



January Newsletter

FAMILY OF CHRIST

Our Mission: *"Reaching those who don't yet know Christ by strengthening and equipping those who do."*



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Happy New Year

We know God has amazing plans for our ministry here at FOC in 2020!

We are ONE Family of Christ

Thank
You

We Appreciate You

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Staff here at Family of Christ want to thank you!

You continue to support and encourage us, you pray for us, and you push us and hold us accountable. We are blessed to serve both God and His people. Your generosity is evident, as is your faith and love for the Lord!

Thank you for giving generously to support the work of the church, and also for the Christmas gifts given to the Staff. It is humbling!

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

As a staff we want to thank you and show our appreciation for your partnership in the Gospel. You give your first fruits, you give sacrificially of your time, talent, and treasure. You live out your faith and bless so many in the name of God! For all of these reasons and more, we are grateful and so thankful.

May God bless you this year, and we are excited to see what the Lord has in store for our ministry together!

In Christ,
The Family of Christ Staff

Game Night

On Friday, January 17, at 6:00 pm, Pastor Moreno is looking forward to hosting another fantastic game night at FOC, and EVERYONE is invited! It will be a fun-filled evening including card games, board games...and much more. All you need to do is come to the *Kitchen* and bring your favorite games!

Prayer Vigil

Next month we'll be providing a day for our congregation to spend in intentional prayer for specific needs and praises within our church family, our community, and the world! **Mark your calendars for our 12-Hour Prayer Vigil on Saturday, February 15, from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm** in the *Worship Center* at Family of Christ.

New Member Class

Interested in joining Family of Christ and learning more about what we believe, teach, and confess? Our New Member Class is intended to help us explore, ask questions, and celebrate our faith in Jesus together! **We will offer this class on Sunday mornings between services during our Education Time starting on January 19.** Pastor Moreno will teach this course over six weeks with the last class on February 23. Please contact the Church Office - office@foccs.net to sign up today. We're so glad to have you as part of our FOC church family!

Upcoming
Events

prayer



Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! – Psalm 47:1

Happy Anniversary! It's been ONE year! This time last year:

January 6 – Family of Christ had it's FIRST Sunday where both services worshipped in the Worship Center! Under Interim Pastor Kirk's leadership, both the Classic & Modern services celebrated the gifts of God together in the same room. What a blessing!

January 13 – The very next Sunday, I visited here as Family of Christ was in the call process. I flew in on a Friday and had a wonderfully busy schedule for the weekend. It was a sign of things to come! I was installed as Senior Pastor on April 7, just a little before Easter.

In so many ways, we began a journey together a year ago. In that time, there have certainly been some twists and turns. I imagine, like me, you had some very specific hopes and desires of how things would turn out. One thing is for sure: We are in an exciting, new season!

I want to share just a bit about some of the hopes I have for our 2020:

FOC Vision Process & Plan – We have some dynamite people and big ideas about how we can walk with our God and serve His people. We are already underway in bringing this plan together, and we'll rely on YOU to help guide our efforts.

Children's Ministry – We have a Call Committee that has been meeting for months doing excellent groundwork so that we can call the person whom the Lord has for FOC. The little ones entrusted to us are a gift from the Lord, and as a family, we will grow together.

Outreach – I am so thankful that we really started this in 2019 with a great group of people. We have been active in the community in so many ways, and I expect it to EXPLODE in 2020. We increased our missions and outreach in the budget to facilitate being the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors. Expect lots of opportunities to serve!

Discipleship – This is a biggie! This is so important and foundational that we are going to spend time in worship, in Bible study, in our programming, to emphasize its importance in our daily walk. Discipleship is the best way to love our spouse, our children, and our Lord.

So I encourage YOU to get in on the celebration! On January 5, we started it off with a special cake and gave thanks for our unity as ONE Family of Christ. Maybe some of your New Year's resolutions can include your faith and how God will work through you in 2020! You should see it clearly!

In Christ,
Pastor Moreno, Senior Pastor

Facility Update

In the new year, we wanted to let you know that we're implementing new names for some of our spaces!

The South Sanctuary is now the **Worship Center**

The South Cafe/Donut Room is now the **Community Cafe**

The North Sanctuary is now the **Family Life Center**

The North Kitchen Cafe is now the **Kitchen**

The Children's Activity Center/Chapel is now the **Children's Center**

These new names will be reflected in our communications, and we will be updating our signs accordingly.



