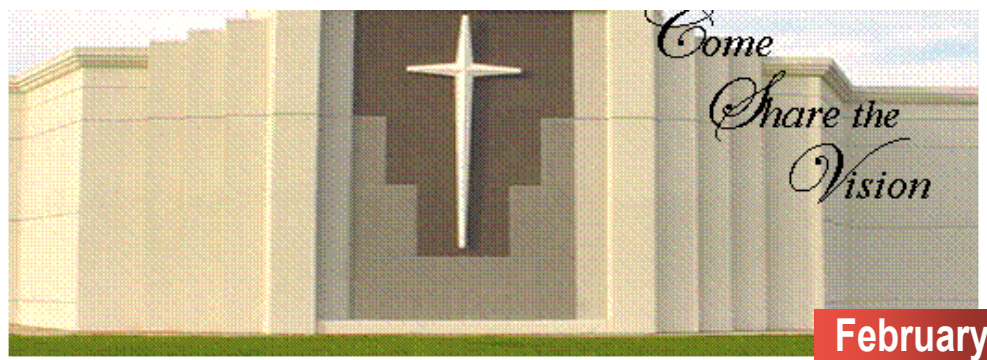


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Ministry Bytes

A Monthly Insight into the Ministries of Family Community Church



**FEBRUARY DAILY READING
SCHEDULE (NIV)**

- Gen 47:13 - 50:26
- Exodus 1:1 - 4:17
- Exodus 4:18 - 6:27,
- 1 Chron 6:1- 4a
- Exodus 6:28 - 7:13
- Exodus 7:14 - 9:35
- Exodus 10:1 - 12:51
- Exodus 13:1 - 15:27
- Exodus 16:1 - 18:27
- Exodus 19:1 - 21:36
- Exodus 22:1 - 24:18
- Exodus 25:1 - 27:21
- Exodus 28:1 - 29:46
- Exodus 30:1 - 33:6
- Exodus 33:1 - 36:7
- Exodus 36:8 - 38:31
- Exodus 39:1 - 40:38
- Leviticus 1:1 - 4:35
- Leviticus 5:1 - 7:38
- Leviticus 8:1 - 10:20
- Leviticus 11:1 - 13:46
- Leviticus 13:47 - 15:33
- Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30
- Leviticus 19:1 - 21:24
- Leviticus 22:1 - 23:44
- Leviticus 24:1 - 25:55
- Leviticus 26:1 - 27:34
- Numbers 1:1 - 2:34
- Numbers 3:1 - 4:33
- Numbers 4:34 - 6:27



Genesis-Revelation: Through the Bible in One Year Discussion Group

Why Our Congregation Needs This Study Submitted by class participants

In approaching studying or even reading the Bible, most of us start out by getting bits and pieces of the scripture then expanding upon those to meet our needs both naturally and spiritually. This process of learning and understanding the scripture is perpetuated by how most local 'churches' operate. The sermons are expansions of selected isolated text and the Sunday school lessons are more often than not topical subjects supported by varied associated scriptures taken from numerous books of the Bible and put together to illustrate the topic in question.

Therefore, One Year Bible Study removes only getting to see the scripture in 'bits and pieces', as a group of 'isolated text not in context' which could result in scriptural misunderstanding. Instead, One Year Bible Study introduces the reader to seeing the scripture as one theme, one purpose, and one outcome related to all 66 books. All who are attending these sessions are growing in leaps and bounds in true scriptural knowledge! **The Discussion Group meets on Tues. from 6:30 - 7:30pm in room B - 16.**

Testimonial: "Tuesday Night Bible study has truly been such a blessing in our study of the Bible. Because of the class we have become faithful in our reading and we are able to ask questions about things that we might not understand. Its also a very fun class and getting insight from the leaders and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ helps us with the understanding of the Bible. We encourage anyone who hasn't already to **come and join us.**" Anthony & Kim Brown

February - Calendar of Events

- 3 College & Career Ministry Meets, 6:30 PM, Room B-19
- 10 FCC Single Walkers - Beginners and Beyond, 6:00 PM B-19
- 12 Nursery Ministry Cookie Bake, 10:00 AM
- 13 Global Christian Orphan Fund
- 17 College & Career Ministry Meets, 6:30 PM, Room B-19
- 18 thru the 19th - SCCA/SoN JourneyFest & Trek Wrek, Tehachapi, CA
- 20 Super Sunday, special guest: Dr. Ben Quilliam other representatives from Fresno State
- 20 Singles Ministry 4th Anniversary Luncheon, with Pastor & Janetta 1:00 PM
- Couples Formal Dinner Banquet
- 101, 201, 301 Classes, 9:00 AM

