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August?
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The Connection

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LETTER FROM PASTOR



Dear FCFC Family,

August is a very special month on our calendar both here at the church as well as for me and Debbie personally! It was my joy and privilege to become the pastor of this fine church 32 years ago on the 28th of this month. No one could have told me what a journey this would be for me, my family, or the members of this church. All in all I can not express the joy it has been to be here in Eureka Springs for these 32 years. I was only 33 years old. I had never pastored a church. I knew only about God what I had been taught in Bible school. I, no doubt, lacked the skill or the wisdom the people deserved but I am so grateful that they “took a chance” on me. In spite of all the times I thought I was going to die, next to accepting the Lord, this has been the most wonderful decision of my life.

I truly believe as a church and as a pastor we grow better every year. The state of The Family Church is great and Debbie and I are looking forward to many years of serving the Lord by serving The Family Church here in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Happy Birthday Faith Christian Family Church and thank you for allowing us to be your pastors.

Pastors,

Gary and Debbie

YARDS AND YARDS OF YARD SALES-AUGUST 5TH

A common complaint among many of us is "I have too much stuff!" Well, Shonnie Miller has found a way to benefit us and The Academy of Excellence as well. Each year she organizes a yard sale to benefit the Academy! Look around your house, shop or storage unit and if you have any good used items, you may bring them to the church any time before Thursday, August 4th. Shonnie and her crew will price the items and man the sale! Just think of all the extra room you are going to have!! All proceeds will go to benefit The Academy of Excellence. If you have questions regarding an item, or if you would like to volunteer your time to help Shonnie, you may call her at 479-981-2079. If you would like to contribute by shopping at the sale, it will be Friday, August 5th from 7:30 until quittin' time.

PROMOTION SUNDAY -AUGUST 7TH

God puts something inside of us that makes growth and promotion exciting. Even children get excited about being promoted. Promotion Sunday is the day when children going into the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th grades prepare to move into the next level of Sunday School class. It is important that children receive the Word of God on a level that is age appropriate and is challenging to their spiritual development. Children who are currently in the Arkids class (3yrs -Kindergarten) bring a bottle of soda, Heirborn Rangers (1st -3rd grade) are bringing chips, Life+Force (4th-6th grades) bring cookies, 7th-9th grades bring chip dip and our 10th-12th graders will be serving! We ask that you drop your kids off at their current class and pick them up after service at their new class. This will be an exciting time for your child and we encourage the children to thank their current teachers for the input they have had in their lives. We are blessed with dedicated teachers at all levels that dedicate their time to helping our children get better, go up, and find God's purpose in their young lives.

SPECIAL SPEAKER—AUGUST 7TH

One of the wonderful things about being a part of the family of God is that it is free and open to anyone who chooses to believe, as a result, we have a large and varied family full of amazing people with incredible testimonies. Sunday, August 7th at 10:00AM we will be hearing from Christopher Alam. Born in a Middle Eastern country to a Muslim family he accepted Jesus as his Savior in 1975. His conversion led to being confined in a mental institution and eventually meant leaving his home country and escaping to Sweden. He has attended Torchbearers Bible School in HolsbyBrunn, Sweden and Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He had taught at Word of Life Training Center in Uppsala, Sweden. Christopher and his wife Britta have ministered in over 60 countries. They have established Dynamis World Ministries which is based in Lancaster, PA. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, you may visit their website www.pentecostalfire.com. We are very excited about this special service and pray each of you attend and bring a guest. You will be blessed!!

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	1 Josh Jones Keli Matzenbacker	2 Tesa Lee Clark Eugene Drayer	3 Nursery Children's Church Youth LaDonna Martin Helen Crane	4 Nathan Wennekamp	5	6 Seth Jones
7 Nursery Children's Church Lindsey Girkin	8 Dawn Jones	9	10 Nursery Children's Church Youth Angela Lemme	11 Merika Tollett	12 Alison Smith Renee Tollett	13 Chloe Crewse Mason Mabry
14 Nursery Children's Church	15 Caleb Tollett	16	17 Nursery Children's Church Youth Angela Lemme	18 Jamie Dickelman Bill Purdom	19	20 Halen Boyd
21 Nursery Children's Church	22 Chris Mock	23	24 Nursery Children's Church Youth Lola Bunch	25 John Baker Leah Hamilton Jennie Sooter Mike Wilhelm	26 Brittany Reddick	27 Leo Johnson
28 Nursery Children's Church Caleb Culhane Gary Hayhurst	29	30 Patty Sanders Kyla Tollett	31 Nursery Children's Church Youth Johna Evans James Stewart			

