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August 24, 2021

FCC Praise Night is THIS WEDNESDAY!

Join our Praise Team Leader, Michael, and Brittany Timmons in a special night of praise music and prayer. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) at 7 p.m. on Aug. 25. Invite your friends for this casual night of music, fellowship and prayer.



“CHANGE THE WORLD”

Our Christian Outreach team is adding a new way to give to overseas mission work! In July, Leighton Schlabach visited our congregation to share about his call to be a missionary in Ukraine. He shared about the difficulties in the area and how he would be serving for 18 months to help teach English and build relationships that would make it possible to share the gospel message.

Before he left, Leighton had raised 12 months of funding for his trip and continues to do fundraising to finish out his 18-months of work.

As a church, we are supporting Leighton in his overseas mission work by designating the last Sunday of each month as “Change the World.” We will be focusing special attention on our “loose change” offering and designating it for overseas mission work. This is an opportunity for those who are passionate about global mission work to give in a way that we know will make a difference.

This Sunday is our first opportunity to “Change the World” a few coins or dollars at a time. If you would like to donate just put your extra change in the offering plate as it is passed.

In September, we will be getting a video update from Leighton to share during our worship service and look forward to hearing about all he has done in the first three months of his work.

If you want to learn more about Leighton’s call to ministry and work in Ukraine there is a flyer that we created for the Ministry Fair that gives more information. It is included in today’s “news and events.”



Come be a part of the FCC Team!

As a follower of Christ, we commit ourselves to service to His church. This includes serving on a team at FCC. As you saw at the ministry fair, there is something for EVERYONE! Here are a couple of upcoming opportunities:

- Worship Team – Aug. 29 following worship – help plan upcoming special services and prepare the sanctuary for the holidays
- Christian Education Team – Aug. 29 following worship – help plan opportunities for Bible study, Children & Youth ministries and other small groups
- Connections Team – Sept. 2 @ 6 p.m. at the home of Janie Carey – help plan fellowship events for the congregation, including the upcoming Church Picnic
- Stewardship Team – Sept. 14 @ 6:30 p.m. – help with the upcoming Budget Drive, as well as Stewardship education for the congregation
- Outreach & Evangelism Team – Sept. 12 following worship – share ideas for ways to show support in our community, schools, state and around the world.

KIDS & Youth Ministries

Kid's Worship - I will obey God even when I can't see His plan

Bible Story: The Ups and Downs of Jesus' Life (Joseph interprets two men's dreams)

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we picked up where we left off last week in Joseph's life. We started our time together reviewing all of the ups and downs in Joseph's life and focused on how he always obeyed God even when he couldn't see God's plan for his life. This week's lesson focused on Joseph's time in jail after he was thrown in there by Potiphar. Potiphar's wife had accused Joseph of something he did not do but Joseph was thrown into jail for it anyway. While he was there, he still obeyed God and God even gave Joseph the ability to correctly interpret two men's dreams. Once the dreams came true as Joseph said they would, the two men were released from jail...but then they forgot all about Joseph! Joseph just can't catch a break! We talked about Joseph being in jail for two more years after that and even though it would have been easy to get frustrated at God's plan, Joseph never did; he stayed obedient to God and believed He had a plan, even when Joseph couldn't see it. We did an activity with the kids being blindfolded and gave each one of them a copy of a maze. Their instructions were to listen and obey their partner as their partner helped guide them to the finish of their maze. We practiced obeying even if we didn't know the plan because they could not see the maze before they started! Just like Joseph obeyed God without seeing the end of His plan, in Kid's Worship, we had to practice blindly obeying too!

This week: Think of two or three times in your life that you obeyed God without seeing or understanding His entire plan. Try to talk to your kids about how you knew what decision to make and what you did when you weren't sure where to turn next. It will be helpful to them for you to help identify ways they can listen to God's plan for their own lives or at least open up the communication about it. That way, if they begin to feel torn about a decision they know where to turn!

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you' says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Pray with your family: God, help us to always obey You, even if we can't see your plan. Help us trust that You are in control of our lives and that we don't have to understand your plan, just obey what we feel You are telling us. Amen.



Our love and sympathy go out to: Julie Berryhill and family in the death of her brother, Mike Berryhill

We pray for our church family: Lawrence Coburn, Wheeler Coburn, Dianne Williams, Rhys Williams, Rhyk Williams, Randy & Elise Ellis, Dave & Pam Williams, Laurel North, Clara Ketch, Gary Weeks, Velma Johnson, Kim Crick, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch, Sherry Canning, Ruth Underwood, Denise Shoun, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Lawrence Coburn, Basil Belveal, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Paul Bond, Denise Stills, Francine Santillanes-Lopez, Trish Worster, Mick Leir, Bill Liddke, Willie White, Bob Bennett, Jeannie Foster, Jerri Brownlee, Michelle Minich, Anita Rosenthal, Danny Stowe, Rick Sanders, Mark Prather, Eugene Barron, Melton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Linda Lucas, Joyce Brandes, Jim Carter, Jesse Wehrenberg, Don Coffin, Mary Coffin, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Pauline Beldin, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Oliver Wolfington, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, James Stowe, Katheryn Webb Feken, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Janetta Hibbler, Kayla Thetford

And our military all over the world: Court, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

Mother's Day Out Substitute Teachers Needed

MDO has had a GREAT, busy, successful summer! We have had many teenagers helping out who are now going back to school, so MDO is in need of a few substitute teachers that we can call on Tuesday & Thursday mornings when one of our regular teachers calls in sick. If you love playing with kids and are available on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., come by the church office to complete a background check and application. This job pays \$9/hr.



