

Faith Community Church of God

November 2011

FCCHOG Schedule	A Note from Pastor Steve
<p><u>Sundays</u> 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:20 am - Fellowship 10:45 am - Morning Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u> 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm - Shaken (All Youth) 6:30 pm - Warehouse252</p>	<p>Surely the most special day in November is Thanksgiving. Can you remember when merchants waited until AFTER Thanksgiving to push Christmas sales? If so you're probably older than I am. Today, before the Halloween candy is sold, Christmas trees and decorations are already in the stores.</p> <p>I not only hate the commercialization of Christmas, I grieve that we often pass over Thanksgiving so casually. Maybe it isn't so surprising though, when we realize that a day born out of gratitude to God for His blessings has lost its religious thrust in our modern secular world. It has even reached into our school textbooks.</p>
<p>November Friendly Reminders</p>	<p>Professor Paul C. Vitz of New York University, made a comprehensive survey of sixty social studies text books. He wrote:</p>
<p><u>Greeters</u> Eleanor Mattern Betty Foster</p> <p><u>Ushers</u> Ed Robbins Rick Hartley Linda Hartley Bob Hasty David Stults</p>	<p><i>One social studies book has thirty pages on the Pilgrims, including the first Thanks-giving; but, there is not one word (or image) that referred to religion as even a part of the Pilgrim's lives. A mother, whose son is in a class using the book, wrote to me to say that he came home and told her that "Thanksgiving was when the Pilgrims gave thanks to the Indians." The mother called the principal of this suburban New York City school to point out that Thanksgiving was when the Pilgrims thanked God. The principle responded by saying that was her opinion - the schools could only teach what was in the books!</i></p>
<p><u>Church Bus Drivers</u> 10/30 & 11/6 - Don Lorton 11/13 & 11/20- Ron Hammel 11/27 & 12/4 - Dan Stults</p>	<p><i>It makes one wonder what else is in "the books"? How many other Christian values are being left out of our history by a secular society?</i></p>
<p>Team Meetings</p>	<p>Don't skip Thanksgiving. Reflect again on its true origin and especially help your children and grandchildren to understand its true origin and significance as you express thanks to God for his manifold blessings.</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 1 7:00 pm Christian Education</p> <p>Tuesday, November 8 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Building & Upkeep</p> <p>Sunday, November 13 12:00 pm Annual Business Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, November 15 6:30 pm Leadership Council</p>	<p>Robert Strand tells of a fruit in Africa called the "taste berry," so called because it changes a person's taste buds in such a way that everything eaten after it tastes sweet. Giving thanks is the "taste berry" of Christianity.</p>
<p>Quick Link</p>	
<p>We have revamped our website. Stop by and see what's new at Faith Community</p>	
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When our hearts are full of gratitude, nothing that comes our way will be unpalatable to us. Those whose lifestyle is marked by thanksgiving will enjoy a sweetness of life unparalleled by any other.

One of the blessings I regularly thank God for is the wonderful group of people who make up the family of Faith Community. Your commitment to following Jesus and living out lives of thanksgiving is a real encouragement.

Pastor Steve

Shaken News

This past month has flown by! Working with our youth here at FCCHOG has been truly a blessing. I wanted to give an update to some things we have done and are planning on doing.

Before I even started here at the church, Bill Webb contacted me and wanted to have the youth over for a pool party/weenie roast. Bill and Sandy were so hospitable and the youth had such a great time. From the food to the belly flop contest, it was a great first experience for Megan and I to be a part of the church community and leading the youth.

John Miller came into the church office and told Pastor Steve and I about his volunteering picking up walnuts for the Free Health Clinic here in town. I asked if he needed any help and John enthusiastically said yes. A few boys from the youth and I spent an afternoon helping John. It was a great time of helping our local community.

Blessings in a Backpack is in full swing as well! A group of local youth pastors and churches are in charge of currently feeding 38 students at Andrews Elementary. This project is to help the kids with food to get them through the weekend. I am excited to be a part of this project. Last month some of the students and I went shopping, bagged and delivered the meals to the students in Andrews.

The youth meetings on Wednesday nights have been going great! The students are learning and sharing and I am excited for things to come. The youth and I have been meeting at 6:30 AM on Wednesday mornings for breakfast and bible study at McDonalds here in town. I look forward to this every week!

Next week Nov. 4-6 is our 2011 ISYC in Indianapolis. Megan and I are excited, along with Ethan Wilfong, to lead a group of our youth for the convention.

