

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 and stop by the Connections Desk after the service so we can meet you!

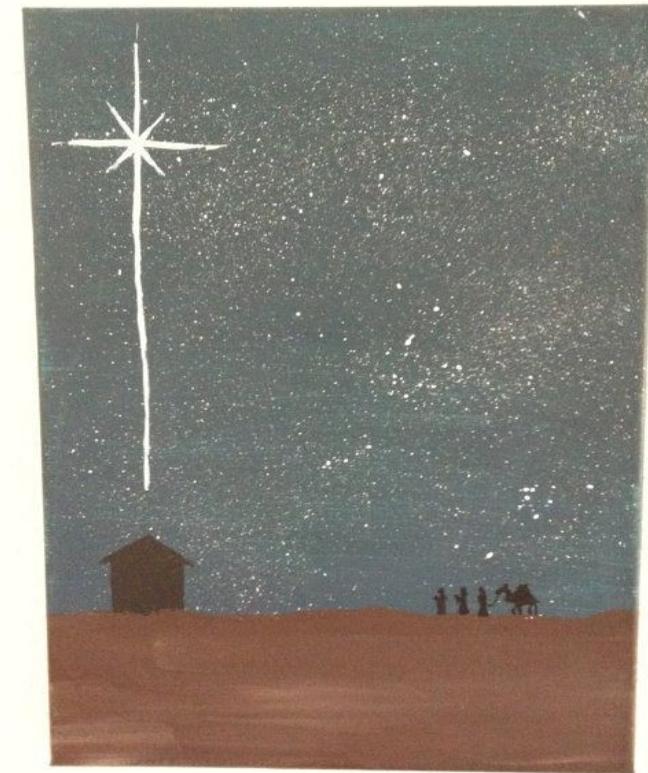
SOUL FOOD/SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School and adult Soul Food classes for all ages next Sunday at 9am. There are two classes. One class is a discussion group considering the previous week's sermon (Prayer Room). The other class is discussing the book, *The Gospel for Real Life*, by Jerry Bridges (Fellowship Hall).

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE—**6pm**. Please join us for our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Due to this family-oriented event, we will not have any children's events or nursery. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU—To those who participated in FCF's ThanksGifting outreach. Many were blessed as \$3,500 was given—this enabled our Women's Diaconal Team and friends to distribute 35 gift cards to local families!



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.



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Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at fcfchurch.org.

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Pastor JB Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Select Scripture

Leader: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

SONGS OF PRAISE—How Great is Our God; O Come All Ye Faithful

CORPORATE PRAYER—Martha MacIver

SONG OF ADORATION—O Come O Come Emmanuel

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION—Jeff Lin/**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**—George Hurd and Alex Walsh

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—I Chronicles 16:1, 2, 7-11, 34

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—1 John 4:7-12

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—God of perfect love, You have called us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we confess that our love is often shallow and self-serving. We have withheld love from those who are different from us, choosing comfort over compassion. We have spoken words that wound rather than heal, and harbored resentment instead of forgiveness. Lord, forgive us for failing to love as You have loved us. In our busyness, we neglect to show kindness. In our pride, we resist reconciliation. In our fear, we close our hearts to strangers. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the way of love. As we await the coming of Christ, teach us to love patiently, generously, and faithfully. Amen.

Moment of silence for confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, hear the Good News: God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Nothing in all creation—neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God for His unfailing love!

TITHES and OFFERINGS/FRIENDS OF JESUS

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE (Love)—Alvin and Jennifer Whetstone

Sermon Notes

SERMON “The Steadfast Love of God” Psalm 107:1-9 Pastor Beau Miller

CLOSING SONG—The Blessing

BENEDICTION—Pastor Beau Miller

FINANCIAL Update	Income	Expenses	Income minus Expenses
October	\$68.5K	\$69.6K	-1.0K
Fiscal YTD	\$249.1K	\$299.1K	-50.0K

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.