



A few words from Marcus...

When the movie "Parenthood," starring Steve Martin as "Gil," came out in 1989 I wasn't even dating Jennifer yet but within a few years we would be married and within ten years we'd be parents. My favorite quote from that movie comes right after Gil is complaining to his wife about parenting and his grandmother wanders into the room and says, "You know, when I was nineteen, Grandpa took me on a roller coaster. Up, down, up, down. Oh, what a ride! I always wanted to go again. You know, it was just so interesting to me that a ride could make me so frightened, so scared, so sick, so excited, and so thrilled all together! Some didn't like it. They went on the merry-go-round. That just goes around. Nothing. I like the roller coaster. You get more out of it." I've said it before and I'll say it again, parenting has been the hardest thing and the most rewarding thing I've ever done in life.

You may (or may not) know but the Lynn family is gearing up for a lot of change in July. Reagan is getting married to Brandon and moving to Florida for a few weeks and soon after move near Warner-Robbins Air Force Base in southern Georgia.

The other big news is that Aidan is also getting married in a private ceremony in July two weeks after Reagan. Why the rush? Well, I'd rather not go into it here but it is not because I'm becoming a grandfather! Fortunately, he will be living close by in Lexington with his beautiful bride, Lauren. There are plans being laid for a celebration of their relationship and marriage at a later date.

We are so glad God has blessed Reagan and Aidan with life mates that are Jesus followers and complement them in terms of personality and interests. That's what we've prayed for since they were born, that if they were to be married, that God would bring them the perfect person for them and we believe God has answered our prayers.

But I won't lie and say that it's been (and still is) a rollercoaster! I've probably reached my maximum capacity right now for personal life change and the emotions that it is bringing up and the memories that are coming to the surface. So please pray for the Lynns! Pray that Jen and I (and Micah) "make it through this" with a deep sense of joy and gratitude and that the young couples in our family are blessed and a blessing to others as they leave the family fold. I am truly grateful that God is giving us two more "children" in Brandon and Lauren to our family.

Hi FCC family! As you know we (the Rai family) are planning to return to Asia to the mission field. We will begin to send out updates as we prepare to go overseas. We know that many from FCC signed up for our updates when we shared on Memorial weekend, but if you were away that weekend and would like to receive our updates, please send your address and email address to us at darcyjoyrai@gmail.com or anupdarcyrai@gmail.com. We would love to keep in touch! Thank you for surrounding us in your prayers! We look forward to visiting in July.

Blessings,
The Rai Family

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, cards and food we received during my recent illnesses. Glad to be a part of this great church family.

Edie Starcher

From Our Director of Discipleship and Evangelism

Bob Tankersley

Practicing the Way of Jesus Together as Family

I hope your Summer is going well. This time of year gives us one of the easiest seasons to live as Missional/Incarnational Disciples in the places where God has already sent us - walking your dog, standing around the backyard grill with your neighbors, maybe even mowing the yard of that one neighbor who can't physically keep up. All of these simple, everyday actions give us the opportunity to cultivate the shalom of the Kingdom in our neighborhoods!

Over the past couple of months, we've discussed that discipleship involves re-orienting our lives around three goals: **Be with Jesus, Become like Jesus, and Do what Jesus did.** As we spend our lives "abiding in Jesus," we will begin to see another goal form itself - to "Become Like Jesus." When we say this, we do not mean becoming people trying to **act** like Christians but being truly transformed to become more like Christ.

And catch this: we're not talking about behavior modification. This isn't just learning to say and think the "right things" or to "straighten up and act right," as my Mom would often say. This is a transformation from the inside out.

Remember, months ago, we began by saying that we are all becoming **like** someone or something. It's not a question of **WHETHER** we are being formed, but rather **Who** or **What** are we being formed into?

You've heard me say I want to be more like Jesus today than I was yesterday. If someone hasn't seen me or spent time with me for months or a year or several years - and today they don't see more Jesus and less Bob - then I'm heading in the wrong direction. I may only be one degree off course, but I'm still heading the wrong way.

But this type of transformation is not simple. It takes practice - and it takes practice **in community.** It takes our spiritual family working and growing together. We often call this "spiritual formation." That is why you will see and hear us at FCC offer a variety of discipleship opportunities like our Adult Bible Fellowships or Connect Groups, our FCC Book Club and Meeting God in the Dark - and a new addition to our D'ship pathway, the EQUIP Courses - short 4 week courses that go deeper into specific areas of following Jesus. This is also why you often hear us say that we believe the primary vehicle for growth as a disciple is our Missional Communities. In our MCs we are actively pursuing Becoming Like Jesus by living out our Core Values of Love God, Love the Family and Love your Neighbor.

UPCOMING DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The June "**FCC Book Club**" has been postponed to Thursday, July 13th at 7pm.

This Month's "**Meeting God in the Dark**" will be on July 23rd from 2-5pm upstairs in the Youth Room. This month's film is "A River Run Through It". 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!

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FALL SNEAK PEEKs - On Wednesday evenings this Fall, we will be offering what we call the **"MC Experience"** - 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...) Be watching for more information in the near future!

