabota: [men@faithcommunity.net](mailto:men@faithcommunity.net)

## Tuesday (4/28)

Moms and Tots - 9:30 am

Contact Raven Bethancourt: [momsandtots@faithcommunity.net](mailto:momsandtots@faithcommunity.net)

## Wednesday (4/29)

Men's Online Bible Study - 9 am

Contact Dave Cole: [davidcole3@verizon.net](mailto:davidcole3@verizon.net)

Wellspring Training - 9:30 am

Contact Sharon Greenip: [sharongreenip@wellspringlife.org](mailto:sharongreenip@wellspringlife.org)

R.O.M.E.O (retired old men eating out) - 11:30 am

Contact Brian Showler: [bkshowler@gmail.com](mailto:bkshowler@gmail.com)

MS & HS Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Contact Matt Hemphill: [matth@faithcommunity.net](mailto:matth@faithcommunity.net)

Choir Practice - 7 pm

Contact Don Fast: [music@faithcommunity.net](mailto:music@faithcommunity.net)

## Thursday (4/30)

Young Adult Small Group - 6:30 pm - at FCC

Contact Matt Hemphill: [youngadults@faithcommunity.net](mailto:youngadults@faithcommunity.net)

## Friday (5/01)

FCC Family Dinner - 6:30 pm

Contact Amy Jenkins: [abjenkins5@gmail.com](mailto:abjenkins5@gmail.com)

## Saturday (5/02)

Men's Bible Study - 7:30 am

Contact Ken Crane: [walk@faithcommunity.net](mailto:walk@faithcommunity.net)

Free Flea - 9:00 am

Contact Amy Jenkins: [abjenkins5@gmail.com](mailto:abjenkins5@gmail.com)

# Upcoming Events at FCC

## JOIN US LUNCH WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

*Hear stories and updates from T & R  
Names and photos are not shown for their safety.*

**Sunday, April 26 • 12:15 PM**

*Activity Room #1*



## Muffins

*with Moms, Grandmas, and Special Someones*

**May 10th | 8-9 am | Activity Room # 1**

You are invited to join your child for  
"Muffins with Mom" to celebrate  
YOU on Mother's Day!



## PARENT – CHILD DEDICATION

MAY 10TH

DURING BOTH SERVICES.

CONTACT AMY McDOUGALL

IF INTERESTED:

[AMY@FAITHCOMMUNITY.NET](mailto:AMY@FAITHCOMMUNITY.NET)



# Upcoming Events at FCC (con't)

**FREE KIDZ KAMP (AKA VBS) | JULY 13-17 | 5:30 PM**

**ALL KIDS**

**ENTERING**

**KINDERGARTEN**

**THROUGH**

**5TH GRADE**  
(PER AACPS GUIDELINES)

SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO **JESUS** REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER



**FCC Family Dinner**  
May 1st | 6:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious dinner with  
your FCC family and do  
some early bird shopping at  
the Free Flea.

Faith Community Church's

## Free Flea

You are invited to join us  
Saturday, May 2nd at 8 am for  
our Early Bird Shopping  
**All Items Are Free!**

Faith Community Church  
1306 Riedel Road Road  
Gambrills | 410-451-1220



Faith Community Church's

## Free Flea | May 2nd

Bring your excess to the Family Free Flea and Fellowship!  
Donations of anything one adult can lift: clothing, books,  
toys, housewares, etc will be accepted.

**\*\*\*NO LARGE FURNITURE or car seats.\*\*\***

Donations can be made

Wednesday, April 29, 9 am through NOON Friday, May 1.

**\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\***

We also need hangers, copy paper boxes, and uniformly  
sized small and medium moving boxes.



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## National Day of Prayer 2026


May 7, 2026  
6:30 pm - 8 pm  
Lawyers Mall  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD  
For information  
[awakenaaco.org](http://awakenaaco.org)



JOIN US!

## PRAYER NIGHT & POTLUCK

 SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 6 PM

 FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Come enjoy a relaxing evening of  
prayer, fellowship, and food.

Please note: childcare will not be provided



BRING A POT  
OF SOUP  
to share

OR



A TRAY OF  
SANDWICHES  
to share



DRINKS &  
DESSERTS  
provided

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All are  
welcome!



QUESTIONS? | [Jim.h.avery@gmail.com](mailto:Jim.h.avery@gmail.com)

# Financial Update

Financial Update Fiscal Year (July 2025 - June 2026)

FYTD as of April 19, 2026

Projected Income	Giving	Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b>
\$797,737	\$878,601	\$80,864

**Thank you for your faithful giving.** Ministry needs continue and have increased in some areas. There are several options for giving.

### Ways you can give:

\*Dropping your tithe in the offering boxes  
(located by the doors as you exit the worship center)

\*Via our website [www.faithcommunity.net](http://www.faithcommunity.net)

\*Via our app or scan the QR code



Please remember with the new tax laws, some donors are choosing to support FCC using their retirement or brokerage accounts. **This allows them to reduce their tax bill while supporting disciple-making through the ministries of FCC.** Contact your financial advisor for detailed information.

### FCC Leadership

#### Deacons

Brett Bujac  
Adam Coleman  
Caleb Gowan  
Mike Hite  
Jon Luman  
Kevin Williams  
Matt Zimmerman

#### Pastors/Elders

Steve Bond, non-staff  
Ken Crane, non-staff  
Cameron Dahl, staff  
Chris Handel, non-staff  
David Hansen, non-staff  
Matt Webster, staff

### FCC Staff

Matt Hemphill.....Student Ministry Coordinator  
Amy McDougall.....Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Kris Floyd.....Administrative Assistant