

Faith Community Church of God

February 2012

FCCHOG Schedule	A Note from Pastor Steve
<p><u>Sundays</u> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Morning Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u> 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm - Shaken (All Youth) 6:30 pm - Warehouse252</p>	<p>Faith Community will soon begin another 40 day adventure called FOCUS 40. This is a special emphasis on prayer and fasting. Many people from our community of faith participated last year and found it to be a wonderful time of spiritual growth. We hope that many more will join this endeavor this year. We will be joining hundreds of Church of God congregations across the country in this effort.</p>
<p>February Friendly Reminders</p>	<p>Focus 40 begins on February 29 and runs through April 8, Easter Sunday. This year's theme is "Transforming Hearts, Transforming Lives". Nationally the Church of God has set a goal of 25,000 individuals to become disciples of Jesus Christ as a result of Focus 40.</p>
<p><u>Greeters</u> Betty Foster Eleanor Mattern</p>	<p>Focus 40 is about spending intentional time reconnecting with God. Biblical fasting partnered with prayer has a way of aligning us with God's will for our lives.</p>
<p><u>Ushers</u> David Stults Ed Robbins Rick Hartley Linda Hartley Bob Hasty</p>	<p>Focus 40 is designed to be a specific time to pull away from the many distractions, voices and noise associated with our daily lives and intentionally call upon the Lord, believing that God will hear our collective cries and respond to his church with a sense of renewal and revival.</p>
<p><u>Church Bus Drivers</u> 2/5 & 2/12 - Ron Hammel 2/19 & 2/26 - Dan Stults 3/4 & 3/11 - Don Lorton</p>	<p>During the month of February we will be sharing some specific information about the different types of fasts that a person might choose to participate in during the 40 days of this endeavor. We will also have available a free DAILY DEVOTIONAL that many found to be an especially helpful tool last year.</p>
<p><u>Cookie Baking Schedule</u> 2/5 - Sandy Webb 2/12 - Marcia Smith 2/19 - Nancy Wagner 2/26 - Janet Stull</p>	<p>For me, last year's Focus 40 was the first time I had ever done any fasting over an extended period. I found it be a great learning and growing experience.</p>
<p>Team Meetings</p>	<p>I recently came across an article by Gary Kindley entitled "Fasting - It's About Time". Let me share a few of his thoughts:</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 7 7:00 pm Christian Education</p>	<p><i>The spiritual discipline of fasting is a means of stepping off the path of consumption and chaos. Fasting is a means of making time for God by focusing our life on something besides activity, entertainment, and self-satisfaction ... Fasting is essentially about time - intentionally setting aside time for listening and growing in the spirit of Christ...</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, February 14 6:00 pm Finance 6:30 pm Outreach 7:30 pm Building & Upkeep</p>	
<p>Tuesday, February 28 6:30 pm Leadership Council</p>	
<p>Wednesday, February 29 10:00 am Mission & Benev.</p>	
<p>Quick Link</p> <p>We have revamped our website. Stop by and see what's new at Faith Community</p>	

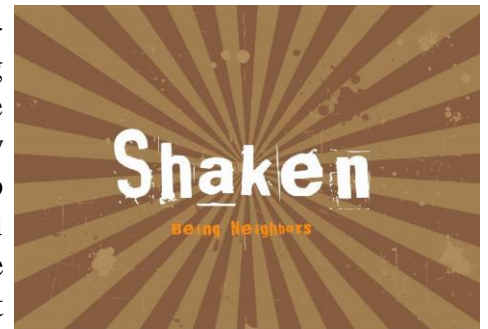
Fasting and prayer go together, for they are complementary spiritual disciplines that move us from the secular world without to the holy kingdom within. Prayer and fasting are a means of changing our focus, of clearing our bias, and setting aside our prejudice. Together, prayer and fasting help us reorder our thinking, reassess our concerns, embrace our challenges, establish our priorities, banish our fear, cease our worry, and liberate our soul.

I hope you will join in the Focus 40 effort to allow God to transform our hearts and our lives, and the hearts and lives of those we love.

Pastor Steve

Shaken News

This past week our lesson in youth group was over 1 Peter 3:13-22. I challenged the youth as I will challenge all of us about doing good even though we may suffer for it. Sometimes the evil that we know we ought not do, tempts us. This temptation, if we are not fully engaged and growing in our Lord, may give birth to sin. But, "Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed." 1 Peter 3:13-14. The chapter goes on to tell us that we should never be frightened but that we know that Christ is in control. So, with that being said, believe it! Believe that God is bigger than the wrong things that we do that continue to plague us. Believe in your hearts that whatever challenge we face God can help us overcome. It is so easy for us to say we believe it but we need to put those words into action in our daily lives.



Please pray for our upcoming mission trip, we are in the process of finding a location and would appreciate your prayers in this matter. Please continue to pray for the youth as many have the head knowledge of Christ, but life and its demands and frustrations can have an effect of choking out said knowledge and making it difficult to live out.

