

Celebrate!!
Jesus is Risen from
the dead and He is
alive!!



The Connection

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LETTER FROM PASTOR



Dear FCFC Family,

April and Easter—Indeed this is a most wonderful time of the year. As life is being resurrected all around us, it excites the spirit of the believer because we too are experiencing the resurrection, the life of Christ within! The beautiful flowers, plants, trees, and all things around us are experiencing a new surge of biological life, but that is nothing compared to the gushing torrent of God's life, zoe life, that is surging within our inner man! Because of the virgin birth, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believers have been reconnected to God's own life and that life, His life, is now empowering our spirits, our minds, our souls and our bodies. It is true; because He lives we live also. Jesus is alive! We are alive! Like the life that is manifest around us, we too are springing into a new and better life from within daily!

Happy Easter,
Pastor Gary

SPECIAL SPEAKER



The Family Church is excited to have Dr. Ken Stewart returning to our pulpit on Sunday, April 10th! Many of you may remember Dr. Stewart from visits in earlier years. He is currently serving as Associate Pastor at Grace Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma as well as Superintendent of their Christian school. Dr. Stewart has written 11 books and was instructor at Rhema Bible Training Center for a number of years. He has been a mentor to Pastor Gary and a friend to The Family Church. This is an exciting event for our church family, and we encourage you to make special plans to attend this service and to invite a friend. We know you will be blessed!

EASTER

One of the main temptations of our time is distraction. With so many gadgets and time saving gizmos, it is possible to do several things at once without ever giving real time and attention to any one thing. Satan uses distractions to keep us from focusing on some of the most important things in life. Christmas and Easter are two enormous occasions in the lives of Christians that are often swallowed up in a haze of cooking, shopping and celebrating. As the world around us resurrects with spring, and we come out of our homes to soak up the sunshine, let's not become so distracted by rabbits, eggs and new outfits that we forget to celebrate the true reason of this most important season. Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christmas would just be a celebration of another great man that lived long ago, something more along the lines of St. Patrick's Day or George Washington's birthday. There is tremendous victory for each of us in Christ's triumph over hell and the grave. He set an example for us not only in our physical lives but also in our spiritual lives. His dominion over life didn't begin when they crucified Him on the cross; it was developed every single day of His life until it culminated in His death and resurrection! He was so aware of His dominion that He said in John 10: 17-18 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it up again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This commandment I have received from my Father."

Because Jesus had dominion over His own soul, He could live a sinless life. He could face the cross unafraid. He could lay down His mortal life. He could descend into Hell and defeat the devil, and He could raise again and take His life back up again! In Revelations 1:18 it says of Jesus "I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive forever, Amen and have the keys of hell and of death." In Matthew 16:18 Jesus says "and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." We are not only justified by the sacrifice of his sinless blood, but we are also given dominion in our daily life due to his sacrifice.

Easter is a wonderful time to have dinner with family and friends, but begin thinking now about what Jesus' life and death means to each of us. The most important thing on Easter morning won't be the colorful eggs or setting the timer for the ham. The most important thing will be examining our lives and finding new ways to glorify the Father.

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Nursery

Debbie Hayhurst, Department Head

The last day of February the Andrew Wilhelm family welcomed a new member of their family, Nathaniel Joseph Wilhelm, and the latter part of March they publicly dedicated him to the Lord. Part of that service says, *“we all, for the good or ill, shall exercise influence upon them, God grant that we all shall earnestly assume with these parents the responsibility for the Christian training of this child and all children.”* Since we are influencing the next generation, we need to be aware that each of us has the opportunity to influence them for good. Abraham Lincoln once said, *“there is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself.”* While it’s fun to hold a new baby and cuddle with a playful toddler, always be aware of the awesome responsibility that each of us has to express God to these little ones. Let’s endeavor to always show them love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness, temperance and faith!!!

