

Women's Ministry

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As we enter the year 2011, Women's Ministry remains dedicated to meeting the needs of women within the church family as well as those from the larger community around us. In an effort to serve and address the needs of women, we continue to provide opportunities for women to grow in their spiritual walk through women's conferences, prayer breakfasts, fellowships, mission outreach and spiritually sound Bible studies.

Our course of Bible Study will continue to focus on Women in the Bible and the lessons we can glean from their life experiences. We are also offering an in-depth study on the Book of Romans.

I truly believe that your life will be fully enriched by the Word of God and connecting one with another as sisters in Christ. Therefore, I encourage each of you to come join in this great fellowship of women.

In His Service,

Jessie M. Mason, Director

Communion

Sis. Rubie Hosey, Coordinator

Jesus never said when, or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper. He instituted it on a Thursday night. Since it is a "supper," it may seem appropriate to observe it at an evening service. Here at Family Community Church, we have elected to observe the Lord's Supper on the first (1st) Sunday of each month during our worship services. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please call the church office at 323-5002.

"Do this in remembrance of me... and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This, do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.'" 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

Prayer Closet Café & Bookstore

Letia McClarty

The Prayer Closet Cafe and Book Store is designed for Hospitality which is the act of welcoming. Our name was identified after providing prayer and encouragement to those who visited the Cafe. Our team works very well together and are happy to serve you. Our purpose is to provide hospitality and a place for the Pastor,

First Lady, Members and guests to fellowship while enjoying delightful beverages and a host of other snacks, receive encouragement, network, purchase books and CD's of church services and to register online for church activities or pay tithes. We also vow to minister to each other, be truthful, faithful, obedient to the Word of God and reliable. We agree to continue to grow spiritually in the Lord as we serve you through hospitality.

Baptism

Sis. Rubie Hosey, Coordinator

Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2011 during the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

Current candidates for baptism: 4 adults, 3 children. If you would like to follow Christ's example in water baptism, see Rev. Felix Ruffin, or call the church office.

Once you have indicated to the church that you desire to be baptized you should receive a call no later than the Friday Jan 21 to verify your information.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life". Romans 6:1-4



Women's Class Schedule

Tuesday Women's Daytime Bible Study
"Women In the Bible"
Teacher: Cheryl Jackson
12:15 - 1:15 PM ~ Room B-19

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study
"Life Lessons From Women In the Bible"
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Ages 35+ ~ Room B-18
19 - 35 ~ Room B-19

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study
"The Book of Romans"
Teacher: Torella Minor
6:30 - 8:00 PM ~ Room B-18

2011 Women's Ministry Calendar of events

Jan. - March	Mission Outreach - Pregnancy Care Center "Change for Babies"
Feb. 25	The Real View Women's Fellowship
April 30	Prayer Breakfast
May tbd	The Real View
May 23	End of "Life Lessons" Study Ministry Fellowship

AWANA

(Approved Workmen are not ashamed!)

Cheryl Copeland,
Commander



One of the most valuable and fundamental tools of the children's ministry is the AWANA program. AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15). This program provides opportunities for children to learn about Christ on a weekly basis through Bible memorization, activities, and games. Join us every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM, and personally witness your child's spiritual growth!

Upcoming events:

January 15, 2011 North Valley AWANA Winter Recharge (for AWANA Leaders & Volunteers) at Evangelical Covenant Church, Kingsburg

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Ministry Bytes

A Monthly Insight into the Ministries of Family Community Church



Sunday School/AM Bible Study

Deacon Jimmie Carter, Superintendent

Our principal objective is two-pronged, first, to provide age-appropriate biblical studies that encourage spiritual growth in biblical principles and the applications of God's Word to our daily lives, and secondly, to reach out to the unsaved in our community.

Here's where you can find us:
Adults - Room B-16
Youth - Room 7
Children - Room B-7

Our Children's focus for the month of January is:

God's Guide Book

- Jan 2 Forever Friends - 1 Sam 14:49; 18:1-4; 20
- Jan 9 Mercy - 1 Sam 24
- Jan 16 Courage - Esther 2:2-18; 4:5-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-10; 8:1-17
- Jan 23 Making Choices - Daniel 1: 1-20
- Jan 30 Guide to Salvation - Acts 8:26-40

Youth & Adults will focus on:

The Road Less Traveled

- Jan 2 A Lifestyle of Community - Eph 4:4-7, 14-16, 25-32
- Jan 9 A Lifestyle of Humility - Luke 14:7-11; John 13:3-5, 14-15; Phil. 2:1-4
- Jan 16 A Lifestyle of Service - Matt 25:19-21; 29, 34-40; Mark 10:42-45
- Jan 23 A Lifestyle of Sacrifice - Luke 9:23-24, 57-62; 21:1-4; Rom. 12:1-2
- Jan 30 A Lifestyle of Prayer and Meditation - Psalm 1:1-3; 119:11-16; Mark 1:35-39

This five-session study examines five spiritual disciplines that make a significant difference in the life of a believer.

