

# The Columns



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## A few words from Marcus...

One of the great things about being a pastor at FCC Versailles is that every week is different but at the same time has the same rhythms each week so that I have some semblance of routine. Yeah, every week is different but the same.

Most weeks I follow the same routine: meet with staff on **Monday** mornings, **Tuesday** night Bell Choir practice, **Wednesday** night programs and Praise Band rehearsal, message preparation throughout the week, my one-hour **Saturday** morning run through, and of course **Sunday** mornings. Most weeks also have a meeting or pastoral care emergency sandwiched in there. I also have things that come up less frequently but are routine such as once a month **Monday** Night Meal delivery and writing for this newsletter.

What's unique each week are the new people I get to meet along the journey and the new challenges that take a lot longer to solve than a 23 minute sitcom. Just a few that I'm working on with teams of volunteers right now: 1) Personnel Team is searching for a new Children's Director; 2) Deacon Task Force to look at how we utilize deacons and **Sunday** morning worship since the pandemic.

If you haven't noticed, the labor market is difficult but more importantly it's difficult to find someone for niche part time jobs that include loving Jesus and children while organizing/training volunteers and being in alignment with where FCC is going. Darcys don't grow on trees!

You may not be familiar with the Deacon Task Force because it was authorized to get going at the December Board meeting. The question has been "if and when do we start passing things (communion/offering) in worship?" And if we don't, then do we need deacons and stewards like they used to operate? Or are there new responsibilities that deacons could be doing? The Task Force met this week and had some good suggestions to begin implementing in March but need the buy-in from current deacons and stewards for it to work. If you are a current deacon or steward, plan to meet Sunday, February 12 at 10:05am. Look for a notice coming soon.

### **Monday Night Community Dinner**

Did you know our kitchen hosts a **Monday** Night Community Dinner for delivery or take out? Yes, each **Monday** one of four churches in our community rotates making and delivery the meal. FCC, of course, is one of those four churches and we started it back in 2009 by Peggy Cains and her Young at Heart **Sunday** School class made up of senior women. Since then, many people (and churches) have helped make it possible to serve over 315,000 meals in our community! With little faith, much can be done with the help of God!

# From Our Director of Discipleship and Evangelism Bob Tankersley

## Practicing the Way of Jesus Together as Family

Marcus has recently been doing an incredible job leading us through a look at not only what IS and ISN'T the gospel - but also how we live out this good news that Jesus came to share with and through us. I hope that you have been inspired by what he has been sharing with us. If you've missed any of the messages, you can find them on the Resources page on the FCC Website.

Speaking of our website, when was the last time you checked out [fccversailles.com](http://fccversailles.com)? A little over a year ago, we totally revamped our FCC website to give a more inviting and informative online presence. You can find updated information on our church family, information on our environments for FCC Kids and Students, and resources such as our monthly newsletter and message videos. You can even fill out a Digital Connect Card there! We hope you'll make use of the website for your family - and also share it with those where you live, learn, work and play!

If you haven't already joined a **Wednesday Connect Group** this semester - it's not too late! We have three groups currently gathering on Wednesday evenings that cover a variety of topics. Make sure and reach out to me if you'd like more information.

The bi-monthly "**FCC Book Club**" meets this month. Each month we take the opportunity to read a book together and then gather to discuss it. Our first book discussion of the year will be **Love Over Fear: Facing Monsters, Befriending Enemies, and Healing Our Polarized World** by Dan White Jr on Thursday, February 9th. (The next selection will be **What's So Amazing About Grace?** by Phillip Yancey. Our discussion will be Thursday, April 20th.)

We invite you to join us on Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30-11:30 am for **FCC Greenhouse**. The name 'FCC Greenhouse' refers to the idea for us to gather and celebrate what God is presently growing within the FCC community and to plant and cultivate new expressions of the Kingdom that God has in store for us. FCC Greenhouse is open to any who leads in any capacity at FCC (or who might desire to). We hope you'll join us.

The event is free to attend, and we will provide childcare upon request. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting the FCC office or emailing Bob.

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

### THANK YOU

Just wanted to give a BIG THANK YOU to Marcus and the other guys for helping move my daughter, Kelly Trent on [Saturday](#)!!

Their help was greatly appreciated, and I hope no one has sore muscles from climbing those stairs!! Lol!

FCC is full of kind, caring and good-hearted people!!! An extra thank you to Marcus for putting everything together!! The move was much easier with everyone's help!!

Thanks again and God bless!  
Jan Stuckwish and Kelly Trent

## From our Youth Director Noah Durbin

The New Year has started off with a bang in the youth ministry! We have just started a new series on the book of Mark. Mark has led to some great discussions on the Trinity, Jesus' model for discipleship, and how God is healing us today. I am excited to see how these lessons, which will take all of 2023, will shape us as a group.

This Friday, we are doing a Lock-In at the church. When I started here, this was the one event that student wanted. I am excited to see how the night will progress. I expect the beginning of the Lock-In will be filled with us playing games, but by the end of the night most will be exhausted and settle on couch somewhere. Lock-Ins are always fun, interesting, and bring the group closer together. As always prayers are accepted, and yes coffee will be in my system.

Earlier this month, I had a meeting to discuss our summer mission camp. I will have more information for the church in the upcoming weeks on how to partner with us. The excitement for this upcoming summer is growing and many of our students are interested. I look forward to sharing for information in a service soon. Until then, blessings to you and your family.

