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July 2011 Newsletter

It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority,. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...Acts 1:7-8

If you've watched any news on television over the past few weeks, you've probably heard about the Casey Anthony trial. And you've probably seen clips of the various people who have testified on the witness stand. Each witness has been questioned in great detail about times and events surrounding the death of this little girl. Witnesses are very important in jury trials, because their testimony is recalled for the purpose of putting together the facts of a case in order to reveal the truth of what has happened. What a witness says could mean the difference between life and death for the defendant. When we become Christians, we are called by Jesus to bear witness to Him. He asks us to go before others to reveal who Jesus is and what He has done and is doing for people, so that they will come to know the truth about God. This Summer we have opportunities to do this very thing, to be witnesses to the loving truth about our Lord. We are invited to assist Habitat for Humanity and the Ronald McDonald House. You will be hearing more about the dates/times in the coming days. The Session and I encourage you as members of Friendship Community Church, to make time this Summer to be Jesus' witnesses together through these mission endeavors. These are going to be superb opportunities for us as a congregation to bear witness to the love of Jesus among us and out in the community for those who are in need. As a church, let us fulfill Jesus' call to be His witnesses, so that others will learn about the living presence of Jesus in their lives, and respond to Him with their hearts!

Pastor Michele



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

July 16th
July 19th
July 20th
July 21st
July 25th
July 26th
July 29th

Leila Hudson
Dorothy Ashton
Lance Miller
Paige Wodarczyk
Victoria Lord
Glenn Fennimore
David Rossi



ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

July 25th

Alvin & Carla Hudson



Days to Remember with Flowers

Don't forget to place your flower orders
to Celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries
or
in memory of that special loved one!

The order form for is in the lobby on the table.

Just fill in the date you would like the flowers, your name
and address and the reason for the flowers.

The price of the flowers is \$25 and the florist will send
the bill to your home!



I am coordinating an effort to provide meals for church family members when they encounter such situations as health challenges, bereavement or the birth of a baby – when our lives feel like they are turned upside down, it is nice to know that someone is thinking about you and the burden of worrying about dinner has been lifted for a time. It is my hope to create a rotating list so that volunteers will be available to be called upon periodically when these situations arise. If you would be willing to make a dinner for a fellow church member when the need arises, please contact Laura Barr at barr94@verizon.net or call me at [856-589-2673](tel:856-589-2673) to put your name on our list. Thank you.



Special Events

4th
10th
12th

Independence Day
Pool and Pizza Party
Session

11:30:00 AM
07:00 PM



Saturday, September 10th 11th Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner

The fellowship team is looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of our largest fundraiser & outreach event of the year. (Ticket sales, Set-up, Break-down, BBQ Team & Food preparation). If you are a "fan" of the church facebook page then you have already been sent an "E-vite" to this event. When you click "Yes I'm attending" it will be visible to your friends, and creates more visibility for our event. Start spreading the word

to your family, friends and neighbors, help to make this event a SUPER SUCCESS for Friendship Community Church!

Check out our Facebook Event Page!

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=107933462632597>

Get involved! Please contact Kathy Repici [856-723-3610](tel:856-723-3610).



I wanted to personally invite you to Creation Festival Northeast this summer. Simply put, Creation is a four day Christian music and teaching festival featuring 60 bands, 20 speakers and tons of fun stuff to do with your friends and family. They have some of today's top Christian artists like: Chris Tomlin, TobyMac, Skillet, Third Day, Newsboys, Tenth Avenue North, Red, Family Force 5 as well as some great hard rock and hip hop for those days you just feel like rocking out. One of the best parts about Creation is amazing speakers, who speak on topics that we need input on in our lives.

Go to www.fccnj.com and click on the picture to get to their link! Check out their lineup and look around the site a little bit; maybe listen to some of the bands' music. Tickets are pretty cheap considering you'll pay \$10 or \$20 just to see a couple local bands. But, if you don't feel like you can afford tickets, they have different ways to help you pay for them like payment plans, volunteering, and more.

If you have any questions, let me know and I can tell you about my Creation experience.

Hope you can make it out this summer!

Pool & Pizza Party

July 10th



Where: The Torres Family House

When: Directly After Service

Lunch: \$1 per slice

Drinks: Will be Provided

Sign Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board

Bring your own Towel & Sunscreen

Directions Will Be Provided To all Who Sign Up



We are starting a prayer ministry at FCC! We spend a great deal of time talking about what we should do as Christians. But we also need to spend a great deal of time in prayer, before we do anything! Prayer is an essential practice in a Christian's life. It brings us into a constant awareness of God's presence in our lives and of God's purpose for us. It helps us to be thankful, penitent, and joyful in the Lord. It also gives us the benefits of peace and calmness because we have taken time to spend with God and His loving presence.

As we start this ministry at FCC, you will be hearing about a multitude of opportunities for praying, being prayed for, and inviting others into prayer. WE are looking forward to sharing the gift of prayer with you and with our Lord Jesus Christ!



Announcing the 2011 Summer Vacation Bible School Program!

We're inviting children, ages 3 - 10, to be nourished with "Food for the Soul!"

Mark your calendars for July 18-22 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm for a fun time of children's fellowship, crafts, music, and stories.

Teen & adult volunteers help make this program a success. Please see a CE Team member if you can help out.

Christian Education



There was a festive atmosphere at church on June the 12th. The CE Team enjoyed that the outdoor BBQ lent to the overall celebratory atmosphere of the day as we recognized the confirmands, teachers and graduates during service. The 2011 graduates ranged in size from tall to small and we called out a happy "Congratulations!" to Eric Bishop, Aimee Goebel, Carlton Hudson, Betsy Lord, Jack Nugyen, Marie Onyeani, Julian Pittman, and J.J. Wodarczyk.

Melissa Bishop, the Christian Education Team Leader, recognized the dedication of each of our Christian Education Teachers in a speech called "The Good Guide." The teachers at FCC - Mark & Laura Barr, Ryan & Sarah Deasy, Darnell Hampton, Peggy McDaniels, Nina Nasir, Marie Onyeani, Armando Romeo, and Charles Vogelei - you have our appreciation for all you do for the Kingdom of God!



Some Helpful Working Definitions

We want to be practical with children. That means that we give specific instructions about what we want them to do, not just what they shouldn't do. One way to be practical as we help children develop character is to use working definitions. We use these a lot in our counseling to help children understand life more. Here are some examples, but you can be creative and think of many more.

Obedience is doing what someone says, right away, without being reminded.

Honor is treating people as special, doing more than what's expected, and having a good attitude.

Perseverance is hanging in there even after you feel like quitting.

Attentiveness is showing people you love them by looking at them when they say their words.

Patience is waiting with a happy heart.

Self-discipline is putting off present rewards for future benefits.

Gratefulness is being thankful for the things I have instead of grumbling about the things I don't have.

You don't have to use them all. Just choose the one that your child needs right now and teach how to put that character quality into practice. Put them up around the house. This is a very positive way to give kids a vision for what you want.