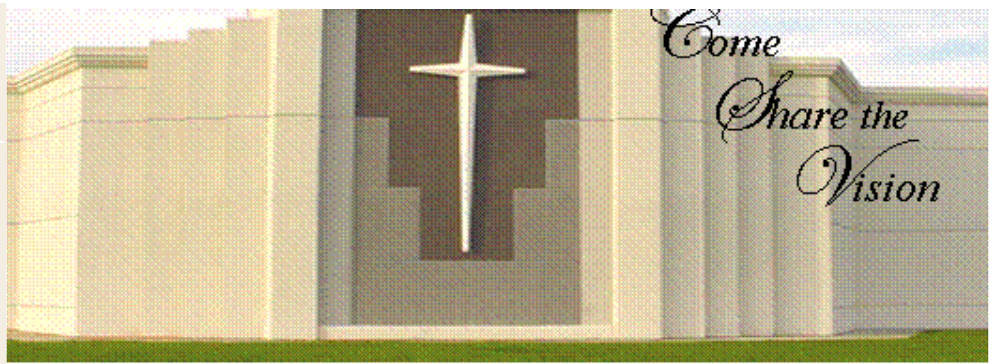


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APRIL ISSUE

Ministry Bytes

A Monthly Insight into the Ministries of Family Community Church



Global Christian Orphan Fund



If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:15-17

PRAISE THE LORD!!!

The mission trip to the Small Voice Orphanage in Haiti was a tremendous success. We raised approximately \$20,000 of the original \$25,000 goal. The children were blessed with beds, clothes, food, electricity, an electric generator, orphanage transportation (a small Motor Cycle) and other very much needed items and supplies.

One of our original desires, if the full financial \$25,000 goal could have been reached was to construct chicken coups and goat pens. However, it was determined that due to the violent storms in that area these items would need to be built from cement blocks. Given the cost of that type of construction and our limited budget, alternate ways of meeting the needs of the orphanage were explored.

Therefore, we have contracted with a local supplier in the orphanages neighborhood to take fresh poultry and meat to the orphanage on regular basis. until all been exhausted.

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See more photos and other details of all our mission trips on the FCC website: www.familycommunitychurch.com

Through the Bible Daily Reading Schedule for APRIL

- Judges 1:1-3:6; Judges 17:1-13
Judges 18:1-31; Judges 3:7-4:24
Judges 5:1-7:75
Judges 8:1-9:57
Judges 10:1-13:25
Judges 19:1-20; 48
Judges 21:1-25; 1 Chronicles 6:4b-15; Ruth 1:1-2:23
Ruth 3:1-4:22; 1 Chronicles 2:3-16; 1 Samuel 1:1-28
1 Samuel 2:1-10; psalm 113:1-9; 1 Samuel 2:11-21; Judges 14:1-16: 22
Judges 16:23-31; 1 Samuel 22:22-5:12
1 Samuel 6:1-7; 1 Samuel 8:1-9: 27
1 Samuel 10:1-13:22
1 Samuel 13:23-14:52; 1 Chronicles 8:1-9:1a
1 Chronicles 9:35-44; 1 Chronicles 5:7-10; 1 Chronicles 5:18-22; 1 Samuel 15:1-16:23
1 Samuel 17:1-58; Psalm 144:1-15
1 Samuel 18:1-20:42
Psalm 5:1-12; psalm 59:1-17; psalm 133:1-3; 1 Samuel 21:1-15; Psalm 34:1-22, 1 Samuel 22:1-5; 1 Chronicles 12:8-18
1 Samuel 22:6-23; Psalm 52:1-9; Psalm 109:1-31, 1 Samuel 23:1-29
Psalm 13:1-6; Psalm 17:1-15; Psalm 22:1-31; Psalm 54:1-7; 1 Samuel 24:1-22
Psalm 7:1-17; Psalm 35:1-28; Psalm 57:1-11; Psalm 142:1-7
1 Samuel 25:1-44; Psalm 18:1-50
2 Samuel 22:1-51; Psalm 14:1-7; Psalm 53:1-6; 1 Samuel 26:1-25
Psalm 31:1-24; 1 Samuel 27:1-12; 1 Chronicles 12:1-7; Psalm 56:1-13;
1 Samuel 28:1-2; 1 Samuel 29:1-11; 1 Chronicles 12:19-22; Psalm 40:1-17
Psalm 69:1-36; Psalm 86:1-17; Psalm 131:1-3; 1 Samuel 28:3-25
1 Samuel 03:1-31:13; 1 Chronicle 10:1-14; 2 Samuel 4:4; 2 Samuel 1:1-27
2 Samuel 2:1-3:5; 1 Chronicles 3:1-4a; 2 Samuel 3:6-4:3; 1 Samuel 4:5-5:5; 1ChronicleS 11:1-3
1 Chronicles 12:23-40; Psalm 2:1-12; Psalm 78:1-72
Psalm 16:1-11; 2 Samuel 5:6-10; 1 Chronicles 11:4-9, 2 Samuel 5:17-21; 1 Chronicles 14:8-12; 2 Samuel 23:13-17; 1 Chronicles 11:15-19;
2 Samuel 5:22-25; 1 Chronicles 14:13-17; 2 Samuel 5:11-12; 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; 1 Chronicles 13:1-14; 2 Samuel 6:1-11; Psalm 101:1-8
2 Samuel 6:12-23; 1 Chronicles 15:1-16; 43; Psalm 15:1-5
Psalm 24:1-10; Psalm 65:1-13; Psalm 68:1-35; Psalm 110:1-7;
Psalm 19:1-14; 2 Samuel 8:1; 1 Chronicles 18:1; 2 Samuel 21:15-18; 1 Chronicles

