

August 10, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"Come Thou Almighty King" arr. by S. Woods

**Call to Worship

From the rising to the setting sun,

God summons us.

In the perfect beauty all around us,

God brightens our hearts.

When we worship with acts of love and mercy,

God is pleased to give us the kingdom.

**Opening Hymn

"Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" (v.1,2,4,5) UMH #508

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" (v. 1,3) UMH #395

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

"Faith of Our Fathers" Carol Stewart
Henry F. Hemy/Marty Baxter

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith -- faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our trust in your promises. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"In God's Hands" arr. by R. Loucks

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sermon

"A Life of Faith" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation" (v. 1,2,4,5) UMH #529

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"Faith Is the Victory" Carol Stewart
Ira D. Sankey



*The Altar flowers are given by Carolyn Bailey
in loving memory of her husband, John Bailey.*

A Huge Thank You

The SPRC and the Faith Community congregation would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Melody Kelly for her tenure over the past two years as choir director at FCUM.

Gospel Reading - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (CEB)

Description of faith

¹¹ Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. ² The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

Acts of faith by God's people

³ By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

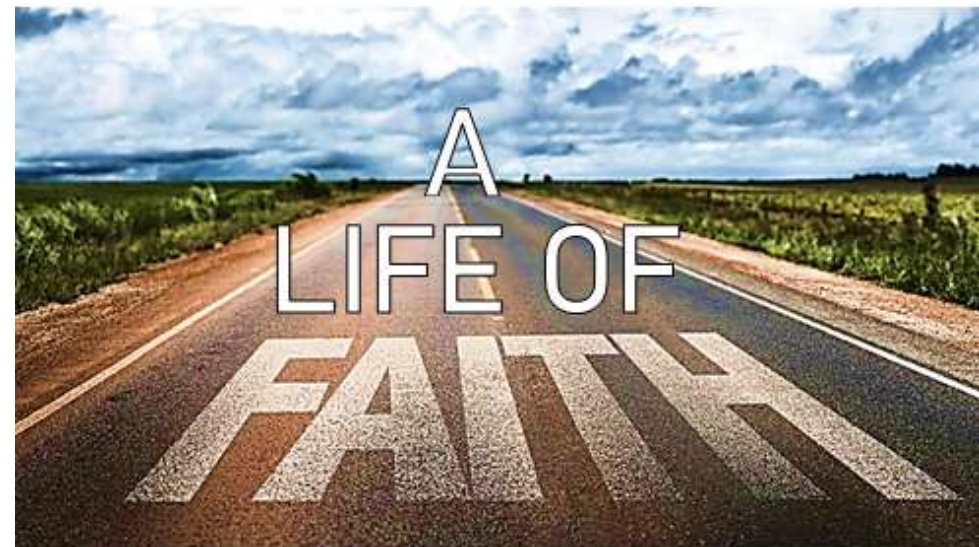
⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. ¹⁰ He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. ¹² So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. ¹⁴ People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. ¹⁶ But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Chad Mossing, Will Mossing
Rick Smith, Gerald Mahan

Greeters

Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler

Liturgist

Chad Mossing

Organist

Carol Stewart



Monday 11	Mary & Martha Gathering Boy Scouts	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FH 15A-B
Tuesday 12	Tuesday Bible Study Dorcas Circle Trustees	10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Parlor Parlor Parlor
Wednesday 13			
Thursday 14	Prayer Shawl Christian Education	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Parlor Rm 8
Friday 15			
Saturday 16			
Sunday 17	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

Double I will meet in Rm 8, Leader Lucy Parsons, for a detailed study of the "**Book of Amos**".

Open Doors will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer, study of "**Slaying the Giants in Your Life**" by **Dr. David Jeremiah**.

Next Sermon – Sunday, August 17

"Enduring Faith"
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
Hebrews 11: 29-40, 12: 1-2 (CEB)

MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

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August 10, 2025 Announcements

TODAY IS COINS FOR MISSIONS SUNDAY: Coins will go to the Ministries supported by the FCUMC mission and outreach team: Bridges of Hope, Fish Pantry and Family Promise.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Please join us **Monday, Aug. 11 from 6:00–8:00pm in FCC** for another FUN gathering. We are excited that Dennis will be back to lead us in a rousing time of square dancing so be sure to wear your most creative and comfortable western outfit! And be sure to bring your most creative and comfort food to share for dinner. Questions, call Laurie Krakowiak at (937) 694-8114 or the church office at (937) 372-7601.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 1:00pm** in the Parlor. WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, Aug. 18 at 1:00pm**.

SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS: The children will return on **Saturday, Aug. 16, 9:30-10:30am** to pick up their new shoes. If you would like to volunteer or have questions please call Sandy Pramer at (937) 307-3619.

MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Aug. 18 at 6:00pm in CC 16A-B**.

BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, Aug. 25, 2:00pm to 6:00pm**. You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

MEN OF FAITH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: Get ready to shop on **Friday, Sep. 5 from 6:00-8:00pm** and **Saturday, Sep. 6 from 9:00am-Noon**. If you have furniture or large items to be picked up early, please call Bob Whipp at (937) 668-3137. Items can be dropped off Thursday, Sep. 5 from noon to 8:00pm and Friday, Sep. 7 from 9:00am-noon. Contact Bob Whipp if you are available to volunteer for pricing and stocking tables on Thursday and Friday.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: In a school just a few blocks from our church, 90% of the students are eligible for the free lunch program, 12% are homeless and a large percentage of children come from a single parent home. Suddenly, out of necessity and compassion, the school is more than an educational institution.

• It is the only full meal a child may get. • It is the only source of love and support for some children. • It is the only source of encouragement for a child.

Today's teachers are more than teachers and are sometimes overwhelmed with baggage that many children bring into the classroom. For their sake and the child's sake, they need a helping hand. Last year we became a part of a mentor program at Shawnee Elementary that is working to help students while giving teachers time to focus on educating. It is woefully short of volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for just one hour a week who can support the current mentor program. Like in our Vacation Bible School many children are impacted by the attention of a compassionate adult. Please pray and consider being a mentor volunteer. Fill out the insert in this bulletin and place in the offering plate or church office. We will get back to you with more information.



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