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The winter session of Sunday Night Life will begin Sunday, January 12th. All classes begin at 5:30pm and end no later than 7:00pm.

Sunday Night Life is a discipleship ministry that covers a wide range of topics that fall within three main categories: Head (Bible knowledge), Heart (Spiritual maturity), and Hands (Ministry and Service).

We hope that you will check out the winter class below OR sign-up for a Life Group. Please sign up online by using the QR code below or pick up a RSVP card at the Welcome Center and return it to the church office or in the offering box.

Soup and dessert will be served at 5:00pm on the 12th.



**Winter 2024 class includes:**

**Simplifying Revelation: How to Read the Book of Revelation Part 1:** Led by Dave Jarrett (meets at the church)

This study is a part of NextLevel, a free video resource from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo. Each week we will watch two 20-minute teaching videos. The rest of our time together will be spent discussing the lesson through the provided handout. Shane Wood has a PhD. from the University of Edinburgh-Scotland, 2013; an Mdiv and Master of Arts from Lincoln Christian Seminary, 2008; A Bachelors of Theology and Bible from Ozark Christian College, 2004.

**OR ....Sign Up for A Life Group**

Life groups are small groups of adults, meeting in homes, studying the Bible, and just getting to know one another.



TIM HARLOW



**MEN'S NIGHT XXV  
"GET IN THE GAME"  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN 3:30 PM \* PRE-SESSION 4:00 PM \* SUPPER 5:30 PM \* WORSHIP 7:00 PM**

**FEATURING SPEAKER: TIM HARLOW  
Retired Senior Pastor, Parkview Christian Church, Orland Park, IL**

Our theme this year is *Get in the Game!* Just two nights before Super Bowl LIX, we are going to be challenged to step up and take the Great Commission seriously. God is calling us to take the Gospel to our friends, coworkers and family.

Cost is \$25.00. Pre-register by January 31st to help us with meal numbers.  
**Register @ OILBELT.COM**



**The Reporter can also be viewed online at [www.fccsaalem.net](http://www.fccsaalem.net)**

February Newsletter deadline: January 15th (This includes all newsletter, calendar and scheduling items.)

# FCC LEADERS

## MINISTRY TEAM:

Phil Martin  
Lead Minister

Dave Jarrett  
Creative Arts Minister

Jesse Brinkley  
Children's Minister

Logan West  
Student Minister

Trisha Mosbarger  
Secretary

## ELDERS:

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For more information  
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[www.fccsalem.net](http://www.fccsalem.net)



On Saturday, December 7th, the FCC Kids Ministry had the opportunity to "Share Christmas" by singing Christmas carols at area care facilities (High Point Residence North and South as well as Helia Healthcare). They also visited a few shut-in's homes and finished the evening at our annual FCC Senior Dinner. The children also enjoyed performing a short program for the congregation on Sunday, December 8th during both morning Worship Services.

This serving event taught our children how to use their time, presence, skills and gifts to serve others.



# FCC Basketball



Registration will be held Monday -  
Thursday January 6th - 10th from 9:00am -  
4:30pm, and on Saturday January 11th  
from 10:00am - 1:00pm.

Practices begin on Wednesday January  
22nd. Games begin February 1st.

FCC's Kid's Basketball League is designed  
for girls and boys, 4 years old through 2nd  
grade.

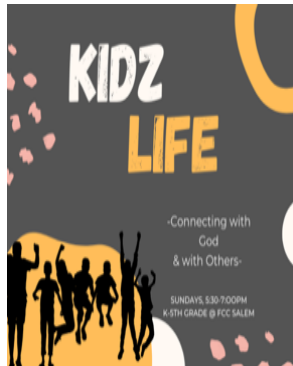
The cost is \$25.

**Coaches and volunteers are needed.**

Contact Jesse Brinkley with any questions or for more information.

## January Birthdays

1 Pat McArthur	19 Andrew Kendrick
3 Brayden Smith	19 Debby Lamb
3 Mike Malan	20 LeAnn Pemberton
5 Eleanor Maxey	20 Wayne Puricelli
5 Brianna Barham	21 Kayleigh Jarrett
5 Shelley Rose	22 Hunter Malan
5 Stacey Lux	22 Logan Howe
6 Andrea Baker	22 Nick King
9 Joyce Brewer	23 Cheryl Vieira
11 Ben Lux	24 Ashley Stanford
11 Lilly Blagoue	24 Brenda Schumpert
11 Michelle Lockhart	24 Virginia Colclasure
11 Madeline Hocking	25 Lauren Burge
12 Heath Schaubert	25 Alek Bandy
13 Tyler Lux	25 Andrew Padberg
14 Jackson Jarrett	25 Ivan Mosbarger
14 Amie Ratts	25 Betty Jane Easley
14 Linda Steinhoff / Cannon	25 Colter Schaubert
16 Aubrey Bandy	26 Jennings Barnfield
16 Marlene Evans	26 Jim Clark
17 David Jarrett	26 Curt Black
17 Lyla Koebele	27 Mallory Crouse
17 Harrison Koebele	27 Julie Kohrig
18 John Gaston	30 Paisley Stanford
19 Gabriella Gaston	



