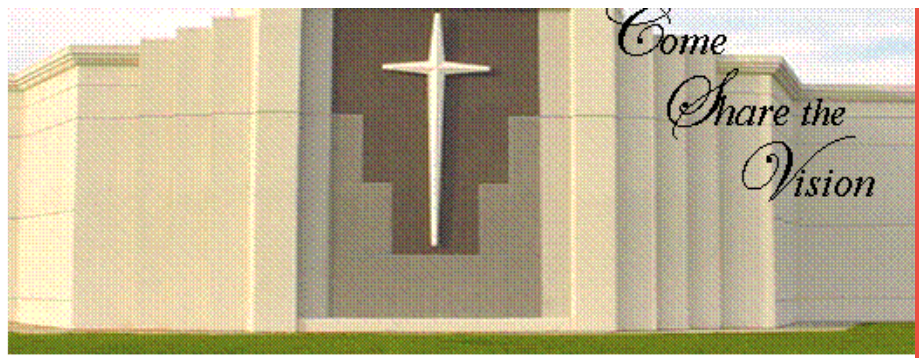


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Ministry Bytes

A Monthly Insight into the Ministries of Family Community Church



Through the Bible Daily Reading Schedule (NIV) for March

- 1 Numbers 7:1-89
Numbers 8:1-10:36
Numbers 11:1-13:33
Numbers 14:1-15:41
Numbers 16:1-18:32
Numbers 19:1-21:35
Numbers 22:1-24:25
Numbers 25:1-26:34; 1Chronicles 7:14-19;
Numbers 26:35-37; 1 Chronicles 7:20-29;
Numbers 26:38-65
Numbers 27:1-29:40
Numbers 30:1-31:54
Numbers 32:1-33:56
Numbers 34:1-36:13
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:11
Deuteronomy 3:12-5:33
Deuteronomy 6:1-8:20
Deuteronomy 9:1-11:32
Deuteronomy 12:1-14:29
Deuteronomy 15:1-18:22
Deuteronomy 19:1-22:30
Deuteronomy 23:1-26:19
Deuteronomy 27:1-28:68
Deuteronomy 29:1-31:29
Psalm 90:1-17; Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52
Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12; Joshua 1:1-2:24
Joshua 3:1-6:27
Joshua 7:1-9:27
Joshua 10:1-12:24
Joshua 13:1-15:63
Joshua 16:1-19:9; 1 Chronicles 4:24-33;
Joshua 19:10-31
Joshua 19:32-21:42; Joshua 21:43-45; 1
Chronicles 6:54-81
Joshua 22:1-24:33

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



It is because of your kindness and generosity that we will be sending a team back to Haiti on March 7, 2011 to purchase and secure the items we believe the Lord was leading us to provide for the "Small Voice Orphanage." We made personal contact with the orphanage's leadership (Pastor Joseph) on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in which erupted into rejoicing for what the Lord has done. They were so pleased that Family Community Church did not forget about them. The children were singing the song that we taught them during our December visit: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

Previous donations along with our First Fruit Offering on Sunday, February 13, 2011, were a tremendous success. The Global Christian Orphan Fund is now over \$17,000 with the promise of more to come. **"The Power of a Small Gift, Given in Faith"** is being realized for the children of Haiti.

If there are church members with construction building skills or the gift of Christian teaching for young children who would like to join our return team to Haiti, please contact the church office by February 24, 2011.

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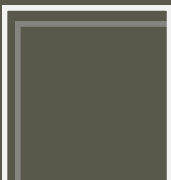
March Calendar of Events

- 3 College & Career Ministry, 6:30 PM, Room B-19
- 6 Special Guest: Pastor G.L. Johnson
- 6 Men's Quarterly Accountability Group Meeting, 2:00 PM
- 6 Sparks game square practice, 2:00 PM
- 13 AWANA T & T game square practice, 6:00 PM
- 17 College & Career Ministry, 6:30 PM, Room B-19
- 23 Special Guest: Leon Patillo, 6:30 PM
- 26 101, 201, 301 Classes, 9:00 AM
- 26 AWANA Games & Sparks-A-Rama at Clovis East H.S., 9:30 AM
- 27 Baptism, 11:00 AM
- Couples Ministry Retreat at Sea

More events may be listed on the Calendar at www.familycommunitychurch.com

Couples Ministry

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"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

The Couples Formal Dinner was a tremendous success with 80 people coming out to enjoy the evening. Thanks to all who came out, it couldn't have been a success without you. It was great to see the couples all dressed up enjoying themselves and sharing the laughter with the "Not So Newly Wed" game participants, listening to a beautiful love song, taking awesome couple portraits to remember the special evening and to top it off...hearing the wonderful words encouragement and tips on "Retaining the Passion" from Rev. Tony Douglas. To God be the Glory! Again, the Couples Ministry says "Thank You" to each and every one of



the many hands that played a part in planning the event to make it a success as well as those who attended. It truly was a blessing.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to Couples fellowships through out the year.

