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"For we walk by faith not by sight"

Grapevine

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In John 1, we see this scene unfold - Andrew has a supernatural encounter with Jesus, he becomes a follower of Jesus, and then in verse 41 we learn that, *"The first thing that Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah"Jn1:41*. Andrew was a normal, blue-collar guy, from a rural part of the country who worked in agriculture, but one day God got a hold of Andrew's life and as a result God used Andrew to completely change the world. What was Andrew's first step toward becoming a world-changer? This ordinary guy, with no advanced or religious training, simply went and got his brother who hadn't yet met Jesus and said, "come and see." It's so encouraging to me that Andrew's first words as a follower of Jesus weren't a sermon, a theological lesson, or a sales pitch, but rather a simple invitation to someone whom he cared about: "Hey, would you come with me over here and meet this Jesus guy that I'm just getting to know?"

It's an encouraging reminder, because for the past 2,000 years Jesus has called Christians, like you and me, to be witnesses *(literally just men and women who have experienced Jesus)* to those we are around on a regular basis. He doesn't call us all to be experts, perfect people, or men and women with all the answers, but rather, He calls us simply to be ordinary people who have met the extraordinary person of Jesus. Isn't that encouraging? I think I can do that.

How can you and I be a witness in September? The answer is simple: invite one friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, or classmate to join you for our Fall Kick Off at FCC, starting with our kids & youth kickoff on September 8th, and our Fall Kick Off for church on September 12th. In the next couple weeks, would you consider joining me as we ask the Lord, "Lord, who would you have me invite to church? Jesus, who have you put in my life who I might extend the invitation to 'come and see'?"

We are called to be witnesses "in season and out", but for our modern American society, September 12th marks one of the weekends when your friends who normally don't attend church are more likely to join you than all the others - let's make sure we take this opportunity to invite! Our leadership of FCC knows this, and as we're gearing up for the start of Fall and all the excitement that comes with the return of Husker football, back to school activities, and more normalcy at the end of the pandemic, we're hoping you'll join us in praying through how God might specifically use you and your family to extend an invitation to "come and see"!

Q: What are the top 4 Sundays during the calendar year when U.S. citizens indicate that they would be most likely to respond positively to a church invitation?

(see inside for answer)

FAITH Kids
Birth - 6th Grade

Wednesday, September 8

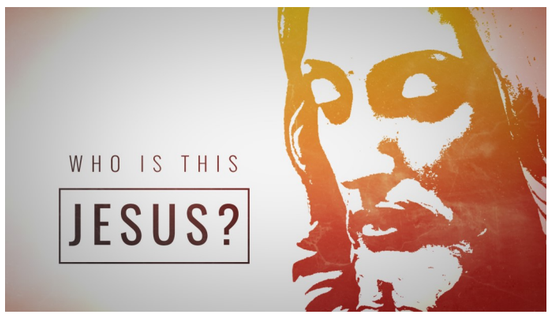
Join us as we kick off the school year!!!!

LIVING STONES
7th & 8th Grade

A place for kids to get connected with peers who are learning about this Jesus.

SOLID ROCK
9th - 12th Grade

Sunday, September 12
10:45 am



Join us as we open the book of Luke to discover the person of Jesus and His timeless words which hold value for our lives today.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Dear Faith Community Church Family,

Thank you ever so much for praying for us through this transition to language school. Rio Grande Bible College is a very special place. We arrived on July 23rd and many hands helped unload the U-Haul. So many families welcomed us with hugs, gifts, tips and friendship. May God guide you all and us as the school year begins! Would you pray for us through the next weeks of syllabus shock and the year of language study? If individuals would like to be a part of the prayer warriors list and receive more frequent prayer requests, please text us at 469-243-1200.

~Greg and Michelle Fink (Emily, Celeste & Josiah)

GALEN MITCHELL BENEFIT

Sunday, Sept 19, 2021

at the O'Neill KC Hall 5pm

FREE WILL DONATION SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION

FOR DONATIONS CONTACT:

JEREMIAH SCHARTZ (402) 340-7007
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Proceeds will help with life expenses due to ongoing terminal cancer treatment.