Calendar of Events - January 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Outreach

Community Outreach Events

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" **1 John 3:17**

A tremendous thank you to all who participated in our December outreach activities – God worked through our FOC community in amazing ways!

December 15 – A group of FOC singers caroled at Jackson Creek Senior Living, accompanied by Laura Vallado**

December 16 – Lisa Szumigala's LifeGroup packed 152 weekend Snack Packs at Tri-Lakes Cares for District 38 students.

December 22 – A group of FOC singers caroled at Bethesda Gardens**

**Special thanks to Zeda Thomas for coordinating both of the Caroling Events!

- The Schulze family prepared the monthly meal for Ronald McDonald House residents.

We're looking forward to these great outreach activities in January!

January - Military Care Packages: We will be making up some care packages to send to our deployed troops, including one that worships here at FOC! If you are interested in helping, please drop any of the items listed in the bin marked "Military Care Packages." **Items Needed:** Quick protein, Coffee, Powdered drink mix, Pretzels, Candy, Hand sanitizer, Shampoo, Wipes, Soap, Toothpaste, Beef jerky, Cheez-its, Healthy snacks, Dried fruit, Words of encouragement, Reading materials (including magazines), Homemade goodies in an airtight container, Batteries, Writing materials (including stamps so your service member can write you back.)

January 12 - 26 – Welcome Babies Drive in support of Life Network: This Drive is a congregation-wide opportunity to collect baby items for Life Network's pregnancy center in Colorado Springs. Over the past year, this wonderful organization has saved 259 babies, inspired 86 decisions for Christ, and influenced 89% of their ultrasound patients to choose life! We'll have tables available in the *Community Cafe* and in the *Worship Center* for you to drop off donations. **Items Needed:** baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, baby food (fruit and veggies), baby cereal, bottles, bottle brushes, burp cloths, children's Bibles, 6 month – 2T clothing, crib sheets, diaper bags, diaper rash cream, diapers (sizes 3-5), milk-based formula, Gentlease or Parent's choice (purple), hair brushes, nail clippers, newborn clothes, nipple cream, nursing pads, onesies, outlet covers, pacifiers, preemie clothes, pull-ups, sippy cups, sleep sacks, socks, teething, temporal thermometers, towels with hoods for babies and toddlers, toys 0-36 months, washcloths, and "what to expect when you're expecting" books.

January 20 – Snack Packing at Tri-Lakes Cares: Amy Abernathy's LifeGroup will be putting together weekend Snack Packs for District 38 students in the reduced and free lunch program.

January 25 – Meal at Ronald McDonald House: The Faranda LifeGroup will be preparing a meal for Ronald McDonald House residents. (Please note that the Apron Challenge continues! When you serve a meal, be sure to wear fun aprons, take a photo of your team in your aprons, and submit it to Julie Curtiss through March of 2020.)

Looking Ahead: - Volunteers are needed for District 38 Snack Packs at Tri-Lakes Cares for March and April.
- Volunteers are needed to provide meals for Ronald McDonald House residents in March and April.

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Please contact your Community Outreach Group co-leads, NancyJo Houk - nancyjo@houkhouse.com OR Julie Curtiss - prayonnon@yahoo.com, to get involved or with ideas for future outreach opportunities!

Men's Build at Casas por Cristo

FOC is planning a trip to Juarez, Mexico in the spring of 2020 to build a home for a family. A Casas por Cristo mission trip is an opportunity for people of all ages, skill levels, and backgrounds to come together to build a home for a family in need.

No prior building experience is necessary - just a desire to serve the Lord and the people of México! Pastor Moreno and Scott Miller are heading up this effort, and are looking at a group of 15 men for this build. If you are interested in being a part of this project, contact Pastor Moreno - markmoreno@foccs.net for more details.

CASAS
POR CRISTO



Adult Ministry

New Member Class

We invite you to learn more about our church Family at FOC! Join us for our New Member Class on Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 10:00 am in the *Kitchen* (signs will be posted) from January 19 - February 23.

COORDINATOR: Pastor Moreno | markmoreno@foccs.net

Education Time

We offer great classes and Bible studies for you to enjoy!

Join a study on Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 10:00 am as your schedule permits.

See the *Education Time* page for more details. Our classes will resume on Sunday, January 12!

Women's Ministry

JEWELS Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets weekly in the *Kitchen* on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Their study on the Gospel of Luke by *David E. Pratte* will continue through this spring. Drop by as often as your schedule allows!

