

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

29 AUGUST 2021

Dear Friends of Faith,

What a joy it is to gather again on the first day of the week, to turn our thoughts toward things above, to turn our hearts toward eternity, and to be once again in the presence of our wonderful Lord.



We thank our FCC Family for faithfully lifing Pastor Ethan Durst's family in your prayers. His wife and children especially need our love and prayers.



On Monday morning of last week our would was once again shaken with the news that Tressa's great friend Angel Hood, 21, (Pictured Left) was tragically taken in a car accident. Once again we found ourselves at a funeral visitation on Friday and assisting with a funeral on Saturday. This time east of Indianapolis, IN. Your prayers for Angel's heartbroken family, her parents Randy and Barb, and her two brothers, two uncles and aunt, and two grandmothers are deeply appreciated.

We tried to contact everyone about when we knew that the Super Picnic would have to be delayed by posting on our Facebook pages, texting, and calling.

FCC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY is SEPTEMBER 19. We are thrilled to confirm that the MAYHLES will be here FRI THROUGH SUN, SEP 17-19 during our Revival. SALEM STRINGS are playing SAT, SEP 18! We will also hear singing.

The GREAT COMMISSION GI RECHARGE will be here that Saturday too. PLAN TO STAY FOR DINNER ON ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY!

Join in praying now for our 25th Anniversary Week. Clear your calendars September 12-19.

Onward!

Please turn off the ringers on your cell phones. You are welcome to text PR a question 314-607-1424.



THE FAITH THAT HOLDS

Looking back through history, Nasim Talib was struck by the number of times our world has been truly shocked by events that were completely outside the realm of regular expectations. He called them "Black Swans."

Not only do Civilizations, Cultures, and Countries experience "Black Swan" events, but so also do communities, families, and individuals. That traumatic triplet—total outlier, extreme impact, retrospective predictability—has or will hit everyone at some point. Given that these Black Swan events are inevitable—and seemingly (and I think demonstrably) more frequent in our times—how then should the people of God prepare?

1. Get a grip! Hold to God's unchanging hand. Hear the Prophet thunder the Word of the Almighty: "I am the LORD, I change not." Malachi 3:6 Our unchanging God is gracious...merciful, sovereign, all knowing, omnipresent, all powerful, eternal, good, faithful, love, and so much more! Hold to this God!

2. Feed your faith and starve your fears. Fake news is not only deceptive—it is depressive! Get back to the Word! Turn away from looking down at screens and look up to the Savior! Here's God's advice: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8) Feed your faith by: Meditating on the Word of God, Seeking the face of God in prayer, Pause feeding your face—rather feed your faith by fasting, Band together with believers, Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, Take action—Go be a blessing to someone

3. Do your best and leave with God the rest. The Apostle knew that God's people could do only so much, and then we must simply stand. Stand against the ploys of the devil—don't fall for his lies! Stand on the Promises of God. Stand for the Purposes of God.

4. Rest in God's promise, "All things are working together for good them who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 Stop fussing with God start resting in God!

5. Look up! Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God believe also in me!" John 14:1ff. The GPS of our soul is set for Heaven.

Though Black Swans swim stealthily into the pond of our present, our wave-walking, miracle-working, death-defying, loving Savior declares, "I am with you always!" For the twice-born Spirit-filled redeemed, one or a wedge of black swans will not separate us from the love of God!



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SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST 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
& SUNDAY SCHOOL

6:00 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE
SERVICE

7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY

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

...Stand fast in one spirit,
with one mind

striving together for the faith of the gospel;

PHILIPPIANS 1:27

FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR SHARING TODAY'S SERVICES ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** It's like giving someone a Gospel Tract.

■ **LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!** Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org, or fill out a contact card.

■ **THANK YOU GIVING TO THE LORD** God is faithful to supply the needs of His people as they "seek first the kingdom of God!"

Aug. Offerings	Monthly Need	Annual Total	2021 Goal
\$5,921.00	\$10,000	\$91,286	\$150,000*

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

■ **JOIN US IN PRAYER BEFORE EACH SERVICE AROUND THE ALTAR!**

■ **WEDNESDAY SERVICES** We hope to see you this week!

■ **TEEN NIGHT BONFIRE THIS FRIDAY!** The Lord willing!

■ **SUPER PICNIC - MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS, FATHERS AND SONS, AND EVERYONE IS INVITED! ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.** We will grill steaks, cheesburgers, hotdogs, and pork chops. You bring along the sides. We'll have a great time as the family of God!

■ **SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 - FIRST RESPONDERS SUNDAY!**

On SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 we will honor AMERICA'S FIRST RESPONDERS! We are deeply grateful for the POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, and EMTs who have committed themselves to our safety—heroically displayed on 9/11. We are inviting first responders to join us for a flag ceremony and delicious food after the morning service.

■ **25TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 12-19!** INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND DO NOT MISS THIS!

If the Lord is willing and we reach September 19th, we will have...

...conducted over 5,000 services!

...presented the Gospel to over 4,000 souls!

...prayed thousands of times with precious children!

...hand delivered almost 200,000 invitations and Gospel tracts.

...sung "Just as I Am" and other hymns of invitation over 3,000 times.

...invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in this mission.

We're paying \$3,200 a month toward our mortgage which now totals \$206,000. Oh how we would love to burn that note on our 25th!

■ **NEXT WEEKEND IS LABOR DAY WEEKEND.** We will grill hotdogs and have a fun time together after the Sunday morning service.

■ **KINGSWOOD SCHOOL SOUTH.** Since 1995, our mother church Faith Crusaders has provided Kingswood School a K-12 traditional school. The Headmaster of Kingswood in cooperation with your Pastor are working on options for Middle and High School Students in St. Louis to open a satellite classroom at FCC. If you're interested let us know.

FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

ANGEL HOOD'S FAMILY
 PASTOR ETHAN DURST'S FAMILY.

AL LOCKHART

JODY OLIVER'S MOTHER SHARON is continuing to recover.

SAM DAVIS, Jane's Brother

RON FEGER

NORMA GILLHAM

BRO. TOM REDMAN

RICK FEGER

Jane Feger's Sister PATTY

JIM PRUETT

AL LOCKHART

TAMMY LEWIS

SIS. BEVERLY NELSON

KAYLA FEGER and her baby

CHRISTY DODSON

MARK (Gary Oliver's Friend)

KAREN CRABTREE MYERS

SHERYL VanLandingham

THE NEWLY BEREAVED NEED OUR CONTINUED LOVE AND PRAYERS of RUTH GEORGE, JEFF AKERS, RAQUEL MASON, and THE LEWIS FAMILY at the loss of Sheri's cousin, & THE OLIVER FAMILY at the loss of Sid & Earl.

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.



THE MAYHLE FAMILY
25th Anniversary September 19