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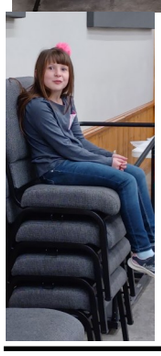
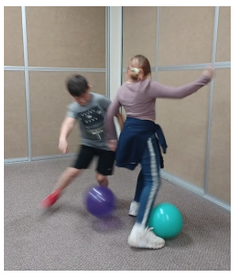
Praise & Potluck

On Sunday, February 18th the Praise and Potluck was well attended with great food and fellowship. The praise portion was brought to us by some of our own musicians, with a variety of styles. It was a great evening - be sure to join us on March 17th for our next Praise & Potluck!



The children had a fun game night. Games are always fun and a good time was had! New curriculum has been started and it is a good time for the children to come on Wednesday night and be a part and learn more about God.



The children (6th Grade and under) have classes and gatherings every Sunday and Wednesday! On Sunday there is Sunday School at 10am, and evening meeting at 6pm in the CLC. Wednesdays they meet at 7pm. Children's Church is offered for those 2nd grade and under at each Sunday Morning Worship. Invite the kids to come join us. If you would like to help teach, those opportunities are available. See Beth for information on how YOU can help!

The YAH group met on Thursday, Feb. 15th for a delicious Fellowship Meal. Clem Park serenaded us with some great music. If you are over 55, you are encouraged to come attend this monthly gathering. Next dinner will be Thursday, March 21st at 6pm.

Spring Flowers

Help decorate the sanctuary this Easter season by bringing your Easter Lily or other spring plant. You may place your flower in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form found at the literature table. List will be placed in the bulletin on Easter. The flowers and plants will be planted around the church grounds following Easter.

Sunday, March 31st

7am in the Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends and neighbors and join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday at 7am. Dwayne will be bringing a special devotion and the service will be followed by a breakfast. If you are able to help with the food, please see Dwayne.

March 25th - 29th

First United Methodist Church

Lunch at noon - Service at 12:30

The Johnson County Ministerial Alliance invites you to join them for a week of special noontime services. There will be a different preacher bringing the devotion each day. Come join them for a great time of Fellowship.

The **Young-at-Heart** group (those 55 and up) will meet on Thursday, March 21st at 6pm for a carry-in meal. Bring a dish or two and come enjoy a great time of fellowship!

Sunday, March 24th
6pm in the CLC

PreK - 12th Grades - bring your friends and come join in an evening of fun and games - All ages will have a great time! There will be food and candy for all! Let's make this a HUGE event!

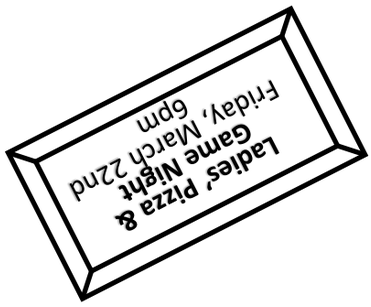
Ladies

Friday, March 22nd
6pm

All the ladies are invited to the Fellowship Hall for Pizza and Game night! Sign up at the literature table to help with the meal. It will be an evening of laughter for sure!

Sights from Guinea-Bissau

Here are some pictures from Dwayne's recent mission trip with Hisportic Christian Mission to Guinea-Bissau. He will be giving an update with more pictures on Sunday, March 10th at the morning worship services.



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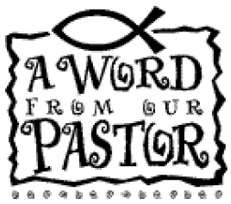


God has truly been blessing FCC over the past year. We have expanded our ministries adding new Bible studies and activities. We have seen a flood of new attenders and members. We have seen several accept Christ and be baptized over the last 12 months and I am preparing to baptize another young man into the body of Christ this Sunday. We have more coming to Wednesday dinner and Bible Study than we ever have. And our men's ministry (Bible Study and breakfast) is reaching more than at just about any time over the past 25 years.

Why has this happened? It hasn't happened just because God is working (although He is). It isn't just happening because the Spirit is moving in powerful ways (although He is). It is happening because each member of the church is allowing the Spirit to work through them. Each member of the church is fulfilling God's will for them.

Our church more closely resembles the church in Acts than it has during the 25 years I have been here. We are helping our brothers and sisters in need. We are loving one another, not just in word but in deed. We are praying for one another in powerful ways. Just this past week I was told how one of our members laid hands on another and prayed for healing.

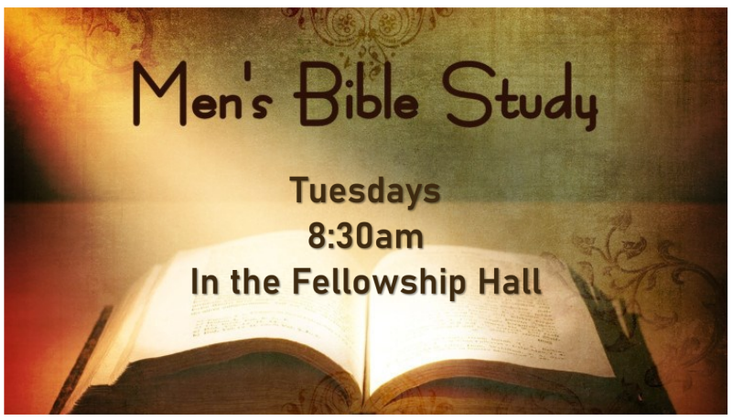
I would love to say that this is all because of my leadership, but I think that I have very little to do with the wonderful things taking place at FCC. But I am sure enjoying watching this fresh outpouring of God's Spirit upon our church family.