Academy of Excellence Orientation

It is the most wonderful time of the year, oh wait...children sing that song at Christmas but many adults probably find themselves humming this tune as the beginning of a new school year approaches! Many children have been home for the summer and as much as we have enjoyed their company, we are ready for the smell of freshly sharpened pencils closely followed by cooler temperatures. The Academy of Excellence is preparing for the school year and if you have a student enrolled at A of E you will need to attend our school orientation on Sunday, August 21st from 2-4 PM. This is a time for teachers to share new information and answers any questions you might have as well as give students a chance to see their classrooms and visit with their classmates. If you have questions, please call Tim Adams at 479-253-5500.

Academy of Excellence 2011-2012 School Year

While the church invests time and money into a number of ministries, one of the primary outreaches of FCFC is The Academy of Excellence. The Academy provides a solid education in a Christian atmosphere for children ages 3 through the 8th grade. We are fortunate to have all of our teachers returning this year they are as follows:

Mrs. Leah Hamilton- Pre-3

Mrs. Teresa Adams- Pre-4

Ms. Sharon Gould- Kindergarten

Mrs. Sharon Young- 1st and 2nd

Mrs. Ann Reed- 3rd and 4th

Mrs. Gloria Taff- Middle School Grammar and Science

Mrs. Patty Sanders -Middle School Arithmetic and Literature

Mrs. Shawna Rascon- Middle School Spanish, History and Keyboarding

We will be continuing our Learning to Live series with classes and content to be announced at a later date.

Our Rosetta Stone Spanish program will also be returning. This summer the church also began building a tennis court that will be of great benefit to the school students. Pastor Gary has not only remained committed to providing Christian education in our area but strives continually to ensure that the school is improving at all times. Faith Christian Family Church provides the facility, utilities and extra funds needed to pay teachers and provide for The Academy. Any positive fruits brought about in our students are the result of not only the teachers efforts but also the prayers and provision of our church family!! Thank you for all you do and we encourage you to stop by and visit The Academy. We believe you will love what you see.

Thank You....

A special thank you to each member of The Family Church who contributed in any way to serving the Fargo family during their time of great loss. Because of your love and willingness to serve others we were able to be a blessing to this family. A special thank you to the ladies who decorated the gym so elegantly, to those who prepared a variety of delicious dishes, to those who served the meal, and to those who stayed until the last spoon was washed and put away! Judith Culhane did a great job organizing the meal and Jenny Pierce was the inspiration behind the beautifully set tables. Each of you made it possible for Faith Christian Family Church to express the love of God to this family and many of their friends.

Be hospitable to another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1st Peter 4:9-10)



FCFC NOTICE BOARD



Berryville Free Store
is looking for donations
to stock their
“Back to School Program.”
Call (870) 423-7214 or
(870) 423-9115 by August
11th for more information.

Ushers

<p><u>SUNDAYS</u> Ivan Eveland Benny Clark Darrell Bunch Larry Culhane Ron Bell Matt Martin Paul Trammel</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAYS</u> Ivan Eveland Larry Culhane Darrell Bunch</p> <p><i>Communion Extras:</i> Dinny Bullard John Thurman</p>
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Larry Culhane—Department Head

Nursery Schedule

Sunday
Wilsie Sherman
Linda Clark

Wednesday
Shawna Rascon
Judith Culhane

FCFC Meals on Wheels Schedule

Every month Faith Christian Family Church volunteers deliver meals to temporary and permanent shut-ins. It is one day a month and very rewarding. Anyone who is interested in doing a “ride-along” to see if this might be something in which you would like to volunteer, please contact

Laurie Wilhelm at 870-545-3690.

Monday: Sue Wages & Family

Tuesday: Sharon Robbins & Paul Trammel

Wednesday: Camelia Reed & Teresa Follmer

Thursday: Laurie Wilhelm & Kathy Girkin

Friday: Judy Culhane & Family

Back-Up Delivery Team: Sharon Robbins, and Jean Cook.

Help Wanted!

If you would like to represent the church by organizing the FCFC Echo meals for 2012, please contact the church office

ASAP!