The children's Sunday morning time is going well. We are trying to focus on helping the children use their gifts and abilities and tying that back to how God made them special and gave them those gifts and talents. If you feel God putting it on your heart to help during the morning worship hour, we would appreciate one or two more people helping teach on an every other month schedule so some of our teachers can have a break from time to time.

Blessings,
Austin Pettigrew, Minister of Youth and Christian Education

Warehouse 252 on Wednesday nights is going wonderful!! We are seeing 15-20 kids on average each week!!! Kids have been enjoying dinner prior to Warehouse each week, with wonderful desserts (thanks to our wonderful bakers and Jennifer Stults for coordinating this)!! January we spent our first Wednesday in the Warehouse with an interactive drama that had Cammie (Cassie Sloan), demonstrating a complete loss of self-control, regarding shopping!! With a little help from Gordo (Kyle Hamilton), and one of his many experiments, they figured it out!! Bill Webb explained to the kids the importance of having a "wall" of self-control, what that looks like and that we can seek God's help to "build" our wall!



(Gracie's "Wall of Self-Control" being tested by Graden, Kaidy, Cameron, Tavin and Eli)

God is definitely working in the Warehouse!! This virtue was perfectly placed in the year for our kids!! The second and third week we learned about how "God can give you the power to control yourself" and to "Pause before you lose your temper". The last Wednesday we are going to focus on how to "Select your words carefully" and "Know when to stop".



"Wise ones" were introduced to the kids last week, to help them make wise choices. Everyone gets a "Wise One" when they get to the Warehouse and then work throughout the night to make wise choices. If they are successful they are able to "buy" a prize at the end of the night!

In February we are introducing the virtue of "Honor". Honor is defined by Warehouse as "letting someone know you see how valuable they really are". Also in February, we are going to get the kids in the kitchen to "Make Munchies with Marcia"!! The last Wednesday of the month the kids are going to make sugar cookies that will be sold on Sunday March 4th. The money will be donated as a way to display "Honor" in a group less fortunate!

There is a need to have a backup bus driver for Wednesday evenings. Steve has been gracious in his willingness to do this since we started but it would be nice for him to have a backup. If you are interested please let Keely or Jillian know! Thank you for all the prayers, desserts and donations. Sunday January 29th we hope to have a video to show our gratitude for our t-shirts! Blessings, Keely

February News

Heart to Heart



On February 25th at 5pm everyone is invited to the "Heart to Heart" banquet. We will be serving a nice meal and starting a new program that evening. Heart to Heart is intended to connect our kids to our adults. At the banquet you'll get to meet all our GREAT kids, get to know each other, make a craft and "adopt" a child for the year. Each willing adult will "adopt" a child and get some simple guidelines on your responsibilities to this child throughout the year. The purpose of the program is to make the kids feel welcome/loved, provide them with a positive friendship and connect the generations. More information will be coming out soon on this developing program. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to help, please see Keely Oswald. Areas of need are preparing/serving the meal and setup/teardown of tables and chairs.

Visit The Website

Don't forget to visit Faith Community's website at www.faithcchog.org. It has lots of valuable information including recent letters and updates from missionaries supported by Faith Promise, a NEW Warehouse252 page and a calendar of upcoming events. We would love the congregation to use this communication tool.

Love In the Name of Christ

In February, we will be collecting noodles, peas and dish soap for Love In the Name of Christ's food pantry. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the church lobby.

Thank You

To The Precious Saints at Faith Community,
Greetings in the name of Jesus! And a blessed new year 2012! Thank you from the depths of our hearts for your faithful, generous financial support. How you bless us. May the Lord continue to bless you real good, is our prayer. We pray you would come and visit with us, so bless us with your presence as you do with your gifts.

In Jesus' love, Sis. Phyllis Newby & Your Haitian Brethren

Ongoing Activities

Adult Sunday School Class

The current Sunday school class being offered is based on the book Heaven by Randy Alcorn. Some of the questions to be explored during the class are: What will Heaven be like? What will it mean to see God? What is the New Jerusalem? What will we do in Heaven? What will we know and learn in Heaven? This book will answer these and many more questions about Heaven. This book is so uplifting and describes Heaven in Biblical and concrete ways. Pastor Steve Stull will be teaching this class.

Women's Bible Study

A women's Bible study is meeting in the church library on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. The group is studying the book "30 Days to Taming Your Tongue" by Deborah Smith Pegues.

Prayer Meeting

Faith Community holds a Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. Led by Pastor Steve Stull, prayers are lifted up for the members in the congregation, members of the community, members of the country and members of the world. The meeting is concluded with a study of scripture.

Streak-less Microfiber Cloths

To raise money for the Building Fund, we are selling microfiber cloths. They remove 98% bacteria and require no chemicals just water. The cloths cost \$5 for one or \$12 for three. See Kyle or Marlene Hamilton or contact the church office to purchase one.

Aluminum Cans

Please collect and bring in your aluminum cans the last Sunday of every month (February 26). Faith Community volunteers take the cans to Clark's where they are exchanged for cash and put into the General Fund.

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

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			9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting, Shaken (Youth) & Warehouse 252			
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