

Faith Community Church of God

August 2011

FCCHOG Schedule	A Note from Pastor Steve
<p><u>Sundays</u> 9:30 am - Sunday School & Warehouse252 10:20 am - Fellowship 10:45 am - Morning Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u> 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm - Shaken (All Youth)</p>	<p>Paul wrote, "Join with others in following my example...and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you." Philippians 3:17</p> <p>In <u>The Upper Room</u>, someone wrote, "When I was a small boy, my neighbor preached a sermon to me that was seven miles long. Every Sunday, he drove his horse and buggy seven miles to church. I became a Christian because of his example." This man's faithfulness led his nephew and two nieces to Christ, and their children and grandchildren are active in churches and witnesses for the Lord.</p> <p>I am convinced that faithfulness is one of the best means of witness over the long haul in the Christian life. We have all heard exhortations to be faithful. But over a period of time, it becomes easy for our faithfulness to erode. We miss a service here, a tithe there, some pressing circumstance keeps us away from church, and after a while a more casual pattern of Christian living sets it.</p> <p>In the process, our witness is weakened and God's work is weakened. What if others "lived according to our pattern," as the above verse suggests? Would they be inspired to go to church, to support God's work, to believe that faith in Christ is most important in our lives? Faithfulness is vital!</p> <p>I am not addressing vacations and needed times away, which occur naturally, especially during the summer. But the faithfulness of those who make up the church is the great strength of her ministry.</p> <p>I encourage you to be faithful - to the services of the church, in your giving, in your serving, and in your everyday living. You will grow stronger and so will God's church. Your faithfulness is especially needed during the summer months.</p> <p>May God, who is faithful, bless you as you faithfully follow him.</p> <p>Pastor Steve</p>
August Friendly Reminders	
<p><u>Greeters</u> Bud & Phyllis Willett</p> <p><u>Ushers</u> Kyle Hamilton Charlie Brumbaugh Rick Hartley Linda Hartley Bob Hasty David Stults</p> <p><u>Church Bus Drivers</u> 8/7 & 8/14 - Don Lorton 8/21 & 8/28 - Ron Hammel 9/4 & 9/11 - Dan Stults</p>	
Team Meetings	
<p>Tuesday, August 2 7:00 pm Christian Education</p> <p>Tuesday, August 9 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Building & Upkeep</p> <p>Tuesday, August 23 6:30 pm Leadership Council</p>	
Quick Link	
<p>We have revamped our website. Stop by and see what's new at Faith Community</p>	

August News

Upward Soccer Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the late evaluation and sign-ups on Tuesday, August 9, from 6 to 7:30 pm. We also need volunteers on Saturday, August 13, at 10 a.m. to help with organization and crowd control at the first practice of the season. Coach and referee volunteers are also being sought. If you can help please contact Kyle Hamilton or the church office.

Backyard Fellowship

The last Backyard Fellowship of the summer will be at 6 pm on Sunday evening, August 14. If you are willing to open up your backyard to the congregation on that evening, please sign up on the bulletin board by the main sanctuary doors.

Fish & Tenderloin Fry

On Friday, August 19, we will be having our annual fish and tenderloin fry from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults (ages 13 and over), \$5.00 for children (ages 6 through 12), and children 5 and under are free. We want everyone to be involved and help with this endeavor, so please see Pam and Ray Rudy to sign up in the area that you are willing to work. Tickets are now available from Rich and Diane Morrison on Sunday's following morning worship. Begin asking everyone you see to purchase a ticket so they can join us for this great night of fellowship!

Senior Adult Retreat

It's time to look ahead to the annual Senior Adult Retreat being held on Saturday, September 10. The retreat gives you an opportunity to fellowship and share together with other Northern Indiana Seniors. This one-day retreat will be at the great facilities of the First Church of God in Nappanee (72036 CR. 7) The Registration Fee is \$20 per person (includes meals and program). Please register before September 4. Registration forms for the event can be found on the bulletin board by the church office. This year's theme is "Overcomers...Not Giver-Upper". The speaker for Session 1 & 2 is Ann Smith.

- 8:00 am Registration, Breakfast & Fellowship
- 9:00 am Dean Synder - How to Recognize a "Giver-upper"
- 10:00 am Break/Snacks
- 10:15 am Session 1 - The Power of Choice
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Exercise Your Vocal Chords - Heritage Songs
- 1:00 pm Session 2 - Trim My Lamp so It Gives Off More Light & Less Smoke
- 2:00 pm Break/Snacks
- 2:15 pm You Think That's Funny? Listen to this....
- 3:15 pm Practical Steps to being an Overcomer
- 5:00 pm Dinner (Homemade Chicken & Noodles)
- 6:00 pm Dismissal

Love In the Name of Christ

In August, we will be collecting hamburger helper, brownie mix and all purpose cleaner for Love In the Name of Christ's food pantry. You can place your donations on the counter by the church office.

Aluminum Cans

Please collect and bring in your aluminum cans the last Sunday of every month (August 28). Faith Community volunteers take the cans to Clark's where they are exchanged for cash and put into the General Fund.

Thank You

Thank you for the gift card, it was greatly appreciated. I bought two books with it. Please keep me in your prayers as I join the National Guard. Thank you for all your love and support as I go out into the world.
David Stults

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		6-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Evaluations Team Meetings 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Bldg & Upkp	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)		5 pm Church Building Reserved	9 am Upward Coaches Training 10 am First Upward Practice 2 pm Church Building Reserved
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
6 pm Backyard Fellowship			6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)		Fish Fry	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		6:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			9 am - noon 1st Upward Soccer Games
28	29	30	31			
			6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			

Faith Community's Staff

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The "mission" of the Faith Community Church of God is to inspire ordinary people to become fully devoted followers of Christ