Couples Ministry

Anthony Brown, Co-Director * Chenena Ward, Co-Director
E-mail: Couplesministry@fccfresno.com

"Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun" Ecclesiastes 9:9

Questions Ideas for future events can be submitted via e-mail to couplesministry@fccfresno.com

2011 Couples Calendar of Events

Jan	Game Night
Feb	Couples Formal Dinner
March	Couples Cruise
April/May	Seminar Part I (8:30 - 12:30)
May /June	Seminar Part II (8:30 - 12:30)
July	Pier 39 Train Trip
Aug	Luau (Pot Luck)
Sept	Bowling
tbd	49'ers game

Go to the Couples Ministry page of the www.familycommunitychurch.com website, for details.

A .M. Sunday School

Urgent Request For Teachers

High School/Junior High Classes:
8:00 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

The Sunday School Department is in need of additional teachers for the High School/Junior High classes. If you have a heart for teaching, allow the spirit of God to guide you in this ministry. You will be blessed!

If you have any further questions, please contact Deacon Jimmie Carter.

*For I know the Plans I have for you, declares the Lord,...
Jer. 29:11*

To God Be the Glory!

Jimmie Carter, Superintendent of Sunday School
Rev. Dr. Nelson Dible, Ministerial Advisor



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

When: June 13-17, 2011 Registration Starts: May 1, 2011

THEME

Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith & Life Connect

THEME VERSE

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17 NKJV)

MOTTO

Hear It! Believe It! Connect It!

OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY

Big City, Bigger Fun! Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in Vacation Bible School. As students explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus--sharing the message of Christ with their world.

All students (Infants - Adults) will study the same daily lesson tailored to be age-appropriate. This represents an awesome and unique opportunity for families, friends and neighbors to discuss the daily lessons.

WANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Please e-mail us at vbs@fccfresno.com

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Take It To The Streets Ministry

Deacon Jack Wilkinson, Mission Ministry Director

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Deacon Thomas Hite, Taking It To The Streets Ministry Director



This FCC Mission was founded by Deacon Thomas Hite over 4 years ago after hearing Pastor's sermon, entitled "Take It To The Streets." It

was this message that provided the inspiration for the Family Community Church Take It To The Streets Ministry.

Thomas with Christian friends has always been willing to share God's Word anytime and where, especially with individuals who were down and out.

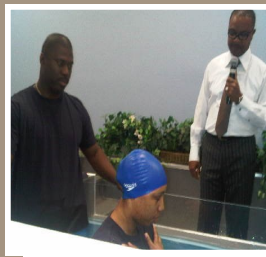
Thomas asked the FCC Mission Ministry if they could support this new mission endeavor, "Take It To The Streets." And the Mission Team said "YES" wholeheartedly. Since that time Deacon Hite has lead willing members of FCC to pre-arranged visits at run down mobile home parks and motels that house individuals and families with spiritual and physical needs.

On **Saturday, April 16th** you are all invited to come out and "Take It To The Streets."

This will be a special time, because this Saturday starts the Easter Week. Jesus Died for us! How willing are we to share this Good News with others? We will share food and clothing as well.

Baptism

Rev. Felix Ruffin Sis. Rubie Hosey, Coordinator



Recently 2 children and 1 adult were baptized. Praise God!

The next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, **April 24, 2011** during the **11:00 AM** Worship Service. **Current candidates for baptism: 7 adults, and 3 children.** If you would like to follow Christ's example in water baptism, come forward during altar call at the end of Sunday Morning Worship Service, see a minister, or call the church office at 323-5002. Once you have indicated to the church that you desire to be baptized, you should receive a call no later than the Friday, March, 25th to discuss details and verify your information for your baptismal certificate. Children under the age of 13 will meet with Rev. Ruffin before baptism is scheduled.

Singles Ministry

Valerie Curley, Director E-mail: Singlesministry@fccfresno.com

Sunday, April 17, 2011

2:00 pm to 5:30 pm, **Palm Sunday FCC Singles Ministry Potluck Fellowship** hosted by Brenda Chase at her home. After dinner, participants will make Easter baskets to distribute to children in our surrounding community Easter weekend.

Sunday, May 1, 2011

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, an orientation session for the "**Life's Healing Choices**" **small group study** will be led by Rhoda Davis in Room B-19. Participants in attendance at the orientation will determine how many sessions they want to have to complete the study and when and where the sessions will be held.