Join us this Sunday. The door's always open!

Singles Ministry

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

Starting January 2011, the Singles Ministry will begin the "FCC Singles on the Move" program. "Singles on the Move" provides opportunities for single men and women to participate in small group activities with others who have similar interests. Please mark your calendars for the following dates and times:

Saturday, January 8, 2011

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Conference Call for **FCC Singles Ministry Monthly Planning Team**. To obtain the conference call-in number, please call Valerie Curley at 559-289-0620.

Sunday, January 9, 2011

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Room B-19, first session of "FCC Single Walkers" small group who have a desire to be a part of an outdoor or indoor walking group for beginners. Please see Zeb Fuller or Valerie Curley for additional information.

Thursday, January 13, 2011

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Room B-19, first session of "FCC Single Walkers, Bikers, and Hikers" small group for those who currently walk, hike, and/or bicycle ride on a regular basis. Please see Zeb Fuller or Ruth McClendon for additional information.

Sunday, January 16, 2011

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Room B-19, **Singles Ministry Monthly Potluck Fellowship** - Discussion Topic: "Boundaries - When to say 'Yes', How to say 'No'" from a Christian perspective.

Friday, January 28, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, meet at River Park's P.F. Chang's restaurant for the first "FCC Singles Dinner and a Movie" small group (estimated costs - \$30 per person). Please call 559-289-0620 no later than Friday, January 21st to confirm your participation. For additional information, please see Ruth McClendon or Brenda Chase.

Monday, January 31, 2011

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Room B-19, first session of "FCC Singles for Service" small group for those that desire to share God's Word in the surrounding community by serving others. Please see Lynda Hunter or Valerie Curley for additional information.

If you have questions on any of the above or would like to lead or serve on our "FCC Romans 12:13 (Hospitality) Singles" small group, please e-mail us at singlesministry@fccfresno.com or, text or call (559)289-0620. Watch for additional "FCC Singles on the Move" small group sessions which will be announced in the February 2011 Ministry newsletter.

Men's Ministry

Deacon Shawn Wills, Director

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God had blessed our Men's Ministry in 2010. We will continue to keep Him first in 2011. The Men's Ministry Accountability groups are going strong. As men, we go through the same things and it is good to have a brother to discuss what the Lord says we should do. Our accountability groups meet at least once a month. If you would like to become a part of an accountability group, call or text Deacon Wills at 304-4579, Deacon Keys at 322-8461, or send an email to mensministry@fccfresno.com.

Recently, the Men's Ministry became a sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Along with the financial sponsorships, we also adopted Clark Intermediate School. As a school sponsor we assist Coach Lugenbill with the FCA campus program. We assist with lunch meetings and Friday night Bible studies. We just had a Friday night Bible study at the home of Deacon Wills. Fifteen teenagers attended and we studied *1 Corinthians 13*. It was an absolute blessing to see these young men praising God by singing songs and studying God's word. We are looking to sponsor another school in West Fresno, so we need more brothers to volunteer.

I encourage brothers to **come out to our Wednesday Night Bible Study**. God has blessed us with Bro. Jackson, who follows God's lead in coming up with scripture topics. In 2011, Bro. Hodges will periodically assist on Wednesday nights. **This first quarter, we will be discussing and studying "prophecy" from different books in the Bible.**

I would like to personally thank all the brothers for coming out and supporting the Men's Ministry. As I have said many of times, I have never been part of a church with so many involved men.

A small group of brothers just finished a 6 week course on "A Husband After God's Own Heart-12 things that really matter in your marriage". The small group was lead by Deacon Moore. **Brothers, be on the lookout for our upcoming prayer breakfast on "A Man After God's Own Heart."**



New Member Series

Rev. Felix G. Ruffin, Director

The New Member Series consists of 3 classes:

- I. 101 - My Membership
- II. 201 - Spiritual Maturity
- III. 301 - My Ministry

Along with spiritual growth comes an understanding of church membership, maturing through Bible study, and involvement in ministry.

The next opportunity to take a class will be on:

**January 22, 2011
9:00 AM**

Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer or if you prefer, you may call the church office at 323-5002.

Jr High

Lionnell Cobb, Director

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Weekly Bible Study using the well prepared "TREK" curriculum. Jr. High ministry provides a comfortable, fun but challenging environment while learning the truth of God's Holy Word. Come out, join us and be a part of what God is doing with the youth of Family Community Church

We would like to thank Sis. Pam Knight for coordinating the Blanket Give-Away

Look out for details for our Bowling Outing coming soon!

