



Faith *focus*

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Carpe Diem

From Christy Hlxon

Carpe Diem! Seize the Day! That was the theme of the 1993 Shippensburg University yearbook. This year, thirty years later, we celebrated Chris's 30th year working at PE, 15 years of me working at FCF, Chris and I will celebrate 30 years of marriage in June, it's been 30 years since I graduated from Shippensburg Univ, our oldest turns 26 and our youngest turns 17. But how can this be since I'm only 35? (I wish!) Where did the time go? Have we seized the days?

Each year, we celebrate landmarks in our lives, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.—another trip around the sun. When we had children, we often heard to treasure the days when they were little because it goes by so quickly. When we had 4 children running around the house, chaos ensuing, dishes and clothes needing done, I thought the people who gave me this piece of “wisdom” were crazy. But now that I am a grandparent (of some of the cutest grandbabies you'll ever see!) , I have found myself sharing this same “wisdom” with young parents. But I'm also seeing those words are so true! The days are long, but the years are short! Carpe Diem!

As Christians, we have been challenged to seize the day. In Ephesians 5:15-16, Paul tells us to *be very careful, then, how you live . . . making the most of every opportunity*. Each day has new opportunities to show and share God's love with others. How can we seize and redeem opportunities to live like Jesus, to be an ambassador sharing His truth and love?

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Seize means to grasp, take control of, capture. How do we seize the day? We need to start by submitting ourselves to God. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to *trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge (submit to) Him, and He will make your paths straight.* Submitting to God and his will is not something that happens automatically. It comes as a conscious decision to look for ways to share God with others.

Each day, pray for ways you can seize the day for Him. Is there young couple that could use a break while you watch their children while they go on a date? Are you being called to go on a mission trip to share His love abroad? Can you support a ministry or missionary financially? Where will you sign up to help with VBS? Can you/will you _____ (you fill the rest)?

Carpe Diem! Seize the day - for Christ!

Membership & Baptism April 30

Contact the FCF Office if
you would like to be
baptized or become a
member of FCF



FCF Grads

Graduation Sunday will be May 21. If you are graduating this year from high school or college, please submit the following to admin@explorefcf.com by May 10:

- Name
- School you are graduating from
- Degree (if graduating from college)
- Future plans

APRIL & MAY

APRIL

- 2 Palm Sunday
- 7 Good Friday/Communion—6pm
- 9 Easter Sunrise—7am
Easter Gathering—10:15am
- 15 Spring Work Day
- 16 Costa Rica Deposits Due
- 30 Baptism/Membership

MAY


- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Kidzlife Pizza Party/Final Night
- 13 Ladies Gathering
- 14 Mother's Day
- 14 Baby/Child Dedication
- 18-25 Nicaragua Medical Mission
- 21 Spring Education Ends
- 21 Graduation Sunday
- 28 Communion
- 28 Summer Break for 9am Classes
- 29 Holiday—Memorial Day



GOOD FRIDAY

GATHERING & COMMUNION

APRIL 7 6PM



7AM EASTER MORNING SUNRISE GATHERING



Victorious HIS IS RISEN!

Join us for our Easter Gathering

April 9 + 10:15am

kidzlife

REMAINING DATES

MARCH 29- FUN NIGHT

APRIL 5TH

APRIL 12TH

APRIL 19TH

APRIL 26TH

MAY 3RD

MAY 10TH-FAMILY FUN NIGHT

kidzlife

IT'S A PIZZA PARTY!

COME ON OVER FOR A SLICE OF FUN!

MAY 10TH //6:30-7:45

Kindly RSVP if you plan on attending
so we can plan accordingly



Parent & Child Dedication

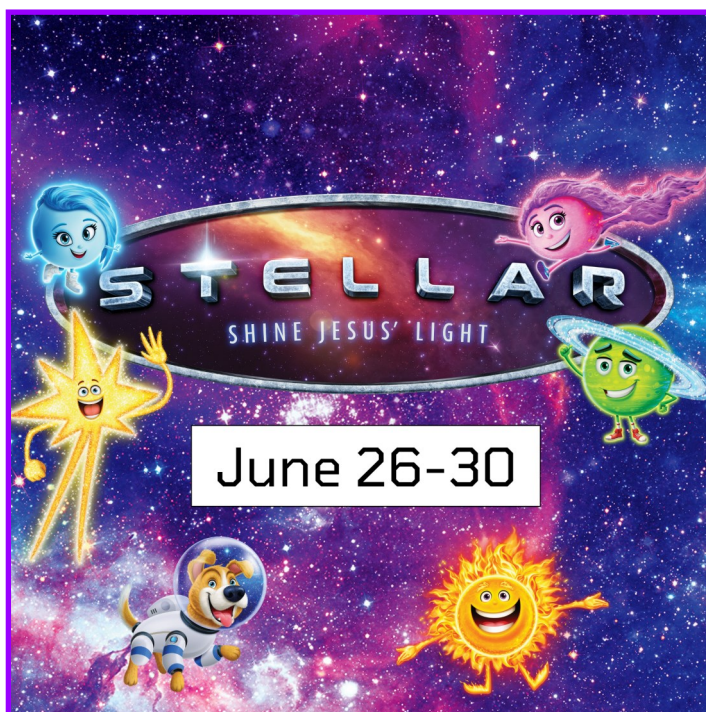
May 15 10:15am

RSVP on the FCF App



April 9—No 9:am Education Classes

April 30-Family Sunday



June 26-30

IMPORTANT VBS DATES

May 7- Investor Sign
up on Church Center
App

June 4- Child sign up
on Church Center App

June 11- VBS Investor
Training @ 11:30





MEN'S PRAYER & DEVOTION

**6:00-6:45am M-F
March 27-May 5**

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**FAITH
at
WORK**



Spring Education Classes

**March 19-May 23
9AM**

Faith Kids

Switchback

Adults



Gospel Centered Life—Held in the sanctuary—
Facilitated by Pastor Gordon

Christian Sexuality—Held in Room 7
Facilitated by Lewis Rudy

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



FCF SPRING WORK DAY

April 15
8am-1pm



Power Washing 🧽 Trash Run 🧽 Trimming 🧽 General Maintenance
Inside Cleaning 🧽 Something for everyone

