

Faith Community Church of God

October 2011

FCCHOG Schedule

Sundays

9:30 am - Sunday School & Warehouse252
10:20 am - Fellowship
10:45 am - Morning Worship

Wednesdays

9:00 am - Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm - Shaken (All Youth)

October Friendly Reminders

Greeters

Charlie Brumbaugh
Pat McCloskey

Ushers

Ron Hammel
Don Lorton
Damek Vogleman
Bud Willett
Harold Riggle
Josh Stults

Church Bus Drivers

10/2 & 10/9 - Ron Hammel
10/16 & 10/23 - Dan Stults
10/30 & 11/6 - Don Lorton

Team Meetings

Tuesday, October 4
7:00 pm Christian Education

Tuesday, October 11
6:30 pm Outreach
7:00 pm Finance
7:30 pm Building & Upkeep

Tuesday, October 18
6:30 pm Budget Meeting

Tuesday, October 25
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

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e sometimes use the phrase "a step of faith." Once in a while we see that statement come to life.

I recently read about a man watching a crew preparing to move a house from one location to another. After a day or two of labor the crew had the house several feet off the ground supported by huge wooden beams.

About that time, one of the workmen walked right under the house! The workman obviously had confidence in his work. He had faith in the equipment and in the skill of those doing the work. For most of us, that would be one "step of faith" we have no desire to take.

But we do take "steps of faith" every day without even giving much thought to what we're doing. We board airplanes, pull onto busy highways, take medication, follow directions from total strangers...the list is almost endless.

But where it ought to be the easiest for us to take a "step of faith," we often falter and find every excuse not to venture out. Put simply, **we are slow to trust God and to rest on his promises.**

The same person who believes man capable of flying thousands of feet in the air and casually buys an airplane ticket might have great difficulty putting his weight down on Philippians 4:19, ***"God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*** We have more faith in human technology than we do in God's ability to fulfill His promises!

I've read several times how many promises there are in scripture, but at this moment I can't remember the total. But it really doesn't matter, because if I'm not trusting a few or even one of those promises, what difference does it make? If there are 10,000 apples in an orchard and I refuse to eat even one in spite of the fact that I'm dying of hunger because I'm fearful one of them might contain a worm, then none of them will do me much good.

Paul was convinced that God could not only keep His promises, but could actually ***"do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine."*** (Eph. 3:20). I wonder, are we convinced? May God help us all to take "a step of faith."

Pastor Steve

Shaken News

My name is Austin Pettigrew. I am excited to serve our Lord and Faith Community Church of God as Minister of Youth and Christian Education.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know a little about myself.

I graduated from Huntington University in May 2009, Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Sports Ministry.

I am newly married to an amazing young woman, her name is Megan. Megan is currently a senior at Huntington University majoring in Social Work. She grew up in Fort Wayne.

I grew up in Whitley County on a seed corn farm. Looking back, I am so grateful to have been raised on a farm with hard working, God fearing parents. My parents not only taught me about what it means to follow Jesus Christ, but lived out this faith.

We sold the farm in 2001 and went into full-time Christian ministry at Camp Maranatha in Central Illinois. After high school, I served as a missionary in Guatemala, working at a private Christian school.

During college, I got the opportunity to work with World Impact, an inner-city church planting ministry based in Los Angeles, CA. While in California I worked for The OAKS Camp and Conference Center in Lake Hughes, CA and at World Impact's city ministry in Fresno, CA.

Since graduating from Huntington I worked for Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch near Branson, MO, I served as a part-time youth pastor at Salamonie Church of the Brethren in Warren, IN, and most recently worked at White's Residential and Family Services in Wabash, IN as an Assistant House Parent.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to talk to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this local body.

Austin Pettigrew

Children's Ministry News

Weekday Childrens Program

We have started to look through our resources to figure out the best direction for a weekday program for our kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. I'm so excited!! As you all know, I love working with our children and am looking forward to providing a new opportunity for them!!

