

## News from Michael

### How To Cultivate Your Hunger for the Word of God

Whenever Trish and I go on vacation and or do one of those all day driving experiences to Minnesota, Trish prepares and brings along what I have entitled "Traveling Food." Most of the times I am not aware of what Trish has packed. That is not what is happening in John chapter 4 where the disciples are urging Jesus to eat and he replies **"I have food to eat that you know nothing about."** *It's not as though Jesus had packed a lunch that nobody knew anything about but the disciples seemed to think so but that is not what Jesus is referring to. Jesus goes on to say, "my food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work."* Jesus' food is divine in origin this food is much more than just mere nourishment and is greater than any meal and satisfies a more important appetite. A hunger that often goes on unnoticed and ignored. One that can only be fulfilled by taking in and obeying and the reading God's word. In Matthew 4:4 Jesus says, **"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."** God offers spiritual meat that we are starving for, but that many aren't even aware of. Tragically, even among Christians, many are bored by the Bible and spend little time feeding their souls. How can you know if you are spiritually malnourished? Do you squirm through a 30-minute Bible study but then easily sit through 1 ½ hours in a movie theatre without batting an eye? Can you text friends without even realizing how much time passes but barely make it through 15 minutes of devotions? This appetite can only grow through being fed. Fill up your spiritual stomach with Scripture. Devour the Bible as though it were a "Whopper" (my favorite). Take in worship music like chocolate (please hide it from me.) Treat your prayer life like a coffee addiction. To be full of God, you must cultivate a hunger for the Word of God.

### **Remember: "Cultivate a hunger for the Word of God."**

The day is coming when we will all need to be prepared to offer an answer to why we believe. While cultivating, memorize, His word and be prepared to give an answer why you believe.

*Michael Tomlinson*

## Church Service Times

### February 21st

9:30 am at FCC with an  
Informational Meeting to follow

### February 28th

8:30 am Traditional Service at FCC  
10 am at Central Community

### March 7th thru the 21st

9:30 am at FCC

### March 30th

8:30 am at FCC (Palm Sunday Choir)  
10 am at Central Community Pastor Morgan, preaching



The World Outreach Committee is highlighting Troy and Joy Lane for the month of February. We are blessed to be able to share communication from the Lane Family. They arrived in Chicago 2 ½ years ago, the children are growing, Joy is busy in the photography world, and Troy is finishing up his Masters in Divinity Classes. Take a moment and view their prayer requests on the easel in the foyer!

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who came by to visit with goodies and called to check on me. I truly appreciate it.

*Vera Tooley*

I want to thank all of you for the nice Valentine Card, the treats, the thoughtfulness, the generous way you share time and the love that shines through. God Bless all of you!

*Mary Roberts*



The Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarship will be awarded to members of FCC who are pursuing higher education in Christian Ministry only. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact the church office by March 15th.

## Board Splinters 2/8

**Elders:** merger talks continue weekly and are going well, and continue to call shut-ins to check on their well-being and to keep them in the loop with the merger talks.

**Deaconesses:** thanked Harold's Cleaners for selling pecans, assisted a family with a funeral dinner, ended up with a few pots from the CM program, shut-in teams went visiting and took Terry Stretch meals for the past couple weeks.

**Senior Minister:** started last class at LCU. Capstone Project to finish his Masters in Ministry. Along with the guidance of Richard Eident, his project will focus on formulating a Membership Class for FCC. Continue merger talks with Central Community church, now meeting weekly. Along with several of our men, have started attending a men's Bible Study at CCC.

**Elementary Minister:** made a rotation schedule for the nursery and preschool with volunteers, Looking into having Jr. Church will CCC on February 28th, and hoping to have VBS with CCC.

**Worship Leader:** choir resumed January 20th along with 6 members of CCC, having a Valentine Drama this Sunday, trained with Paul Harshbarger on January 21st, a new station has been set up in the sound booth and the streaming equipment has been installed.

**Worship:** Jan. 24th services were 8:30 am at FCC and 10 am at CCC, had a Celebration Sunday on Jan. 31st, approved money for choir music and a new microphone, service times remain at 9:30 am with the exception of the 4th Sundays which will be at 8:30 am at FCC and 10 am at CCC. There will be a Maundy Thursday service on April 1st.

**Christian Ed:** Children Volunteers will wear a mask but children are optional, Grandparent Conference has been postponed, C.E. will begin a discipleship small group with their committee.

**Trustees:** sold the 2003 van for \$6,000, Steve Huckaba's van is always available to use if needed, going with Standefer/Kull bid for windows, approved to purchase a 32" flat screen for narthex and the organ has been repaired.

**World Outreach:** please pray for the current mission trip to Honduras "Mission of Hope" and Colton Anderson from FCA will share with the committee in February.

**New Business:** added a line item for merger expenses like consulting fees to Don Green and food for the group of \$2,000.



We extend our sympathy to Linda Janes and her family on the passing of her sister, Brenda Scott, on February 13th.

## Church Life

### Sunday, February 21st

9:30 am Worship Service  
After Worship an Informational Meeting  
1 pm F/R Regular Meeting

### Monday, February 22nd

10 am Staff Meeting  
6 pm Ladies Small Group in Campbell Hall

### Tuesday, February 23rd

7 am Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, February 24th

5 pm Bell Practice  
6 pm Choir Practice  
6 pm Bible Journaling

### Thursday, February 25th

6 pm Praise Team Practice  
6 pm Men's Small Group at Central Community Church

### Sunday, February 28th

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service at FCC  
10 am Worship at CCC  
2 pm F/R at the Food Pantry

### Monday, March 1st

10 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting  
6 pm Ladies Small Group in Campbell Hall

### Tuesday, March 2nd

7 am Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, March 3rd

5 pm Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm Choir Practice  
6 pm Bible Journaling

### Thursday, March 4th

6 pm Praise Team Practice  
6 pm Men's Small Group at Central Community Church

### THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



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