

MAY 8TH IS
Mother's Day!
Don't forget to bless
your mother!!



The Connection

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LETTER FROM PASTOR



Dear FCFC Family,

May is Mother's Day! Sunday, May 8th is a day wisely set aside to do one of the most scriptural things, to honor our mothers. Most of us in the church know that God has given us special and deliberate instructions in Ephesians 6:1-2. Every child of God is instructed to honor their mothers. God's greatest blessings go to those who regard and obey this simple godly "pre-scription." The two great rewards that go with this command are clearly stated- "It will be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth." Another translation states "so that thou mayest prosper." Conversely we find in the book of Deuteronomy 27:16 that there is a curse- a diminishing- to those who disesteem their parents. Proverbs 30:17 declares great evil on those who disobey a godly mom. Colossians 3:20 in the New Testament reveals that it is "well pleasing" to the Lord when we obey our mothers! Adults may think of themselves as mature in their own rights, but I am sure that we never "grow" to the place where it is proper to disesteem our mothers. My own mother has been with the Lord for 9 years this month, and I rise now to call her blessed (Proverbs 31:28.) To our mothers that are living, we say "we need you, we love you, we esteem you, and Happy Mother's Day!"

Selah,

Pastor Gary

ONE DOLLAR FOR LIFE- MAY 8

Each May The Family Church has the opportunity to be a part of the answer for young women with life-controlling issues such as eating disorders, self-harm, drug and alcohol addition, physical and sexual abuse, depression, and unwanted pregnancy by participating in Mercy Ministries' One Dollar for Life. Mercy Ministries has a free of charge, residential program that serves young women ages 13-28 and helps they experience real freedom through God's love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power. Their goal is for each Mercy Ministries resident to discover purpose for her life and bring value to her community as a productive citizen. In honor of motherhood and our mothers we will be receiving a special offering for Mercy Ministries on Mother's Day, May 8. They ask that each person contribute one dollar, but we encourage members of The Family Church to pray about this offering and give as directed by God. We are "building a better world" by being a part of this worthwhile ministry that is bringing hope to countless young women.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!- MAY 8

Mothers come in all sizes, shapes and colors and are found everywhere: at kitchen sinks; hunting lost school books; kissing hurt places to make them well; patching seams and dreams; settling disputes; getting meals; supervising baths and morals. Mothers are the child's first and most important teacher. Eighty percent of what a child learns, he learns by the time he is five years old. A mother asked a psychiatrist, "When should I start training my child?" "How old is he?" he asked. The mother replied, "Five years old." Flashed the psychiatrist, "Woman, hurry home! You have already lost five years." A mother seems to have eyes in the back of her head, ears that can hear the cookie jar lid being stealthily lifted two rooms away. Her smiles are contagiously cheerful and light up a home, imparting hope and courage. Theodore Roosevelt said, "America's greatest asset is home-building, God fearing mothers." The Bible gives these words of praise, "In her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household...Her children arise up, and call her blessed." (Proverbs 31: 26-28)

- Walter B. Knight

KINGDOM BUILDER'S MEETING- MAY 15

A nationally known doctor was recently asked which was worse for your health, stress or boredom. His answer was an emphatic "boredom." As humans we are born with an inward drive to find a purpose, to accomplish something, to produce. We are also summonsed by God to be productive for His kingdom. Many of us spend a lifetime on the sidelines waiting for the perfect opportunity to contribute that one service that will highlight our strengths, hide our weaknesses, and not take too much effort! Unfortunately, that opportunity doesn't exist. It is better to follow the old adage "find a need and fill it!" So, if you are a person who has already taken this life changing step toward finding your purpose, or if you are interested in helping The Family Church produce for the Kingdom of Heaven, there will be a Kingdom Builder's meeting on Sunday, May 15th!! The potluck dinner will begin at 5:00 PM. If you have questions about current volunteer positions, please call the church office at 479-253-7414.

LETTER FROM PASTOR WYNN

What a glorious time of year with trees budding, flowers blooming, kids counting the number of days left in school. With Easter Sunday, we started a new series in FCFKids called "Jesus is alive right now." We are making sure they understand he didn't just die for our sins and stay there, but He is alive and pleading our cases before the Father. His resurrection is what justifies and brings us back in right standing with God. We are also starting a new check in system. As the kids say their memory verse before service each week, or bring back review sheets on Wednesday nights, they can earn different levels of wristbands. We will have awards or outings for those with certain color wristbands. Plus we are starting a creative arts team to help with puppet skits, dramas, and audio/video stuff. There's a lot happening; it is definitely not boring. It's wonderful being able to produce!

