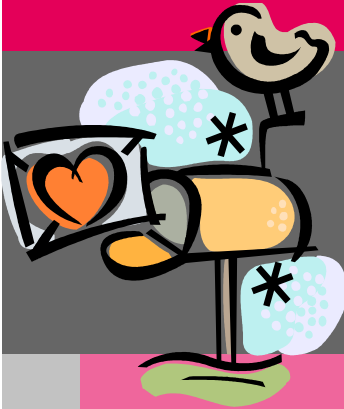


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## Letter From Pastor

Dear Family Church Members and Friends,



Happy February to you, all my fellow Christians! What a beautiful month the month of February is! In February we will celebrate Valentine's Day and love will be amplified. Love is the basic and most important ingredient in life.

As believers we turn to the word of God to explore love, and we find the words of the Lord himself in John 14:12—"This is my commandment that you love one another." We understand that the word translated "love" is a word that is defined as seeing one another as valuable and precious. We are commanded to love one another.

"Commandment" in the New Testament is from the Greek word "en-tol-ay" and it means "an authoritative prescription." Authoritative indeed! The Son of God, the offspring of the Great Physician of Life, the One who speaks with authority gives us this one prescription for living---love one another! One of the greatest secrets of Life is to practice seeing one another as valuable and precious.

As I write this letter I am thankful for each of you, for you are indeed valuable and precious to God and to me! Will you join me in making a conscious effort to see each other as valuable and precious? Practice looking at and for the value in each other thereby fulfilling the prescription of God to "love one another." Indeed this is a great prescription!

Yours in Him,

*Pastor Gary*

FAITH CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH

# The Connection

## Academy of Excellence Chili Cook-Off and Auction

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On Friday, February 17th, the Academy of Excellence will be having it's 9th annual Chili Cook-off and Benefit Auction. The event will be held at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, with dinner starting at 5:30 and live auction at 6:30. Make plans to put on your loosest pair of pants and come try the largest variety of chili this side of the Kings River Bridge. As of now we have about twelve chili cookers and will have every kind from caliente to vegetarian. We have many wonderful items for the auction, both live and silent. Some of the items include a Kenmore gas grill, jewelry from McGee Jewelry, quilts, keyboard and stand, many gift cards to restaurants and lodging, Razorback chair, daschund puppy, and a vent free gas heater. Don't miss this great time for food and fellowship!

## Delve in '12

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It's not too late to join us on Wednesday nights as we continue to delve in the Word in '12. Dinner starts at 6:00 and classes are from 7:00-8:00. The classes are Relentless by John Bevere, Thinking for Success by Creflo Dollar, and Honor's Reward by John Bevere. Come out and feed your body and your soul.

## Youth News

Gloria Taff, Youth Group Leader

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Acquire the Fire— If your teen is going to ATF, your \$40 deposit is due January 31st and the remaining \$60 is due February 29th. We are watching a series by John Bevere called Honor's Reward as we delve into '12. Join us for dinner at 6pm and class from 7-8pm.

# February 2012

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			<p>1</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church Youth Dinner at 6</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Dee Burch</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sarah Anderson Christian Evans</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church Misti Crewse Ava Thurman</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Olivia Thurman Carol Williams</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Betty VanWinkle</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church Youth Dinner at 6</p>	<p>9</p> <p>David Cordonnier</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Gayle Grant</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Janelle Anderson</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church Youth Dinner at 6</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Scott Dignan Ivan Eveland Jessica Gilmore</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bright Bullard</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Deanna Capon Gloria Taff Barbara Wilhelm</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tom Weymouth</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Loren Johnson</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Nursery Children's Church Youth Dinner at 6</p>			

The ministry of the Nursery, as well as all of the other departments of this local church, is made possible by many people contributing their gifts, talents and time. Ephesians 4:16 in the Amplified Bible says, *“For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.”* The Family Church is blessed with a number of people who willingly serve this local congregation each week by caring for the babies and toddlers, so that the parents can focus their attention on receiving what God has for them in the service without being distracted. They don't serve out of compulsion but out of a desire to bless both the parents and the children. The Nursery may not be as visible as some of the other departments, but it is no less important. As a department head I am always confident that our nursery is staffed with competent workers who will love and care for the children, and I sincerely appreciate each nursery worker.

## ARKids

### James & Patty Sanders, Dept. Heads

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"Let us not love in word, but in deed and in truth," (I John 3:18) will be the memory verse for the children this valentines month. Another paraphrase is "We should show love by what we do." That will be our emphasis with the children. Our lessons will show the children examples of times Jesus demonstrated his love to others --blessing the children, helping his friends (Mary, Martha, and Lazarus), and his sharing of his last supper with his disciple friends.

Following Jesus' example, let's strive to find better ways to express our love to each other and to God.

Happy February!

