



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

November 23, 2022

New FCCD Men's Ministry

A ministry passion of mine is helping congregations create situations for women and men to grow in faith, in their relationships, in their leadership capacity just as the youth minister remnants within me found it straight fire to do with college, youth and children.

FCCD has a functioning women's ministry. The men do not. It's amazing what can happen when both groups have a rocking program (without requiring rocking chairs). Congregations require leaders - strong, faithful leadership. Male and female. Female and male. When one goes all-in for Jesus a person's faith growth positively affects their families, their workplaces, the community and FCCD's shared ministry. They become disciple-makers drawing others to Jesus. They are more generous in giving patience, energy and of themselves.

Here's the thing, few friends in ministry are satisfied when it comes to their congregation's men's ministry. There is a sense of what more there could be: more participation, more depth, more passion, more satisfaction. FCCD has no intentional ministry focused on growing spiritually as a man of faith. This will change in January, 2023.

Here's what I know. Men's ministries usually have one guy spearheading everything. This person and some few loosely connected to him structure a program of meals and program/speakers. Outsiders are welcome, but rarely come. When it's over, the room is cleaned up and everyone goes on their way until the next meeting the following month/quarter. Some men's ministries are curriculum-based studies. These trend toward the most seriously committed. These two models - programs/speakers to generate broad interest for many or intensive Bible study for the few. Both formats fail to both consistently produce meaning for those participating while not resulting in the leaders every congregation needs.

I believe the best way to start (or restart) FCCD's men's ministry is through following Jesus' example: Jesus was intentional - Jesus was kingdom-focused and He invites us to share in Christian ministry by appointing us to the job of making disciples. Only

through caring for others can we have the "life to the full" Jesus came to offer. God seeks and expects to raise those at FCCD to lead here. Maybe it's you. Maybe it's one you know.

Jesus started with just a few. Our task-oriented mentality for measuring success is determined by numbers. More numbers = greater success. Jesus started with only 12 who believed and followed. The apostles' faith grew leading to believers expanding into every land.

Jesus explained and lived Scripture - Jesus knew the law and prophets. He brought it alive through words and actions. His guys watched him practice it through every circumstance.

Jesus prayed and taught them to pray - Jesus prayed with and for his guys. He modeled prayer and gave them a glimpse of an intimate relationship with God by praying alone at times. Men in community with each other learn how to pray for each other . . . and they will.

It was a community - Jesus was there as their leader, but the disciples intimately knew each other because they spent time together, worked together, and challenged each other. Just as the disciples created small gatherings who became the Church, when establishing a committed community of men, such community will be established with others.

A set time - Jesus led the apostles for a defined period. He graduated them . . . sending them out to share the Good News. 9-12 months is the right length for a group to focus. After that, it's graduation. A new direction will follow next through charting a different course.

Launching a vibrant men's ministry begins with each man of faith. It begins with a willingness for each one to develop into the fulfillment of who God created and crafted them to become. The first meeting is 6:00 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 19, in the Chapel. Hope to see you there!

Rev. Colby

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December Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!

FCC KIDS CORNER

Upcoming Calendar of Events

November 27th No Kid's Club

Thanksgiving Weekend

December 4th Children Sing in Worship

Kid's Club 12:00--2:00 pm.

Angel Tree Shopping Trip

December 11th Kid's Club 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Christmas Around the World

Practice for Christmas Program

December 18th Christmas Dinner followed by Children and Youth Program!

Noon-2:00 p.m.

December 25th No Kid's Club-

Christmas Day

January 1st No Kid's Club

New Year's Day

Kid's Club Resumes January 8th!



FCC Kid's Club for children in K-5th grade

meets most Sundays, right after worship until 2pm. We share a meal, play games, and do fun activities all based on a Biblical theme.

In December we will continue learning more about the Birth of Jesus and how traditions around the world have impacted our Christmas traditions.

Please see the calendar (left) with details about upcoming trips and rehearsals.

We hope every child will be a part of our Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 18th.

Children and Youth Christmas Program

Things parents need to know!