Switchpoint

Tim Adams, Dept. Head

Teenagers, mark your calendars for Friday night, April 8th. We’ll be having a Youth Night in the gym that evening. Join us from 6pm – 10pm for a night of fun and games.

Beginning in April, I will be teaching a new series on the development of the soul. The Word says in 3 John 1:2 (King James Version) *“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”* Every teenager should develop a prosperous soul so that they will be overcomers in life. How does one develop? Why should we develop? Are we called to develop? What does it even mean to develop? These are the questions that we’ll be tackling with our youth. Our young men and women will be finding out that God’s plan for them doesn’t call them to remain children forever, but to grow up and pursue their purpose for God.

ARKIDS

James and Patty Sanders, Dept. Heads

Time to celebrate Jesus...His resurrection...our salvation...our hope of **zoe**—life as God has it! April is a month of physical resurrection as we watch and enjoy nature come back to life and beauty. April also brings Easter, a celebration of our spiritual resurrection through Jesus!

Our focus for the Arkids children will be to know that Jesus died for us, and most important of all, He is alive again now so we can be children of God! (1 John 3:1 says *“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.”*) John 20:31 *“These are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”* will be our Bible verse to remember this month.

Let’s celebrate Jesus well this month!

*If you look in the American Heritage Dictionary the definition of **dominion** is “control or exercise of control; sovereignty.” The example they give on-line is a quote from Jonathan Edwards “The devil...has their souls in his possession, and under his dominion.” Join us on Sunday mornings as Pastor Gary shows us how to take control and have **dominion** over our own souls and the importance of this exercise not only to survive the world and times that we live in but to go on and bless the world for God and Build A Better World!!*



FCFC NOTICE BOARD



**Friday, April 1st is the
Ladies Fellowship Dinner.**

**Saturday, April 2nd is the
Men's Breakfast!**

Ushers

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Ivan Eveland
Larry Culhane
Darrell Bunch

Communion Extras:
Dinny Bullard
John Thurman

Larry Culhane—Department Head

Nursery Schedule

Sunday

Christy Thurman

Lexie Wilhelm

Wednesday

Nicole Evans

Brenda Thurman

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.

Greeter Schedule

Front Glass Doors

Inside Double Doors

April 3- Eric Voerman/Paul Trammel

Dorothy Voerman/Paulette Adams

Debbie Boyd/Carolyn Womble

Side: Scott Kervin

April 10- Scott Kervin/Paul Trammel

Bobbi Kervin/Paulette Adams

Marolyn Lenser/Debbie Boyd

Side: Michelle Johnson

April 17- Bennie Clark/James Sanders

Linda Clark/Conni Eveland

Laurie Wilhelm/Marolyn Lenser

Side: Debbie Boyd

April 24- Ivan Eveland/Scott Kervin

Eric Voerman/Dorothy Voerman

Conni Eveland/Carolyn Womble

Side: Michelle Johnson

The
Shoebox
Item
Is
Toothpaste!

KID'S KORNER



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS!

HOW DID ABRAHAM ATTAIN
RIGHTEOUSNESS?

WHAT WEIGHT CAN WE LAY ASIDE
AS WE PREPARE TO PRESS
FORWARD?