As a church family we're hoping to take advantage of the openness that people generally have toward attending church toward the start of Fall, so be on the lookout for a few of our attempts to help you as you invite your friends to "come and see":

- We will have a postcard invitation going out to most households within a (roughly) 40 mile radius of FCC to get the word out about our Fall Kickoff September 8 (all kids activities are back in action) and September 12 (Church Service)
- We made postcards available on August 29, so you can personally hand write a note and mail an invitation or personally deliver to friends
- We will be updating our website and launching a social media campaign "Countdown to Fall Kickoff" to help get the word out
- We are working toward updating our: signage, welcome table, and coffee area in an effort to help first-timers feel at home and know where they're going when they show up for the first time
- We will have an article in Holt County Independent to introduce the community to Ethan.
- We will be implementing a computer system that will better help us communicate as a church family.

September Service Staff

Ushers:

5 - Steve Anson, Rod Gartner, Lowell Krieger, Ryan Ballagh
12 - Trent Shoemaker, Mike Breiner, Sam Welling, Mark Brookhouser
19 - Vernon Pospisil, Cory Adams, Dennis Schueth, Tyler Dexter
26 - Bob Young, Kenny Wettlaufer, Neil Tompkins, Rex Colfack

Sunday School Nursery:

5 - Larue Lorenz
12 - Allison Diedrichsen
19 - Jennie Read
26 - Jody Fuchtman

Toddler Nursery:

5 - Tara Price &
12 - Sara Young &
19 - Christy Meyer &
26 - Trudie Van Horn &

4 - PreK Junior Church:

5 -
12 -
19 -
26 -

Elder Meeting

Tuesday, September 14
&
Tuesday, September 28
7 pm

BLESSED

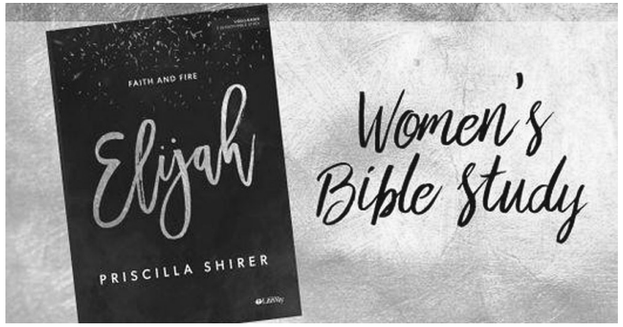
Fellowship, Fun, and Support for Moms

Tuesday's 10—11:30 am
September 14, 21 & 28

Contact Linda Garwood for more information

September

6-10—Meals on Wheels
7—Elijah Bible Study
8—Awana, KickOff Night (7-8:30 pm)
—Living Stones (7-8:30 pm)
—Solid Rock KickOff Event (7:30-9 pm)
12—Fall Kick Off Sunday
—Sloane Fuchtman Bridal Shower (1:30 pm)
14—Blessed, First Meeting (10-11:30 am)
—Elijah Bible Study
—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
15—Awana, Living Stones (7-8:30 pm)
—Solid Rock (7:30-9 pm)
19—Galen Mitchell Benefit (5 pm)
21—Blessed (10-11:30 am)
—Elijah Bible Study
22—Awana, Living Stones (7-8:30 pm)
—Solid Rock (7:30-9 pm)
28—Blessed, First Meeting (10-11:30 am)
—Elijah Bible Study
—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
29—Awana, Living Stones (7-8:30 pm)
—Solid Rock (7:30-9 pm)



Elijah stood on Mount Carmel and prayed in front of all his opposing prophets of Baal and God sent down fire. It looked like an impossible situation, but God....

Our goals in studying Elijah with Priscilla Shirer are to grow in boldness, faith that can stand firm, and character when waiting and courage for the battles!

Join us for a 7 session Bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 7th
in person at church OR online.
Online studies are conducted in a FB group and video chat at a time agreed upon by the group.

September 6-10

Please contact Lisa Lind (340-3719) if you can help deliver meals.

MEALS on WHEELS

There will be a bridal shower for Sloane Fuchtman

Sunday, September 12
at 1:30 pm
in the Solid Rock Youth Center

The couple is registered at Target.

Sloane is the daughter of Jim & Jody Fuchtman.
She is engaged to Joe Schulz.

Did you know?

- Roofing materials applied in warm weather are much more likely to work properly than those applied in cold weather?
- This September, you're more likely to catch fish toward sunset than during the day?
- On September 12th your friends who don't regularly attend church will be more likely to accept your invitation to join you at church than all but three other Sundays throughout the year?

Pop Quiz:
A: I'm guessing you got the top two right: Easter and Christmas. What was third place? Mother's Day. A little surprising right?! In fourth place, however, is...September 12th as we have our Fall Kickoff (a themed Sunday corresponding to "back to school")