May 2011

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<p>1 Nursery Children's Church</p>	<p>2 Linda Clark Eula Hyche</p>	<p>3 Darrell Bunch</p>	<p>4 Nursery Children's Church Youth</p>	<p>5 Jay Taff Yolanda Weinmann Zachary Wilhelm</p>	<p>6 </p>	<p>7 Jenna Sanders</p>
<p>8 Nursery Children's Church</p> <p>Tim Adams</p>	<p>9 Judy Riddle Ezra Mock</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>11 Nursery Children's Church Youth</p>	<p>12 Dinny Bullard Larry Culhane Payton Enix Jane September</p>	<p>13 </p>	<p>14 Joe Gunnels Wade Lemme</p>
<p>15 Nursery Children's Church</p> <p>Harold Drayer</p>	<p>16 Rio Culhane</p>	<p>17 </p>	<p>18 Nursery Children's Church Youth</p> <p>Cassidy Kennett</p>	<p>19 Faith Evans Destiny Reddick</p>	<p>20 Ron Hayhurst John Thurman</p>	<p>21 </p>
<p>22 Nursery Children's Church</p> <p>Elsie Culhane Megan Wright</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24 Dave Teigen</p>	<p>25 Nursery Children's Church Youth</p>	<p>26 Justin Lemme Lacey Mock</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 </p>
<p>29 Nursery Children's Church</p> <p>Ron Sooter</p>	<p>30 </p>	<p>31 Jordan Parsons</p>	<p> </p>	<p> </p>	<p> </p>	<p> </p>

Nursery

Debbie Hayhurst, Department Head

Recently as I was reading in the book of Matthew, chapter 18, verse 4 caught my attention. That very familiar verse says, "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." I have no doubt read and heard this verse quoted many times, but that day I began to meditate on what children are "really" like. The Amplified Bible has a great description of some of the attributes of young children—"Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving—these characteristics remind us of those outlined in 1 Cor. 13, the love chapter of the Bible. Do you want to do great things for God? Do you want to be considered "greatest" in the kingdom? You might want to consider watching how young children trust, love, and forgive! Let's not only "build a better world," but let's also strive to be great in the kingdom of heaven! It is truly a blessing to have the opportunity to love and care for the babies and toddlers who come to the Nursery each week. Thank you to the parents who trust us with their children and to the workers for faithfully and willingly serve in this department.

ARKIDS

James and Patty Sanders, Dept. Heads

May-Mother's Day, graduations, Memorial Day, summer beginning...in the scurry of this month, we need to remember to "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (Matthew 6:33NLT)

During April the Arkid class celebrated that Jesus is the Son of God and is alive today. Now our purpose is to teach and encourage the children to tell others about Jesus. We will emphasize four truths which they can know and say:

- 1) Jesus loves everyone.
- 2) Jesus died.
- 3) Jesus came back to life!
- 4) Jesus is always with us.

In class we will practice saying these and discuss times and places to tell them to others. Our lessons show different followers of Jesus using these truths: Acts 1-2, the day of Pentecost; Acts 3, Peter and John healed the lame man in Jesus' name; Acts 8, Phillip shared the Good News with the Ethiopian; Acts 9, Saul began to preach about Jesus.

Our verse to learn in May will be Mark 16:20 from the NIV. "The disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them."

Switchpoint

Tim Adams, Dept. Heads

Teenagers, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4th. We'll be going on a youth canoe trip down the Kings River, and it'll be loads of fun. The price is \$30 per person. There is a cheaper price for those that have their own canoes. Be sure and sign up with Tim by May 4th.

During May I will continue our series on learning to see ourselves through God's eyes. God sees each of our young people as someone that has great potential, and when we begin to be conscious of the fact that our Father is for us in every way, we will live the extraordinary life that he has planned for us since the beginning of time.



FCFC NOTICE BOARD



We need volunteers for nursery duty. If you would like to help with the babies on Sundays or Wednesdays, please call Debbie Hayhurst at 479-253-7414.

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

Nursery Schedule
<u>Sunday</u>
<i>Shawna Rascon</i>
<i>Lexie Wilhelm</i>
<u>Wednesday</u>
<i>Debbie Hayhurst</i>
<i>Wilsie Sherman</i>

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, Virginia Hayhurst, and Jean Cook.

The
Shoebox
Item
Is
Toothpaste!

Greeter Schedule	
Front Glass Doors	Inside Double Doors
May 1- Bennie Clark/Paul Trammel	Linda Clark/Debbie Boyd
	Carolyn Womble/Marolyn Lenser
	Side: Conni Eveland
May 8- Scott Kervin/Paul Trammel	Bobbi Kervin/Paulette Adams
	Marolyn Lenser/Laurie Wilhelm
	Side: Michelle Johnson
May 15- Eric Voerman/Scott Kervin	Dorothy Voerman/Debbie Boyd
	Marolyn Lenser/Carolyn Womble
	Side: Conni Eveland
May 22- Ivan Eveland/Bennie Clark	Conni Eveland/Linda Clark
	Laurie Wilhelm/Marolyn Lenser
	Side: Debbie Boyd
May 29- Eric Voerman/James Sanders	Debbie Boyd/Carolyn Womble
	Dorothy Voerman/Paulette Adams
	Side: Michelle Johnson

KID'S KORNER



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS!