## Life+Force

### Rhonda Mock, Dept. Head

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DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND PETITION WITH THANKSGIVING PRESENT YOUR REQUEST TO GOD PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Our series for the New Year is about prayer. Like me, I'm sure you agree, prayer is one of the most important tools or privileges we have to communicate with God. Prayer will strengthen our relationship with Him.

With our New Year's resolutions under way, let's include spending more time in prayer, not only for ourselves but with our children as well. What better way to encourage our children to know Jesus better and grow in Him then to spend time praising, worshiping, repenting, asking, yielding and listening to His response with us.

Here are a few things we have learned about connecting with God in prayer:

Prayer begins with praise to God for who He is as well as what He's done and will do.

Prayer will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from prayer.

The fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective James 5:15 & 16.

Matthew 6:5-13 is our model prayer but we are to pray with our whole heart.

We are to follow after God, obey Him & hold fast to Him Deut.13:4.

We can approach God's Throne with confidence Hebrew 4:16.

1st John 5:14&15 teaches us when we ask according to His Will He hears us and answers.

Yielding to God leads to the best life possible.

We will have a praise wall, a sin or repentance wall, request wall, thankful wall, and yielding wall where the kids will learn to express themselves to God. Through praise, worship, Bible reading, memory verses, games, acrostic poems, object talks and prayer we will show the children that they can enjoy a lifetime of exploring the power and joy of connecting with God. Jeremiah 29: 11-13 tells us God has a plan for each individual life and we are to seek Him. Let our prayers become our personal love letter to God. I pray you will spend more time with your child in prayer this year as we all strive to know God better and build a better world starting with our own hearts.

P=praise	H=honor God
R=repent	E=examine yourself
A=ask	A=ask for personal needs
Y=yield to God	R=request help for others
	T=Thank God



# FCFC NOTICE BOARD



## Youth Group Fundraisers



### Valentine Babysitting

Available for ages 3-12 in the FCFC Gym from 6:00-10:00pm so that parents can have a night out alone.

Dinner is provided for the kids.

## USHERS

### Sundays

Ivan Eveland  
Benny Clark  
Darrell Bunch  
Larry Culhane  
Ron Bell  
Matt Martin  
Paul Trammel  
Larry Culhane-Department Head

### Wednesdays

Ivan Eveland  
Larry Culhane  
Darrell Bunch  
  
*Communion Extras*  
Dinny Bullard  
Andrew Wilhelm

## Baked Goods Auction

Wed., February 22nd

During dinner

More details on Page 6 about both fundraisers

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

Shawna Rascon

Lexie Wilhelm

### Greeter

## 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

Next scheduled delivery week is February 20-24

### Schedule

	Front Door	February 5th	Double Doors
<b>February 17th</b> <i>Academy of Excellence Chili Cook-Off and Benefit Auction</i>	Scott Kervin/Paul Trammel		Bobbi Kervin/Paulette Adams
	Side Door-Michelle Johnson		Laurie Wilhelm/Marolyn Lenser
<b>March 16-17</b> <i>Acquire the Fire</i>	Scott Kervin/Paul Trammel	February 12th	Debbie Boyd/Kevin Boyd
	Side Door-Conni Eveland		Marolyn Lenser/Carolyn Womble
	Eric Voerman/Chad Hipps	February 19th	Dorothy Voerman/Paulette Adams
	Side Door-Tammy Hipps		Conni/Marolyn Lenser
	Ivan Eveland/Eric Voerman	February 26th	Debbie Boyd/Kevin Boyd
	Side Door-Conni Eveland		Dorothy Voerman/Carolyn Womble

# Upcoming

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The youth group is raising money to go to Acquire the Fire in Tulsa this March. Acquire the Fire is put on by Ron Luce and is a wonderful opportunity for the teenagers to be ministered to in a way that really connects to them. The youth group has two fundraisers coming up to help with the expense of this trip.



- Valentine Babysitting Fundraiser

Saturday, February 11th from 6:00-10:00 pm.

Ages 3-12

Place: FCFC Gym

Cost: \$5.00 per hour for 1st child & \$1.50 per hour for each additional child in the family

Dinner is provided. We request any child with special dietary needs bring their own dinner.

Sign up by February 8th on the back table in the sanctuary or call Gloria Taff at 870-480-6090 (cell) or 479-253-5400 (work)



- Baked Goods Auction

The youth will be bringing baked goods to auction during dinner on Wed., February 22.

## FCFKids

Wynn Wennekamp, Children's Minister

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As we blaze a trail into the new year, hearts and minds of kids are set on one thing- SUMMER! There are a few pauses from school along way, but the countdowns have begun. On a totally unrelated note, signups for Dry Gulch USA are well under way. Dry Gulch is an amazing summer camp where kids 7 to 12 years old can spend a week in the Old West with all the modern conveniences. Check it out online at [drygulchusa.com](http://drygulchusa.com). We are nearing the number of spaces we reserved with Dry Gulch, and they tend to fill up quickly so get those kids signed up soon. Information can be downloaded from [FCFKids.com](http://FCFKids.com), or call the church at 479-253-7414.

