



A few words from Marcus...

As we get ready to say goodbye to a summer break and hello to a new school year and rhythms in life I think it would be great to remind our church family that our family is always looking to expand! My personal family experienced that last month with the addition of two new members, a son-in-law and daughter-in-law that we now love as our own. Our church family grows as we bless others with the Good News in word and deed. This has to be one of our highest priorities as a church and as individual disciples of Jesus. Why?

1. Because Christ commanded it. Typically we point to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 but there are other places in the New Testament where the priority of evangelism is clearly evident.
2. Because Christ is the only way of salvation. Jesus had an urgent, exclusive message. We must convey this hope to others.
3. Because Christ died for the world. There is a reason John 3:16 is the most familiar verse in the world. This is an urgent message worth telling.
4. Because churches that are not intentional about evangelism are weak in evangelism.
5. Because churches obsess inwardly when they fail to move outwardly. The Gospel wasn't meant for us to keep to ourselves. So our energy needs to be re-directed from inward obsessions.
6. Because churches become content and complacent with transfer growth. We can't be content with growth that is coming from Christians who move to our area. We want to reach people who are unchurched or de-churched. Transfer growth isn't evangelism; it's recirculating the saints.
7. Because evangelistic Christians actually grow stronger as better disciplined Christians. Those who are evangelistic are obedient to Christ. Being obedient to Christ means that we are following his teachings and becoming a better fruit-bearing disciple.

MADE FOR MORE ABF

The Made for More ABF would like to invite you to join us as we launch a new study on **August 6th**, entitled "Beginnings." Part of the Immerse Bible Reading Experience, this study consists of daily readings through the first five books of the Bible, all without chapter or verse divisions - much like reading a novel. We meet **Sunday** mornings at 10:10 in the back of the Life Center. If you would like a copy of "Beginnings" or would like more information about the study, please contact Bob.

WEDDING SHOWER

And so the adventure begins! Congratulations to Lauren and Aidan Lynn (son of Marcus and Jennifer Lynn), who were married on July 6, 2023. All are invited to a couples shower for the newlyweds on **Sunday, August 13, 2023**, at noon in the Life Center. **Please let us know how many from your household will attend** - email Sharon Tankersley at kyschartank@gmail.com, call or text [502.395.3433](tel:502.395.3433). Gift registries have been set up at: [TheKnot.com](https://www.theknot.com), [Ikea](https://www.ikea.com), and [Target](https://www.target.com), or you can come prepared to contribute to their "adventure fund" (money/gift cards). Contact Sharon for questions or Kim Boyd if you'd like to help with food.

From Our Director of Discipleship and Evangelism

Bob Tankersley

Practicing the Way of Jesus Together as Family

We've been discussing the idea that discipleship involves re-orienting our lives around three goals: **Be with Jesus, Become like Jesus, and Do what Jesus did.** This month, I'd like to take a couple of minutes to talk about the last part of that goal: **Do What Jesus Did.** As we spend time getting to know Jesus, and finding that we are becoming like him - hopefully, we find that our thoughts, words, and actions become the thoughts, words, and actions of Christ.

All too often, the church promotes a concept of discipleship that says, "if you learn enough, if you do enough Bible Study, if you attend enough church services," - you become a mature disciple. This has done a great job of creating generations of "consumer Christians," - but that's not what we find as Jesus disciples those around him. His pattern of discipleship involved the invitation to be *with* him, yes, but it also involved the challenge of then living out the Kingdom - in other words, doing what he did.

The simple fact is, as a disciple of Jesus the world is looking to us to live the way Jesus did. As apprentices of Jesus, we are called to not only follow Jesus in spirit, but we are called to continue his work on earth as it is in heaven. This means healing the sick, praying for the lost, and opening up our homes and our lives to those far from God. The end goal is to do what he did.

If you'd like to explore some 'next steps' in forming your life around these practices, we invite you to be a part of what we call the "MC Experience." On Wednesday evenings this Fall, we will be offering an 8-week look at the why, what, and how of Missional Communities here at FCC. We believe that MCs are the best vehicle to developing into flourishing disciples and that they are also the best chance for us to "Find Our People." (hint, hint...) The MC Experience will begin on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30pm.

