

Faith Community Church of God

April 2011

FCCHOG Schedule

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm - Shaken (All Youth)

April Friendly Reminders

Greeters

Charlie Brumbaugh
Pat McCloskey

Ushers

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

Church Bus Drivers

4/3 & 4/10 - Don Lorton

Cookies for College Students

Baking Schedule

4/3 - Pam Rudy
4/10 - Phyllis Willett
4/17 - Marcia Smith

Team Meetings

Tuesday, April 5
6:30 pm Christian Ed.

Tuesday, April 12
6:30 pm Outreach
7:00 pm Finance
7:30 pm Building & Upkeep

Tuesday, April 26
6:30 pm Leadership Council

A Word from Pastor Steve Stull

As I write this, we are entering the second week of the 40 day adventure called **Focus 40** - a special emphasis on prayer and fasting. So far it has been a blessing to hear people share about their experiences and to hear of answers to prayer.

By the way, if you haven't joined in this season of prayer and fasting, it's not too late. The **Focus 40 Devotions for Adults** are still available. Contact the church office and we'll make sure you get one.

Each Sunday from now to Easter we will have someone tell about what they have learned and what answers to prayer they have experienced. These testimonies are always a blessing.

We are also starting a blog on the church's website - www.faithcchog.org. This will provide an opportunity for people to interact with others who are sharing in the Focus 40 experience. It's a great way to encourage and learn from others.

A date you might want to mark on your calendar is Wednesday, April 13. That evening, at our typical time for Bible study and prayer, we will have a time of interceding for others for their healing. That should be a powerful evening.

The days immediately leading up to Easter are often meaningful times of reflection, repentance, and doing without. This year as we are adding prayer and fasting to the mix, they seem even more so. I fully expect our time of celebrating the risen Christ on Easter Sunday to be enhanced because of what's happening as a part of Focus 40.

My prayer is that God will richly bless you and our church as a whole and we give special attention to focusing on him and his plan and purpose for us.

Pastor Steve

Shaken Youth Ministry

Hey folks!

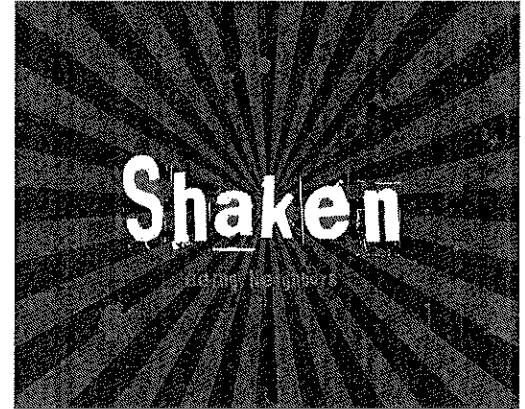
I was really excited to see the amount of support you all showed for our mission trip fundraiser! It is a huge blessing to have a church that cares about the youth! Cans filled with pocket change are due on Sunday, May 1st.

I hope your fasts are going well. If you haven't participated in a fast yet, it isn't too late! Try it out for a day or three. It is a truly enriching experience. As we reflect on the Lenten season this year may our prayer be that God gives us eyes to see the world like he does and ears to hear the cry of our neighbors. I encourage you all to read Isaiah 58 over the coming weeks and reflect on God's calling on our lives.

Also, will some of you start praying for warmer weather, cause i'm tired of the cold!

In Peace,

Joey



April News

A Special Time to Pray for Healing

On Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., as part of Focus 40, there will be a time of focused prayer for those who need God's healing touch in their lives. Bolstered by the power of many who will have been fasting for many days, we will anoint with oil and pray the prayer of faith for those who would like to be prayed for. We encourage you to come and be apart of this service.

Easter Egg and Candy Collection

It is that time of year again! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 am for children ages birth thru fifth grade. We will be collecting candy and eggs (filled with candy) for this event. Please place your donations in the box under the church mailboxes. In past years this event has been a HUGE success. We are counting on another fabulous turn out. Thanks in advance for your donations! And don't forget to invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Maundy Thursday

Faith Community will host a Maundy Thursday service on April 21 at 7 pm. The service will include the Lord's Supper followed by the ordinance of Foot Washing. Please join us for this special time of worship and celebration. Because of this service we will dismiss our regular activities on Wednesday, April 20.

Journey to the Cross

On Good Friday, April 22, Faith Community will be hosting a Journey to the Cross, a prayer walk though the last day of Jesus' life. Stations will be open from 6 am to 9 am, noon to 3 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm. Please feel free to come and go as you like within those hours.

Easter Service Schedule

The Easter Sunday (April 24) Schedule is as follows:

8:15 am - Breakfast

9:30 am - Worship

Please note that there will be no Sunday School or Warehouse252 and the worship will be starting 1 hour and 15 minutes early.

Easter Meal In A Bag

Help provide a "meal in a bag" for area families this Easter. Bring one or more items a week (March 27, April 3, 10 & 17) from the shopping list below. Please confine your donations to just those items on the list. Please deposit all items in the collection box by April 17. Thank You!

SHOPPING LIST

(No glass containers please)
Hot or Cold Cereal
Pancake Mix (can mix with water)
Syrup
Canned Fruit
Pop Tarts
Canned Juice
Muffin Mix
Hot Cocoa Mix

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of bus drivers on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please see Forrest Kramer or Don Lorton.

Thank You

Dear Friends at Faith Community, Thank you for the beautiful planter and words of support at our time of loss. - Sincerely, the Martha Daugherty family

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matt & Renee Bolinger on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Louise. Olivia was born Saturday, March 18 and was 5 lbs 7 oz and 18 inches long. We also congratulate big brother Doyle King and great grandmother Eleanor Mattern. Olivia is Eleanor's 30th great grandchild.

Love in the Name of Christ

In April, we will be collecting beef stew, tuna and tooth brushes for Love In the Name of Christ's food pantry. You can place your donations on the counter by the church office.

Yellow Creek Lake Camp

The theme for this years Yellow Creek Lake Summer Camps is *Be Transformed* based on 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" The early bird rates are good until May 1. For more information or a registration form contact the church office or call YCL ministries at (574) 491-3075 or visit them on the web at www.yclministries.org.

		Early Bird	Regular
Jr. High Camp	June 13-17	200.00	225.00
2nd - 5th Grade Camp	June 20-24	200.00	225.00
Tadpole	June 23-24	55.00	65.00
Sr. High Camp	July 11-15	200.00	225.00
Siblings Camp	July 18-22	200.00	225.00

North American Convention of the Church of God

The 2011 North American Convention of the Church of God will take place June 24 - June 29. The theme for this year's convention is **Transforming Culture by Being the Body of Christ**. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per family. For more details visit www.chog.org/nac.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		6:30 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Team Meetings 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Bldg & Upkp	6:30 pm Prayers for Healing & Shaken (Youth)			11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday			No Wednesday Activities	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	Journey to the Cross	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
EASTER 8:15 am - Breakfast 9:30 am - Morning Worship		6:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			

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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