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Counting the Cost

By Pastor David Glaze

How much does it cost?

This is a question we ask when we are ready to make a substantial investment, for example buying a house or a new car. Maybe you are looking for a college for one of your children, or you want to go back to school yourself. You've heard the expression you get what you pay for, meaning the better-quality costs more. In Luke chapter 14 Jesus has this to say about the cost of following Him:

Luke 14 25-33

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

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The idea that we are promised an easy life once we enter a relationship with Jesus is not consistent with the word of God. When we know the power of God in our lives, we can count on Him to take us through the troubles we encounter. We are no longer citizens of this world our citizenship is with God's kingdom. We are ambassadors of that kingdom. Let us study His Word and be doers of the Word, so that we may learn how to represent God's kingdom well until that day when we see Him.



Martins Cards are available for purchase. Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts.

FCF receives a percentage of the cost of each card sold which benefits FCF Ministries. Contact the FCF Front Office or see Christy Hixon to purchase cards.



SWITCHBACK

Sundays at 9:15AM
Wednesdays at 6PM

Bring your Bible and
your mask!
We'll see you in the
Student Building!



www.explorefcf.com

We're excited to launch our updated website on February 1. The address is the same, but it has a new look. Use this site to access up-to-date info about what is happening at FCF, 10:45AM Sunday Livestream, past sermons, and more.



Faith Café

Reopening
February 14

Coffee, Iced Coffee, and Snacks
will be available!

Donations support FCF Ministries



Matthew 7:16-20 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a corrupt tree bears evil fruit. A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Most people reading this passage tend to focus in on the fruit that is produced. Okay...But a closer look will reveal that the Lord is really focusing on the tree. The fruit merely demonstrates the quality of the tree. We have all encountered this: there are trees whose fruit is healthy and delicious, and there are trees whose fruit is scarcely edible, or even useless.

The fruit doesn't make the tree -- the tree makes the fruit. A tree that produces good fruit is firmly rooted in soil which provides adequate water and nourishment. Likewise, those of us whose lives are rooted in and dedicated to Yeshua produce good fruit. Others who try to produce good works for "religious" reasons, or to prove or approve of themselves, may produce fruit, but it will be much inferior. When our focus is on Yeshua (Jesus), and our lives are centered in Him, the fruit we produce will not be from self-effort, and its quality will be excellent...because it is simply the produce of a good tree.

So, stop trying to produce good works in your own strength. Just tap into the Source of your life, Yeshua, allowing the sap of His Spirit to flow through you – and then watch what GREAT FRUIT He is continually able to produce!

Last year at this time, we were hearing rumors about a virus that seemed so far away and removed from us. Only a month later, we were listening to press conferences, social distancing, and desperately trying to find hand sanitizer and toilet paper. We're still in the fight and doing our best to social distance, be safe, and patiently wait for things to return to "normal," whatever that will be. At Young at Heart, we will continue to offer our 10am Bible Study in person and via Zoom. We'll continue to monitor the metrics and hope to bring back the Potlucks soon. We look forward to studying and worshipping with you, either in person or via Zoom. Please reach out to Ron Clipp or the FCF Office if you need anything.

THE GREAT DATE SWAP

Trade a memorable date with
another FCF couple.

Visit the table in the foyer
for more information.

Join us for The **Great Date Swap** where you and your spouse will go on a date written by another FCF couple that has actually went on the described date.

Sign up by following the link
<https://forms.gle/7tAwYp5nqX9rXySv9>

Scan the QR code.

Or you can also sign up
in the FCF foyer.

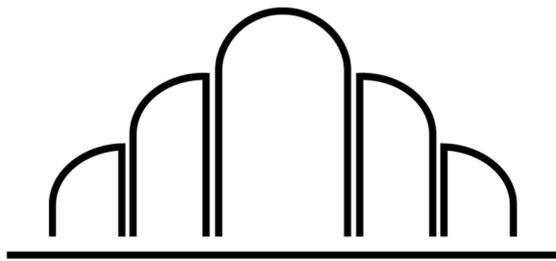
Make sure to take a blank
date card, fill it out, and turn it
back in!

