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CASAS Por Cristo

In December 2025, Zach, Allison, Layton and Linnie Cain participated in a CASAS Por Cristo mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This is the second year that the Cain family has taken a mission trip. Zach Cain tells us that, "these trips are humbling, powerful, and full of love and grace that we carry throughout the entire year. The impact that the community sets on you as a visitor carries weight around for me all year. The way they love on thy neighbor isn't something that you see around home. It is the perfect example of how we need to be every day in our walk with Christ."

He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2



**HELP
NEEDED**

In Juarez, Mexico (CASAS Por Cristo)

The dates for the FCC mission trip to Juarez, Mexico are set. The trip will be from May 31st through June 5th of 2026. If you have decided that you would like to participate in the trip, there will be a \$250 deposit to hold your spot. Come and join us to help build a house for a family in need but even more importantly to help spread the gospel. For more information, you can talk to Steve Phillips.



The Reporter can also be viewed online at www.fccsaalem.net

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

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Jesse Brinkley
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Logan West
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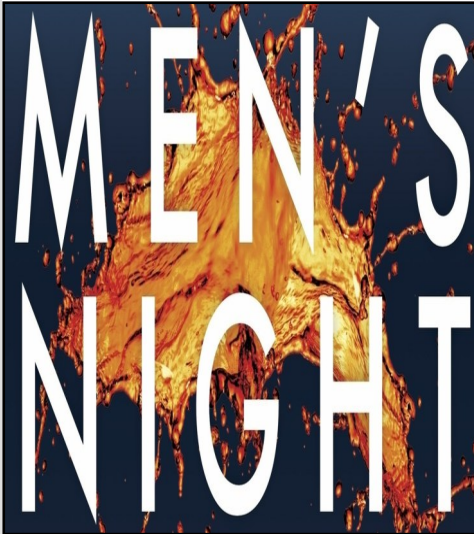
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For more information including sermon downloads and more please go to:
www.fccsalem.net



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp would like to invite the Men to "Men's Night" on Friday, February 6th, 2026! The theme this year is **Messy Grace: Bridging the Tension of Truth and Grace**. The speaker will be Caleb Kaltenbach, who is one of the pastors at Shepherd Church in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of Ozark Christian College and Talbot School of Theology and regularly speaks on faith, biblical sexuality, gender and ministry systems. Caleb will bring a message with his story to help the attendees to learn how they can better share the gospel with those in their families, friends, workplaces and schools.

Doors open at 5:00pm
Meal is from 5:30pm—6:30pm
Worship and Main Session from 7:00pm—8:30pm

Cost: \$25.00

To register: please fill out the online form on the website:
oilbelt.com



↪ Please sign up at the Kid Min desk ↩



Ladies Day is Saturday, March 21st.

Doors open at 8:15am. A light, continental breakfast will be served until the sessions begin at 9am. Lunch will be served around noon. Sessions will run until 2pm. Cost is \$25. Register today at oilbelt.com

February Birthdays

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| 1 Paul Chitwood | 16 Ashley Schaubert |
| 2 Tiffany Haarman | 17 Brooklyn Anderson |
| 3 James Nash | 18 Andrew Baldrige |
| 5 Timm Squibb | 18 Callie Mandrell |
| 7 Melinda Stroud | 19 Caleb Squibb |
| 10 Mark Cartwright | 20 Gayla Ferguson |
| 11 Judy West | 20 Rachel Richardson |
| 11 Sharon Sullens | 21 Phil Williams |
| 12 Finley Puricelli | 21 Joshua Piper |
| 13 Gail Beaty | 21 Brad Detering |
| 14 Sonya Squibb | 22 Alana Howe |
| 15 Malayna Rollins | 22 Nolan Crouse |
| 15 Elizabeth Tockstein | 25 Lauryn Brinkley |
| 15 Kelly Martin | 26 Jason Arnold |
| 15 Ryder Goff | 27 Joy Szaro |
| 15 Vicki Charlton | 27 Margo Williams |
| 15 Shannon McDanel | 28 Keith Kemp |
| 16 Jean Monical | |

February Anniversaries

- 13 Mike & Lynette Dye
- 17 William & Nola Petersen
- 18 Andy & Elizabeth Smith
- 27 Nick & Beth Hays



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Throughout the month of February we will be collecting:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Granola Bars


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



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!!

Dustin Riddle was immersed into Christ at FCC on Sunday, January 4th. Congratulations Dustin!! A great way to begin 2026!!

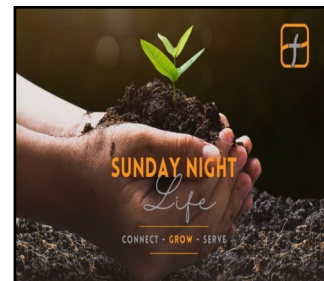
We Need YOU!!



FCC is in charge of providing volunteers the 2nd Thursday of every month. February 12th will be the next day that we need volunteers. There are 3 time slots available:

- 7:15am-9:15am
- 9:15am-11:15am
- 11:15am-12:45pm

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



2025 Annual Giving Statements

The 2025 Annual Giving Statements have been emailed to FCC contributors. Make sure you check your inbox or spam folder. The email will be from FCC Salem (no-reply@churchcenter.com). If the office does not have an email address on file for you, your statement has been mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Sunday Night Life will meet on the following dates:

January 18, January 25, February 1, February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22.

No Sunday Night Life on February 8th.

*Phil is teaching on the book of James in the FCC Library for SNL small group.



Come cheer on our FCC Basketball players every Saturday beginning February 7th. The first game begins at 8:30am.

FCC Basketball is a youth basketball program designed for children ages 4 years through 2nd grade. Every game includes a half-time devotion.

We are thankful for the 48 coaches/assistant coaches and countless volunteers who make this program happen every year!



MOMCO CONCESSIONS

MOMCO is running the concessions for FCC basketball and we need your help! We could use donations of **full size**: Hershey bars, M&M's, Skittles, Starbursts, Snickers and Push Pops.

The following **canned** soda: Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite and Diet Coke.

Please see Hailey Snow or Jesse Brinkley if you have any questions.

