

Faith Community Church of God

March 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)

March Friendly Reminders

Greeters

Betty Foster
Eleanor Mattern

Ushers

Forrest Kramer
Brenda Mudrack
Don Carpenter
Dan Brown

Church Bus Drivers

3/6 & 3/13 - Dan Brown
3/20 & 3/27 - Dan Stults

Cookies for College Students

Baking Schedule

3/6 - Connie Anderson
3/13 -Phyllis Willett
3/20 - No Cookies
3/27 - TBD

Team Meetings

Tuesday, March 1
6:30 pm Christian Ed.

Tuesday, March 8
6:30 pm Outreach
7:00 pm Finance
7:30 pm Building & Upkeep

Tuesday, March 22
6:30 pm Leadership Council

A Word from Pastor Steve Stull

Soon Faith Community will embark upon a 40 day adventure called **Focus 40**. This is a special emphasis on prayer and fasting. See the **Focus 40** article elsewhere in this newsletter. Here are some definitions of prayer:

Prayer Is The First Step In Knowing Jesus Christ. It is impossible for a person to experience Jesus apart from prayer. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom. 10:13) Following our initial salvation experience, all spiritual growth is in direct proportion to our prayer life.

Prayer Is Recognizing The Presence Of The Lord. To pray is to become acquainted with God. "Be still and know that I am God..." says the psalmist (46:10). Prayer does not mean to dictate to God, but prayer is to feel his presence!

Prayer Is Laying Hold Of God's Promises. When I cash a check, I do so knowing there are funds there for me to draw on (hopefully)! When we pray, God is there with a deposit of promises that says he will hear, move and act. Prayer is to cash a spiritual check and to draw on God's promises!

Prayer Is The Soul On Its Knees. Victor Hugo has said, "There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees." Prayer then is not posture or position, but prayer in an attitude of the heart that humbles itself before the living God.

Prayer Is The Path To Strength and Peace. To fail in prayer is to fail in all else. A Christian with power in his or her life, and a Christian with peace is a Christian of prayer. Prayer is vital. Too many believers today are defeated by powerlessness and anxiety. Christ has assured us that to navigate around these icebergs in the Christian life, we need to be men and women of prayer.

Prayer Is Our Means To Touch God. As a father, when my kids used to cry out, or when they came to me in pain, sadness, or in joy, I was touched. I stopped what I was doing and I listened! Prayer is the means of the believer to tap God's ability. Christ cried out from the crowd, "Somebody touched me!" God today says the same thing when he hears our prayers.

Prayer Is Our Way To Understand God's Plan. We need to know, seek, and walk in God's will. When we pray and wait upon God, we plug into his plans and timetable. Too many times we come to God with our plans set and ask him to approve them! In prayer we don't tell God what to do; we find out what he wants us to do.

Prayer Is Doing Business With God. When we pray we are conducting a "spiritual transaction." Just as we carry on business transactions with people, to pray is to get serious with God's business and purposes. Our spiritual transactions are just as important as our earthly transactions.

Friends, how is your prayer life? My prayer is that it will be the very breath of this congregation and not a passing passion.

Pastor Steve

Shaken Youth Ministry

Hey folks,

Once upon a time, I thought winter was over, but looking at the forecast it seems we've still got a way to go! But I'm going to talk about summer anyway! We picked a location for our summer mission trip and a date! From June 5th-June 10th we'll be heading down to Charleston, WV to do work projects and work with children through an organization we've used twice before, YouthWorks! Sign ups are right now! If you are finishing sixth grade or graduating high school (or anywhere in between) I hope you'll consider joining us! It will be much warmer than March, I promise!

Joey



Focus 40

Focus 40 is the name of a special emphasis that many Church of God congregations across the nation will share during the 40 days leading up to Easter (March 16 - April 24). The **FOCUS** will be on prayer and fasting. The **40** is the 40 days before Easter.

Focus 40 is about spending intentional time reconnecting with God. Biblical fasting partnered with prayer has a way of aligning us with God's will for our lives.

Focus 40 is designed to be a specific time to pull away from the many distractions, voices and noise associated with our daily lives and intentionally calling upon the Lord, believing that God will hear our collective cries and respond to his church with a sense of renewal and revival.



Calling the Church to 40
days of prayer and fasting

In the next couple of weeks we will be sharing information about how long you might fast and from what. We will also have available a free daily devotional that can help guide you through this experience.

Stay tuned for more information.

March News

Love Unity Feast

Come join us on Sunday, March 6 from 11 am to 2 pm at 4-H Heritage Hall for a delicious meal of homemade Chicken & Noodles or Pork Loin. For only \$7.00, adults will enjoy a complete meal including homemade desserts and beverages. Children under 10 years old pay only \$4.00. Take-outs are also available. Proceeds will help the outreach ministry of the churches through Love INC.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks for Daylight Savings time on Sunday, March 13.

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.

Love in the Name of Christ

In March, we will be collecting jello, pudding & razors for Love In the Name of Christ's food pantry. You can place your donations on the counter by the church office.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Team Meetings 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Bldg & Upkp	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Time Begins			6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		6:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			Church Building Reserved
27	28	29	30	31		
			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