Ongoing:

- Sun 8:00/10:20 AM Bible Study/Sunday School; 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- Mon 6:30 PM Women's Book of Romans Bible Study; Men's Choir rehearsal
- Tues 12:15PM Women's Daytime Bible Study; Prayer Ministry (sanctuary); Thru the Bible (B-16)
- Wed 6:30 PM Wed. Night Bible Study for all ages
- Thurs 10:00AM Thurs Morning Bible Study; 6:00 Joybell choir; 7:00 Worship Choir
- 6:30PM College & Career (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Singles Ministry

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

Sunday, February 6, 2011

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, **FCC Singles Ministry Planning meeting**, Room B-19. Please attend if you are interested in leading a new site-specific activity for the single men and women of Family Community and the surrounding community.

Sunday, February 13, 2011

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Room B-19, first session of "**FCC Singles - Handicrafts**" small group will meet. The group is for singles who want to teach and/or complete various arts and crafts with other interested FCC Singles. On February 13th, Roz Boles will teach participants how to make a "Blanket of Love" for yourself or a loved one in recognition of Valentine's Day. Please bring the following to the meeting (Materials can be purchased at Joann's Fabrics, Hancock Fabrics, or a similar location)

- 2 lengths of fleece material, each 2 1/2 yards long in coordinating colors or patterns (you can choose two solids or mix one solid and one print)
 - 12-inch ruler
 - Scissors
- Straight pins

Sunday, February 20, 2011 - Singles Ministry 4th Anniversary

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Room B-19, "**FCC Singles Ministry Fellowship with Pastor McGensy and Sister Janetta**" - Discussion Topic: - Love in Action - Gifts of Service (Romans 12:6-21) in recognition of our 4th Singles Ministry Anniversary Celebration. Light refreshments will be provided.

Coming Up!

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. In the March Ministry Newsletter, the materials each participant is to bring to assemble the baskets will be provided.

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.

Sunday, November 20, 2011 - 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Room B-19, **Singles Ministry Monthly Potluck Fellowship** for our end-of-year holiday celebration.

New Schedule for FCC Singles Ministry Monthly Potluck Fellowships

With the implementation of the "**Singles on the Move**" **small group activities** for Christian teaching, community service, arts and crafts, exercise, social, and cultural activities, **we will not have monthly potluck fellowships on the third Sunday of every month in 2011.** Instead, the small groups will continue to meet on a schedule that works best for the participants involved.

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.

The Joybells' Sky Keys sings a beautiful solo on Jan. 16th; Family Worship Choir seated.



Music Department

Joyce Grant, Music Director E-mail: cmusicdirector@fccfresno.com

Because we believe God inhabits the praises of His people, we must reveal the message of the Gospel through music and be instruments of praise and facilitators of worship. Come join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Can you guess how many times music is mentioned in the Bible? Answer found below



Family Community Church Choirs:

FAMILY WORSHIP CHOIR (E-mail: fwc@fccfresno.com):

The members of this choir are ages 18 and over. Rehearsals are every Thursday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Special rehearsals are also called to prepare for special occasions...including, but not limited, to Easter, Christmas Eve service and New Year's Eve service. This choir sings each Sunday morning at both services. Additional services such as funerals and pastoral engagements may also require the attendance of choir members.

MEN'S CHOIR

Any adult male member of the church is invited to join. Rehearsals are on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Monday unless there's a holiday. Men's Choir typically sings on the 5th Sunday. If you're interested in joining, please see Sis. Joyce.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir is comprised of young members, aged 13 - 18. Rehearsals 2nd & 4th Sunday from 1pm - 2pm. They will sing at various occasions. The Youth Choir will also rehearse with the Mass Choir on the Thursday prior to the 4th Sunday of the month. They will sing with the Mass Choir on 4th Sundays. Contact Zerina Brown for more information.

