

Faith Community Church of God

May 2011

FCGHOG 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)

May Friendly Reminders

Greeters

Rich & Diane Morrison

Ushers

Kyle Hamilton
Rick Hartley
Linda Hartley
Charlie Brumbaugh
Bob Hasty
David Stults

Church Bus Drivers

5/1 & 5/8 - Dan Stults
5/15 & 5/22 - Don Lorton
5/29 & 6/5 - Ron Hammel

Cookies for College Students

Baking Schedule

5/1 - Marlene Hamilton
5/8 - Handing out Final Kits

Team Meetings

Tuesday, May 3

6:30 pm Christian Ed.

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 pm Outreach

7:00 pm Finance

7:30 pm Building & Upkeep

Saturday, May 14

9:00 am Leadership Council
Planning Session

Tuesday, May 24

6:30 pm Leadership Council

Quick Link

We have revamped our website.
Stop by and see what's new at
[Faith Community](#)

A Word from Pastor Steve Stull

In the last issue of the Michigan Church of God newsletter, ACTION, there was an insightful article written by Rev. Robert O. Dulin, Jr. entitled "DOES YOUR FAITH INCLUDE ROOM FOR TRAGEDY?" In light of the many tragic incidents happening lately like earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, etc., it seemed especially pertinent.

We know that in this fallen world where sin abounds tragedy is an everyday occurrence. Dulin says, "We are all in one of three places. We are either: in the midst of tragedy; healing from a tragedy; or about to be broadsided by a tragedy."

We all would like a God who provides MAXIMUM PROTECTION; a God who will surround us with an impenetrable wall of safety. In fact that's what we often pray for.

Dulin says, "While we may pray and ask for God's protection, it seems increasingly obvious that - the God revealed in Jesus Christ provides LIMITED PROTECTION and MAXIMUM SUPPORT."

The Old Testament example of Job is a reminder that divine protection against tragedy is not promised, but the strengthening presence of God is always with us. Dulin points out two lessons that we can learn from Job about faith.

FIRST, faith that pleases God is not dependent upon God's maximum PROTECTION against tragedy. In Job we observe a faith that dares to believe that no matter what happens in this life, God is faithful and present to give strength and whatever else is needed to make the most of tragic situations.

Faith that pleases God is not dependent upon what we think God ought to do for us. In this life, what we fear may come upon us; and what we dread may happen to us. God has promised to sustain us through life, not make life easy.

SECOND, during times of tragedy one's faith tends to WAIVER; to FLICKER like a candle in the wind. When faith is shaken by life's tragedies and thereby made to look different than during times of calm and comfort, its DIFFERENT look does not mean - nor should it be equated with - the ABSENCE of faith.

When faith waivers, it is not dead - it merely looks different. As long as faith flickers, it is alive and has the potential to struggle, to ask questions, to explore, to pray and to hope for something good to come of tragedy. When faith flickers, when faith waivers, God is still present and available to provide maximum SUPPORT to help manage and find meaning in the consequences of life's inevitable tragedies.

The prophet Isaiah understood this and wrote about it: "...WHEN you pass through the waters...when you walk through the fire...do not be afraid, for I am with you." (Isa. 43:1-5)

May God bless you with his maximum SUPPORT in the days ahead.

Pastor Steve

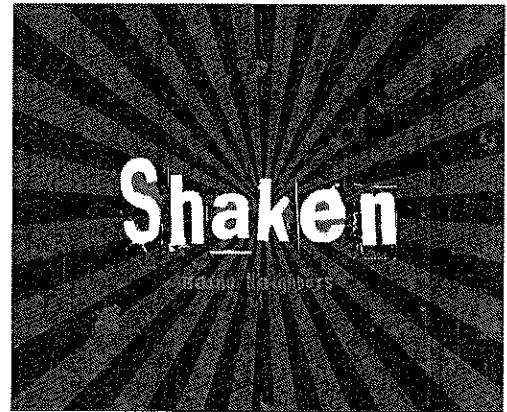
Shaken Youth Ministry

Hi everybody,

I'm so glad our church got to participate in Focus 40 last month! What a wonderful time of growth and seeking the heart of God! I hope your experience was rich and that it won't end just because Easter has passed. He is Risen!

Just a few more weeks of school left, which means that summer programs are already on my mind. As soon as the students finish school we'll be heading off for our summer mission trip to Charleston, WV from June 5th-June 10th. Also on the radar is Operation Backyard, a service trip to our own community, on July 15th, 16th, and 17th. Keep these programs in your prayers and put them on your calendar!

Joey



May News

Covered with Love

Love In The Name of Christ is opening a clothing/housewares shop called "Covered With Love." Beginning May 3, it will be open Tuesday 9:30a.m.-7p.m., Thursday 9:30a.m.-4p.m., and Saturday 9a.m.-12p.m. All prices are being kept low and only nice items are put out. The entrance for the store is off Washington St. at the red door by the carport. The money generated will help support and develop ministries. Love In the Name of Christ is in need of volunteers and donations for this new project. Both volunteer applications and donation receipts are at the LOVE, INC office. Most of all, please pray for the LOVE, INC organization as a whole and in this new endeavor. They would be blessed to have your prayers.

National Day of Prayer

The 60th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 5, 2011. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast. In Huntington, Christians will meet in the rotunda of the Huntington County Courthouse from 12 - 1 pm to pray for the church, the government, our families, our schools, the military, and the media. The 2011 theme, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", is based on the verse from Psalm 91:2 which states: "I will say to the Lord, my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Plan to join other Christians in our community for this time of prayer.

Mother's Day

Mothers' Day is Sunday, May 8. Please join us for a special time of worship as we honor our mothers and the many special women in our lives. If you know of a special woman, who might not have family in the area, invite them to come with you to church on Mothers' Day.

Stamp Out Hunger

The annual postal service's "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive will be on Saturday, May 14. Just put your non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox. All food collected will be donated locally to Love INC and New Life Fellowship Cafe.

Senior Expo

The Huntington County's annual senior expo sponsored by Huntington County Council on Aging will be on Thursday, May 19 from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Huntington University Field House. There will be door prizes, free giveaways at exhibitor booths, free food and entertainment all day long. People of all ages are welcome to attend this fun and helpful event.

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Older Adult Feast and Fun

An Older Adult Feast and Fun is being held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at noon. This event will be held at the Essenhaus restaurant in Middlebury, IN. The cost for the meal and entertainment is \$22. The meal includes salad, fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, gravy, bread, beverage and famous Der Dutchman pie! "The Gospel Jubilee Quartette" (*Dale Landis, Paul Maxfield, Jerry Byard, and Jack Tomlinson*) will be the entertainment. It's a great opportunity to get together with other groups from the area for a fun day out, with great old style gospel music. We would really like to take a group from Faith Community to this event so let the church office know if you are interested. The Registration deadline is June 6, 2011!

Love in the Name of Christ

In May, we will be collecting salmon, Hamburger Helper and shampoo 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.

Aluminum Cans

Please collect and bring in your aluminum cans the last Sunday of every month (May 29). Faith Community volunteers take the cans to Clark's where they are exchanged for cash and put into the General Fund.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful Norfolk Pine basket. It was very beautiful. And thank you for the wonderful dinner.
-- The family of Velma Hall

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		6:30 pm Christian Educ. Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)	National Day of Prayer		4 pm Church Building Reserved
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day		<u>Team Meetings</u> 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 pm Bldg & Upkp	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			9 am Leadership Council Planning Session
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			6:30 pm Prayers for Healing & Shaken (Youth)			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		6:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting	6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Shaken (Youth)			
29	30	31				
	Memorial Day					

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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