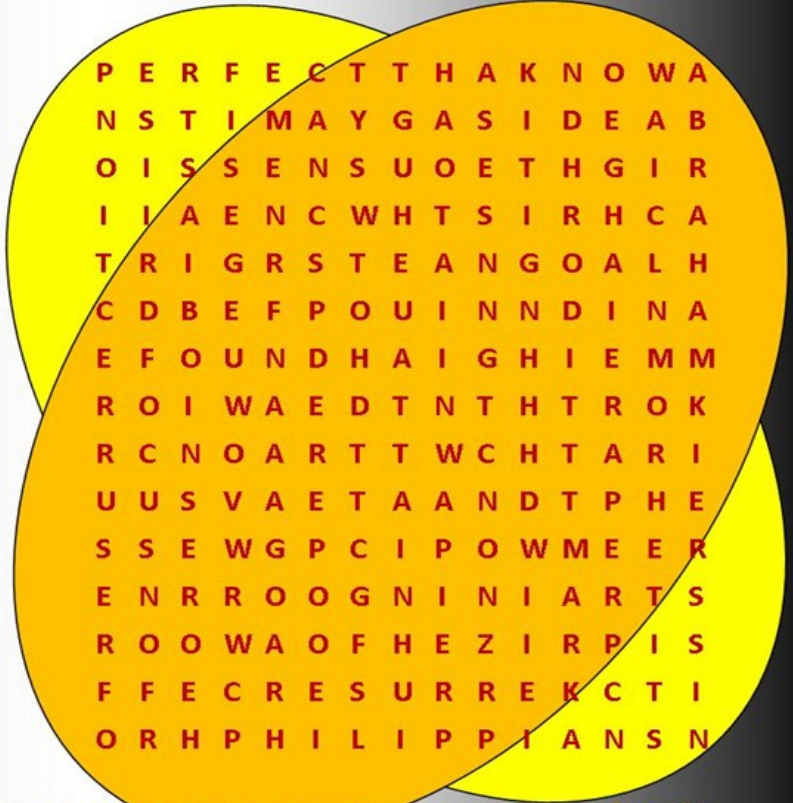
WHAT SHOULD YOU BE FORGETTING
AS YOU ARE STRAINING TOWARD THE
MARK?

WHO CAN BE YOUR COACH TO
HELP YOU FOCUS TO BE PERFECT?

HERE IS THE
SOLUTION TO
LAST MONTH'S
PUZZLE.



THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST AND BE FOUND IN HIM. I WANT TO
KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION. I
PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR WHICH
GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS 3:8 THRU 14



THE WORDS FOR THE PUZZLE ARE HIDDEN ON
THIS PAGE. THERE ARE 24 OF THEM.
AFTER THE PUZZLE IS SOLVED, THE
REMAINING LETTERS FORM A MESSAGE.

ACADEMY NEWS

As many of you may remember, we upgraded education at The Academy of Excellence this fall by adding a series of classes called "Learning to Live." Pastor Gary and Mrs. Debbie donated their time during the 3rd quarter of this school year to teach a manners class. Our students reviewed such skills as proper introductions, how to set a table and phone etiquette. Not only did the students learn skills that will help prepare them to be future leaders, they also learned a lot about God's plan for their lives!



The Academy of Excellence has started their "cookie dough" fundraiser. Contact your favorite A of E student for details.



A WORD FROM PASTOR WYNN

Wow, time sure does fly when you are having fun. It has been a year since my beautiful wife, Jennifer, and I first came to visit with Pastor Gary. There happened to be a Kingdom Builders meeting while we were here, and without knowing us or why we were there, everybody made us feel at home. We fell in love. A year later, now that we know you all better, we think Pastor paid you off. Just kidding, you guys are as warm and sincere as ever, and we still love all of you. I would like to thank Pastor and you for giving us the opportunity to minister to your children. Thank you for trusting us to take care of such a precious treasure.



Thanks to Christy Thurman and Wynn Wennekamp The Family Church has completed a long desired project!! Take a moment to walk the halls around the Sunday School rooms. We have decorated the halls with pictures of our next generation of Better World Builders, and we know you will be blessed by their smiling face!! Thanks to Wynn and Christy for their efforts in completing this project!

NORMAL IS NOT ENOUGH!



The Family Church sponsored a trip for the youth to attend Aquire the Fire again this year. Thirty-three youth and chaperones were blessed by such speakers as Ron Luce and Mike Guizzardo. Our youth always come back encouraged by their experience, and we encourage you to ask an attendee about what they learned from this experience!

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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Welcome Nathaniel Joseph Wilhelm!

