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Please contact the church office and give us your birthday and anniversary dates. We don't want to miss anyone!

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MINISTER'S MOMENT

What does it mean to "believe?" It is more than being able to say, "I agree with this statement," or "I think this is true." Belief, in the religious sense of the term, is connected to the word "faith" and involves a trusting commitment toward an ideal. It flows from the assumption that there is something infinitely important in the universe and that we can connect with it. As Christians, we claim that this "something important" is God, and that we can understand and relate to God best through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Too often, Christians have tried to set forth lists of doctrines and teachings that one had to accept in order to be a person of faith. This is unfortunate because the mystery of God in Christ defies such attempts. As soon as we think we have it all figured out, the true nature of God bursts our doctrinal boxes and shows itself to be beyond our grasp. This is why a community of faith like the church is so important. Alone, we are faced with the overwhelming task of trying to grasp the limitless God. But together as a group, we share the task with one another and make our separate journeys of faith into a single voyage. And what is the goal of our shared efforts? It is a deeper relationship with our Creator, the one who redeems us and calls us forward into meaning and purpose. It is the Divine Father who was made known in Jesus Christ. This season between Easter and Pentecost, let us reaffirm our belief and celebrate our shared faith. Amen. ~Russell

Serving in April

Elders Denise Winans Allen Trimble

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*Sharon Hacker Charles Venable Norma Venable Stephanie Everitt

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Showers of Blessings

Sermon Series & Bible Study Pastor Russell will be doing a special sermon series in April called Showers of Blessings, which will discuss the blessings throughout scripture.

He will also be having a fourweek bible study that will dive more in-depth into the topic. Everyone is welcome to join beginning Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Serving in Elders Laurie Delano Women's Section Meetings Joy O'Toole

Section V- Wed., April 10th at 1:00 p.m. Section IV- Tues., April 16th at 6:00 p.m. **** Bible Study Dates Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. *****



in Fellowship Hall All the men of FCC are invited Bring a guest!



Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Section IV will be hosting Members and guests are encouraged to attend our family dinner following worship service. *If possible, please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 COAPRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	8	9 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. No Board Meeting	10 Section V 1:00 p.m. Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	15	16 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Women's Section IV 6:00 p.m.	17 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00 a.m.
 21 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2-4 	22	23 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	24 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Family Dinner 11:00 a.m.	29	30 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.				