Please continue to pray for me as I lead the youth and get to know them better.

Continue to keep Mitch Van Ness in your prayers as he continues treatment.

Thank you all for being so inviting and friendly to Megan and I.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you all.

Austin Pettigrew, Minister of Youth and Christian Education

Children's Ministry News

We have nailed it all down!!! We are launching our Wednesday night program for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade on November 16th! We are moving Warehouse 252 to Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We are formatting the program a little differently though! Here's the weekly breakdown:

~First Wednesday of the month we will do a big production with the whole cast to introduce the monthly virtue (hopefully back in the sanctuary with the assistance of the youth to help flip the set...details still being worked out!)

~Second Wednesday of the month we will break down into small groups and teach the kids a lesson at an age appropriate level to reinforce the monthly virtue. Division of classes will be kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade.

~Third Wednesday of the month we will have games, kid skits and crafts to have a hands on week for kids who learn best that way!! Again these will reinforce the monthly virtue.

~Fourth Wednesday of the month we are going to get the kids out into the community to serve others and live out the virtue that they have learned about all month!!

~Fifth Wednesday of the month (when appropriate) we are going to get the kids in the kitchen to make some baked goods. They will be able to sell them the following Sunday to earn money for the charity of their choice.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask!!! If you feel lead to serve, let me know!! Have a GREAT November!!!

Keely

November News

Opportunities and Information for Children's Ministry

There will be a brief meeting following morning worship on Sunday, October 30th to discuss the current opportunities in children and youth ministry and to discuss the changes getting ready to take place regarding the programming for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you have children involved or are interested in volunteering with these ministries please attend this brief meeting.

Indiana State Youth Convention

The youth will be going to the Indiana State Youth Convention on Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6 at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Please pray for travel mercies and for an overall great experience for all those attending.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks back for the end of Daylight Savings time on Sunday, November 6.

Small Groups

Small groups will meet on Sunday, November 6, 13 & 20. Groups are currently meeting weekly to study The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller. The Prodigal God is a dramatic teaching film, sermon series and group study resource based on Jesus' great parable-The Prodigal Son. For a complete listing of small groups and their meeting times and locations please see the bulletin boards in the lobby. If you are not assigned to a group please see Rich Morrison and we will get you plugged in. Please join us in rediscovering the heart of the Christian faith.

Soup, Salad, and Sandwich Event

Faith Community will be hosting a Soup, Salad, and Sandwich Luncheon from 11:00am -2:00pm on Saturday November 12. Proceeds will go towards the Building Fund. See Marlene Baker with any questions.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting will follow morning worship on Sunday, November 13. In preparation for the meeting, all team chairpersons need to submit their annual report to the church office by Sunday, October 30.

Upward Soccer

The 2011 Upward soccer season has come to a close. We would like to thank all the volunteers from the church who made this year's season go smoothly. Please pray for the development of the 2012 season.

Current Sunday School Electives (9:30 am)

- John Wagner is leading a class on the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan.
- Connie Anderson and Ed Robbins are teaching an adult class from the Bible study series *Vision for the Church* focusing on Ephesians.
- Everyone is welcome to attend Warehouse252; a weekly worship experience for kids & parents that uses music, stories & skits to teach a monthly virtue.

Ladies Wednesday Bible Studies

- * The evening Bible study is meeting at 6:30 pm in the church prayer room to study "Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl" by Lysa Terkeurst.
- * 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 November, we will be collecting canned fruit, coffee and razors for Love In the Name of Christ's food pantry. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the church lobby.

Aluminum Cans

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

Office Hours

In November, Jillian Parsons, the church secretary, will not have her usual office hours due to maternity leave. The staff will be checking their phone and e-mail messages often so please leave a message and they will get back with you as soon as possible.

Thank You

We deeply appreciate all of the prayers, cards and expressions of support and sympathy during Ruth McCoy's fight against cancer. - Dave & Charlotte Hornback

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your wonderful and generous support for our family and our ministry. You are such a blessing. - Love, Bill & Janell Webb & kids

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Ladies Bible Study & Shaken (Youth)			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Savings Time Ends Small Groups		<u>Team Meetings</u> 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Bldg & Upkp	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Ladies Bible Study & Shaken (Youth)			11 am - 2 pm Soup, Salad & Sandwich Event
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Annual Business Meeting Small Groups		6:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Ladies Bible Study, Shaken (Youth) & Warehouse252			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30			
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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