Just a little about me:

- I have a wonderful Husband, Troy! He loves spending time with our family, camping and playing his guitar (in private only!)
- We have 2 great boys:
 - Eli 4~he just started in preschool and loves soccer, art and to ride his scooter!
 - Cameron 5~he just started kindergarten and loves to read, ride his bike and play Legos!
- I love to camp, ride bikes, bake, weave baskets and maintain relationships/friendships!

I'm really looking forward to this new opportunity for Faith Community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Keely@faithcchog.org or 260-437-5831.

Opportunities and Information for Children's Ministry

There will be a short children's ministry informational meeting following service this Sunday, October 2. If you are interested in serving in the ministry or are willing to contribute some ideas of what you might want to see being offered to our kids please attend this meeting. We are hoping to have some new volunteers willing to serve in Faith Community's children's ministry alongside our devoted teachers/caregivers that have given of their time. We are blessed to have kids from birth to high school and we are looking for fresh ideas to serve them. If you have any questions please see Austin Pettigrew or Keely Oswald. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!!!

Basket Weaving Class

A third basket weaving class is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 at 2 pm. We will be making a casserole basket to carry your holiday treats/casserole dishes. Due to the size of the basket, the cost has increased to \$24. A picture of the basket along with a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the office. Let Keely Oswald know if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Small Groups

Faith Community is gearing up to start a new small group series entitled *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller.

One son kept the rules religiously. One son broke them all. One father loved them both beyond anything they could ever imagine. *The Prodigal God* is a dramatic teaching film, sermon series and group study resource based on Jesus' great parable - The Prodigal Son.

All groups will gather at Faith Community on Sunday, October 9th at 6 pm, to kick off this fall's session with an introduction to the curriculum and fellowship time with your group. Group's will meet weekly either at the church or in a home from October 9 through November 13. Join us for this great study as we rediscover the heart of the Christian faith.

Upward Soccer

In October, the 2011 Upward soccer season will come to a close. Games will be played on Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22. The Upward soccer celebration will be held Sunday, October 23

Annual Budget Meeting

The annual budget meeting has been set for Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm. The Leadership Council and Finance team members are asked to attend this meeting.

Chili Cookoff

On Sunday, October 30, Faith Community will be holding another chili cook-off so plan on bringing your best chili for a chance to win the golden ladle. Chili judging will begin at 4:30 pm and dinner will start at 5:00 pm.

Indoor Trick or Treating

On Sunday, October 30 from 6 - 8 pm Faith Community will be hosting an indoor trick or treating event. Children will be able to go classroom to classroom to receive treats (no tricks). We will also be making caramel apples to give away. If you are interested in decorating one of the classrooms, donating apples or caramels, or would like to hand out treats (dressing up in costume is encouraged) please see Keely Oswald.

Annual Reports

In preparation for the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, November 13, all team chairpersons need to submit their annual report to the church office by Sunday, October 30.

Indiana State Youth Convention

Mark your calendars for this year's Indiana State Youth Convention taking place Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6 at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Austin is working on gathering up information about the convention and will be getting it to the youth soon.

Current Sunday School Electives (9:30 am)

- Starting in October, John Wagner will lead 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 October, we will be collecting chicken noodle soup, crackers and shampoo 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 (October 30). Faith Community volunteers take the cans to Clark's where they are exchanged for cash and put into the General Fund.

Office Hours

In October and 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.

Faith Community's Staff

Steve Stull - Senior Pastor - cell phone (260) 224-1169 - steve@faithchog.org
Austin Pettigrew - Minister of Youth and Education - austin@faithchog.org
Keely Oswald - Weekday Evening Children's Leader - keely@faithchog.org
Jillian Parsons - Administrative Assistant - info@faithchog.org
Ryan Morris, Worship Leader

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

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9 am - noon Upward Soccer Games
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12:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting		7:00 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Ladies Bible Study & Shaken (Youth)			9 am - noon Upward Soccer Games 2 pm Basket Weaving Class
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