

# December 17, 2017



## TODAY'S MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Nickel - "Christmas is for Kids" John 1:9-13, Luke 18:15-17

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- ◆ go online to [www.fvcf.org](http://www.fvcf.org)
- ◆ subscribe free via itunes or use the podcast app on your phone
- ◆ download the FVCF app and press "Podcast"
- ◆ take a complimentary CD located on the community bulletin board in the foyer - if CDs are gone, please contact Bill Pingel at [bill@fvcf.org](mailto:bill@fvcf.org)

## CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME!

### Water Baptism

Last Sunday we celebrated with those who made their public testimony of their commitment to Jesus Christ through water baptism. Congratulations to all those who have taken this step of faith.

Brenda Bundy  
Delia Gualan  
Robin Howe  
Alex Huertas  
Edwin Vega

### Membership

Today we formally receive new members into our FVCF family. Congratulations and welcome to all those who have taken this step of membership.

Craig Jaeckels  
Paul & Jean Michael  
Michael & Loralynn Nelson  
Tom Rauen  
Dorothy Standaert  
Jeremy & Stacy Stroik



## THIS WEEK AT FVCF

### TUESDAY - 19<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM .....Strength & Stretch Class .....Community Room

### WEDNESDAY - 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM .....**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES**

#### ADULTS

Hispanic Bible Study.....Community Room

**Best Steps of Life - Step 2 Excelling** .....Room F

There are 4 Steps in the BEST Steps of LIFE Series which concentrate on explaining and applying the basic steps for discovering LIFE at its BEST. If you have taken Step 1, please come to **Step 2 - Excelling**. Discover how to develop relationships with the Lord and others and how you can grow in your relationship with FVCF as we examine what it is to be a member of our church.

**Please sign up on the Connection Card in this bulletin.**

#### TEENS

**Impact Christmas Party** (Grades 7-12).....Youth Center

What a way to celebrate Christmas! Cookies, hot cocoa, games, ugly sweater/Christmas spirit contest! We're bringing back the gag-gift exchange (please bring something goofy, less than \$5 spent, and nothing nice is allowed)! We'd love for you to join us!

#### KIDS

**Nursery** (Infants & Toddlers).....Nursery B

**Young Explorers** (Pre-School) .....Room B

**Kids Next Door** (K-Grade 6) .....Children's Center

**Christmas Party - Come Dressed in Red and Green!**

### THURSDAY - 21<sup>st</sup>

1000 AM-NOON .....**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION** (moved from Tuesday)

10:30 AM .....Strength & Stretch Class .....Community Room

# This Week At FVCF



Please Join Us For Our...

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, December 24

9:30-10:30 AM & 4:00-5:00 PM



## Road to Powerful Prayer Seminar with Rev. Ron Auch

Saturday, January 6 - 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

The "Road to Powerful Prayer" is designed to give people all the basic tools they will need for cultivating a well-developed prayer life. Some of the issues covered are: the necessity of prayer, the results of prayer, prayer hindrances, Satan and prayer, intercession, etc. The cost is \$12 for each seminar attendee (includes workbook and lunch). Childcare will be available. **Please register on the Connection Card in the bulletin or in our church app.**

## 55+ Birthday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 19 - Noon - Community Room

"Primetimers" (age 55+) are invited to join us for a birthday celebration. The menu is turkey and all the trimmings, birthday cake, and ice cream. Regularly, we get "up close and personal" with one of the Primetimers to learn "their story." All those with November and December birthdays get a free lunch, and the cost for the rest of us is \$7/person, to be collected the day of the event. **Sign up by using the Connection Card in this bulletin or by contacting Vicki Schroeder at 739-0736.**

## Family Game Night

Wednesday, December 27 - 6:30 PM

All of our Wednesday night ministries are coming together for a special evening. Please come and bring your favorite game and snack for a time of fun, fellowship, and food for the whole family!!

## Singles' Game Night

Friday, December 29 - 7:00 PM - Community Room

All single adults age 40+ are invited to a game night. This is a time to get together for some fun and games. Bring a snack (or those left over Christmas goodies) to share and your favorite game. **Sign up on the Connection Card in this bulletin.**

Contact Rheta Scott at 213-8801 or [retz56@gmail.com](mailto:retz56@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Impact All-Nighter

Sunday, December 31, 10:00 PM - Monday, January 1, 8:00 AM

Come and have fun ALL NIGHT LONG! We'll have...pizza, music, games, hide and go seek in the dark, breakfast, NO SLEEP, and much, much more!

The cost is only \$10! **Sign up during Impact, Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM!**

## Year-End Giving

Please use the white offering envelopes throughout the year for your giving. Make sure your **name, address, and correct monetary break down is clearly indicated** to ensure you receive proper credit for tax purposes. All 2017 contributions must be received by the church office or online by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**, to receive credit for 2017. **If you have any questions, please contact Dave Kamps at 687-8833 or [david@kampscca.com](mailto:david@kampscca.com).**

# New Groups Starting in January



## Wednesday Adult Groups

Wednesdays (starting January 10) - 6:30-8:00 PM

**Please sign up for these adult electives by using the Connection Card.**

### "Financial Peace University"

Bill & Christine VandenHeuvel - Worship Center

Do you want to put your finances in order in 2018? Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University," will help you do that. In 9 video sessions, Dave Ramsey will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. It is strongly recommended that married couples attend this group together; it is also recommended for young adults. We have 11 material kits available for a **cost of \$95** (only one set of materials is necessary per couple) and is available by contacting Bill Pingel at 585-6829 or [bcpingel@gmail.com](mailto:bcpingel@gmail.com). **Sign up deadline is January 7.** Questions? Contact Bill Pingel.