To help us plan for the day, please RSVP on the FCF App.

National Day of Prayer May 4, 2023



A day to gather together to pray for our
community, nation, and leaders

Join us for
Prayer Time at 12noon
Light Luncheon to Follow



FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER TIME, AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE 55+

What does it mean to know God?

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well." - John 14:6-7

A kindergarten teacher once told her students to draw a picture of what was important to them. In the back of the room little Johnny began to labor over his drawing. Everybody finished and handed in their picture, except for Johnny.

The teacher graciously walked back and put her arm around Johnny's shoulder and said, "Johnny, what are you drawing?" Without stopping his work or looking up, Johnny replied, "I'm drawing God." "But, Johnny," the teacher said gently, "no one knows what God looks like." He answered confidently, "They will when I'm through."

You may not be able to draw a picture of what God looks like, but it's your privilege through Christ to know Him completely. God is not distant or obscure, because Jesus has made Him known – and in Christ's name the God of the universe has become your Father.

Are you enjoying this intimacy with your Father in heaven? Are you seizing the privilege of knowing Him that Jesus has made available to you?

Too many Christians fail to embrace the life God created them to enjoy because they fail to embrace God as Father.

So claim your place in God's family today. Rejoice in your adoption, and move forward in the power and security of knowing that you're a child of the King!

Prayer Challenge:

Ask God to draw you into a deeper intimacy with Him. Pray He would reveal Himself to you more and more every day.

Questions for Thought:

How might knowing you're a child of God affect the way you respond to difficult situations in life?

We have officially made it to Spring! The robins are back, the trees are budding, and flowers are blooming! It's wonderful to see the grass getting greener and the days getting warmer! April also brings Easter and a time of reflection and celebration of the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We hope you can join us for some or all of our FCF Easter Gatherings—Good Friday and Communion on April 7 at 6pm; Easter Sunrise on April 9 at 7am; and our Easter Gathering at 10:15am. (There are no 9am Education Classes Easter morning). Our potluck will be April 19 following Bible Study.

Thank you to everyone who has a part in making our Wednesday Bibles Studies go so well. There are many hands to are at work!

**\$600 Deposit Deadline
for the Costa Rica Trips
is due by April 16**

**Week 1 -
June 29-July 6
(Spots available)**
Funds due to the FCF
Office

**Week 2 -
July 6-13
(Closed)**
Funds due to Lewis Rudy



If you are interested in going on the Week 1 Trip, see Pastor Dave Glaze.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Prayer Time &
Charity Golf Tournament

Thursday
May 4, 2023

12noon Prayer Time at FCF
w/ luncheon after

2pm Registration at the Greens at
Hamilton Run

2:30pm Shotgun Start

All proceeds go to support the FCF
Switchback Students going to Costa Rica
on a Mission Trip.

If you have questions or would like to sign
up, please contact Ron Clipp at 240-313-
0740 or rbwilliamsport@outlook.com



**Friday Night Christian
Golf League**
At the Greens at
Hamilton Run

Tee-Off Fridays 5-6pm

Begins May 12 and continues
through August 25.

All are welcome for an informal time
of fellowship and fun.

A devotional and prayer time
follows golfing in the pro shop.

Any questions, please contact
Ron Clipp, 240-313-0740



2023 FCF MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Guillermo/ACIBEN

Costa Rica

- Our sister church in Ortega, Costa Rica was started by Pastor Guillermo Bonilla in 1998.
- FCF's first contact was in 2008 when Pastor Dave met Guillermo on a discovery trip.
- We began sending Global Impact Teams in July 2010, when we did our first VBS for the children in Ortega.
- In the past 13 years, we have helped with youth leadership training, provided clean drinking water, constructed a two-story addition with a community cooking center, and held various evangelistic events.
- In 2023, FCF will have 2 teams going to Costa Rica. The team going June 29-July 6 will be sharing Steller VBS, the same VBS that FCF will hold this year. The Switchback Students will be in Costa Rica July 6-13 and will help with construction on a house for Guillermo.
- If you are interested in going with the June 29-July 6 Team, a deposit of \$600 is due to the FCF Office by April 16. For more information, contact Pastor Dave.



Guillermo Bonilla

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday	3	4 7pm Prayer Gathering 7pm Meal & Service at the Mission	5 10am Y@H 6pm Switchback 6:30 Kidzlife	6	7 6pm Good Friday Service & Communion	8
9 7a Sonrise Gathering 10:15 Easter Gathering No 9am Education Classes	10	11 7pm Prayer Gathering	12 10am Y@H 6pm Switchback 6:30 Kidzlife	13	14	15 8am FCF Work Day
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30 Family Sunday Membership/ Baptism						