COORDINATORS: Catherine Allen | allencltcu@falconbb.net - Christie Ramshur | jacrams67@gmail.com - Tammy McLeran | tamaramcleran@yahoo.com - Amy Abernathy | aabernathy54@gmail.com

Winter/Spring Women's Bible Studies

Find the study that speaks to where you're at in your walk with God!

Esther - It's Tough Being A Woman // Weekly on Thursdays through February 27 at 6:15 pm in *Youth Room 1*

How Happiness Happens // Bi-Weekly on Mondays: January 13 - March 23 at 6:00 pm at *Carol Masters' home*

The Amazing Word of God // Weekly on Tuesdays: January 14 - April 7 at 6:00 pm in *Youth Room 1*

No Other Gods // Weekly on Saturdays: February 1 - March 21 at 9:30 am in *Youth Room 1*

Contact Jane Jenik - office@foccs.net for more information about any of these studies or to start your own!

Men's Ministry

Men's Tuesday Night Study: Bibles & Brews

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the home of Mark Weiss (9165 Sunstone Dr. Colorado Springs, 80924) from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Spend some quality time in fellowship while getting together with some other guys to study God's Word!

COORDINATOR: Wayne Pittman | pwpittman@hotmail.com

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

This group of men meets weekly at the *Village Inn* in Monument on Friday mornings at 8:00 am to enjoy fellowship, spend time in prayer, and discuss God's Word and the impact it has on their lives.

COORDINATOR: Bill George | sabilgeo@msn.com

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

This group is based on Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Every Saturday morning at 8:00 am, join the men of Family of Christ as they meet in the *Community Cafe* to discuss the Word, God's impact on their lives, and how they as men can become the "MEN" that God has truly intended them to be.

Their door is always open for more men to join! (Coffee and pastries are provided.)

COORDINATOR: Tom Keithley | tomkeithley@gmail.com



Bible
Studies



Classes and Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study - "The Divided Kingdom"

A Discussion of Biblical History

Take a closer look at this important time in Biblical history through discussions of scripture, artwork, music, and how to apply messages of warning and hope to our world today.

Taught by Dave Vallado | dvallado@agi.com in **Youth Room 1.**

Adult Discipleship Class - "Friends of God"

A 12-session discipleship program that moves people toward a deeper friendship with God.

More than 75 percent of Americans have a distorted view of God's character that keeps them from being the disciples Jesus calls them to be. Fortunately, there's an effective way to bring them closer to him. Jesus modeled it through a process that's so familiar it's often dismissed. *That model is friendship.*

Taught by Jeremy Hetzel | jeremyhetzel@foccs.net in **Youth Room 2.**

New Member Class - Spring Session

Learn more about our church family and what we teach, believe, and confess.

Over 6 weeks, we'll explore, ask questions, and celebrate our faith in Jesus together!

Taught by Pastor Moreno | markmoreno@foccs.net in **the Kitchen.**

Student Ministry Class - IMPACT Academy

Utilizes curriculum from Axis to help navigate today's culture and connect with teens through meaningful conversations.

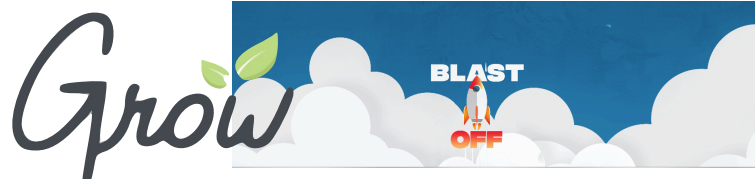
This class is for Jr. High and High School students, as well as parents! They take time to discuss topics that will help teens recognize how faith is relevant to every aspect of their lives. The videos they use from Axis are fast-paced and engaging, mixing culture, quotes, videos, and dialogue! The topics being discussed this year include identity, social media, and dating.

Taught by Shad & Heidi Jeseritz | shadjeseritz@gmail.com & heidijeseritz@gmail.com in **Youth Room 4.**

Education
Time

SUNDAY
MORNINGS

9:15
- 10 am



Children's Ministry Bible Study - Kids 3:11 *Grow - Blast Off*

Kids 3:11 is our Sunday morning programming for children ages 3 - 6th grade. Our new curriculum - GROW - will provide a different series each month, which will keep children excited about what they're learning. In January, we're beginning with a series called **Blast Off**, which is a 4-week series on spiritual habits. To help children grow spiritually, we will teach them to **spend time with God, spend time with others, use their gifts, and share their story!**

Taught by Brooklyn Sumovich | brooklynsumovich@foccs.net & **Volunteers** in the **Children's Ministry Classrooms in the Southwest Wing.**

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Ministry Updates

Are you interested in joining a LifeGroup? Or starting a LifeGroup? If so, the New Year offers a perfect chance for a new start! We are blessed to have many different groups active here, and you can explore joining an existing group OR you can be part of new groups that are starting in early 2020.