Greeter Schedule

Front Glass Doors	Inside Double Doors
Aug 7- Bennie Clark/Scott Kervin	Paulette Adams/Debbie Boyd Carolyn Womble/Marolyn Lenser
	Side: Michelle Johnson
Aug 14- Eric Voeman/Paul Trammel	Dorothy Voerman/Carolyn Womble Marolyn Lenser/Laurie Wilhelm
	Side: Conni Eveland
Aug 21- Scott Kervin/Paul Trammel	Paulette Adams/Bobbi Kervin Marolyn Lenser/Debbie Boyd
	Side: Conni Eveland
Aug 28- Scott Kervin/Chad Hipps	Eric Voerman/Dorothy Voerman Debbie Boyd/Carolyn Womble
	Side: Tammy Hipps

Summer Splash

August 27th
10am-2pm



and much
more!!!

free!

This event is for kids age 3yrs through the 6th grade and their families. Be sure to wear your bathing suit and please keep it modest. Everything is free, but you must register for a wristband when you arrive. For more details, check out www.FCFKids.com

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Nursery

Debbie Hayhurst, Dept. Heads

Those of you who attend church at The Family Church on Wednesday evenings know that Pastor began a series on wisdom “several” months ago. During that time we have learned how vital wisdom is to every relationship and every area of our lives. In the study of wisdom, we read II Timothy 3:14-15 “But you must continue in the things that you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” Earlier in the book of II Timothy, Paul refers to the genuine faith that was in Timothy, which first dwelt in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Whether you have a small child in your family, work in the Nursery, teach a class, or a part of the family of God, you are influencing the young children that you come in contact with. Their perception of God, church, family, and life in general will be formed by people in their lives. What an awesome responsibility and what a great opportunity!!! You never know which “little eyes” are watching you, so make wisdom your goal!!!

Switchpoint

Tim Adams, Dept. Heads

With Promotion Sunday coming up on August 7th, we welcome new members to our Power Up and Switchpoint Youth Groups. Moving up from one level to another in life is an exciting thing. It can also be a challenge, because you move out of your comfort zone and into another era of life. We are called to growth and development spiritually in life, so it’s time to take that next exciting step! Even as we welcome new members, we are saddened to part ways with the young men and women who have developed and grown into adulthood. They are Keanna Alexander, Amber Gould, Kimberlie Hansen, Robbie Wells, Robbie Copenhagen, Nathan Alexander, and Levi Mcock. The friendships that have been established over the years will stand forever, but our weekly time together will be missed.

Youth dinner this month will be on Wednesday, August 3. Every month we get together to eat and have a good time of fellowship the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm. If you have a teenager in our church that is not joining us, please encourage them to come. We would love to have them!

A Word From Pastor Wynn

The end of summer is coming, but things are heating up in FCFKids. Promotion Sunday will be August 7th. Kids are getting excited to move up to their new classes. Right after that, we will kick off our new curriculum, Disciple Town. It’s a lot of fun and has some great teaching. However, no matter how good the lessons might be, they can’t teach themselves. So I want to say thank you to all our wonderful teachers that sacrifice their time to God to instruct our little ones. They are like the Navy Seals of the church, deep in the trenches, but often unseen. Coming up at the end of the month, August 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, we are having a BIG event. That Saturday, we are going to have the ‘Summer Splash’! There will be an inflatable water slide, and slip-n-slide, water tag maze, dunk tank, hot dogs, sno-cones and all sorts of other stuff! We are doing this as an outreach to the city, so please take this opportunity to invite someone that doesn’t go to church somewhere else. It is for kids 3 years old through the sixth grade and their families. All the details are on the website at www.FCFKids.com. Also, we will need a bunch of volunteers to help out. (I will still let you play on the games some.) Please let me know if you can help out. Email me at wynn@fcfceureka.com or call the church. Thank you and always remember to have FUN!

Christmas in August!

The shopping is done and it is time to pack shoeboxes for Operation Shoebox 2011! We are needing 4 volunteers to assemble the boxes on August 30, and on September 1 we will be filling the boxes in preparation for their journey to Central America. We will be packing 240 shoeboxes on September 1, and we need at least 15 volunteers on that day. Living Water Teaching in Central America will be distributing these boxes to children who may not receive any other gift this Christmas. If you can help with either of these projects, please call the church office at (479)-253-7414.

If you have a special event in your family or a photo you would like us to include, please contact the church office.

Visit us at
fcfceureka.com

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