JOYBELLS

Members of this choir are ages 5 through 6th grade. Rehearsals are held at 6:00 pm on each Thursday, with the exception of the month of July. The Joybells typically sing on the 3rd Sunday. If your child is interested in making a joyful noise unto the Lord, please bring them to rehearsal on Thursday, or contact Sis. Diane Dockery at 322-5476.

Answer to question above: Music and its importance is indicated throughout the Word of God. It is mentioned in the Bible over 839 times!
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord - *Psalm 66:1-2*

Youth

Rev. Steve Lovingood, Executive Director of Youth Ministry
E-mail: youthexecdirector@fccfresno.com

SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY

This Month the Senior High Ministry continues with the second half of their ministry year study "Faith on Trial". This is a challenging look at how young Christians must be ready to give and answer for the hope they have in Jesus in our everyday life and the world in which they live.

The Senior High Ministry will be preparing **WAPI's** for the upcoming **Missions trip to Columbia**. WAPI's are water pasteurization indicators that help the user determine when water is safe to drink.

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Lionnell Cobb, Director E-mail: jrhigh@fccfresno.com

Meeting Date: Wed. night
Meeting time: 6:30 pm
Place: FCC

Spring session is now in full swing. We are in the "DETOUR" study of our curriculum "Getting Through Tough Times by Following God and His Word."

This study teaches the youth that Christians have the power to choose the right option when it comes to making choices. **Romans 8:1-2**

Come out and be a part of what God is doing with the youth of Family Community Church!

YOUTH MEDIA MINISTRY

Ken McCoy, Contributor

Family Community Church Youth Media has been involved heavily in the Video Production of the Sunday morning DVD filming, church event filming, working on good communication as a team, as well as radio production in the cafe. They also have been photographing images for the future use images database. Students are encouraged to stay focused on God and in service. Meetings are coordinated for Monday evenings in the Visitor Center near the main foyer.

AWANA

Cheryl Copeland, Commander

Special Thanks to all of our dedicated Leaders and Parent Volunteers, for all of your tireless dedication to the kids in the FCC Awana program.

Everyone is invited to join us for the:

North Valley
**AWANA Games
& Sparks-A-Rama**
Clovis East High School, Clovis, CA
Saturday, March 26, 2011



This is where our AWANA Clubs will have the opportunity to compete against other Clubs in the region in some exciting game square challenges! Details to come on AWANA Club special practice days and ticket sales.

AWANA = Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed!

Nursery Ministry, Pat Cottonreader, Director

E-mail: nurseryministry@fccfresno.com

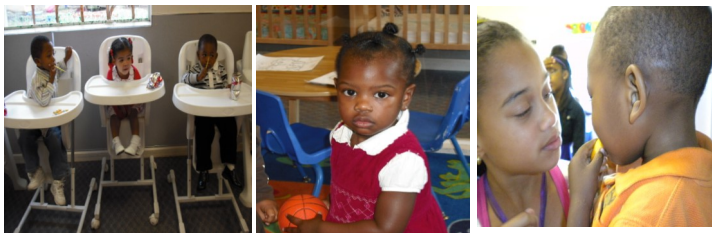


Greetings Parents/Guardians - The Infant Room move is still planned for completion by Sunday, January 30th. We appreciate your support and prayers during this transition

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Nursery Team is in prayer for help with the **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays 11:00 service (INFANT ROOM)**

If you feel led to serve in this ministry, we would love to have you join our team. Please contact the church office at 323-5002 or Sis. Pat at 268-7383.



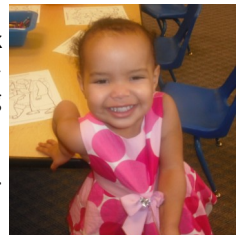
SNACK DONATIONS:

Dear Parents/Guardians, the Nursery ministry provides a light healthy snack for the children during each service. Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the church office Monday - Friday. The following are some suggested snack food items: Capri suns, apple juice, goldfish crackers, graham crackers, string cheese, crackers, cheerios, bananas, apples, etc. Your contributions are greatly appreciated



VALENTINE COOKIE BAKE:

The Nursery ministry is calling all children between the ages of **3-12** to join us for a "Cookie Bake" here at the church on **Sat. Feb. 12th from 10:00 - 12:00**. We kindly ask that all parents participating bring (2) dozen unbaked or baked heart shaped cookies. Decorating tables will be available. On Sunday, Feb. 13th after the 9:00 and 11:00 service, the children will distribute the cookies to our church family...for "God is Love" 1 John 4:8



Prayer Closet Café & Bookstore

Letia McClarty

We want to welcome the Family Community Church Internet Radio where guest appearances are designed to promote the details of ministry events and to promote discussions regarding Sunday morning messages. The Radio Podcast tapes on Sunday's between 10:30 AM-11:15 AM in the new "Information and Visitors Center" across from the Prayer Closet Cafe. We look forward to seeing you there.

