

Announcements

CONNECTIONS—We welcome all who attend as our honored guests. If you are new to Faith Christian Fellowship, please complete the Connections Card in the pew. 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.

SUMMER D-GROUP—Mondays in July. Combined Middle and High School from 6:30–8:30pm. Rising 6th graders and graduated seniors are welcome! If you are interested in being a D-Group mentor, come check us out this summer! Email Julian for more information at youth@fcfchurch.org.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR SALAAM CENTER—Please join us in helping the Salaam Center bless the children of refugee families! Donate any of the requested school supplies (see bulletin insert). Drop off supplies in the bin in the foyer over the next two Sundays (**August 3rd & 10th**). Volunteers will deliver the supplies to the Salaam Center. Contact Sarah Ellis (ellissarah18@gmail.com) with any questions.

SUMMER@FAITH FINALE—Sunday, August 3rd during worship. The children and youth have been working hard during this month for Summer@Faith! We would like to invite you and your friends to come see what they have worked on all summer! Thank you to all of the volunteers, the donations and for the support. There will be many family and friends of the students here so we are asking for donations of **dessert and fruit for hospitality** following worship. Please sign up at the table across from the Connections Desk. Donations may be dropped off next Sunday in the Parlor before worship. Please join us in praying that God will be glorified by our Summer@Faith finale!

COMMUNION—Sunday, August 10th during worship. Please note, Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 10th** during worship due to the Summer@Faith celebration during worship next Sunday. Please prepare your heart accordingly.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Update	Income (%budget)	Expense(% budget)	Inc - Exp
June	72.6k (100%)	84.2k (105%)	-11.6k
YTD	946.2k (101%)	993.4k (98%)	-47.1k

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

***Celebrating** the reconciling work of Jesus Christ, **Building** grace-filled disciples,
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Pastor JB Watkins—Senior Pastor

LARGE print and braille Bibles are available from the ushers.

Session email: elders@fcfchurch.org; Diaconate email: deacons@fcfchurch.org;

Women's Leadership Team email: wlt@fcfchurch.org; Women's Diaconal Team email: wtd@fcfchurch.org

Facebook: [Fb.me/fcfchurchbaltimore](https://fb.me/fcfchurchbaltimore)

Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at 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.

Jesus Our Servant King



The Gospel of Mark

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Deacon Scotty Hoelsema

CALL TO WORSHIP—From 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

SONGS OF PRAISE—How Great is our God; Generous God

CORPORATE PRAYER—Donna Float, Women’s Leadership Team

SONG OF ADORATION—More Than Anything

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE— Isaiah 29:13-16

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—Colossians 2:16-23

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Merciful Father, we confess that we have clung more tightly to our customs than to Your calling. We have treasured our traditions while neglecting the movement of Your Spirit among us. Forgive us for the times we have resisted change, closed our ears to Your Word, and closed our hearts to Your work. Forgive us for elevating our preferences above Your will. Turn us again to Your truth, and help us follow where You lead, even when it disrupts what we’ve known. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Moment of silence for confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Leader: Church, hear the Good News: Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are made new. When we confess and repent of our sins, God is faithful to forgive, redeem, and renew. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. People: AMEN!

TITHES and OFFERINGS

FRIENDS OF JESUS

CLOSING SONG—Lord I Lift Your Name on High

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON “When Traditions Clash with God’s Word”
Mark 7:1-23; Pastor JB Watkins

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 my 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.