#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONNECTIONS**—We welcome all who attend as our honored guests. Please complete the Connections Card in the pew if you are new. You may drop it off at the Connections Desk or place it in the offering. Stop by the Connections Desk to allow us to welcome you to our church.

**SOUL FOOD**—Join us today in the Fellowship Hall as we study "I AM" as found in the book of John.

**DISCOVER FAITH CLASSES—TODAY—Sundays April 14, 21 & 28** Are you interested in becoming a member of Faith Christian Fellowship? Come learn who we are, what we do and why! All are welcome. Please RSVP at the Connections Desk so we have enough materials for everyone.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY ONLY REGISTRATION OPENINGS**—If you're not able to stay overnight at the women's retreat but would still like to attend part of the weekend, we have limited availability of day registrations, including sessions and meals. The retreat is May 3–5 at The Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania. Please contact Tara Miller (tarasmiller@bellsouth.net) or contact Wendy Mu (weiyi.mu@gmail.com) to register by Tuesday, April 16.

**VOLUNTEER DAY**—**Saturday, April 20th at 9am-12pm** The Fall Volunteer Day was a huge blessing to FCF, so the Deacons/WDT are doing it again. Come sweat with the Saints to do work around the church. We will enjoy pizza together after we are finished. If you have questions, email Sarah Hoelsema at: building@fcfchurch.org. Sign up at the Connections Desk.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONS TRIP—Saturday, April 27th at 9am-1pm Our youth are headed out on their Missions Trip in June with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). They will be doing a Yard Work Fundraiser to raise money for their trip. If you have yardwork that needs to be done, at your home, please email Julian Hague at: youth@fcfchurch.org. The deadline is Friday, April 19th.

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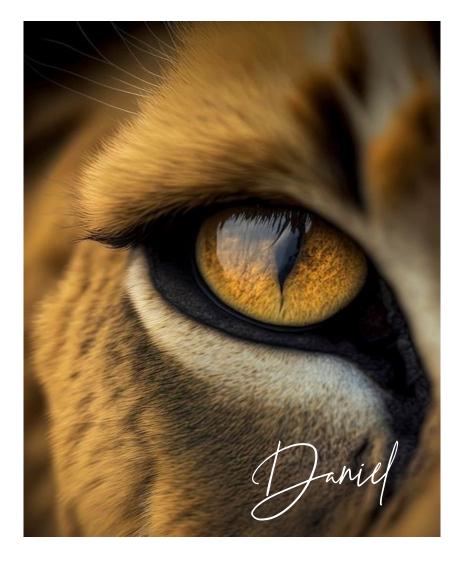
A full listing of all our servant leaders is available at the Connections Desk in the lobby.

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Calendar and materials from Sunday services are available online at www.fcfchurch.org



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are strangers and want fellowship, to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



## Sunday, April 14, 2024 Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Deacon Jim Hicks

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—From Psalm 137

**Leader:** "By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'

**People:** How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?

**Leader:** If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

**All:** Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, 'Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!'"

**SONGS OF PRAISE**—Every Praise; The Word Made Flesh

**CORPORATE PRAYER**—Cindy Newton, Director of Children's Ministry

**SONG OF ADORATION**—Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**—Mia Jae-Yeon Lemmons, daughter of Sam & Emma Lemmons

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—**2 Kings 25:1-12

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—**Matthew 24:15-31

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**—Gracious Lord, you alone are righteous and holy, and in your presence no one can stand. Your gracious mercy is our only hope and we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, clothe us in righteousness, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Jesus Christ's holy name. Amen. *Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions*.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Leader:** Church, hear the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **People:** AMEN!

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

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### **Sermon Notes**

Pastor JB Watkins

**SERMON** "Living in Exile" Daniel 1:1-21

**CLOSING SONG—**Psalm 23 (I am Not Alone)

**BENEDICTION**—Pastor JB Watkins

# A Prayer to Receive and Rest on Jesus Christ for Salvation

"Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. Jesus, I thank you that you lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed by dying on the cross for me. Receive me now. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen."

If you have made a decision to trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation please let any member, usher or leader know so that we might assist you in your spiritual growth as a new believer.