We'd love to see you there.

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	Seminar Part I (8:30 - 12:30)
May	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.

Family Community Church

Men's 1st Quarter Accountability Meeting

**Sunday, March 6, 2011
at 2:00 PM**

All men of the church of the church
are encouraged to attend

A Light lunch will be served

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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Family Community Church

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 Dibie, Ministerial Advisor



Nursery Ministry



Pat Cottonreader, Director
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Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

The primary goal and purpose of the Family Community Church Nursery Ministry is to introduce the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior to children, from 6 weeks to eight (8) years of age.

We teach biblically-based Christian doctrine under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Basic Christian principles of the uncompromised Word of God will be taught to the children as the foundation for future Christian teaching, spiritual growth, and Christian education.

The principle objective of this ministry is to develop, shape, and nurture a spirit of love for God, and to seek the salvation of the unsaved.

We are committed to the development of Godly character in our

children, and to strive for this purpose through the promotion of biblical moral virtues such as: Christian love, holiness, discipline, honesty and integrity.

I **"THANK"** God for the Nursery Ministry **Volunteer team**, and their faithful service each Sunday teaching your children the biblical truths. Meet our adult team ~ **Samantha Anderson, Kim Brown, Lisa Hite, Ko Vang, Vanessa Knight, Lisa Keys, Trina Shilow, Katrena Washington, Dettra Woodard, Debbie Smith, Ronda Turney, Deseray Moore, Lorita Adams.** Would you like to serve in this ministry? Contact Sis. Pat Cottonreader

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 each parent to **SIGN IN** and **SIGN OUT** your child. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The Nursery Ministry **Valentine Cookie Bake** was a huge success – Over 200 valentine cookies were decorated by our little chefs and their parents. The cookies were then distributed to our church family on Sunday February 13th in the spirit of "God is Love". Thanks to all that participated.

Sr High Ministry

Rev. Steve Lovingood, Exec. Director of Youth Ministry
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The Family Community Church Youth Ministry is dedicated to reaching young people (grades 7 - 12) with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while giving them the opportunity to mature spiritually. We are striving to provide, without compromise, a biblically-relevant ministry for young people. Our ministry is to: develop students into

fully-devoted followers of Christ through a balanced approach to Bible study, fellowship, physical activity, and community service.

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.

We are well on our way in preparing WAPI's for the upcoming Missions trip to Columbia. We will continue in that effort to complete that task by having a work day on Saturday Mar 5. Come on out and get a free lunch for participating.

Jr High Ministry

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"My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck". Proverbs 1:8-9

Jr High Ministry is continuing with 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

This week lesson:

KNOWING That the Holy Spirit Dwells Within Me.

The Jr High Ministry has committed to offering our continued support of the coming mission trips by way of:

- making WAPI's for Columbia Mission Trip
- Collecting Donations for Orphanage in Haiti



Media Ministry

Ken McCoy

We want to welcome all the new students to the program! The students have been extremely involved in the development of Church Filming, DVDs, and the new KFAM Church Radio station as producers and engineers. They will also participate in a community Red Carpet Event on March the 5th. Meetings for the group are held on Monday evenings. God Bless the students commitment!!!!!!

Singles Ministry



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Everyone had a great time at our first small group session of "FCC Singles - Handicrafts." The group for singles who want to teach and/or complete various arts and crafts with other interested FCC Singles. On February 13th, Roz Boles taught participants how to make a "Blanket of Love" for themselves or a loved one in recognition of Valentine's Day. Everyone had a great time and Roz was a fantastic instructor.



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.

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.

Baptism

Rev. Felix Ruffin, Minister Sis. Rubie Hosey, Coordinator



Last month 4 young children were baptized this past month. Praise God! The next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, **March 27, 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.

"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

Visitors Ministry

Sandra Price, Director



"Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." Phil 2:1-5

Each month, we will introduce several members who volunteer with the Visitors Ministry. You will recognize their faces even if you don't know their names. This column will help you put names and faces together.

The Leader of the Parking Lot Team is **Charlie Weaver**. He or one of his team is on the lookout for first-time visitors -- those who park in the "First Time Visitor" spots. Also, they look for people who are new but did not park in one of the reserved spots. They try to ensure that visitors are greeted warmly and directed to the Greeter who will hand them a Visitors Packet and answer any questions they might have.

Once greeted, with Visitors Packet in hand, the visitor is directed to **Sue Rye** who will be smiling and ready to hand them a bulletin.

The goal of the Visitors Ministry is to make sure every first-time visitor feels welcome. Look at the faces of our two featured members. Don't their smiles warm your heart and help prepare you for worship?