Child Check-In

Ronnie Fields

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Kid's Worship Attendance

August 24, 2021 9:13AM



CHILD TAG

GUARDIAN TAG

Guardian Receipt

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Note: Kid's Worship Pickup is in the reception hall. Kid's Worship Extra pick-up is in the entry way.

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Over the next few weeks, we will be rolling out the exciting feature of check-in stations for the kids! This is a high importance for our congregation to make sure we are keeping our kids as safe as possible while in our building! Initially, we will have one check-in station in the entryway just on the other side of the double doors leading to the Reception Hall. And then soon, we will add a second check-in station by the nursery.

If you have a child who will leave the sanctuary to attend Kid's Worship or Kid's Worship Extra, you will need to start checking them in prior to the service each Sunday. Use the provided iPad to check your kids in and their name tag labels will be printed right there on the spot. Your child will wear theirs throughout the service and then you will keep the guardian label for pick up. It may take us a few weeks to get in the swing of this extra step, but as we continue to grow in our worship attendance numbers and visitors, it's so very important that we have a record of every child in the building each Sunday, any food allergies we need to know about, and who their guardian is for pick up. We appreciate your patience as we learn this new system together! There will be someone at the check-in station for the next few Sundays to help us all learn the new system!

KIDVENTURE

Kidventure is starting soon! We will kick off Kidventure on Wednesday, Sept 8th at 3:30 to 5pm each week. Sign-ups will open this Wed., Aug. 25th, so be on the lookout on the FCC Facebook page for the link to sign up your kids. Thanks to a generous grant from the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, we are able to fund supplies and snacks for our fall session of Kidventure without asking for donations from our Kidventure families! We are not offering transportation from the schools to the church after school this year, so please be aware you'll need to coordinate how to get your child here each Wednesday. Kidventure is open to any child, 5 years old through 6th grade!

Making a splash in **YOUth!**

Join us this Sunday (29th) for our annual GLOW swim party, 7:30-9:30 p.m. @ the Carey Pool! Bring a friend & a towel, snacks & drinks provided. Let Staci know if you need a ride - call or text (405) 831-5509

SAVE THE DATE: Sun. Sept 12th = *YOUth Nights* begin 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Overseas Mission Support

In June 2021, we had the joy of hosting Leighton Schlabach for a presentation about his call to be a Missionary in Ukraine. On July 2, he left for Ukraine and will serve there for 18 months.

FCC is adopting Leighton and his missionary work as our “Overseas Mission Partner” for the next 18 months.

Meet Leighton — Called to Ukraine



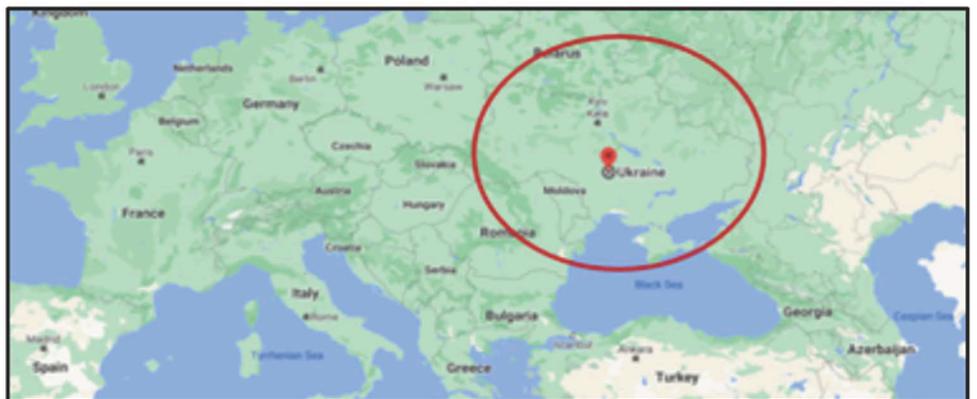
In the summer of 2018, God gave me the opportunity to spend seven weeks serving in the country of Ukraine as a summer missionary intern. My time was spent teaching English, coordinating youth English camps, and assisting with breaking bread ministry. It was an amazing experience that allowed many opportunities to share the gospel and build relationships with wonderful people.

God used that summer trip to confirm the call I've been feeling for the last several years to full time ministry. Toward this end, International Messengers has offered me the opportunity to continue my missions internship with them in Ukraine.

I'm currently stationed in Nikolayev, Ukraine, working with Caleb and Leasya Torres in their English teaching ministry. I'm just an intern at the moment, but I'm excited for the opportunities that God has given me

Why Ukraine?

The population of Ukraine is faced with many difficult statistics, which make it a prime area for Mission Work. They are currently ranked 2nd in the world in suicide rates and outpace the US in male alcoholism 2:1. Ukraine has been a mission field for numerous years and people are eager to learn English and build relationships to improve their country.



How will we help support Leighton in Ukraine?



- **Pray** for Leighton and the work he is doing.
- **Donate financially** – you are welcome to designate donations on a regular basis or make plans to bring your loose change on the last Sunday of each month, as we will donate all of our “loose offering” (aka bills and coins) toward our Overseas Missionary. Cost is \$2,000/month for the work he is doing and he currently has 12 of 18 months covered.
- Follow www.252ministries.com and learn about what Leighton is doing each week. You can also purchase merchandise on that website, where the proceeds go directly to support Leighton’s work.



“To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.” — **1 Corinthians 9:22-23**