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

In the "Bazaar World"

The Bazaar team would like to thank all those who have donated Ziploc bags and candles. Continue to look for nice greenery and candles.

We hope to see some of you at "Christmas in July"!

Instead of an entire week, we have split our time up.

We will gather from 6pm - 9pm Wednesdays, July 12th and 19th
and Thursdays, July 13th and 20th

to craft, price, organize and fellowship together as we work on some projects for our annual bazaar in November.

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

FCC Family,

Thank you for all the prayers that were sent up when I was in the hospital. It meant a lot to me. I'm so blessed to be a member of this wonderful church. I appreciate everything you do for me and my family.

God Bless!
Kelly Trent

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for continually checking in on me through my surgery and recovery. Most importantly, thank you so much for your prayers. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a loving family of believers. I love each and everyone of you. Again, thank you!

In His Love,
Debbie Slatten

From our Youth Director

Noah Durbin

Summer is in full swing. We just returned from a day trip to King's Island. It was a great time with a few new students. We rode all the good rides and did not get too wet. There is a unanimous agreement that this will be a yearly trip for our group.

We are leaving for our mission trip this coming Sunday, July 2nd right after service. We are looking forward for this opportunity to serve God and His people in La Center, KY. I am spending this week at our site preparing for the group's arrival. I will be giving the message on Wednesday night and leading our site while we are down there. Please be in prayer for each of our students that God will meet them where they are and move in their hearts. Layne will be putting together a short video to show to you guys in service after we return.

Lastly, I am looking forward to giving my first sermon at FCCV. I have a sermon that I normally give when it's the first time I am preaching at a church. But I am changing things and doing a different sermon. Most of my family is coming for a weekend visit and they are excited to meet all of you, just know we are all introverts. Overall, this is about to be an extremely exciting time for the youth ministry!

From our Director of Children's Ministry

Ronda Roethle

What We Are Learning

We have all been enjoying our worship time together, and we are all glad to be back in our own worship space. As I shared in May, the children are being taught a similar lesson each Sunday to what the adults are hearing in their time of worship. Hopefully, this is generating more discussion among the families about what they are learning. My prayer is that it will help all of us be made more and more into the image of our Savior.

We also added hymnals to our worship room. The children are enjoying singing songs from the hymn books!

The Wednesday night Kingdom Kids finished the year on a high note. The family night went well, and all enjoyed their time together. The kids did an amazing job singing their Bible songs and reciting their verses. We are now on break for the summer and will start up again in August.

In Sunday School, we are still working our way through the series of God's people in exile. The kids continue to ask amazing questions and are doing a wonderful job memorizing their Big Picture Answers, memory verses, and songs.

We have made a few changes in the Nursery. We have changed our sign in and out process and have added new forms to help us get to know the children better. The children are also being taught Bible lessons and songs.

We are all so thankful to Taylor Gilpin for her service and dedication as she has faithfully worked with the children in the Nursery. However, Taylor graduated this year and will be moving away to start college in August. Please be in prayer for someone to step in and take over where Taylor has left off. Although we hate to lose her, we wish her all the best!

Kids Camp went well. We spent June 9th and 10th at AdventureServe Ministries in Wilmore. Our guide was amazing! He centered everything we did around Christ. He taught the girls team building skills, Bible lessons, and encouraged them to do their very best in everything they did - for the glory of God.

SYMPATHY

*Family of Wayne Ball, uncle of Melissa Gregory -
passed away 6/21/23

*Family of Kit Hudson – passed away 6/26/23
Phelps family – Donald passed away

PRAYER CONCERNS

Parker, nephew of Mary Beth Gaines Linder - cancer

Roberta, Dedre VanHoose's mother, health concerns

Hunter Armstrong – health concerns

Bill Beverly – health concerns

*Grandmother of Crystal Campbell – health concerns

Patti Carter – 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

Jonathan Jones, Friend of Mike VanHoose - prostate
cancer

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

Jeremy Norris, friend of Ordway's – cancer

*Melody Phelps – health concerns

Robin Reed – 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 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

Vital Statistics

2023 Budget	\$404,454
Needed Each Week	\$7,778

Expenses thru June 26	\$161,876
Received thru June 26	\$218,816

In Person Worship Attendance 6/4	162
Sunday School	48
In Person Worship Attendance 6/11	153
Sunday School	47
In Person Worship Attendance 6/18	149
Sunday School	44
In Person Worship Attendance 6/25	148
Sunday School	42

Thank you again to all who participated
in the fund raiser for Assurance. If you
weren't here last week or just forgot to
return your baby bottle, you may still do
so. You can return the bottles in the
basket in the Narthex until July 9th.

July Birthdays

2 - Naomi Foster
3 - Rylee Thompson
4 - Deann Watts
7 - Daniel Roethle
9 - Kaylee Rauch
12 - Margaret Harp
14 - Jacob Warren
15 - Daniel Roethle
16 - Mandy Smith
17 - Ron Baker
19 - Wendall Shipp
Ben Dennison
Sarah Dennison
22 - Madeline Gregory
23 - Lillian Marsee
Josiah Simandle
24 - Jan Stuckwish
31 - Sara Turnbull

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.

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click on giving. From there just follow the prompts.