Sr High

Rev. Steve Lovingood, Youth Exec. Director
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This month the senior high ministry will begin the second half of their ministry year with our "faith on trial" lesson plans. This is a challenging look at how young Christians must be ready to give and answer for the hope they have in Jesus in their everyday life and the world in which they live.

The senior high ministry would like to **thank all the youth that participated in the New Year's Eve youth service with the "Focus on Heaven in 2011."** It is a great honor to serve the Lord and lead in worship of Him.

Nursery Department

Pat Cottonreader, Director

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Praise God! The old Infant Room 27, more conveniently located right next to the Nursery Office, has been restored. Plans are under way to transition the children ages **6 weeks ~ 2 years old** during the month of January. More information will be posted.

REMINDER to our Parents/Guardians: In an effort to provide a safe environment for ALL children attending the Nursery between the ages of 6 weeks ~ 8 years old, we ask that the parent sign IN and sign OUT your child. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The Nursery Ministry is so blessed to have the faithful service of our Youth Team. They are committed to their designated Sundays and the children just love seeing them. God Bless you all!!!

On the Infant Team: **Mikaela Smith, Shari Bishop and Crystal Smith**

On the Toddler Team: **Courtney Smith, Danielle Halliman, Zenaysiah Raymore, Brittany White and Brianna White**

On the School Aged Team: **Keyana Washington**

Thank you all for your dedicated service!

Usher Ministry

Sis. Betty Howell, Director

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Our Mission: The Family Community Church ushers are trained to effectively meet the needs of the church body during all church services, promoting a welcoming, reverent and safe church experience.

Purpose: The ushers are called to be doorkeepers in the house of God; Psalm 84:10, ensuring the appropriate recognition of all order of service guidelines

Team Schedules

1st Sunday - **Adult Team** - Floor Directors, George Moore and Richard Ward

2nd Sunday - **Young Adult Team** Ages 13-25 - Floor Directors - Vanessa Knight, Jeffrey Copeland and Justin Copeland - Coaches, Zanetta Johnson and Betty Howell

3rd Sunday - **Adult Team** - Floor Director - Pamela Knight

4th Sunday - **Youth Team** Ages 8 - 12, Floor Directors, Betty Howell, LaVerne Brister, Zanetta Johnson and Pat Cottonreader

5th Sunday - **Adult Team** - Floor Director - Dessie Knight

If you'd like to be part of the Usher Team, please see Betty Howell, or call the church office.



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

Couples Ministry

Chenena Ward & Kim Brown, Co-ordinators

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Couples, are you ready for a date night that's low on the budget but has a high yield on fun? Well, get ready for the next Couples **Potluck Fellowship & Game Night, Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 5:00 PM.** A sign-up table will be available beginning Sunday January 9th.

2011 Couples Ministry Calendar of Events

Jan	Game Night/Potluck (5:00 PM)
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	49ers game

For more details on any of the above events, please contact Chenena Ward or Kim Brown.

Evangelism

Rev. Felix Ruffin, Director

What is Evangelism: "the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ"

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt 28:19-20

The ABC's of Evangelism:

- A. Go with your own testimony.
- B. Do not be intimidated by your testimony.
- C. Give God the praise for your testimony.

Share your testimony with someone today.

College & Career

Rev. Tony Douglas, Director

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"I read in the Bible" has become the five sweetest words in my ears since "dada" was uttered by my children many, many years ago. A year ago we asked for a show of hands in response to the question, "how many of you read the Bible frequently?" Less than 1/4 of the group present on the evening in question responded in the affirmative. I am confident that, if polled now, that number would increase significantly, and that the call to "Know Jesus," to "Confront Casual Christianity", and know where to find the standard for our morality, has led to a deeper knowledge of the unalterable word of God, the Holy Bible. We are convinced that when the praises go up, the blessings come down. It is easier to count your blessings when you know what your blessings are. Project Warmth on October 30, was a perfect opportunity for us to get out into the community and serve. What an eye-opening experience for those privileged to participate; to yield to a desire to be like Jesus and act on our convictions and beliefs.

Matthew 25: 35-45 is a powerful scripture that provides an insight into what God expects of us. The College and Career group is an energetic bunch of believers eager to demonstrate the love of God by following the example of Jesus. The happy voices of Family Community Church youth filled the Poverello house on November 13, 2010, when eleven Family Community Church C&C group members, and four friends, turned up ready for service. We made sandwiches, filled lunch bags, and served breakfast to the men, women, and children who lined up outside. We hear the words of our Lord in verse 40. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Developing leadership skills is biblical and the C&C group is eager to step up to the challenge. Jason McGensy was the first to accept the challenge, the stage is set, and the verdict is in; **Student led discussions rock!**

