

Faith Community Church of God

January 2012

FCCHOG Schedule

Sundays

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:20 am - Fellowship
10:45 am - Morning Worship

NEW SERVICE TIMES STARTING JANUARY 8, 2012

9:00 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Morning Worship

Wednesdays

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

January Friendly Reminders

Greeters

Charlie Brumbaugh
Pat McCloskey

Ushers

Ron Hammel
Don Lorton
Harold Riggle
Damek Vogleman
Josh Stults

Church Bus Drivers

12/25 & 1/1 - Ron Hammel
1/8 & 1/15 - Dan Stults
1/22 & 1/29 - Don Lorton

Team Meetings

Tuesday, January 3
7:00 pm Christian Education

Tuesday, January 10
6:30 pm Outreach
7:00 pm Finance
7:30 pm Building & Upkeep

Tuesday, January 24
6:30 pm Leadership Council

Quick Link

We have revamped our website.
Stop by and see what's new at
[Faith Community](#)

A Note from Pastor Steve

Sometimes I'm a bit surprised when I hear people say that they've had so many problems in the old year that they can't wait to get into the new one, hoping it will be better. It's almost as if they're saying, "If next year is a really good year, maybe I won't have any problems at all."

Or more realistically, even if we expect some problems, we may not feel we deserve quite so many. One woman said she knew the Lord wouldn't give her any more problems than she could bear, but she just wished he didn't have such a high opinion of her!

Often when I'm wishing for an easier life, I turn to that "character-building" passage in Romans 5:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

That scripture reminds me of a prayer written long ago at the turn of a year.

*Dear Master for the coming year, just one thing I bring.
I do not pray for happiness or any earthly thing;
I do not ask to understand the way Thou leadest me;
But this I ask - teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding Voice, to walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear and ready to obey;
And thus the year I know begin a happy year will be, if I am seeking just to do the thing that pleaseth Thee."*

-Author Unknown

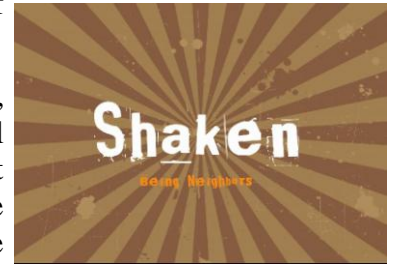
In 2012, may you experience God's presence each day! Then you will know you are having a good year!

Pastor Steve

Shaken News

I want to begin by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray that all of us would take a step back and really focus on Jesus and the power that love has. Many of us are volunteering, buying gifts, donating to charities and forgetting all about Jesus and our personal relationship with him. I pray that all of us take time to reconnect with the one who first loved us. As we think about our personal story with Jesus, think about those who are currently lost as we were once and let these words of Isaiah be a comfort to us all.

"God is the one who saves me; I will trust him and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord gives me strength and makes me sing. He has saved me. You will receive your salvation with joy as you would draw water from a well. At that time you will say, "Praise the Lord and worship him. Tell everyone what he has done and how great he is. Sing praise to the Lord, because he has done great things. Let all the world know what he has done. Shout and sing for joy, you people of Jerusalem, because the Holy One of Israel does great things before your eyes.""
Isaiah 12:2-6 (NCV)



Continue to pray for our youth and the ministry here at Faith Community. We have been meeting and the discussions we have been having have been so encouraging to me. The youth are searching and that is an exciting thing.

We had another opportunity to go to the Webb's to swim and have supper together. It was a great time. We are planning our Christmas party this week and are looking forward to it.

The children's ministry had their Christmas pageant this last week. They did such a great job and put a lot of time and practice into the play. A BIG thanks to Troy, Keely, Aaron, and Vanessa for all the help!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Austin Pettigrew, Minister of Youth and Christian Education

Warehouse252 News



Wednesday nights for kids are in full swing!! We spent our first Wednesday getting to know one another a little better! We played games, learned more about everyone and finished off with an obstacle course! The first Wednesday of December was spent in the Warehouse with an interactive drama that the kids were able to be a part of! Last week we were able to continue exploring our virtue of Generosity, by dividing the kids into separate classes by age. They made crafts, played games and learned about "Not letting things get in the way of loving Jesus" and "People are always more important than stuff".

Sticking with the virtue of the month for December, "Generosity - making someone's day by giving something away", I thought it would be nice to give all the kids new warehouse tshirts. Vanessa Fields negotiated a wonderful deal on tshirts and many of you have generously donated to allow us to give a tshirt to each child. The shirts should be done this week, which will allow us to give the kids a shirt before the end of December! There is still an opportunity for you to donate!

Next month our virtue will be: "Self-Control-Choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do." In January we will get the kids out into the community on the fourth Wednesday to "live out" our virtue!

Troy and Aaron Fields have started cooking dinner for Wednesday nights, which is open to everyone! Jennifer Stults is making sure there is a dessert every night too! There is a suggested donation of \$3/adult to allow us to feed the kids for free. The menu is mostly kid friendly foods!

A BIG thank you goes out to all whom have stepped up to help! There is nearly a full cast, teachers, parent volunteers, sound/video techs, prayer warriors, Steve has been driving the bus to pick up the kids, Cheryl Poling has really helped in a number of ways! ALL your work is appreciated!

January News

New Service Times

New service times will begin January 8, 2012. Sunday school will begin at 9 am and morning worship will begin at 10 am.

New Sunday School Classes

Starting Sunday, January 8 at 9 am the following Sunday school classes will be offered.

- **Heaven**: Have you ever wondered what Heaven would be like? Have you wondered if we will have bodies? What will we do in Heaven? Will our pets be in Heaven? What is Heaven going to look like? What in the world are we going to do for an eternity? Maybe you have asked these same questions. This book is so completely uplifting and describes Heaven in concrete ways, answering questions that we all might have. Perhaps if someone is grieving the loss of a loved one, or even suffering a long term illness this book will give them hope for what is yet to come. Steve Stull will be teaching this class.
- **Galatians**: Galatians stands as an eloquent defense for the essential New Testament truth that man is justified by faith in Jesus Christ - by nothing more or nothing less - and that he is sanctified not by works but by the obedience that comes from faith in God. Connie Anderson will be teaching this class.

Basket Weaving Class

On Saturday, January 14 at 2 pm a basket weaving class will be offered. During this session we will be making a jar for flowers. The basket begins on a 3" wooden base using a wide mouth quart jar for a mold that you will weave around. A rusty lid complete with wire frog, dyed reed and a piece of homespun compliment the look of this flower holder. It's a good beginners basket. To cover the cost of supplies there will be a fee of \$16 for this class. If you would like to attend this class please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

Ladies Wednesday Bible Studies

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

Love In the Name of Christ

In January, we will be collecting tuna, cake mix, frosting and laundry soap for Love In the Name of Christ's food pantry. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the church lobby.

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.

Calendars

Calendars to support the Shepherd's Food Pantry in Andrews, IN are available each Sunday at the Welcome Center. \$6.00 for 1 or \$10.00 for 2. Proceeds will go to purchase food at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Ft. Wayne. \$20.00 will buy 100 lbs. of food. Please see Pat McCloskey for more details.

Aluminum Cans

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

Church Office

The church office will be closed December 23 through January 2, 2012. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank You

Faith Community Church family,

Thank you all for your support, love and prayers as Ryan and I head out on our next journey to Tanzania. You can follow our blog at randemorris.wordpress.com. We love you all! Merry Christmas! - Ryan & Emily Morris

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Happy New Year!		7:00 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Shaken (Youth) & Warehouse 252			
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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