Volunteers with New Ideas Needed!

If there is not an activity or service currently occurring that you would like to start for the single men and women of Family, you are encouraged to attend the 1:00 pm, 'first Sunday of the month' Singles Ministry Planning Team meeting in Room B-19 so your suggestions and ideas can be heard.

Visitors Ministry

Sandra Price, Director E-mail: visitorsministry@fccfresno.com

Do you like to talk on the phone? Are you a friendly, outgoing person? We have a spot for you in Visitors Ministry. When first-time visitors fill out a Visitors Card, a thank you letter is sent from the church office. Then, a person from Visitors Ministry follows up with them during the next week to let them know that we are happy they visited, to answer any questions they may have, find out if they are looking for a church home, and what they enjoyed about the service. We have a form to use as a guide in the conversation. We need two people to serve in this capacity. If you would like to do this, contact Sandra Price.

Now for the fun part -- getting to know our Greeters. Two of our volunteers are pictured in this article. Do you know Angela Collins? She greets, just inside the front door, every first Sunday before the first service. On April 6, surprise her by going up to her and saying, "Hi, Angela." Outside of the church, she is a kindergarten teacher -- soon to retire.

Then we have Terry Cook who is a member of the Parking Lot Team. Take a good look at his picture. On April 6, he will be at the door greeting first-time visitors before the first service, and before the second service on April 20. Greet him, calling him by name.

Quiz from March Newsletter

1. Who is the Leader of the Parking Lot Team?
2. Who hands out bulletins each Sunday?

We are all members of the same Family. We need know each other by name.



It's time to have some fun and get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ. So, mark your calendar, get your T-shirt out and get ready for the...

Family Community Church

2011 Family Picnic

Saturday, April 30, 2011

11:00 am — 3:00 pm

Woodward Park

Reserved site: Valley View Shelter

Featuring food, fellowship, games, prizes !!

Sign-up after service

You won't want to miss the fun!

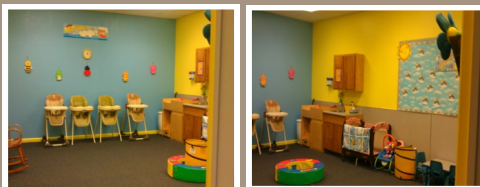
Nursery Ministry

Pat Cottonreader, Director

E-mail: nurseryministry@fccfresno.com

INFANT ROOM MOVE

Praise God, the move was completed on March 9th. Everyone is adapting well to the newly remodeled room. We are completing the final touches and having FUN decorating the room. We truly appreciate all your prayers and support as our continued goal is to provide a "Safe" and "Loving" environment.



THANK YOU

My apologies for omitting the following NM team volunteers. **Kiana Neal, Alice Lovley, Chenena Ward, Chinayera Hardamon, Anisha Mayberry, Christine Felder.** God Bless you ALL, for your faithful service in this ministry.

CPR Training

Please note CPR training is available on Saturdays. Please contact Sis. Pat for further information.

SUMMER MINISTRY

Children between the ages of (3 thru 12 years old) will be taught "The Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5:22-25 during the 2011 summer 10-week session. Teachers are needed! Please contact Sis. Pat Cottonreader at 268-7383. More information to follow.

Sr High Ministry

Rev. Steve Lovingood, Exec. Director of Youth Ministry
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Youth continue to be challenged to give an answer for the hope they have in Christ through the study "Faith on Trial" each Wednesday. They are also involved in Missions related activities such as the Haiti relief Modeling show, and WAPI building for mission's trips. Keep our youth encouraged and in your prayers.

Thanks to all the Junior and Senior high volunteers who helped prepare WAPI's for the Mission's trip to Colombia. Your efforts were a blessing to many.

Jr High Ministry

Lionnell Cobb, Director
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AWANA

Cheryl Copeland, AWANA Commander

The AWANA students competed in the North Valley **Sparks-a-Rama & AWANA Games** which took place on **March 26, 2011 at Clovis East High School**. They competed against AWANA programs from churches up and down the valley in some very exciting game challenges with the following outcome:

- Sparks team (Kindergarten—2nd Grade) earned **3rd place**
- Truth & Training Girls (3rd—6th Grade) earned **2nd Place**
- Truth & Training Boys (3rd—6th Grade) earned an impressive **1st Place**



Congratulations to all our teams for their hard work and great sportsmanship!

Many of our Truth and Training 5th and 6th graders are working hard to complete their handbooks, and meet the requirements to qualify for High **Sierra Scholarship Camp** in June-July 2011. Some of the children may be looking for sponsors in order to attend the camp; if they meet the requirements. Anyone wishing additional information on how they can help is asked to contact the AWANA Commander- Cheryl Copeland, or the church office.



Youth Media Ministry

Ken McCoy

The Youth Media team is in production with KFAM and they are developing a TEEN SUMMIT style Gospel Show for YOU TUBE ... They will also assisting in the Leon Patillo Production on March 23rd.... We will be planning a get together for Graduating seniors soon..... God Bless!!!!