### Women's Group - "Philippians: To Live is Christ to Die is Gain"

Cherise Sitcler - Room F

The story begins in Philippi, where Paul introduces three individuals: Lydia (the business woman), the slave girl, and the jailer. Their lives portray dysfunction and emptiness but are totally transformed by Jesus. True joy and Christ's love begin to live within them, giving them a life of purpose. Join Matt Chandler, Pastor of the Village Church in Dallas, Texas as he walks us through this 12-week video series on Philippians; no book is required. Questions? Contact Cherise Sitcler at 740-0422 or [csitcler@gmail.com](mailto:csitcler@gmail.com).

### Men's Group

Chris Griesbach & Jerry Kovnesky - Room G

There will be a men's group meeting on Wednesday evenings as well, however, the topic has not been determined. Watch for more details to come. If you have questions, please contact Chris Greisbach (843-2120 - [christopher.griesbach@sca.com](mailto:christopher.griesbach@sca.com)) or Jerry Kovnesky (414-736-4917 - [bigjerhunter@new.rr.com](mailto:bigjerhunter@new.rr.com)).

## Alpha Preview Dinner

Thursday, January 18 - 6:00 PM

Geared for the curious, confused, skeptical, and even long-time believers who want an opportunity to ask questions on the basics of the Christian faith, Alpha is for you. Come on Thursdays at 6:00 PM and make new friends, share, learn, and feel a common bond.

Each week there is a meal, an engaging video, and then a small-group time. Pick up some invitation cards located at the Information Counter in the foyer and invite people in your world: friends, family, co-workers, neighbors. (Childcare is provided.) **To sign up,**

**please use the Connection Card.** Contact Alan or Vicki Schroeder at [vschroecder54@new.rr.com](mailto:vschroecder54@new.rr.com) or 739-0736 with questions about attending or serving.

## CONNECTION CARD

We ask that **EVERYONE** (FVCF family as well as guests) please complete this card and place it in the offering plate.

December 17, 2017

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Change in my contact information.

Your Age Group:

- Under 20
- 20s
- 30s
- 40s
- 50s
- 60s
- 70s+

Please check  1<sup>st</sup>-Time Guest  Regular Attendee  
All that apply:  2<sup>nd</sup>-Time Guest  Occasional Attendee

How did you hear about Fox Valley Christian Fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_  
(flyer, newspaper, postcard, internet, name of person who invited you)

# Welcome Guests



If you are looking for a place to worship as an individual or as a family, we would be honored for you to consider making Fox Valley Christian Fellowship your church home.

## WHAT TO KNOW

**Our Worship**...allows for individual styles (*sitting or standing, raising hands, clapping, etc.*), and we invite you to participate in your own way.

**Our Offering**...relax. As our guest, you are under no obligation to give.

**For Kids**...as our guest, we understand that you may be apprehensive about leaving your precious little ones with people you don't know. We do encourage you to take a look or a tour of the children's ministries area, and parents are always welcome to stay with their children until you and they are comfortable.

Our children's ministries are:

- ◆ SUNDAY NURSERY for **infants and toddlers** (*meeting the entire service*)
- ◆ CRITTER LAND for **pre-school children** (*meeting the entire service*)
- ◆ KIDS' CHURCH for **kids in Grades K-6** (*Kids are dismissed half way through the service and can be picked up at the Kids' Center after the service.*)

All of these ministries are staffed by loving adults who have had full background checks and are ready to minister to your child and make them feel at home.

## WHAT TO DO

- ◆ Please fill out the Connection Card below with as much information as you feel comfortable and place it in the offering plate. (*Any information you give us is for church use only.*)
- ◆ **After service, pick up your complimentary gift located at the Guest Counter in the foyer!**
- ◆ Come worship with us again next Sunday morning at 9:30 or at your earliest possible convenience or visit us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for our Wednesday night activities. We would love to get to know you better.

Please check all that apply and place card in offering.

**My decision today:**

- I prayed to receive Christ.
- I prayed to recommit my life to Christ.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to talk to someone about:**

- Beginning a Relationship with Jesus.
- Marriage Mentoring
- Opportunities to Get to Know People.
- Helping FVCF as Needed.
- Serving in Our Community.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to take the next steps:**

- Church Membership
- Water Baptism

**I would like to sign up for:**

- Best Steps of Life - Step 2
- 55+ Birthday Lunch
- Singles' Game Night
- Financial Peace University
- Women's Group - Philippians
- Men's Group
- Alpha Preview Dinner
- Prayer Seminar
- I need child care for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of kids)
- Please indicated their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments or Prayer Needs:**

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# "Christmas is for Kids"

December 17, 2017

John 1:9-13, Luke 18:15-17

Pastor Steve Nickel

### Give Using Your Mobile Device

Simply text "fvcfgive" to 77977, and you will be sent a link to a secure site to make electronic donations.

### Download the FVCF App

Go to the App Store or Google play, search "FVCF," and follow the instructions to install the app.

## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

Lead Pastor .....	<b>Steve Nickel</b> .....	<a href="mailto:steve@fvcf.org">steve@fvcf.org</a>
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