

Greetings!

July is here and I am always enamored with the celebration of our Nation's freedom. American believers can be proud of their Nation's heritage but what stands out is the greater freedom which comes from our Lord Jesus Christ.

"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.." 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

"With Liberty and Justice for All"

Were you not proud of every one involved in the Patriotic presentation? What a unique way to reach out to our friends and neighbors. We had over 700 people on campus during the two performances. Thanks for the excellence to the 103 people involved in the event. God was honored by your efforts.

Vacation Bible School

Bethlehem Village is coming soon. I hope that you have been inviting children and friends to be a part of this exciting week. We can never underestimate the power of a welcoming hand, smiling face, a simple lesson taught in a creative way. I look forward to seeing many of you on campus throughout the week as we have a little Christmas in July!

On Sunday, July 16th at our 10:30 am service we are inviting all the children and their families to join with us for worship. You will be blessed by hearing the children sing some of their favorites from the week and by coming to the well to hear the message of Jesus.

Summer Time

Many of you are going to be traveling in the coming weeks. I pray that you return to us safely and that you thoroughly enjoy your time off with your families. Summer is a great time to focus on the upcoming ministry season and that is what your staff and leadership team are actively involved in...may I ask you to remember *First* in your prayers as we make long range plans and prepare for the future.

Also, remember *First* in your giving this summer. I am glad to be a part of a congregation who are generous and good stewards of His provision. Our financial commitment to God's work at FCC does not go unnoticed. He is pleased when we open ourselves up to the blessings of giving.

Speaking of giving...thank you to those who had a great time "pounding" my family. Your welcome gifts have been above and beyond. You are so appreciated!

Pamela and I are so proud of our Caroline. Baptizing your own child is a humbling and moving experience. We ask God to continue to strengthen us in our parenting and pray for you as you continue to be shining examples to your families.

May our uncovered faces shine bright at FCC!

Tom Caffery