For the month of February, we will be talking about character. One of the most common definitions is how you act when nobody is watching. We want to teach the kids that when we tell others that Jesus lives in our hearts, we need to show it with our actions. Whether anybody is watching or not, or others are trying to pressure us, we need to do what is right. Luke 2:52 says Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. When we learn how God wants us to act, and do it, we will gain His favor and the support of others. Just like it says in Proverbs, we want to choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold!



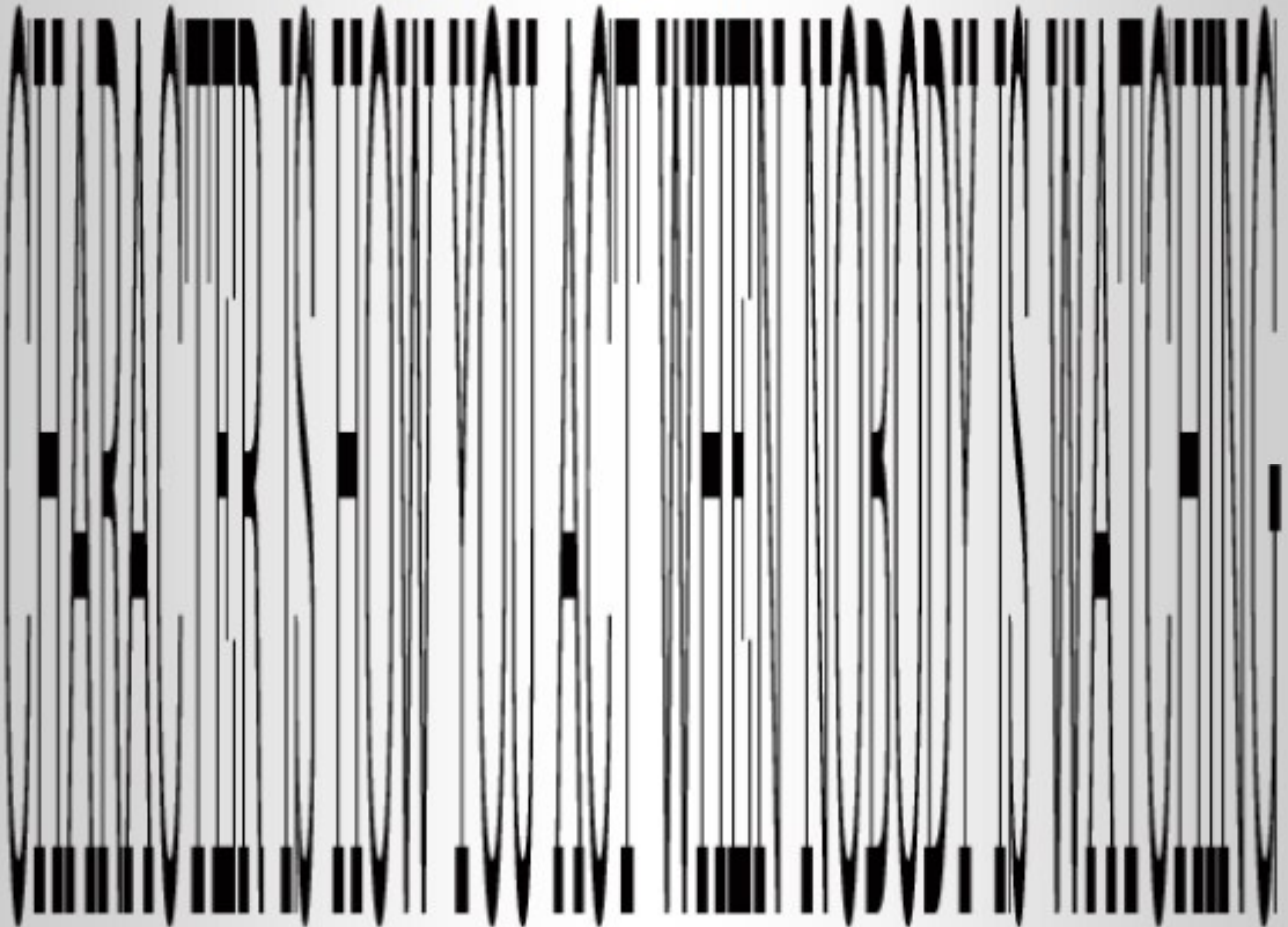
**Luke 2:52**

**AND JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MEN.**

**TRUE CHARACTER ISN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE. MOST PEOPLE CAN WEAR A MASK. HOW DO YOU ACT WHEN YOU ARE BY YOURSELF? IS GOD'S CHARACTER IN YOU?**

Can you find a definition for character in the sentence below?

Hint: point the top away from your eyes until you can barely see the writing



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# In loving memory of Jimmy Hayhurst

September 19, 1939~January 15, 2012

2 Timothy 4:7-8

New King James Version

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.