

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—Join us at 9am on January 11 and following! For the adults, 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).

CHURCHWIDE POTLUCK—TODAY following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend our churchwide Potluck meal today!

PRAYING FOR TEENS AND ADULT CHILDREN—Wednesday, January 7th at 7:30pm. There will be a time to pray for teens and adult children this Wednesday. We will all meet by Zoom this month. The link will be sent by email and are welcome to join. Please contact Cathy Zei if you are interested in participating and for more details at cathyzei54@gmail.com or 443-224-8199.

SEMINAR—"Cultivating Joy" This Saturday, Jan. 10th beginning at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Why it can be hard, why it truly matters and what it looks like to pursue it. A lot of us believe in joy theologically, but struggle to experience it personally. When you read that Scripture commands joy, what rises up within you? – guilt? longing? resistance? or just confusion? This very practical seminar, led by Kim Sutter on the theology and practice of biblical joy, will cover what joy actually is, where it comes from, its purpose and benefits, how it co exists with sorrow and grief AND its surprising connection to neuroscience and our ordinary everyday happiness. Sign up at the Connections Desk or email Kim (kim@fcfchurch.org).

YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP—Appalachian Service Project (ASP) tentative dates are June 21-27. Information meeting Sunday, January 25th in the Youth room, following morning worship.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS—We are seeking candidates for Deacon and Elder and ask that all members prayerfully consider submitting nominations. A simple nomination form and more information about qualifications can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/FCF-Officer-Nomination-Form>. A QR code to the form and paper copies are at the Connections Desk. The deadline for submissions is 1/25/26.



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, January 4, 2026

Order of Service

WELCOME—Phill Thomas, Pastoral Intern

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name.

All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SONGS OF PRAISE—Blessed Assurance; Days of Elijah

CORPORATE PRAYER

SONG OF ADORATION—I Love the Lord

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—Ezekiel 36:25-27

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—Revelation 21:1-5

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Gracious God, you are always making all things new, yet we confess that we cling to old ways—old fears, old wounds, old sins that dull our love for you and for others. We resist your renewing Spirit and settle for what is familiar rather than what is faithful. Forgive us, we pray. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may walk in the new life you offer. Amen.

Moment of silence for confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, hear the Good News: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has passed away, and the new has come. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our lives are restored, and we are made new. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the freedom and joy of this new life. **People:** AMEN!

TITHES and OFFERINGS/FRIENDS OF JESUS

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG—Doxology

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

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Sermon Notes

SERMON “God is Doing a New Thing” Isaiah 43:14-21 Rev. Dr. Thurman Williams

FINANCIAL Update	Income	Expenses	Income minus Expenses
November	\$89.3K	\$82.3K	7K
Fiscal YTD	\$338.4K	\$381.4K	-43K

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.