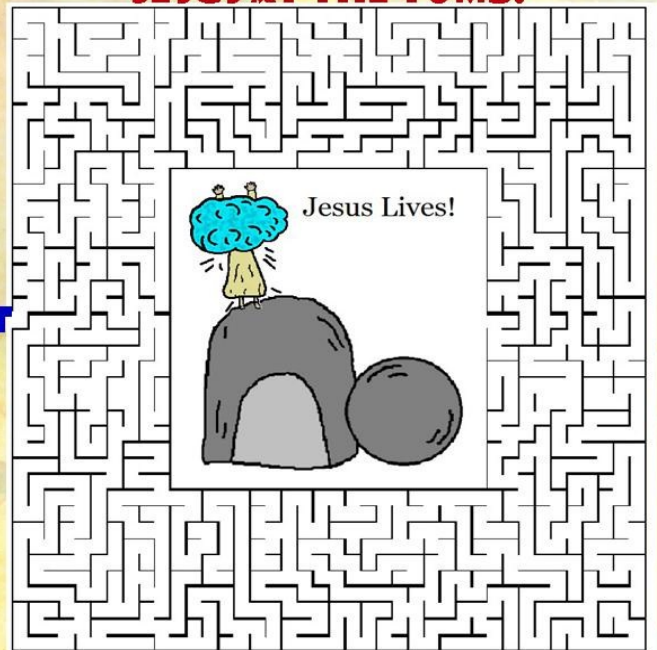
WHAT DOES JESUS' RESURRECTION MEAN TO YOU?

WHY WAS IT SO IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES ROMANS 4:25 APPLY TO YOU?

I AM THE LIVING ONE; I WAS DEAD, BUT NOW I AM ALIVE FOR EVER AND EVER!
REVELATION 1:18

HELP THE DISCIPLES HUNT FOR JESUS AT THE TOMB.



SOLUTION TO LAST MONTHS PUZZLE

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ABRAHAM	ASIDE	ATTAIN
CHRIST	COACH	FORWARD
FOCUS	FORGETTING	FOUND
GAIN	GOAL	HEAVEN
KNOW	MARK	PERFECT
PHILIPPIANS	POWER	PRESS
PREPARE	PRIZE	RESURRECTION
RIGHTEOUSNESS	STRAINING	WEIGHT

MESSAGE FROM REMAINING LETTERS- THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST AND BE FOUND IN HIM I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

ACADEMY NEWS

Believe it or not, it is almost time for another school year to draw to a close. Looking back at this school year we find that our new programs were successes. Our art and etiquette classes were great successes. The computer lab not only made our Spanish classes possible but were of benefit to a greater number of students than our old arrangement.

Our 8th grade class took their annual trip to Little Rock during the month of April. They visited the State Capitol, the U.S.S. Razorback, and the Clinton Library. The school also hosted their annual Science Fair on April 29th. There will be an all school track meet on May 6th. Lots and lots of activities help wrap up this school year.

We have three eighth graders that will be graduating from The Academy this year. Leah Erskine, Paytan Myers, and Jonathan Teigen will all be heading out into public school next year. We believe they will be a good testimony, not just for The Academy of Excellence but also for Jesus Christ. Leah and Jonathan have both attended school here since Kindergarten and their presence will be missed! The 8th grade graduation ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 24th. There will be examples of other Academy projects on display at this graduation ceremony, and we encourage you to come see our graduates, as well as the wonderful work of our other students. Of course as some students prepare to move on, we have others preparing to move up. Our Kindergarten graduation will take place on Monday, May 23rd. We have had a large Kindergarten class this year, and we have 11 students moving up into the first grade. Our “graduating” Kindergarteners are Genevieve Anzalone, Daryn Bray, Emma Hutchens, Benjamin Jones, Hannah Kelley, Jude Leahy, Nicholas



“Alamo Linzy Wolfinbarger

Mabry, Isaac Pearson, Garrett Rascon, Benjamin Rogbudding, flowers blooming, kids count- With Easter Sunday, we started a



“Independence Hall “
Lindsey Fletcher



“Leaning Tower of Pisa”
Elizabeth Wennekamp



“Taj Mahal” Sawan Atwal

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Whatever the times, one thing will never change: Fathers and mothers, if you have children, they must come first. Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the White House, but what happens inside your house.

-Barbara Bush

Make a list of 31 things your wife does for you and the family that you seldom thank her for. Make a point of thanking her specifically for one on each day of the coming month. On each day of the following month pay her a new compliment on one of her good attitudes, character qualities, habits or talents, and be prepared for a better relationship than you’ve enjoyed in quite a while.

-Unknown

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

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Ladies Fellowship

