

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

21 MARCH 2021

Dear Friends of Faith,

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO YOUTHQUAKE2!

We have had a great weekend with the 25 voices of the ALLEGHENY WESLEYAN COLLEGE CHOIR on Friday, Calling on 600 doors, having grilled out hamburgers and hotdogs, and then a wonderful services with MATTHEW LINDSEY and CLARKE JONES preaching on SATURDAY. This morning it is our joy to have the young people leading us and to hear a message from TYLER HOCHE.

There are lots of exciting things happening around FCC We hope you can get involved and pray that God will bless everyone.

WE LOVE YOU ALL! It is our prayer that as we exalt the Lamb who is Worthy that His Spirit will meet with us again!

Onward! PR



HE WENT A LITTLE FURTHER

MATTHEW 26:36-45

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

It was not the first time Jesus had gone there to pray. So far as we know, it was His last. Never again would Jesus and his disciples pray together in Gethsemane.

Huddled around the heavy-hearted Savior the eleven tentatively walk, softly talk. The light of the waning moon filters through the olive trees. Judas had not yet arrived with his malicious consorts. Jesus asked His disciples to pray.

He asked Peter, James, and John to walk with Him

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further into the Garden. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful," he cried. He asked them to pray there.

Then "He went a little further."

When Jesus prayed He did not stop at "Let this cup pass from me." He went a little further. He prayed, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine." I'm so glad He went a little further.

When Jesus suffered indignity and injustice at the hands of the chief priest and his allies, and then again the court-rooms of Pilate and of Herod, "He went a little further." He picked up His own cross and carried it. I'm so thankful He went a little further.

Nailed on a cross hewn of wood from a tree that He planted, by men He created, with nails formed of ore He had made, Jesus went a little further. He forgave those accountable for His death, witnessed to the thief who was dying next to Him, and then dismissed His Spirit. Praise God, "He went a little further."

He showed us how to pray. He showed us how to surrender. He showed us how to suffer. He showed us how to die. He showed us how to rise again. Always He went "a little further." Think how different our lives would be if we would follow in His steps, and go, "a little further:"

...If children would go "a little further" to obey and honor their parents...If parents would go "a little further" to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,

...If husbands would go "a little further" to please their wives...If wives would go "a little further" to please their husbands,

...If workers would go "a little further" to do an excellent job...If employers would go "a little further" to reward good employees,

...If God's ministers would go "a little further" to please God rather than men...If God's people would go "a little further" to pursue peace and holiness,

...If the people of God would go "a little further" to be understanding, even if not understood,

...If all who profess to love God would go "a little further" to be loyal, faithful, children of God, sincerely loving God and one another...

Why is it that intellectually all of this makes such good sense but practically it seems so difficult to live? The answer is before us. Like the disciples we have fallen asleep at precisely the place and the time when we ought to be watching, praying, and surrendering.

Jesus knows our problem, "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." But he urges us, "watch and pray." Hear Him praying? "Nevertheless, not my will but thine..." Now pray that. It's time we go "a little further."

Worthy Is the Lamb

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

Welcome to FCC!

We trust you sense God's presence and that you feel very welcome here.

Please let us know how we may help you.

11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP
And
SUNDAY SCHOOL

6:00PM
PREACHING
SERVICE

Think **HIGHER**
LOVE Deeper
Live **GREATER**

- THE APOSTLES CREED -

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Scriptures of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1: 29ff

FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

■ **LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!** We are very honored that you have come and hope that you will feel at home here at FCC! We would love to keep in touch. Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCSt-Louis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **THANK YOU FOR PROMOTING FCC LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE! WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AROUND THE NATION AND WORLD.**

■ **THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING GOD TO SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS AS YOU HONOR HIM WITH YOUR 10% PLUS.** To further this work we need everyone to prayerfully determine to give 10% of your increase into the work of the LORD. YOU CAN NOT OUTGIVE GOD! He is faithful to supply the needs of His people as they "seek first the kingdom of God!"

March Offerings	Monthly Need	Annual Total	2021 Goal
\$2,722.00	\$10,000	\$24,671.00	\$150,000*

*Plus we are asking God to help us burn our mortgage by our 25th Anniversary, September 19, 2021.

■ **FCC CHORALE REHEARSAL TONIGHT AT 5:15PM BEFORE THE EVENING SERVICE.** If you would like to sing, come join us on the platform this evening.

■ **YOUTHQUAKE YOUTH REVIVAL HAS BEEN A BLESSING!**

■ **FCC WORK DAY BEFORE HOLY WEEK, SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH 9AM** We appreciate cleaners, yard workers, and painters! We want to have the building looking great for Holy Week.

■ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday, March 31 - 7pm

Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, April 1 - 7pm

Good Friday Service, April 2 - 7pm

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Sunrise Service 7am

Worship 11am

Evening 6pm

We are considering an additional afternoon drive-in service.

■ **IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH MOVES FORWARD ON HER KNEES** Those that are able to come early and pray around the altars for the services are urged to do so. Jesus urged, "It is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer!"

FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

□ AMY PIPKINS
□ RON FEGER
□ DARLENE BULLAR
□ GARY OLIVER'S BROTHER EARL, will be remembered on Friday at the South County Church.
□ THE NEWLY BEREAVED NEED OUR CONTINUED LOVE AND PRAYERS--The families of BERLIN JENKERSON, RUTH GEORGE, JEFF AKERS, RAQUEL MASON, DIANE NOLTKAMPER, JOE & BECKY GOBER, JOHN BLONDO and THE LEWIS FAMILY at the loss of Sheri's cousin.

□ BETHANY CATLETT and her BABY DAUGHTER have had some trying times. The baby underwent heart surgery this week.

□ JANE FEGER'S SISTER
□ NEIL GOODRICH
□ SHARON NICKELSON
□ AMY PIPKINS
□ NORMA GILLHAM
□ SHERYL VANLANDINGHAM

□ RICK FEGER & his wife especially appreciate our prayers.
□ AL LOCKHART
□ TAMMY LEWIS
□ SIS. BEVERLY NELSON
□ KAYLA FEGER and her baby
□ CHRISTY DODSON
□ BARBARA CARLING
□ KAREN CRABTREE
□ AMANDA BOWEN has several family members who have Covid and are struggling.
□ PRAY FOR THE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

1. We must confess to God any known sin we have and make right any wrong done to one another.
2. We must put away any doubtful habits.
3. We must obey the Spirit promptly.
4. We must profess our faith publicly.



Quakin...shakin...and Makin a mark for Christ!

HEAR TYLER, MATT, CLARKE, KRIS, & MORE Sat 20 March 6pm & Sun 21 March 11am