### Kidz Life

Programming designed for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Kidz Life helps children connect with God and others through Bible memorization, Christ-centered lessons, games and more. Kidz Life follows the Sunday Night Life schedule and will begin on January 12th.

### FCC Students

Helping students grades 6th-12th understand that they are known, valued and loved through meals, fellowship, worship, teaching and small groups. FCC Students will resume on January 12th and go from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

## January Anniversaries

3 Jesse & Lauryn Brinkley
4 Gary & Cheryl Kennedy
5 Kelton & Ashley Knight
5 Bryan & Shelli McIntosh
7 Don & Peggy Maxey
17 Brad & Amy Detering
19 Andrew & Rachel Richardson

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**



Throughout the month of January we will be collecting:

- **Hamburger Helper**
- **Canned Pasta**

Items can be left in the collection box in the foyer.

## Thank you

\*Thank you to all of our FCC Family for your cards, thoughts and prayers. --Linda Malan

\*Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and generous donations in memory of our mother/grandmother. -Family of Mary Wilkinson



\*Thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to ring the bell and collect funds for the Salem Ministerial Alliance.



Is reading more one of your New Year's resolutions? Are you looking for a new Study for yourself or a group? Would you like to check out a new Devotional? Visit the FCC Library! Located just inside the Main FCC Entry on the left, we have Fiction, Non-Fiction, Devotionals, a small Reference section and personal or group Study materials available including some on DVD. Each section is clearly marked and a self-checkout system allows you to sign your name and note the date of withdrawal on the Library Card and leave it in the box provided. When you are finished, return the items in the Book Return Box. We are also accepting donations of materials for the FCC Library. We are **NOT** accepting Cassette Tapes, CDs, Secular Books, Children's Books, outdated materials or items that do not fall into the above categories. If you have questions call or text Connie Williams at 618-548-2408 or Laura Crain at 618-267-5266.



## “Love Packages” in Butler, Illinois



Laura Crain and Connie Williams recently made a trip to “Love Packages” located in Butler, Illinois with more than 25 boxes of items donated from the FCC Library. Prior to that, at least half of that amount was given to FCC members and friends in an effort to clean up our limited space. Approximately 5 volunteers were present at “Love Packages” and helped unload at arrival. The current goal of the “Love Package” mission is to pack and ship 110 - 20” x 20” shipping containers each year to their overseas distributors. Each container is a mix of Bibles, Adult and Children’s books, paper products and pamphlets, audio-visual materials, t-shirts, etc.

Besides receiving donations of materials from churches and individuals, they also receive “over runs” from Publishers. In 2020 they were inundated with printed materials that had already been printed and dated for church use that went undistributed because churches were closed. Each container currently costs approximately \$5,000 to ship. The bulletin board tracking system in the office had more than a dozen individual cards for each shipment still enroute including several to Africa and a few to the Philippines and Thailand.

Each packed box is stamped on all 4 corners with a paint marker indicating blue for Bibles, with green, orange, red, etc. designating other specific items including Reference Material, Sunday School literature, books and paperbacks, magazines and daily devotionals, CDs, DVDs, and misc. so that the box doesn’t need to be unpacked on delivery and they can keep an assortment in each shipment. When the container reaches the distributor, various missionaries and ministries can access the material and make requests such as, “I need 5 boxes of Bibles, 3 boxes of books, 1 box of paper materials”. Through the years they’ve made great contacts with Networks already in place such as “Operation Christmas Child”, “Samaritan’s Purse”, etc. and this has increased exposure to new areas. None of the items remain in the U.S. They do have some items marked and separated based on the language that they are written in, but all of the overseas distribution points want items that are written in English, too. In 2023, they shipped more than 2,000 tons of Christian literature around the world.

Volunteers are needed at their warehouse in Butler and more information regarding donations can be found on the website for Love Packages at <https://lovepackages.org>.