What are LifeGroups all about? God created us to live in community and to do life together. That's how we're wired! We learn and grow from each other, bear one another's burdens, and offer encouragement along the way.

We each come to the table with a wide variety of gifts and abilities, given to us in order to help us serve and love others well. In a healthy, vibrant community, such as this, people can share honestly, pose challenging questions, confess struggles and doubts, and trust that they will always be met with love and support.

Contact Pastor Moreno - markmoreno@foccs.net to get involved in a LifeGroup!

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders is looking forward to 2020 and the exciting events and opportunities that are happening at FOC. During the November Congregational meeting, the Mission Funding was approved and included an increase in available funding. The Board of Elders is assigned the role of management of the disbursement of those funds throughout the year. What an awesome task that is, to know that FOC is reaching out to our community, our District, and internationally to help with God's work — and we get to be part of that. Over the next 2 to 3 months, the Board of Elders will continue to reach out to our assigned families, providing prayer and support when life happens.

James 1:1-17 talks about perseverance and prayer. Please remember to turn to God, not just when times are tough, but everyday! As James 1:5 says: pray for wisdom. That is a little change from our normal prayer for guidance or direction. If you pray for wisdom, you invite God into a deeper relationship with you as He will need to impart wisdom to you that is different from just answering a prayer for guidance or direction. What a great privilege it is to know God is there and waiting for you to reach out to Him.

If you have any needs or concerns, please let your Elder know so that we can walk alongside you through the difficult times you are facing. Sometimes all we can do is pray for and with you, but I believe we serve a God that listens to our prayers and helps us through those life issues!

Sincerely,
John Harris, Head Elder

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many wonderful areas where you can volunteer and share your gifts at Family of Christ. We would love to help you find the position where you can flourish and nourish those around you, as you serve! Contact the Church Office - office@foccs.net for more information and to be connected with a ministry Coordinator.

Here is a list of the ministries where you can serve:

Counters: Assist in counting the offering following each Sunday service / Laura Vallado

Tech Team: Use your skills to make our services wonderful / Shannon Adducci

Worship Team: Sing a joyful noise on Sunday mornings / Shannon Adducci

Welcome Experience: Greet people as they arrive for Sunday worship / Church Office

Children's Ministry: Share God's love with children / Brooklyn Sumovich

Student Ministry: Walk alongside students through mentorship / Jeremy Hetzel

Fellowship Team: Foster fellowship through donuts and coffee / Church Office

Prayer Ministry: Pray with and for people in our congregation / Susan Johnson

Communion Team: Serve Communion at our Sunday services / CJ Bohn

Altar Guild: Prepare the Altar for our Sunday worship services / Paula Marks



Ministry Updates

Prayer Ministry

Did you know that FOC has a Prayer Ministry? It is our hope that praying for one another is becoming more of a common occurrence within our church family. Certainly, we pray often during worship, or in our LifeGroups, and since 2007 there have been Prayer Team Members available to confidentially pray for you and your loved ones after each service.

Please consider utilizing this outreach Prayer Team when you would like to take a minute to thank God for a recent blessing, praise Him for an unexpected intervention, share grief you're going through, or request help with an illness. **Look for those brothers and sisters in Christ wearing a purple lanyard — they are at the front of the Worship Center on Sundays willing and waiting to pray with you and your family.**

The Prayer Ministry is always looking for more volunteers to pray for/with others after each worship service. Contact Susan Johnson - 719.641.3891 or susjohnson34@gmail.com, if you would like to volunteer to be part of this exciting, expanding ministry. As you bless others, God will bless you!

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry at Family of Christ invites you to gain new insights to such issues as *Caring for the Hospitalized* and *Ministering to the Dying and Their Family and Friends* by joining our Stephen Ministry Team during their monthly Continuing Education Program! FOC is entering our 4th year with 13 trained and Commissioned Stephen Ministers currently supporting 5 congregation members. This ministry has developed a goal to be more transparent, relevant, and helpful to our Congregation and our Spiritual Leaders, while continuing to ensure confidentiality for our Care Receivers and addressing recurring issues within FOC.