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### 5 Star Global Ministry

Did you know that FCC partners with 5 Star Global Ministry in Haiti under the leadership of Autumn Marshall. 5 Star's vision is To empower families, caretakers, and locals to provide Christ-centered disability care while training and educating nationals to provide disability advocacy in under-developed countries. To learn more about 5 Star Global Ministry, visit [5star-ministry.com](http://5star-ministry.com). Below are a few of the success stories this past week who got surgery for their clubfeet.



## SYMPATHY

Family of Carroll Hall – passed away 1/15/2023  
\*Family of Wilbert Hoffman, Melody Hamilton's father  
– passed away 1/22/23  
Family of Jean Tincher Gilvin, sister of Peggy Henry–  
passed away 1/16

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for guidance as Personnel searches for a new  
Children's Director  
Parker, nephew of Mary Beth Gaines Linder - cancer  
Roberta, Dedre VanHoose's mother, health concerns  
Hunter Armstrong – health concerns  
Wayne Ball, uncle of Melissa Gregory - lymphoma  
Peggy Cains-Gillette – cancer, home doing well  
Gill Clifton - cancer  
Jessica Coleman - battling cancer  
Nicole Conrades – health concerns  
Nancy Cressman, Becky Warren's Mother - health  
concerns  
Harold Duckworth, Mike's Dad – health concerns  
Richelle Duncan – battling cancer  
Jane Frye – health concerns  
Kay Hall – health concerns  
David Hudson, friend of Sally Boutcher – battling cancer  
Jonathan Jones, friend of Mike VanHoose – Prostate  
cancer  
Chip Lafoe, Debbie Slatten's brother – health concerns  
Carolyn Leet – recovering from surgery  
Jeremy Norris, friend of Ordway's- cancer  
Anna Bell Phillips - health concerns  
Jane & Tom Phillips – health concerns  
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 concern  
\*Steve Ward – health concerns  
Uncle of Heather Webber - kidney cancer  
Jamie Williams, aunt of Ruth Ann Boyd - battling cancer  
Jim Witheril and family – Praise, doing great now

## Remember Those Who Cannot Worship with Us on a Regular Basis

Ann Craig, Joan Ethington, Doris Green, Kay Hall,  
Priscilla Landreth, Patty Olson, Clifford Young

## February Birthdays

- 6 - Gray Morris  
Leslie Gilpin  
Savannah Faith Ordway
- 7 - Mandy Morris  
Barbara Asher
- 8 - Kennedy Haynes
- 9 - Joan Mazurek
- 10 - Dylan Nichols
- 11 - Billy Hartsell
- 13 - David Graves
- 14 - Jackson Lewis
- 15 - Joshua Bunch
- 18 - Susan Simandle
- 20 - Marie Preston
- 22 - Ryan Mix
- 23 - Sheila Mobley
- 24 - Nicole Rauch
- 27 - Taylor Gilpin

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!

## 2023 DIRECTORY INFORMATION

If you have had any changes to your information in the directory or are new to the church, please let the church office know. Also, if you have not submitted a picture or want to update your picture you can do so at this time. You can do this by email, hard copy or digital.

## HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for 1-2 people to learn the ropes on running the sound at our 9:00am service. If you are interested or need more information, contact Marcus.

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available on our website [www.fccversailles.com](http://www.fccversailles.com). Just go to our website and click on giving. From there just follow the prompts.

## 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.

## 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.

### **Vital Statistics**

2022 Budget	\$375,571
Needed Each Week	\$7,223
Expenses thru January 23	\$17,665
Received thru December 28	\$36,999

In Person Worship Attendance 1/1	101
Sunday School	no Sunday School
In Person Worship Attendance 1/08	173
Sunday School	59
In Person Worship Attendance 1/15	170
Sunday School	52
In Person Worship Attendance 1/22	153
Sunday School	53

### **Wednesday Night**

Every week: Shannon Nally, Leader

Every week Helpers:

Karen Marsee

Cindy Meholovitch

Tressie Hird

Kelly Lariscy

The group will be studying "Seeing God All Around Us".

## **Serving In January**

### **Elders**

Ron Baker

Joe Wiley

### **Audio & Video Engineers – 9:00am**

John Thompson	-February 5 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Menshouse	-February 12 <sup>th</sup>
Darra Shipp	-February 19 <sup>th</sup>
John Thompson	-February 26 <sup>th</sup>

### **Audio & Video Engineers – 11:05am**

Ben Smith	-February 1st & February 5 <sup>th</sup>
Neil Smith	-February 8th & February 12 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Sunseri	-February 15 <sup>th</sup> & February 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ben Smith	-February 22nd & February 26 <sup>th</sup>

### **Pre-K Sunday School**

All Pre-schoolers transitioned to Elementary  
No Preschool needed at this time.  
Please let us know if you have a preschooler, so that we can plan for them

### **Elementary Sunday School**

February 5	-Shannon Nally, Leading John Nally, Helping
February 12	-Stefanie Wiley, Leading Deann Watts, Helping
February 19	-Freda Demarest, Leading Helper Needed
February 26	-Stefanie Wiley, Leading Tressie Hird, Helping

### **Childrens Worship 11:005am**

February 5	-Jessica Kendall, Leading Mark Kendall, Helping
February 12	-Abby Webb, Leading Helper Needed
February 19	-Ruth Ann Boyd, Leading Jackson, Helping
February 26	-Allison Lewis, Leading Helper Needed

### **Sunday Morning 11:00 Nursery Workers Taylor Gilpin**

& Cindy Meholovitch are always here

Lesley Gilpin and Connie Boyce  
are Helpers