

INFORMATION + INSPIRATION FROM FCC-STL

# FAITH+NET

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FCC TEENMEET, FRIDAY 19 AUGUST, 7PM



## BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 21, 2022

11AM WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
6PM PRAISE & PREACHING

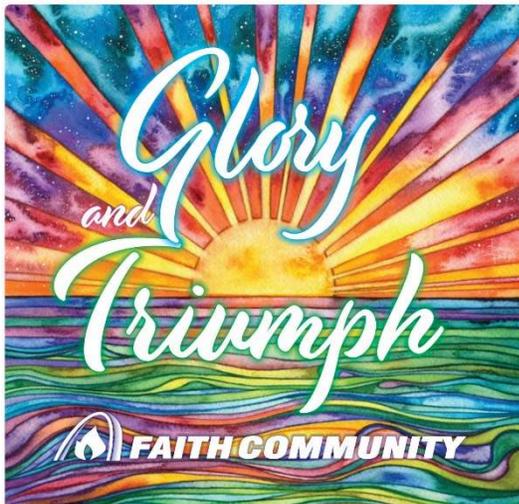
MISSION  
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Crusaders Great Commission '22

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, AT 10:00AM FOR OUR FIRST ALL CHURCH BIBLE GIVE-AWAY EVENT! PLEASE WEAR MODEST CLOTHING, LADIES DRESSES, MEN LONG SLACKS. We will meet at the church for prayer and instructions, then we will go to a lot at a good intersection to set up up our FREE BIBLES feather banners, and our red tent canopy. We will have hand held signs for some, prayer teams, literature for the church, and of course LOTS AND LOTS OF BIBLES TO GIVE AWAY!

We heard of one church that had 40 visiting families on Easter of this year after several weeks of Free Bible distributions.

CELEBRATING 26 YEARS IN ST. LOUIS



SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2022

FCC'S 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL,  
WED, SEP 14 – SUN, SEP 18

7PM NIGHTLY – WED-FRI.  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 6PM  
SUNDAY ANNIVERSARY RALLY 11AM

Evangelist NATHAN KLINE from SOUTH DAKOTA  
and

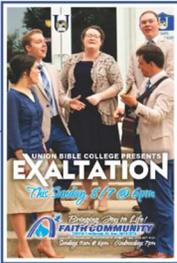
Song Evangelists LARRY & PATRICIA JEWETT

We are praying for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our services. Before there can be Triumph we must have Glory! And before there can be Glory there must be sacrifice. Let's stay on our faces before the LORD.

Oh for a Thousand Tongues to sing  
My Great Redeemer's praise  
The GLORIES of my God and King  
The TRIUMPHS of His grace.

# AUGUST 2022

Our Mission is to be the  
friendliest Christians  
in our community.

THE LORD'S DAY	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7P BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER	4 6:30P ONLINE BIBLE STUDY PASTOR SKINNER EVERY THURSDAY <small>Email DSkinner@CrusadersUSA.org</small>	5	6  8AM at the Parsonage
7 11A WORSHIP 6P EVENING UBC SINGING	8	9 6P LIVESTREAM CHICAGO TUESDAY SERVICES	10 7P BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER	11	12  6P TEENMEET COOKOUT	13 10A WORK & WITNESS
14 11A WORSHIP 6P EVENING PRAISE BACK to SCHOOL <small>A Special Prayer for our Students and School Supplies</small>	15	16	17 7P BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER	18	19 6P TEENMEET	20 
21  11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE Free Bibles For All BIBLE SUNDAY	22	23	24 7P BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER	25	26 6P TEENMEET	27 10A WORK & WITNESS
28 Round-Up Sunday Help Round Up a Crowd! 11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 	29	30 	31 7P BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER	1	2 6P TEENMEET	3 

**26TH ANNIVERSARY**  
REVIVAL-SEPTEMBER 14-18

 *Bringing Joy to Life!*  
**FAITH COMMUNITY**  
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*Sundays 11am & 6pm - Wednesdays 7pm*

## When a godly man stands, evil falls.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan “told the story of “the little monk”” at the Annual National Prayer Breakfast. Here it is for you now.

In shiny armor and distinctive helmets crowned with ostrich and peacock feathers, the gladiators strode into the packed arena, some carrying swords and others holding spears or nets. They were professional warriors who fought to the death—supposedly for the glory of Caesar. Some gladiators were slaves, and some were criminals condemned to the arena. They marched around the arena crowded with 87,000 spectators, who—anticipating the carnage to come—cheered.

These spectators loved to see bloodshed.

In front of the Emperor’s box, the combatants stopped, raised their arms in salute, and in one voice they shouted, “Hail, Caesar, those who are about to die salute thee!” The crowd cheered again.

On the first day of January in 404, a monk named Telemachus happened to be walking past the coliseum. He was from Asia and on a pilgrimage to visit the churches and encourage the Christians in Rome. Dressed in his simple monk’s mantle, which reflected his holy life of prayer and self-denial, Telemachus stood in sharp contrast to all the spectators flocking into the coliseum. What he saw overwhelmed him.

Drawn by the noise, Telemachus got sucked into a crowd, and the crowd pressed him forward into the coliseum. There before him were the gladiators, engaged in combat.

The crowd loved long and skillful battles, but when one fighter was obviously overmatched, the spectators voted on whether the loser would live or die.

With each thumbs-down, the superior fighter thrust his weapon into the loser, and another person entered the arena and clubbed him on the head with a mallet. His corpse was dragged away, and Rome's death-roar intensified. They called it entertainment and paid heavy purses to the winners.

The brutality of the crowd stunned Telemachus. The greedy acceptance of violence and death opposed the vow he had taken as a monk. His life was about structure that allowed him to live a life of prayer and work. The sight and sound of tens of thousands of screaming people rejoicing in this slaughter grieved his spirit.

He raced down to the arena floor and pushed his way through the rabid crowd until he reached the wall, jumped over it, and strode out onto the field of battle. He went unnoticed by the crowd until he got close to two gladiators engaged in a life-and-death struggle. Telemachus stepped between the two battling gladiators and cried out, "In the name of Christ, stop. In the name of Christ, stop."

Enraged, the gladiators turned their anger on Telemachus. They stabbed him to death. The crowd joined in and rained rocks down upon him, and his lifeless body lay at the gladiators' feet.

When the news of what Telemachus had done reached Emperor Honorius, who had been taught by the Church, he was so affected that he immediately counted Telemachus among the victorious martyrs. Within three days, he proclaimed an end to the gladiator games that had been going on in Rome since 264 BC. There was never another battle between gladiators. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21 ESV).

**What ongoing evil has God shown you that calls for you to speak out in love and overcome it with good? When a godly man stands, evil falls.**

**ONWARD! PR**