Our Stephen Ministers have one Supervisory Session monthly, but in 2020 YOU may attend/audit and/or participate in their monthly Open Training Sessions. As this announcement illustrates, our Stephen Ministry will let you know the subject, time, date, and location for each event: **they do ask that you let them know at least one week in advance that you wish to participate.**

The team will provide you an outline for each session, and you will be able to participate in the discussions and diverse role-playing segments of each lesson. We expect this to inspire confidence in our Stephen Ministry program, as well as to better communicate how YOU can help Pastor Mark, the Elders, and our Stephen Ministers find hurting congregation members, family, and friends in the community who can benefit from having someone dedicated to walking alongside them during stressful and even life-changing crises.

Open Training Sessions:

This month they will deal with an on-going issue in FOC, ***Caring for the Hospitalized***, on Sunday, January 26, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the *Kitchen*.

Similarly, they will address ***Ministry to the Dying and Their Family and Friends***, on Sunday, February 23, from 11:30 am – to 1:30 pm, in the *Kitchen*.

Our Stephen Ministry offers HELP, HOPE, & HEALING:

To learn more about the one-to-one care a Stephen Minister can provide and to receive help through any on-going challenges, please don't hesitate to contact one of our Stephen Leaders OR the Church Office - office@foccs.net. You will receive a response within 48-hours.

Stephen Leaders

CJ Bohn - recumbentcj@icloud.com

Tami New - tami.new@philips.com

Andrea VanBergen - tckocian@yahoo.com



Student Ministry

Ministry Updates

Our Student Ministry is dedicated to the mission of passionately and intentionally following Jesus. Check out these upcoming events!

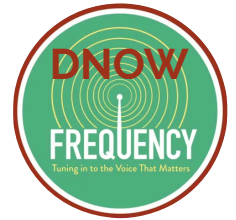
2020 Mission Trips: This summer, we'll be taking students to serve in Manchester, Kentucky (June 28-July 4) & Florence, South Carolina (July 5-11.) Be sure to fill out an application as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

Diamonds & Denim Annual Dinner Auction: Each year, the Student Ministry here at Family of Christ embarks on Christ-centered and life-changing summer Mission Trips! We invite you to partner with us in empowering the next generation of disciples for Christ.

Our 2020 event is coming up soon on **Saturday, January 18, at Boot Barn Hall – featuring a concert from Wirewood Station!** We're also thrilled to share that dinner has been generously provided by local businesses including **Bourbon Brothers, Walter's Pizza, Summit Catering, and Roth Industries.** Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include dinner and event/concert admission. Visit <https://www.showclix.com/event/foc-dnd-011820> or bootbarnhall.com to purchase your tickets today! Our Diamonds & Denim Auction is just one week away, and we need your help to make this event incredible! Donations of event tickets, services, vacation stays, and themed gift baskets are greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Church Office or call 719.481.2255 to schedule a drop-off time before January 18. Thank you so much for supporting our students!

Junior High & High School STUDENTS - This is our biggest event of the year, and we need ALL hands on deck for this event. Sign up to volunteer as soon as possible! Contact Randi Oliver - randioliver@foccs.net.

DNOW Weekend - High School: Save the dates for the weekend of **February 28-March 1!** We're planning a special local DNOW retreat for our High School students. For this event, we need host families who live near FOC as well as additional adult volunteers to help mentor the students during each activity. Contact Jeremy Hetzel - jeremyhetzel@foccs.net for more information about how you can help with our upcoming DNOW weekend!



Children's Ministry

To celebrate the New Year in Children's Ministry, we are starting a new curriculum called GROW! We believe that this change will be the best for our children here at Family of Christ, as well as the parents and volunteers involved in the ministry.

The new curriculum will provide a new series each month, which will keep kids excited about what they are learning. This month, we're beginning a series called **Blast Off**, which is a 4-week series on spiritual habits. If you're a grown up and you've been following Jesus for a while, you've probably figured out a few ways to grow spiritually. However, the kids you're currently parenting or leading in this ministry will probably need some guidance in this area. So what does spiritual growth look like for a kid? To help children grow spiritually, we will teach them to spend time with God, **spend time with others, use their gifts, and share their story.**

Please ensure that your children are checked into the appropriate service at any of our computers found near the church entrances. If you've not yet registered your kiddos with our Children's Ministry for the 2019/2020 school year, take a moment to do so at <http://foccs.elixio.church/forms/CM-Enrollment>. If your child(ren) is/are not registered for this school year, the option to check them in on Sunday morning will not appear.

