

FAITH FOCUS

JANUARY 2025

WELCOME 2025!

On January 1, we welcome in 2025! 2024 brought us blessings, surprises, sadness, and so much more. We welcomed guests who have come to be part of the FCF family; babies were born; VBS was in Byron Park in Williamsport, FCF participated in the Block Party in Williamsport in October; your generosity allowed FCF to give \$800 total to area schools, just to name a few of the highlights. In June, we bid a fond farewell to the McDaniels as they followed God's call to Denton Bible Church in Texas. The preaching team stepped up to fill the pulpit and continue to share from God's Word each week. The Elders and Staff began to meet together each month to collaborate in addition to the Elders' regular meeting once a month. A Search Team was created to begin the process of finding a new pastor for FCF. Most of all, YOU have stayed faithful, getting involved, serving, and praying for God's direction for His church.

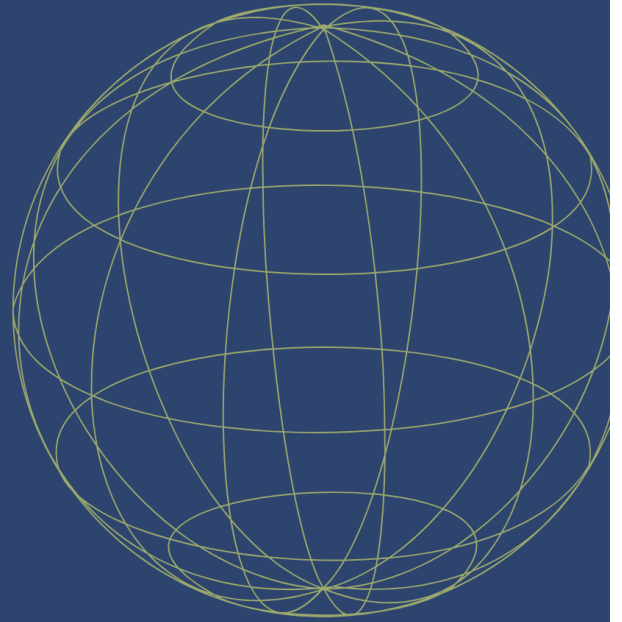
At the December 15 Annual FCF Business Meeting, the Elders shared that the Search Team has presented a potential candidate for the Lead Pastor position. The Search Team met with the Elders to explain their process, other candidates that did not make it through their vetting process, and share more about the gentleman they were suggesting to the Board. For the next step in the process, the Board is scheduled to meet informally with the candidate and his wife, which will likely be followed by a formal interview. Please be in prayer for the Board and the potential candidate as they go through this next phase of the process. At some point, whether it is this candidate or one in the future, the members of FCF will have an opportunity to hear the candidate preach and eventually vote on having him as our next Lead Pastor. If you are not a member of FCF but would like to be a part of this decision, we encourage you to contact the FCF Office, FCF Staff Member, or an FCF Elder to find out what it means to become a member and join the church if the Lord leads you. While we don't know if this is the man to become the next Lead Pastor of FCF, we know that God knows who He wants to lead FCF in the next chapter. He is also preparing FCF! It's exciting, and maybe even a little scary, but as long as we are in God's will, it's going to be great.



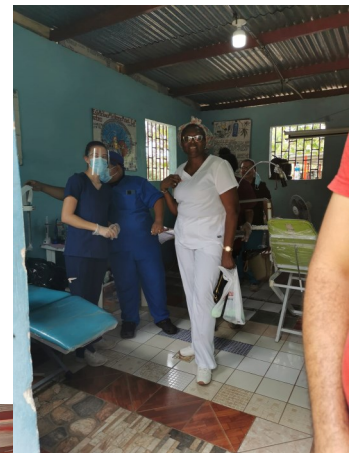
FCF's Annual

GLOBAL IMPACT MISSIONS SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 1



Our annual Global Impact Missions Summit will be held on Saturday, February 1st. Doug Erghott will be joining with us again this year to encourage us and share ways to spread the love God with others abroad as well as those within our local communities. In addition, Pastor Dave will be sharing the 2025 schedule for trips that he will be taking teams that you may want to be a member. The summit will be held from 9am-4pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. We encourage all who are able to attend. This is not just for people who are interested in going on a Global Impact trip. To help us prepare for the event. Please RSVP on the FCF App or contact the FCF Office at 301-223-4803. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor David Glaze, missions@explorefcf.com



Snapshots from
2024 Global
Impact Trips



Thank You for your Support of Shiloh Ministries

Your generosity allowed us to send \$3500 to Shiloh Ministries for care packages to members of their leper colonies!

We surpassed our original goal of 300 ornaments!
Thank you!





RSVP on the FCF App



All Faith Kids Investors are asked to attend. RSVP will be open mid-January.

Please watch for information coming from Amelia, Faith Kids Director.

9am Classes available for Kindergarten—Adults



RSVP on the FCF App
Payment and questions can be made to Lewis, Switchback Director

Become a FAITH KIDS INVESTOR! There are opportunities to share God's love with the children of FCF at 9am and 10:15am on Sundays and Wednesday mid-week. Contact Ameila at faith-kids@explorefcf.com to find out more about where YOU can serve.



