

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTIONS—We welcome all who attend as our honored guests. Please complete the Connections Card in the pew if you are new. You may drop it off at the Connections Desk or place it in the offering. Stop by the Connections Desk to allow us to meet you.

SOUL FOOD AND SUNDAY SCHOOL—There will be no Sunday School classes today. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 27th.

OFFICE CLOSED—The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21st in honor of Easter.

DR. CARL ELLIS SEMINAR “Biblical Wisdom in an Age of Cultural Confusion”—Saturday, April 26th at 9:30am-2:30pm. Faith will host a Biblical Seminar of diversity in the era of religious, cultural and political confusion. How does the Bible talk about diversity, equality, and inclusion? These terms mean different things to different people, including the people of God. Teaching Elder Dr. Carl Ellis will lead a series of talks on the subject and provide a biblical framework for an appreciation and the redemption of these terms, currently hijacked by the pervasive idolatries that clog the theological, cultural, and political landscape. Childcare will be provided for children 6 months to 7 year old during both sessions. Please register <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/fcconnect/events/981>

YOUTH RETREAT SCHOLARSHIPS—We are in significant need of scholarships for our youth retreat May 2-4. The cost is \$165 per student to attend. This year's theme will be "Rooted in Christ" as we discuss what it looks like to follow Jesus practically in many areas of our lives. Please consider donating by selecting Youth Ministry from the FCF Connect giving page or writing “Youth Ministry” in the memo of your check/offering. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Income (% of budget)	Expenses (% of budget)
March	67.0K (83%)	71.0K (86%)
Fiscal YTD	698.7K (98%)	713.9K (95%)

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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LARGE print and braille Bibles are available from the ushers.
Session email: elders@fcfchurch.org; Deacons email: deacons@fcfchurch.org; Facebook: [Fb.me/fcfchurchbaltimore](https://www.facebook.com/fcfchurchbaltimore)
Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at www.fcfchurch.org.



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are strangers and want fellowship, to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday
Order of Service

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Psalm 18
Leader: “Call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, for who is God but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?
People: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.
Leader: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom
I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
All: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.”

SONGS OF PRAISE—Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Come Thou Almighty King;
I Gotta Sing

CORPORATE PRAYER

SONG OF ADORATION—How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

EASTER TESTIMONY—Denise Williams

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Job 19:23–27

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Acts 2:22-28

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Heavenly Father, cleanse me, a sinner, for I have
sinned against you and have done what is wrong in your sight. Deliver me from the evil
one, and may your will be in me, that I might open my unworthy lips without
condemnation, and praise your most holy name. *Moment of silence for confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, believe the Good News! Jesus lives! Jesus has
saved us from our sins! Walk in His salvation, today and evermore! **People:** AMEN!

TITHES and OFFERINGS

FRIENDS OF JESUS

SERMON “From Death to Life: The Resurrection of Jesus and His Saints”
Mark 27:50-54; Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—The Anthem

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON “From Death to Life: The Resurrection of Jesus and His Saints”
Mark 27:50-54: Pastor JB Watkins

*“50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the
curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks
were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen
asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the
holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him,
keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe
and said, ‘Truly this was the Son of God!’”*

A Prayer to Receive and Rest on Jesus Christ for Salvation

*“Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through
your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. Jesus, I thank you that you
lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed by dying on the cross for
me. Receive me now. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.”*
If you have made a decision to trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation, please let any member,
usher, or leader know so we may assist you in your spiritual growth as a new believer.