For more information, contact
Erin at events@explorefcf.com

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Sign up online or in the FCF foyer
2. Write down or type a memorable date you and your spouse have gone on.
3. Turn in your date card.
4. On Sunday, February 7th, pick up your new date card written by another couple.
5. February 7th-14th: go on your date.
6. Take a picture on your date and email to events@explorefcf.com for a chance to win dinner for two.





FAITH KIDS

Find, Grow, Multiply

Children and Families Who
Love God and Others

We are so excited to hear the sounds of children and investors in the Faith Kids Wing on Sunday mornings!

If you plan on having your children in Faith Kids for the full duration of the morning, 9:15-the end of the 10:45 service, please take them to the restroom between services. There's no need to check out and back in again, but a potty break allows the teachers to move more fluidly through the morning without too many pauses to page parents for the restroom. Thanks!

At this time, we are asking all children over 5, all Investors, and Student Volunteers to wear masks in the classrooms and hallways, unless they are unable to due to health concerns

If you have any questions, please contact Amelia at faithkids@explorefcf.com.

See Amelia or Lewis for a Student Investor Application!

We're very excited to make our Student Investors a more intentional part of our team. If you have a student ages 11-17 (6th grade and up) that is interested in serving in Faith Kids or already is, please see Lewis or Amelia to get an application to fill out. This allows us to have a bit of formality with information on file as they invest in younger generations through their middle and/or high school years.

Thank you to our Investors for their faithfulness and flexibility during this time! You are greatly appreciated!!

FAITH KIDS MINISTRY

SNACK POLICY UPDATE!!

We're updating our snack policy! Faith Kids will be offering two snack options for our friends on Sunday mornings. Prepackaged goldfish will be offered and Rice Chex are our dairy free, dye free, gluten free option. Individual child allergy charts are located in the classrooms. Thanks for helping us cover all the bases to best minister to our families!

2020 TITHE REPORTS

For those who gave by
envelope any time during 2020 are
available for pick up in the foyer

TITHING
GIVING BACK TO GOD

New 
WiFi
Available

Guest_Network

The FCF_AP_GUEST account
is no longer in service.

NO PASSWORD
REQUIRED



HAPC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

JAN 24 - FEB 21

PICK UP A BABY BOTTLE IN THE FOYER,
FILL IT WITH CHANGE, CHECK, AND/OR CASH
AND RETURN IT TO FCF BY FEBRUARY 21.





2021
GLOBAL
IMPACT



February Global Impact

Ministry Partner:

John and Melissa Miller/CIM

Pastor John and Melissa began their ministry here at FCF as the founding pastor 24 years ago. After serving as the lead pastor at FCF for 10 years, they heard God calling them to missions. They joined with Churches in Missions (CiM) which provides a unique service to churches, allowing them to branch out into multiple facets of missions ministry here in the US as well as overseas. Their 2021 is full of mission trips and opportunities ranging from mission conferences and retreats to Men's/Ladies outreach, but the "hub" of their ministry is Mission Trips.

- John and Melissa are working with churches in the four-state area as well as Utah, New Jersey, Kentucky, Brazil, Lithuania, Costa Rica, and beyond.
- They welcomed new personnel to the CIM family. At this time, CIM has 18 full time missionaries in 4 states in the US as well as overseas countries.
- 2021 Mission Trips will include
 - ◊ Church planting in Costa Rica
 - ◊ Outreach on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico
 - ◊ Resource distribution in Kentucky
 - ◊ Children's Ministry in Lithuania
 - ◊ Ministry outreaches in the 4-State area

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom to navigate the hurdles that COVID could throw this year
- Souls to be saved for Christ



Pastor John and Melissa on one of the mission trips they led.

For more information, visit www.churchesinmissions.org

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm Meal & Service @ the Mission 7pm Prayer Gathering	3 10am Young at Heart 6pm Switchback 6:30pm Kidzlife	4 7pm Global Impact Meeting	5	6
7 Communion Last day to sing up for the Great Date Swap	8	9 7pm Prayer Gathering	10 10am Young at Heart 6pm Switchback 6:30pm Kidzlife	11	12	13
14 Faith Café Re-opens	15	16 7pm Prayer Gathering	17 10am Young at Heart 6pm Switchback 6:30pm Kidzlife	18	19	20
21 HAPC Baby Bottles Due back to FCF	22	23 7pm Prayer Gathering	24 10am Young at Heart 6pm Switchback 6:30pm Kidzlife	25	26	27
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