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## MINISTER'S MOMENT

In Romans 12:5, the Apostle Paul writes: *So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.* With this in mind, we are naming September as BACK TO CHURCH MONTH at First Community Church. We are asking our members and friends to be present for as many Sunday worship services as possible this month. Also, we will have name tags for folks to wear to assist us all in getting to know one another better. Following the welcome and announcements at the beginning of each service, we will have a short greeting time like we did several years ago. This will help us put names with faces, as well. The whole point is for our congregation to become more connected as we move into the fall months and the subsequent holiday season.

Additionally, throughout the month of September, we will augment our worship services with a variety of guest musicians, along with our own Chancel Choir. On a different note, we have not had our FAMILY DINNERS during the summer months, but on September 22, we once again will meet for our monthly meal following morning worship. Also, the monthly Men's Breakfast will be a Brunch at 10:00 a.m. So I guess we could call September BACK TO THE TABLE MONTH, as well! In fact, I will be preaching a sermon series on the symbolism of SUNDAY DINNER to go along with our theme.

Because BACK TO CHURCH MONTH is all about celebrating our lives together as a congregation, I will be leading a Pastor's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings, September 10 - October 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for the four-part study will be IMAGES OF CHURCH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. We will have refreshments and lively discussion, so bring a friend to join us. See you all in church! ~Russell



Cathy Gresham	9/3	Jessica Trimble	9/21
Joy O'Toole	9/7	Jenny Hocker	9/21
Amanda Mitchell	9/16	Philip Mitchell	9/22
Jenna Trimble	9/19	Becky Armstrong	9/23
Laurie Delano	9/20	Shirley Beck	9/29
Dawn Trujillo	9/20		



David & Shirley Beck	9/10	2017
David & Sheri Fuller	9/11	1981
Art & Judy Koller	9/22	1962
Robert & Andrea Cullers	9/27	2014
Bill & Gaye Pate	9/29	1978

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

Serving in Sept.

Elders

Laurie Delano  
Joy O'Toole

Deacons

\*Sheri Fuller  
David Fuller  
Kathy Nangle  
Lynne Maguire

Communion

Stewards

Kathy Nangle  
Lynne Maguire

Serving in Oct.

Elders

\*Jim Everitt  
Bill Harding

Deacons

\*Sharon Hacker  
Charles Venable  
Norma Venable  
Stephanie Everitt

Communion

Stewards

Shawn Hull  
Suzanne Hull

**Pastor's Bible Study**

Tuesdays, Sept. 10th - Oct. 1st  
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The theme for the four-part study will be **IMAGES OF CHURCH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**. We will have refreshments and lively discussion, so bring a friend to join us.

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**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 6:00 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

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**Men's Brunch**

Saturday, September 21st  
at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
All the men of FCC are invited

Bring a guest!

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Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 11:00 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

Members and guests are welcome  
Section V will be hosting  
\*Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

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**Keep an eye out for the mail!**

Your year-to-date 2024 giving statement and church financial report will be mailed early September. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 417-781-1800.

**Back to Church Month!**

- Get acquainted & re-acquainted with name tags
- Chancel Choir & Bell Choir is back, plus we will have
- A special Men's Brunch on September 21st at 10:00 a.m.
- FAMILY DINNER on September 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

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**The Grumpy Shepherd**

This year's CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL will be *The Grumpy Shepherd*. Auditions will be on September 8th (following church service), and participation is open to all of our FCC young people.

\*For questions, please contact Sarah Willoughby at 818-612-6392.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	2 <b>HAPPY Labor Day</b> Office Closed	3	4 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8 <b>HAPPY Grandparents DAY</b> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	9 Auditions for <u>The Grumpy Shepherd</u> Sunday 11:00 a.m.	10 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11 ★ ★ ★ ★ Patriot Day Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2 pm	16	17 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	18 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Men's Brunch  10:00 a.m.
22 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Family Dinner 11:00 a.m.	23 <b>HELLO FALL</b>	24 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	25 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	30					