Visitors Ministry

Sandra Price, Director

The Family Community Church Visitors Ministry goal is to give first-time as well as regular visitors a very warm greeting in order for them to experience the presence of God's Spirit through us. See Sandra Price or call the church office to join the Visitors Team.

We welcome new volunteers to the ministry:
Kathleen McCoy, Weave Bishop, Larry & Bev. Lauchner and Brendell Hurd.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

A Note from the Pastor



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

Those words in that passage of scripture have helped mature my Christian walk with the Lord. I have read and taught from this passage for years, but after returning from our Haiti mission trip the Holy Spirit has given greater illumination to the passage. Our mission assignment was to share the gospel and encourage the church and leaders in Haiti. However, the Lord is now challenging Family Community Church to step out on faith to assist an orphanage in a section of Haiti called "Small Voices". This Christian orphanage is destitute and needs our HELP NOW! I realize we cannot help everyone, however, if we as a church will pray and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit we will be able to brighten a small corner of a country in great need. It is for those reasons, that on **February 13, 2011 we will take our first fruit offering** toward raising \$25,000 in order to assist this orphanage with beds, clothing, farming and agricultural items, medical supplies, and essential furnishings. This orphanage has nothing. Will you HELP?

Matthew 25:37-40 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Rev. Chester L. McGensy, Senior Pastor

South America

Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

If you feel the leading of the Holy Spirit to be part of a missionary team from Family Community Church, prayerfully consider our next mission trip to **Colombia**.

Mission Assignments in Cartagena, Palenque, Villahermosa

Evangelism: Preaching/Teaching, Community & Door to Door Witnessing

Social Outreach: School Supplies, Water Purification, Food Distribution

Medical: Outreach through Clinic

The Team will be scheduled to depart Fresno **Wed., March 23, 2011 and return to Wed., March 30, 2011**. Approximate cost of trip, \$1,600.00 which includes round trip airfare, Fresno to Cartagena, Colombia, ground transportation, meals, lodging and travel insurance.

Interested? Contact the office at 323-5002

Baptism

 Sis. Rubie Hosey, Coordinator

Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, **February 27, 2011** during the **9:00 AM** Worship Service. **Current candidates for baptism: 7 adults, 5 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, Feb. 25th to discuss details and verify your information for your baptismal certificate.



Couples Ministry

 Chenena Ward, Co-Director ; Anthony Brown, Co-Director
E-mail: couplesministry@fccfresno.com

14 Couples came out to enjoy a free date night complete with of food, fun and fellowship at the last Couples Game Night and Potluck Fellowship on Saturday Jan 22. There was an intense but friendly game of Family Feud, some great food and awesome Christian fellowship.



Join us for our next couples fellowship at the Couples Formal Dinner on **Friday, February 25**. It's a great chance to get dressed up and treat each other to a special night out with a great people, a special meal and good Christian entertainment. A photographer will be on hand to help you capture the moment!

Couples Formal Dinner Details:

Friday, Feb. 25, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Smugglers Crystal Room

3837 N. Blackstone Ave, Fresno 93726

\$45/couple

Tickets available in the foyer after service on Sunday

See Chenena Ward, Kim Brown or e-mail: couplesministry@fccfresno.com

2011 Couples Calendar of Events

Jan Game Night
Feb Couples Banquet
March Couples Cruise
April Seminar Part I (8:30 to 12:30)
May Seminar Part II (8:30 to 12:30)
June Nothing (graduations)
July Pier 39 Train Trip
Aug Luau (Pot Luck)
Sept Bowling
tbd 49'ers game

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

The primary purpose of the Marriage Ministry at Family Community Church is to enrich marriage through biblical marriage seminars, retreats, fellowships and social outings. Our desire is to have married couples grow closer to one another through biblical principles and to bond with other couples for biblical accountability in their marriages.

Take some time to enrich your marriage!