Both "**Meeting God in the Dark**" and "**FCC Book Club**" are taking a break this month. Our film series, "**Meeting God in the Dark**," will return on Sunday, September 17th, when we will view "The Trip to Bountiful". As always, this is open to those in High School and older, and childcare will be offered. Please contact the FCC Office to register and let us know if you need childcare. Feel free to bring popcorn!

OTHER FALL OPPORTUNITIES - EQUIP courses - First announced last year, the Equip Courses are a series of short-term classes designed to encourage and equip missional disciples as they travel along their discipleship pathway. Each Equip Course is a self-contained, four-week opportunity that has no prerequisites and can be taken in any order.

The first Equip Course is **The Spiritual Formation course**, which will be offered on Thursdays at 7pm beginning September 7th. This course is a 4-week journey to help root you in your spiritual formation journey. Designed to walk you through four key components of building your relationship with Jesus every day, this course will help you to grow closer with God and set practical rhythms. The four weeks' topics include: How to Read the Bible, How to Pray, Practicing the Presence of God, and Following the Rhythms of Jesus. Contact Bob to register for more information about The Spiritual Formation Course.

Be WITH Jesus - Become LIKE Jesus - DO what Jesus did

From our Youth Director

Noah Durbin

Well, we survived a crazy busy season for the youth ministry. We did a day trip to King's Island. We dodged the storms, and it took a lot of prayer driving the church van back with a tornado watch. Yet, this trip was an absolute blast. There were many screams from rollercoasters and, of course, we ate plenty of blue ice cream. This will be a yearly trip as every student wants to return and spend more time at the park.

We went on our very first mission camp to Western Kentucky with TEAMEffort Missions. I was thoroughly impressed by our students. They worked extremely hard and did not complain at all. We were able to shingle a roof, finish a deck, fix a chimney, and repaired a ramp to eliminate tripping hazards. Our students listened to messages during chapel, and we had an amazing response time on Thursday night. We finished the week by having some fun at Holiday World before returning home. I wish I could share more from the trip, but that could take like 10 pages. I will be sharing more this Sunday during the service.

There are still a few summer events that we will have before the school year starts, which will be communicated via email and the bulletin. I am starting my plans for the school year. We are, searching for a few volunteers for our Wednesday night group time. Essentially we need someone who can facilitate conversations during our small group time. I will give the questions and topic that we discuss. Helping with our special events is not required, but I would greatly appreciate it. Please talk, email, or text me if you are interested.

In the "Bazaar World"

We will be back working on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 when programs begin on August 30th, if you would like to join us in the Bazaar room. This will be gearing up for November's bazaar!

POTLUCK

There will be a potluck after the 12:00 service on August 27th.

The church will provide the meat and drinks. You can bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

There will be a sign up sheet.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

August 30th...Start Wednesday Nights
Dinner that night will be pizza
Be on the lookout for more details

ASSURANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

Assurance, a local ministry partner for our church, is seeking applicants for its Executive Director (ED) position. The ED has full responsibility for the operations of Assurance and sets a mature and caring spiritual tone for all aspects of the ministry. Assurance seeks applicants who are committed Christians, dedicated to the sanctity of all human life, and gifted in leadership. For more information and to apply, go to <https://assuranceforlife.org/employment-opportunities/>. Prayerfully consider applying or who you can personally encourage to apply.

From our Director of Children's Ministry

Ronda Roethle

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far – I know I am! I love this time of year, the beautiful flowers everywhere displaying their myriad of color and blessing us with their fragrance, the birds singing their early morning praises to their Creator, early morning walks, and the sound of children playing outside. These are just some of the joys of summer!

Another summer activity is VBS. This year our VBS theme was Jonah and the Whale. A huge thank you to all who volunteered, it would not have been possible without you. It was an amazing week and I think everyone had an enjoyable time. But more importantly the gospel was shared and God was glorified!

The FCC kids are truly amazing. Their excitement and desire to learn are contagious. During our story time they asked deep and heartfelt questions. They wanted to know as much as they could about all the things that happened to Jonah and why God did the things He did. My heart was truly touched and encouraged. Continue to pray for all of them that the seeds that were planted during VBS week would grow in amazing ways.



