

# Faith Community Church of God

## September 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)

### September Friendly Reminders

#### Greeters

Rich & Diane Morrison

#### Ushers

Forrest Kramer

Ed Robbins

Brenda Mudrack

Sylvia McHenry

Don Carpenter

Dan Brown

#### Church Bus Drivers

9/4 & 9/11 - Dan Stults

9/18 & 9/25 - Don Lorton

10/2 & 10/9 - Ron Hammel

### Team Meetings

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 pm Christian Education

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 pm Outreach

7:00 pm Finance

7:30 pm Building & Upkeep

Tuesday, September 27

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

**F**orgetfulness can be embarrassing and costly. But it is also essential in maintaining a sane mind and healthy body. The greatest ability of the mind may be remembering, but the second greatest is forgetting.

It seems to me there are at least two things we must learn to forget:

First, we need to forget our FAILURES. Concentrating on our failures results in an "if only" syndrome. "If only I had done this, if only I had listened...etc." Everyone makes mistakes, we all experience failures, but only the champions in life learn to forget them.

Then we should forget the INJURIES inflicted upon us by others. Psychiatric research has confirmed that resentment over past injuries is a major contributor to psychosomatic illness.

Edwin Markham, the illustrious poet, had some money put aside for his retirement. On retirement, he went to the bank only to discover that a friend whom he has trusted had escaped with his money leaving him penniless.

Markham tried to write again but bitterness kept him from thinking clearly - it was destroying his life. Finally he dropped to his knees and poured out his resentment to God and prayed for the capacity to forgive and forget. Then he picked up his pen to write again.

*He drew a circle that shut me out.*

*Rebel, heretic, a thing to flout,*

*But love and I had the wit to win,*

*We drew a circle that took him in.*

One child said, "I don't have a good memory, but I have a pretty good forgetory." A good memory is valuable, but there are times when a good "forgetory" is even better.

Pastor Steve

### **Church Office**

The church office will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

### **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

The women are invited to come on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am as we study the book "30 Days to Taming Your Tongue" by Deborah Smith Pegues. You can see Connie Anderson to purchase a book. Please join us as we look at what the Bible says about the use of our tongues.

### **Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study**

A ladies evening Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm. We will begin a 6 week study by Lysa Terkeurst of Proverbs 31 Ministries entitled "Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl". This study is designed to help us live out our faith daily even after our Bible Study is over. Come join us as we uncover the joy of living out our faith in every day circumstances using the Bible as our guide. Study guides can be ordered from Sandy Webb for \$8.

### **Upward Soccer**

The Upward soccer season is in full swing. Games will be played on Saturdays, September 10, 17 & 24 at 9, 10 & 11 am. Team and individual pictures will be taken on September 17. Please continue to pray for the players, their parents, coaches and other volunteers of the Upward soccer ministry.

### **Special Called Business Meeting**

A business meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11 following morning worship to take a vote on the calling of Austin Pettigrew.

### **Back to Church Sunday**

Back to Church Sunday will be on September 11. Back to Church Sunday is a special day to invite and bring an unchurched friend to worship for a time of celebrating and strengthening friendships. The service will provide a time to welcome visitors to a warm, caring worship atmosphere, an opportunity to begin building friendship with the good news of what God has done through Jesus Christ, and an opportunity for a friend to find answers to felt needs.

### **Fish & Tenderloin Fry**

Once again, the Lord blessed us with a wonderful evening of fellowship at our annual fish and tenderloin fry on August 19. We want to thank everyone who had a part in making this evening such a success. We would like to give a very special thank you to Ray and Pam Rudy for coordinating volunteers and preparing the side dishes and to Rich and Diane Morrison for overseeing ticket sales. Praise be to our God for the great things He has done!

### **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-Uppers". 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 September, we will be collecting pancake mix, syrup and trash bags 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 (September 25). Faith Community volunteers take the cans to Clark's where they are exchanged for cash and put into the General Fund.

### **Thank You**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Bernie and the Johnson family, we want to thank you for your generous memorial gift for Cheryl. She was a wonderful lady who loved and praised the Lord until her home going. I want to encourage your support and prayers for Bernie, Ben, and Stephanie as they adjust to this difficult loss.

Thank you for your support of Bernie and Cheryl over the many years they served as missionaries together. Please continue to pray for Bernie as he continues the work they both so loved in Japan.

- Yours in Christ, The Global Missions Staff

Faith Community Church of God,

Thank you to the financial gift to the Huntington House Shelter. - Huntington House Staff

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day Church Office Closed	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
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Back to Church Sunday  12:00 pm Business Meeting		<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)			9 am - noon Upward Soccer Games (Picture Day)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			9:00 am Women's Bible Study  6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Ladies Bible Study & Shaken (Youth)			9 am - noon Upward Soccer Games
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		6:30 pm Leadership Council Planning Session	9:00 am Women's Bible Study  6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Ladies Bible Study & 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