All I want to do is encourage you all to keep up the good work. Continue to love each other as you have. And keep your eyes on God and His Spirit.

Dwayne

Lunch to ETSU Campus House
Tuesday, March 5th

We will be serving lunch to the ETSU students! You are welcome to join us. We will leave from the church at 9:30. If you would be able to provide a dessert that would be appreciated! Please have your dessert to the church by 9am. Everyone is welcome to join and see the Campus House and meet the students.



Remember to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th! It is time for us to SPRING FORWARD

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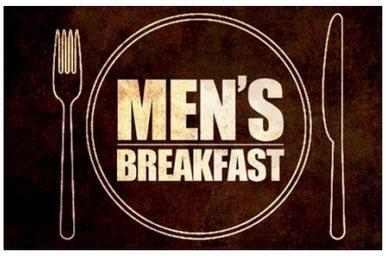
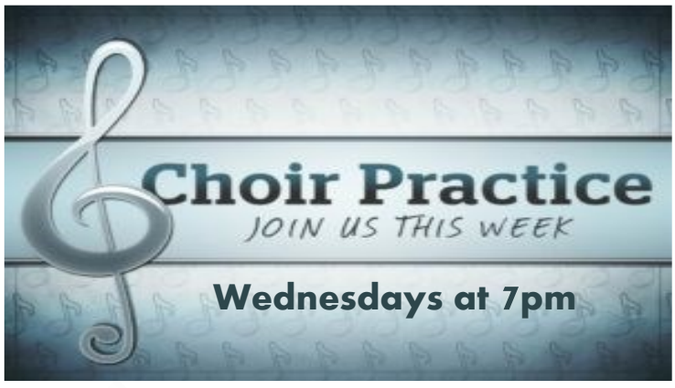
Church email address:
fccmctn@gmail.com
If you would like to receive prayer emails, please send us an email and we will put you on our mailing.



Saturday, March 9th
8:30am
All men and boys are invited to join in Breakfast, devotion and Fellowship!

We are still working on the program for the March 17th Praise & Potluck, but it will be a good evening of praise and Fellowship! Bring a dish or two to share for the meal and enjoy some Praise time and of course, great Fellowship with the family!



Are you a widow? If so you are invited to come be a part of the ladies group, Widow to Widow. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for devotion and support. See Brenda Kirby for more information.

FCC Staff:
Minister - Dwayne Dickson 423-429-8287
Youth Director - Seth Billingsley
Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo
Church Secretary - Beth Dickson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Board Meeting 5pm	4	5 Lunch to ETSU Campus House	6	7	8	9 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30AM
10 SPRING FORWARD! Daylight Saving Time	11	12 Widow to Widow 11:30am	13	14	15	16 8AM
17 PRAISE AND POTLUCK 6pm	18	19	20	21 Young At Heart Carry-in Dinner 6pm	22 Ladies PIZZA & GAME NIGHT 6pm	23
24 EASTER PARTY 6pm	25	26 Widow to Widow 11:30am	27	28	29	30
31 EASTER Sunrise Service 7am. No evening services						

Holy Week Services - First United Methodist Church
Light Lunch at Noon - Service at 12:30pm

Those Serving in March

	8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	11:00Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church
Mar. 3-	Samantha Johnson	Jackie Dugger	Kim Park	Beth Dickson	Bev Graybeal
Mar. 10 -	Terri Henson	Annette Greer	Cindi Billingsley	Lisa Throop	Bev Graybeal
Mar. 17 -	Kim Long	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Beth Dickson	Bev Graybeal
Mar. 24 -	Beth Dickson	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	Bev Graybeal
Mar. 31 -	Beth Dickson	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Beth Dickson	Bev Graybeal

Happy Birthday to:

March 7 - Martir Portillo
March 7 - Linda Woodring
March 8 - Bob Gentry
March 10 - Doug Dugger
March 10 - Keesha Rhudy
March 13 - Wanda Gentry
March 15 - Betsy Chapman
March 22 - Barry Sannes
March 23 - Mike Branham
March 25 - Deana Rhymer
March 29 - Chris Coleman
March 29 - Kay Laffoon
March 30 - Annette Greer

Happy Anniversary to:

March 10 - Clem & Kim Park
March 18 - Norman & Rita Miller
March 27 - Barry & Becky Sannes
March 29 - Dean & Brenda Kirby

Services and Activities

8:30 am	Sunday Contemporary Worship Service (CLC)
9:30 am	Sunday Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Sunday Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm	Sunday Spanish Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Sunday Evening Worship Service & Youth Groups
8:30 am	Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm	Wednesday Community Dinner (CLC)
7:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
7:00 pm	Wednesday Choir Practice
8:30 am	2nd Saturday Men's Breakfast