In Children's Ministry, Kids 3:11 Sunday School is available at 9:15 am in the Children's Ministry Hallway. If you are unable to attend Kids 3:11 Sunday School, we do offer an expansion of our lesson with new activities during the 10:15 am Modern worship service with our Children's Church program. Please note: We will begin Kids 3:11 Sunday School and Children's Church on Sunday, January 12. We can't wait to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars: 2020 Vacation Bible School (VBS) at FOC is June 22-26!

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Questions about FOC's Children's Ministry, contact our *Director of Children's Ministries*, Brooklyn Sumovich - brooklynsumovich@foccs.net.



Ministry Updates

Happy New Year! What a wonderful 2019 Advent and Christmas season we had at Family of Christ! Many, many thanks to Brooklyn and the Children's Ministry, Katy and the Chancel Choir, along with Shannon's modern "Unplugged" worship team who brought us all such beautiful and unique offerings for each of our Advent services. And not to forget the Tech Team — who makes all of this possible and makes us all sound our best! Special thanks to everyone who attended and worshipped with us.

Volunteer Needs: Looking ahead to 2020, we would love to add more Band Members, Vocalists, and Tech Team members to our Worship Arts family. So, if you've been itching to serve, and music or tech is your thing, please contact Shannon Adducci - shannonadducci@foccs.net. Blessings on your 2020!

Chancel Choir: The FOC Chancel Choir led a wonderful Advent service in December. Fantastic work, Choir! They will start rehearsals back up again on Wednesday, January 15. If you've been thinking of joining choir, now would be a great time! They'll be learning all new music for the winter/spring season. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm, in the *Worship Center*. No audition required, but if you'd like more information, please contact our *Chancel Choir Director*, Katy Mariotti - katymariotti@foccs.net. See you there!

Women's Ministry

"Encourage one another and build each another up."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

2020 will be a fantastic year for women at Family of Christ to grow in their faith-life! Please join us in welcoming our Women's Leadership Team: Julie Collard, Susie Everett, Sonja Genke, Nancy Johnson, Pam Reno, and Annette Wanamaker! (One more position is available to provide ministry for younger girls at FOC.)

Here are a few "teasers" for upcoming events: A Ladies Tea · Priscilla Shirer Event in Loveland, Colorado · Fall Retreat at LVR · Second Sunday Cinema · Bunco/Bingo Nights · Mentoring Program. . .and much more! If you were unable to participate in the November Women's Ministry meetings and would like to share your thoughts, please feel free to reach out to Jane Jenik - office@foccs.net or 719.481.2255.

JEWELS Tuesday Morning Bible Study: This group will continue their Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke by *David E. Pratte* through this spring. Join them as they meet at FOC - *Kitchen* on Tuesdays starting from 9-11 am! Questions about this Bible Study? Reach out to one of the coordinators: Catherine - allencltcu@falconbb.net | Christie - jacrams67@gmail.com | Tammy - tamaramcleran@yahoo.com | Amy - aabernathy54@gmail.com.

The Amazing Word of God! Together we will discover how world events fit in with what God's people were doing throughout history; how the Bible relates with itself; and how God's oral, written, and sacramental Word directly interacts with our individual lives today. You'll learn great resources for future studies! This 12-week study will meet at FOC - *Youth Room 1* on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm beginning January 14. Led by Christine Berg.

How Happiness Happens by *Max Lucado*. Explore passages of scripture - explaining how practical acts of generosity can produce a life of satisfaction. This 6-week study will meet every other week at the local home of Carol Masters in Jackson Creek on Mondays from 6-8 pm beginning January 13. Led by Carol Masters.

No Other Gods – The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ by *Kelly Minter*. Idols can sometimes take the form of loved ones or busy seasons of work, motherhood, and ministry. In prioritizing these pursuits before God, you're missing out on the full joy of Jesus. Learn to dethrone your modern-day idols and be set free for the deeper, more abundant life Jesus came to give you. This 8-week study will meet at FOC - *Youth Room 1* on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am beginning February 1. Led by Diana Harris

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Interested in joining one of our Women's Bible Studies? Please contact Jane Jenik - office@foccs.net or use the sign-up sheets in the *Community Cafe* so we can anticipate how many books to order for each study.



