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We had a wonderful time at Kid Zone (Vacation Bible School) this year, held July 14–16! A total of 128 children attended the event. The theme was **"Influencers"**, encouraging kids to let Jesus be the greatest influence in their lives—and to share His love with those around them.

The first two days were packed with worship, Bible lessons, small group activities, food, and fellowship. On the final day, we planned a fun family pool party at the Salem Family Aquatic Center. Unfortunately, thunderstorms cut the evening short, but we were still blessed to have 30 families join us. Despite the weather, we ended the week with pizza and discipleship resources to support families in their faith journey.

We are incredibly grateful for the **50+ volunteers** who generously gave their time and energy to make this event a success. Their love for Christ and dedication to the children made a lasting impact. Thank you for helping us plant seeds of faith in the next generation!
- Jesse Brinkley



FCC LEADERS

MINISTRY TEAM:

Phil Martin
Lead Minister

Dave Jarrett
Creative Arts Minister

Jesse Brinkley
Children's Minister

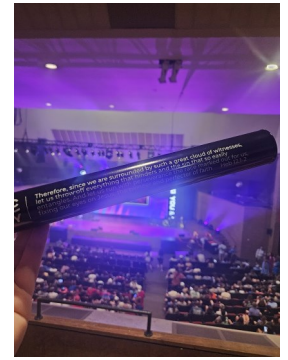
Logan West
Student Minister

Rachel Williams
Summer Secretary

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FCC Students attended an incredible week at CIY MOVE, held July 7–12 at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. CIY MOVE is a 5-day, high-energy summer event designed specifically for high school students, helping them discover and embrace the call of Christ in their lives. With powerful worship, engaging speakers, meaningful conversations, and of course lots of fun, MOVE challenges students to go deeper in their faith and take next steps in their journey with Jesus. This year's theme focused heavily on responding to God's call to vocational ministry, and our students responded in a big way. Over the course of the week:

8 students rededicated their lives to Christ

2 made first-time decisions to be baptized

6 answered a call to pursue full-time ministry

What a powerful testimony to God's work through this event! It's a joy for me as a pastor, and for our volunteers, to see these students step out in faith, and choose to take these next steps. What a blessing we have in being able to walk alongside these incredible students!

We're also thankful to be part of a generous church. While many churches charge over \$600 for students to attend MOVE, FCC only charged \$220 this year, thanks to your faithful giving. Our church also covered half the cost of each ticket, making it possible for more students to attend



and encounter Christ in a transformative way. MOVE continues to be a valuable investment in the lives of our students. Thank you for making it possible. Your support truly impacts the next generation of Kingdom leaders.

- Logan West



Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information
including sermon downloads
and more please go to:
www.fccsalem.net

Thank you to all who attended the annual congregational meeting on July 27. Thank you to Eldon Prosize on the completion of many years serving as a faithful Elder in our church! Andy Smith and Brandon Howe were affirmed as Elders. Eight Deacons were also affirmed: Mike Anderson, Curtis Black, II, Andrew Kendrick, Jay Luse, Brian Martin, Ivan Mosbarger, Joe Pemberton, and Craig Viera. The budget was approved. Copies of the annual report are available to members by request from the church office through PDF or printed form.

August Birthdays

1	Delyn Stanley	16	Sue Borger
1	Sean Barham	16	Wyatt Rau
1	Brinn Detmer	17	Joyce Crow
1	Leia Harrison	17	Tina Sager
2	Tessa Bandy	19	Louis Paul Williams
2	Patty Squibb	20	Adam Bandy
4	Brian Martin	21	Marshall Goostree
6	Lindsey Bryan	22	Galen Brant
6	Michelle Luse	23	Marlee Donoho
6	Alicea Patrick	24	Kingston Paskavich
7	Ellie Smith	25	Gabriel Snow
8	Mark Ferguson	26	Joe Pemberton
8	Bo Lux	26	Melynda Frederick
9	Judy Hargis	26	Elizabeth Smith
9	John Tierney	26	Traci James
11	Jackie Kell	29	Bob Russell
13	Don Maxey	30	Bob Wilson
13	Giz Kohrig	30	Stephen Phillips
14	Terry Jo Carpenter	30	Caleb Smith
14	Kaitlyn Banning	31	Glenda Schultz
14	Nolan Brinkley	31	Rachel Burkett
14	Maxlyn Maciejowski		
15	Clay Leathers		

August Anniversaries

2	Steve & Andrea Baker
3	Stephen & Denice Phillips
4	Paul & Eileen Chitwood
4	Mike & Patty Squibb
5	Curt & Glenda Black
5	Timm & Kendra Squibb
6	Galen & Martha Brant
12	Bob & Melynda Frederick
13	Steve & Pam Bandy
16	Nick & Joyce King
19	Ed & Doss Phillips
20	Robert & Tina Sager
21	Jim & Maxine Nash
25	Dave & Sue White
28	Wayne & Linda Puricelli
28	Jay & Michelle Luse
31	Shannon & Jackie Kell

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Throughout the month of August we will be collecting: Hamburger Helper & Canned Pasta. Items can be left in the collection box in the foyer.



The 10th annual Sisters in Christ conference will be held at Salem Grace Church in Salem on August 23. Doors open at 8 AM. The \$20 ticket includes a light breakfast and lunch..

Abby (Schnautz) Lovett is the speaker for this year's event.

Tickets are available for purchase in the church office. See Sharon Sullens, Connie Dunahee or Dena Kemp to also purchase tickets or ask questions.



Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Care Clinic fundraiser will be available at the church beginning August 24. Bottles need to be returned September 28.



HELP US KEEP OUR LAWN LOOKING BEAUTIFUL!

Please sign up on the sheet located outside of the church office to receive information about joining the mowing team, or contact Mike Anderson.



We look forward to welcoming the incoming class of 2026 Sunshine School students on September 2nd. We expanded the roster and there is currently a waiting list. Please contact the church office or Jesse Brinkley if you are interested in joining the waiting list.

Mark your calendars for the Sunday Night Life kickoff on Sunday, September 7.



 <p>OIL BELT CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP</p>	<p>FCC sent 67 campers to Oil Belt this season! Remember to register for Family Camp if you plan to attend!</p> <p>oilbelt.com</p>
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