In order to keep families from extra trips to rehearse, we have been practicing songs while learning about Christmas Traditions around the world at Kid's Club as well as right after Children's Chat on Sunday mornings.

Please make it a priority for your children to be at church on Dec 11th when we will be rehearsing during W& W and Children's Church as well as during Kid's Club.

Check out Photos of our amazing FCC Kids in Action with Fall Sports!



See the display on the bulletin board at the end of the Arcade Hallway.

Volunteers are needed to provide lunch for our weekly Kid's Club meetings.

If you are available to help with a meal in January, please contact Patti.

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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Prayer Concerns

Gary Gibson
Charolette Hopper
Jan Sheffield

Danny Gibbson
Machael Gretton
All Ongoing & Unspoken

Shut-ins

Martha Akin
Jerry Boyd
Pat & Steve Bruce
Mary Ann Burke
Mindy Carter
Bill & Patty Castle
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer
Tom Ensslin

Odell Hines
Marianne Kirby
Margaret Milburn
Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Aubrey & Jennie Sue Sivis
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson

News & Announcements

Church Women United -Judy Morgan

FCC hosted Church Women United of Mercer & Boyle Counties on November 11th. There were 18 Churches represented. Church Women United is the only National Ecumenical movement of Christian women.

Christmas Project -Alice Reynolds

If you make any holiday candies and/or cookies and would like to help out with a simple Christmas project, please contact Alice Reynolds: 859-319-2408

CWS Blanket Program -Judy Morgan

FCC's servant heart was once again displayed through your generous donations to Church World Service's Blanket Program. To date, \$1,080.00 has been received and more continues to come in.

More Cans for 4 Cans

We have collected a total of 33,838 cans after receiving a wonderful 85 in November!

We have added a red box by the walking track so it's easy to donate during the week. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday, the Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

Thankfulness

Mindy Carter:

I appreciate everything that was sent to and brought to me! It is lovely to have so many that care for me here.

Margaret Ann Milburn:

I am very thankful for the thanksgiving gift basket!

A special thanks from all of us at FCCD to Nancy McMurry and her decorating crew for putting our church in the Christmas spirit!

Snow Policy

Sundays will proceed as normal unless emergency vehicles *only* are to be on the roads.

During the week if Boyle Co schools on a delay the office will also be on a delay

Remember: The Church will be closed on
December 26, 27, and 30th

Making a Difference in Eastern Kentucky....

one family at a time—*The Outreach Team*

We want to thank everyone who participated in this outreach ministry. On November 17th we were able to meet our family Jay and Felicia. We brought them and their two grandsons two twin mattresses and frames, twin and queen bedding, towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, bakeware, kitchen utensils, a food processor, an electric can opener, additional kitchen items, legos, games, balls, a Christmas tree and Christmas decorations. All of this was possible because of your generosity.

Cantata Sunday | December 11

Our choir and instrumentalists will present the Cantata "Sing with the Angels" during Morning worship. Come see our special programs all throughout December!

Soups On Us | December 17 at 7:00am

On November 19th, Soups On Us packaged and delivered its 50,000 meal box, translating into 100,000 meals to the elderly and food insecure in Danville and Junction City. Since February 2010 we have prepared and delivered meals every third Saturday of the month. Nearing the completion of our 12th year we would like to thank the congregation for your willingness to financial support and participate in this outreach ministry. -Mary Ann McGlothlin

Danville Youth Connection

DYC will be held at Trinity for all of December. Remember there will be no Youth programs or Kids Club on November 27th!

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 18th



After a few years hiatus, our Children and Youth Christmas Program is live again this year!

We hope EVERYONE will join us as we gather for food and fellowship in the Chapel **directly after worship** followed by our children and youth presentation of "It's Christmas Everywhere!"

Mark your calendar and watch for more information in church emails and on the Sunday morning worship slides. Hope to see you there!

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We are excited to host you and your family for our special advent programs!

December 11th | Cantata Sunday
December 18th | Christmas Luncheon for all & Program
by our Children and Youth
See details inside

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