Fellowship, Prayer Time, and Bible Study for the 55+

How Are You Investing in Others?

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. - 1 John 4:11

A small church congregation in rural Ohio met one Sunday evening to share prayer requests and praises with one another. Toward the end of their time together, a woman in her early 30s stood up and nervously sauntered forward.

She shared...

"I want to praise God for my grandmother, who died recently. She's the one who took me to church when I was young and introduced me to Jesus. She was a source of stability in my life when my parents divorced – a port in my storm.

"Had it not been for my godly grandmother, I shudder to think how my life would have turned out. Even though I have often failed, her example to me has been my beacon and I thank God for her. To me, she was the epitome of Jesus in the earth."

It's often easy to underestimate the impact our lives may have on others – but they really do, even when we don't hear about it or receive credit immediately.

So make it a point to invest in others' lives – especially younger people. Though they may not tell you at the time, you are making a difference!

Prayer Challenge:

Ask God to open your eyes to how you can make a difference in others' lives.

Questions for Thought:

Think about someone who made a real impact in your life. Did you ever tell them the full extent of the difference they made?

2024 was a great year! And now we're looking forward to 2025. Our New Year's Potluck will be Wednesday, January 1. We will NOT have another potluck later in the month.

Please be careful when you are out driving this winter! Put an extra blanket in your car just in case. The Inclement Weather policy for Young at Heart is if Washington County Schools have a 2 hr delay or are closed, Young at Heart will not meet.

If you are 55 and over, consider joining us on a Wednesday morning! We have a wonderful time of Bible Study and fellowship on Wednesdays at 10am!



A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who had a part in the many Christmas events throughout the season. There were many hands who made it all an extra-special month. We are grateful to all who participated (both in front and behind the scenes) in the Dec. 8 Christmas program; made the Christmas banquet a wonderful time of great food, fun, and fellowship; the Switchback Christmas party planners; Caroling prep and serving crew (In spite of the weather!); those who planned and shared at the Christmas Eve Gathering; the FCF Decorators; Young at Heart potluck set up and tear down crew. You are noticed and appreciated!

A graphic for Men's Prayer & Bible Study. It features a man in a red shirt and cap with a backpack, holding a flashlight that illuminates a doorway in a desert landscape. The text "MEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY" is at the top. On the left, a list of bullet points: "BEGIN YOUR DAY IN GOD'S WORD", "PRAY WITH BROTHERS IN CHRIST", "BUILD RELATIONSHIPS". At the bottom, it says "Mondays & Thursdays 6:00AM".

MEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

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MEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

Our Monday and Wednesday Men's Prayer and Bible Study will continue in 2025. We meet at 6am in the auditorium. You are welcome to come when you are able.

SUNDAY & TUESDAY PRAYER GATHERING

All are invited to join on Sundays and/or Tuesdays for a time of dedicated prayer for FCF, our community, nation and beyond.

A graphic for Prayer Gatherings. It features a stylized church icon with the text "FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP" below it. The main text reads "PRAYER GATHERINGS" and "SUNDAYS at 8:30am TUESDAYS at 7pm".

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER GATHERINGS

SUNDAYS at 8:30am
TUESDAYS at 7pm

A graphic for 2024 Giving Reports. It features a large blue circle on a green background. The text reads "2024 GIVING REPORTS" and "for those who give by envelope will be available mid-January 2025." Below that, it says "Online Giving Reports can be downloaded from your online account." The Faith Christian Fellowship logo is at the top.

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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2024 GIVING REPORTS & 2025 ENVELOPES

The reports will be available mid-January for those who give by envelope. If you would like 2025 Tithe Envelopes, please contact the FCF Office. Reports for those who give online can be downloaded directly from the online portal.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are in the season of inclement weather that may affect some of our services or events throughout the week. We will do our best to keep you informed of weather-related closings and delays. This is our Inclement Weather Policy to help you when the weather is not favorable.

- If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect, any scheduled services or events will not be held.
- Wednesdays Evening services—If Washington County School District has cancelled school or dismissed early due to adverse weather conditions, no Wednesday evening events will be held. If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect, no Wednesday evening events will be held.
- Young at Heart on Wednesday Mornings—If Washington County School District has a 2 hour delay or has cancelled school, Young at Heart will not be held. If weather conditions are questionable, the Young at Heart Director will make a decision regarding cancelation of the Bible Study.
- Sunday Mornings—The pastors will assess weather conditions and make a determination of whether services will be held. Announcements are usually sent out Saturday evening.
- Other Events—The person in charge of the event will assess weather conditions and make a determination of whether services will be held.
- Announcements—Once an decision has been made about services or events, announcements will be sent out via email, text, Facebook, email, and FCF Church Center App Announcement.
- In all cases, we encourage you to make your decision on whether or not to attend a service or event based on conditions in your area and your comfort in being out in less-than-desirable conditions.

January 2025

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5 9am Winter Education Groups Begin 10:15am Worship Gathering Communion	6 6am Men's Prayer and Bible Study	7 7pm Prayer Gathering 7pm Meal & Service at the Mission	8 10amY@H 6pm Switch-back 6:30pm Faith Kids Mid-Week	9 6am Men's Prayer and Bible Study	10	11 9-11am FK Family Day— Scoot & Ride at the Trinity Center
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