Ministry Updates

Men's Ministry

FOC Band of Brothers USA – Colorado Springs Outpost
ONE King, ONE Kingdom, ONE Force of Men
- SUIT UP -

Our Purpose: We are a community that is committed to challenge and raise up men to be warriors and disciplers for Christ - for our families, as single men, in the workplace, and in our "community" with others in this world.

As we move into 2020, consider reflecting on your past as you move forward into the future. If you have not yet done so, here are a few questions you can consider reflecting on:

- ▶ What went well this year?
- ▶ What didn't go as planned?
- ▶ What would I do again?
- ▶ What would I do differently?
- ▶ Where did I see God at work?
- ▶ What did I learn about myself?

Family of Christ Band of Brothers Men's Ministry focuses on Four Pillars:

1 Excursions

- ▶ Men's Retreat 2020 coming in May! Watch for registration details. We are in the process of developing the 2020 Men's Ministry Theme. (As of the the publication of this article, the final theme as not been selected.)
- ▶ Peak Challenge 2020 – August 5-9, 2020 in Leadville. Be on the lookout for more registration details.

2 Base camps - "Suit Up" Men's Bible Study Opportunities

Friday Mornings - 8:00 am weekly at the Village Inn in Monument: Study on the book of 1 John

Coordinator: Bill George - sabilgeo@msn.com

Saturday Mornings - 8:00 am weekly at FOC - *Community Cafe*: Study on the Book of Acts through a leadership lens. **Coordinator: Tom Keithley** - tomkeithley@gmail.com

Bible & Brews - This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the home of Mark Weiss (9165 Sunstone Dr. Colorado Springs, 80924) **Coordinator: Wayne Pittman** - pwpittman@hotmail.com

Men's Quarterly Breakfast – Our next Men's Breakfast is **Saturday, February 15 at 8:00 am**. J.W. Roth will be our guest speaker! J.W. is a member of Family of Christ, has served on our Board of Directors, is a family man, and a local businessman in Colorado Springs. Our breakfast will be followed by an Act Of Service as we work together to paint the *Family Life Center* (formerly the *North Sanctuary*.)

3 Fire Teams

These are closed groups consisting of 3-5 men who read Scriptures daily and meet weekly to strengthen and encourage one another from those readings. If you are interested in getting a new group started, please contact **Tom Keithley** - tomkeithley@gmail.com or 719.761.3055.

4 Service

- ▶ Saturday, February 15, following the quarterly Men's Breakfast, we will be joining forces to paint the *Family Life Center*. FOC will supply the paint, drop cloths, roller pads, etc. If you have roller handles and/or extension handles, please bring those with you.
- ▶ Pastor Mark is looking to take a team of men to Juarez, Mexico through Casas por Cristo in the spring of 2020. No official dates are set yet, but reach out to Pastor Moreno if you are interested in going on the trip.

If you would like to coordinate a service project for our Men's Ministry, let us know! This can be a project to serve our community or help a neighbor – anything that gives us an opportunity to share God's love with those around us.

FOC Men's Ministry,

John Harris - Brian Wanamaker - Scott Miller - Jordan Hengst - Tom Keithley



Electronic Check In

Did you know that Family of Christ has an app?

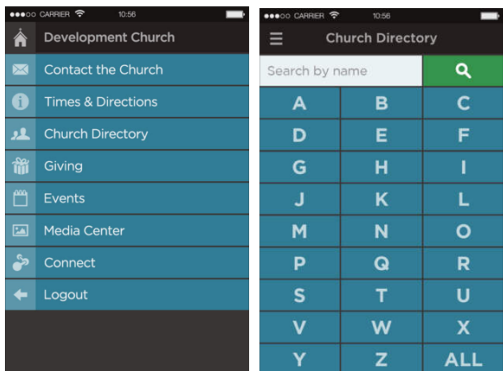
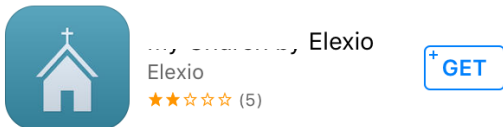
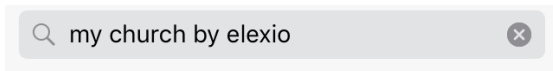
Follow the steps below to create your MyLIFE portal login and download the My Church by Elexio app. With these tools, you can Check In for worship on Sunday mornings, see the FOC church directory, view and update your giving information, and more!

