

## News from the Pastor

As I drove to the church this morning, this Inauguration Day, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, my mind shifted into contemplation mode. God, what would You have me write about today: to pray for our leaders, to submit to our governing authorities, to remind us, that as Christ-followers, we are called to please God and not man?

At that moment I felt the warmth of the sun hit the right side of my face. It was a chilly 20 degrees outside. I began to think like a child. How is it, that I can feel this comforting amount of warmth from a star 93 million miles away? One word came to my mind: omnipotent. That word is written on the chalkboard at home in Saylor's classroom. Under the word omnipotent is spelled out "**ALL POWERFUL**". Yahweh, our Shepherd, is the all -powerful God! In the midst of national turmoil and uncertainty, I needed that simple reminder today. God, in His power, brilliance, and creativity, aligned the stars and galaxies in such a way that I would feel His warmth today. God is so good!

**Psalm 33:6, "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together in a vessel; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."**

The power of God resides not only in His being, but also in His words. May I issue you a challenge: this week, before opening your ear and mind to the words of man, might you consider listening to the loving, comforting, and powerful words of God!

*Pastor Morgan*

## Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements have been either emailed or mailed out. If you gave on-line you will also receive an email from Tithe.ly as your receipt for on-line giving. If you didn't receive a statement and want one, please call the office.

## Church Service Times

**January 24th- 8:30 am at FCC**  
**10:00 am at Central**  
**Community Church,**  
**200 Lafayette Ave East**  
**January 31st— 9:30 am Celebration,**  
**Testimony Sunday at FCC**



If you would like to give your testimony on the 31st, please call Michael at the church at 234-2928. Also, be ready with your favorite song, as Michael will be taking requests.

## Email Updates



If you would like to be reminded of special events from the church by email, please email the church at [fcchurch@consolidated.net](mailto:fcchurch@consolidated.net) and in the subject write email updates. This way we won't accidentally write down your email address incorrectly. Thanks

## Informational Sheet

Enclosed in this newsletter is an updated "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet and a FCC Congregation graph on the average attendance from 2009 to 2019. There will be another FCC Informational Meeting on Sunday, February 21st following the 9:30 am service.

## Volunteers Needed!



We are in need of volunteers for the Nursery, Pre-School and Jr. Church on Sunday mornings. Currently, the times for these ministry opportunities are:  
 Nursery and Pre-School from 9:15—

10:30 am and Jr. Church is just during the sermon time. The plan is to have enough people volunteer so people serve on a rotating basis. If you feel God leading you to volunteer, please contact Dolo at 259-8504.

## Board Splinters 1/11

**Elders:** concerning the church merger everything is going well, still in the beginning stage.

**Deaconesses:** Shut-in visits went very well and delivered giving envelopes, toilet paper, and miss you cards to those who have not been attending church. Set up our shut in teams for 2021, Doris Webb is chairman.

**Senior Minister:** finished his preaching class thru the Psalms and received an A. Performed the funeral service for Gwen Watts. We held 3 Christmas Eve services this year! We continue to pray and seek God's Will for the merger between FCC and CCC.

**Elementary Minister:** started back up Jr. Church, Pre-school and the Nursery. The Children's Christmas song was great! Baptized Jamie Perkins and doing a Bible Study with her.

**Worship Leader:** the choir will resume January 20th as one group of possibly "9". CCC has 6-8 people joining us for Palm Sunday Musical "Living Hope". Maundy Thursday Service on April 1st and present the play "The Last Days".

**Worship:** had a Live Nativity at Peterson Park. Sent 193 Christmas Cards with the help of Evangelism. Continue with 1 service at 9:30 am except on the 4th Sunday in January and February will be 8:30 at FCC and 10 am at CCC.

**Outreach:** we appreciate the Youth Group helping to pre-pack at the Food Center. They are a great group of kids and very hardworking. We are still packing 1 bag for 76 students each month. Helped a family that needed assistance with a monthly bill and paid for a night's lodging for an individual.

**Christian Ed:** approved a Grand parenting conference for March. Approved Steve Morgan's Preaching conference expense. Continued discussion on the nursery, staffing and logistics.

**Trustees:** some organ pipes have been removed for repair. Some windows need replaced and getting quotes. Boiler repairs needed. Attic west wall chimney top doesn't look like it has been finished. Steve Morgan got a call about purchasing one of our vans. Denny will research the value and use by youth group.

**World Outreach:** Sammy from Share International joined the December meeting via Zoom and shared information on the pastor we will support.

**New Business:** Shawnc Morgan and Susan Cole were added as deaconesses for a 3 year term.

## Church Life

### Sunday, January 24

8:30 am Worship Service at FCC

10:00 am Worship at Central Community Church

1 pm F/R Meeting

### Monday, January 25

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Ladies Small Group in Campbell Hall

### Tuesday, January 26

7 am Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, January 27

No Bell Practice

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm Bible Journaling (note day change)

### Thursday, January 28

6 pm Praise Team Practice

6 pm Men's Small Group at Central Community Church

### Sunday, January 31

9:30 am Celebration and Testimony Service

1 pm F/R Meeting

### Monday, February 1

5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

6 pm Ladies Small Group in Campbell Hall

### Tuesday, February 2

7 am Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, February 3

5 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm Bible Journaling

### THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



## Pecans

There are still one pound bags of pecans left for \$12 per bag. They are on the Welcome Center in the Narthex.