Nursery

Just a reminder that Taylor Gilpin's last day for nursery will be August 13th. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, or knows of someone who may be interested, please let us know. We are truly sad to lose Taylor but are excited for her as she starts college and this new phase of her life.

Baby Bottle Blessings

Thank you again to all who participated in this fund raiser. All of our bottles were turned in to Assurance on July 10th. They will have a tally for us sometime in August. I will update you when I get the totals! May God abundantly bless and prosper the funds that were given so that many babies will be saved and many parents will hear and see the goodness of God!

SYMPATHY

Hudson family, Kit Hudson – passed away 6/26/23
*Family of Jennifer Schindler, Lauren Lynn’s mom,
passed away 7/17/2023

PRAYER CONCERNS

Parker, nephew of Mary Beth Gaines Linder - cancer
Roberta, Dedre VanHoose's mother, health concerns
Hunter Armstrong – health concerns
*Janet Arrowwood, neighbor of Ordways - battling
breast cancer
Bill Beverly – health concerns
Grandmother of Crystal Campbell – health concerns
Nancy Cressman, Becky Warren's Mother - health
concerns
Harold Duckworth, Mike’s Dad – health concerns
Chris Gregory, Phil Gregory's bother - health concerns
Susan Jones – health concerns
Lisa Kendall, friend of Duckworth's - health concerns
Richard Kendall, father of Mark Kendall - health
concerns
Carolyn Leet - health concerns
Sheree McGraw, mother of Ruth Anne Boyd - health
concerns
Shawn Morris – health concerns
Jeremy Norris, friend of Ordway’s – cancer
Melody Phelps – health concerns
Robin Reed – health concerns
Unborn baby of Kirby & Michael Riley – serious invitro
complications
Cathy Ritter, Missy Mix's mom - health concerns
Gary Sacra - battling cancer
Karen Starcher, mother of Jeff Starcher – health
concerns
Laveda Taylor, Ken Taylor's mom - health concerns
James Traugott, father of Bonita Hill - health concerns
Kelly Trent – health concerns
Mike VanHoose – health concerns
Uncle of Heather Webber - kidney cancer
Larry Wheeler – health concerns
Jamie Williams, aunt of Ruth Ann Boyd - battling cancer

Remember Those Who Cannot Worship with Us on a Regular Basis

Ann Craig, Joan Ethington, Kay Hall,
Patty Olson, Clifford Young

If you have a prayer concern you can email it to the
office fccdoc@windstream.net, text to 859-459-0443, or
call the office 859-873-3901

Vital Statistics

2023 Budget	\$404,454
Needed Each Week	\$7,778
Expenses thru July 17	\$161,876
Received thru July 17	\$218,816
In Person Worship Attendance 7/2	130
Sunday School	NO
In Person Worship Attendance 7/9	181
Sunday School	43
In Person Worship Attendance 7/16	165
Sunday School	44

August Birthdays

- 2 - Melody Hamilton
- 5 - Mary Ann Moss
- 6 - Clifford Young
Jeff Starcher
- 8 - Evie Webb
- 9 - Marcus Lynn
- 10 - Ashlyn Hood
- 11 - David Hamilton
- 12 - Steve Lemons
Adaline Vanderpool
- 13 - Ava Kendall
- 16 - Barbara Hartsell
- 17 - Charlie Morris
Jason Webb
- 18 - Maggie Sunseri
Dave Preston
- 19 - Ashley Holbrook
- 23 - Nield Hollin
Sadie Lewis
- 26 - Irene Duncan
Lily Hamilton
- 30 - Diana Weaver
Sandi Baker
Noah Durbin
- 31- Connor Nichols

If you know someone who should be
added to our birthday list, please let the
church office know so that we can
celebrate their special day with them!

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GIVING BY CHECK

If you would rather mail a check that is good too.
Just send to FCC Versailles, 160 Lexington Street,
Versailles, KY 40383.

TEXT GIVING

Want to text your contribution? Just send a text to
859-214-6164. If you don't have an account set
up, you will be prompted to set up an account the
first time. After that it is easy...just type your
giving option and amount...i.e. Regular 5.00...in
the message. You will receive a confirmation text.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available on our website
www.fccversailles.com. Just go to our website and
click on giving. From there just follow the prompts.