1 If you don't already have one, create your myLIFE login



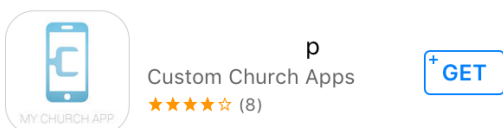
- ▶ Go to www.foccs.net
- ▶ Click the words "myLIFE login" on the top of the page
- ▶ Click "Sign-Up Here"
- ▶ Use the same email address that is in the FOC database
- ▶ A password will be emailed to you at that address
- ▶ Enter the password, and you're now in your myLIFE portal

2 You're now ready to download the mobile app on your smartphone



▶ The My Church by Elexio mobile app is available on **Android** and **iOS** devices (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch.) *It is not, at this time, available for Windows phones.*

- ▶ Enter the App Store (iPhone or iPod) or Google Play Store (Android), and search for "**My Church by Elexio**"
- ▶ Enter our church's website: foccs.net
- ▶ Click at the top, left corner for your menu items in the app, and select "Login"
- ▶ Use the same login information that you used for **myLIFE**



Birthdays

- 1 Teoni Austin, Michael Serafini, McKenzie Serafini
- 3 Carol Marshall, Andrew Merrell, Annika Genke
- 4 Michael Kaye, Kay Kyle, Melinda Geddes, Jenna Opperman, Daniel Moody, Isabella D'Alessandro, Ethan Parafiniuk
- 5 Jevon Davis, Ronan Shurgot
- 6 Lee Guthrie, Jenny Curtiss, Annie Curtiss, Cody Lehmpuhl, Skylar Thede, Carson Yocum
- 7 Gary Smith, Mary Willis, Davie Denzer
- 8 Amy Schaub, Greg Stadjuhar, Ella Parafiniuk
- 9 Dave McLeran, Hadley Schweiger, Emmitt Buckholtz
- 10 Ken Garwood, Kathy Kirk, Carmen Andrews
- 11 Colton Donahoo
- 12 Atanaska Genke, Connor Fay, Lauren Myers, Samuel Fish, Ian Sisco
- 13 Nancy Gehle, Bob Cavera, Scott Voth, Geo Fry, Bella Machovina, Elizabeth Morales, Nicky Silva, Abbie Silva
- 14 Lance Cameron, Deanna Skrastins, Logan Laramy, Aidan Davis, Violet Colburn, Brenda Condi-Ratchford
- 15 Louise DeTurk, Roy Graves, Ellen Otto, Tom Bird, Erin Harris
- 16 Harold Latzke
- 17 Hayden Morse
- 18 Tom Conlon, Eric Ochsner, Karis Beineke, JoAnna Stilwell, RJ Fitzgerald Jr.
- 19 Lori West, Patrick Thomas, Melissa Lage, Andrew Hellmers
- 20 Catherine Allen, Bob Wacker, Grace Kirk, Joshua Delwiche, Reagan Harris, Travis Carson
- 21 Don Huebner, Tristen Barton, Riley Hetzel
- 22 Darla McGettigan, Julie Sandal
- 23 John F Becker, Amy Cambell, Camilla Bull, Will Griffin
- 24 Kimi Miller, Matt Stark
- 25 Tiffany Brown, Malia Graves, Mariah McGettigan, Brady Proft
- 26 Alecia Errickson, Elise Marks, Timothy Vollmer, Avarie McKinney
- 27 Dave Bull, Wade Scrogam, Marshall Partlow, Brandon Jagels, Gavin Abbott
- 28 Vivian Lewis
- 29 Izzy Rizk, Zach Bird, Teagan Lagge
- 30 Laurel Kirkland, Pamela Reno, Ally Klopsch, Quentin Neujahr, Kara Graves
- 31 Sandy Johnson, Gunnar Parks



Anniversaries

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| 2 Steven & Ariana Schuelke
4 years | 12 Kenneth & Lynda Dillon
29 years |
| 3 Randy & Cherry Bruns
22 years | 14 Walter & Jane Sexauer
37 years |
| 6 Greg & Ashley Baldwin
8 years | 20 Steve & Diann Davis
52 years |
| 9 Andrew & Heather Pulis
10 years | 23 Al & Karina Schuelke
27 years |
| 10 Martin & Erin Harris
12 years | 25 Gary & Paulette Smith
39 years |

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