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## *From the Pulpit*

The FCC family has the blessing of four services. The services are known primarily by their times, but each has its own personality. We have our 8:00, 10:30, 10:32 services, as well as, for many, the overlooked one; our radio service. It has been my ongoing experience to think of them as children.

Our 8:00 service is the early riser. It is filled with many who do likewise. Most who attend this service have already done several chores and have taken a moment to worship. Many of them are going on from there to continue with doing a number of things. That is a portion of the personality of this service, but we also have those who leave and practice a sense of Sabbath as they enjoy a day of rest which started with worship.

Our 10:30 service has been in many ways the backbone of our church family. It has been the worship hour since — who knows? It has a sense of dominance just like an older child (I should know. After all, I am an oldest child.) It has boasted being the financial one. It is considered by many of our older church family to be the standard for FCC, as well it should. But, like many of us, its age shows. So many of our grassroots brothers and sisters are no longer present and we feel it on Sundays.

Then we have our newest service, the 10:32. There is no other service in our area quite like the 10:32 setting. The folks who attend enjoy a coffeshop style with many of the K-LOVE radio station tunes. They sit at tables and sip coffee while eating morning treats, but worship is highlighted with brothers and sisters of all ages seeking to focus upon Jesus. Its very nature appeals to a younger mindset and its strength is its youth.

Finally, we have our stable and ever-present radio service. It highlights the 10:30 hour by putting it over the air waves for our community to hear. It influences the nature of the 10:30 hour's music because the radio requires music that is easier to hear. So, you might call it a twin of the 10:30 setting, but it is distinctly, just like a twin, its own being (I should know). Many of those who listen are the aging element of our 10:30 setting. Several in our community have shared with me varied things they heard in our radio hour. It reaches out to lots of folks who have never been inside the buildings.

FCC has four different personalities we may call the FCC children. They all have FCC in their veins, but each is unique. This is our strength. We are bound by the FCC being and share the FCC leadership direction. The greatest truth is that we are able to reach out for Jesus even more by our diversity. Pray for the services and seek to support all of them.

C U Sunday, Bill



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**CHOIR RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.** You who enjoy singing praise to God are welcome to join... there is room for you. We practice Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the sanctuary nearly every week up to performance (no practice Sept. 16). Resources and help is provided for those who are new to reading parts. Come try it out. We will be preparing a cantata for Christmas titled "*Heaven On Earth*."

**GLEANING TEAM RESULTS:** Community Outreach called last week for some help to fill a gap. We organized a team that went out August 22<sup>nd</sup> and brought in over 900# of produce. We took a team out again the 28<sup>th</sup> and brought in another 832 lbs, making our group grand total collected this summer at over 3 tons of food! Community Outreach staff and I are so thankful for each of you who have helped with this program that helps so many in our community. I hope that you who are able will set a goal of helping out next summer.

**Sunday School IS FOR YOU!** I encourage each of you to come and learn more about the Bible, how to apply it to your daily challenges, and share your experiences to help others grow in their faith and obedience. Please choose a class to try out at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings. There are classes for every person in your family every week.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS FOR ADULTS,** at 6:30 pm in a verse by verse walk through the Old Testament minor prophets (the book of Joel). We finish at 7:30 pm.

**Soul Sisters** and **Cord Brothers** resume meeting at 6:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall and the men meet in the Youth center. Please call the office if you need child care.

**Church In The Park** (Marmaduke) is September 23 where we would like all of you to attend in one united service. I will need some helpers the evening before in order to set up our sunshade over the amphitheater, and we are planning to have the carry-in lunch following the service, so please mark your calendars. Get those recipes and lawn chairs ready.

**The Armouraires Gospel Quartet** will be here October 13<sup>th</sup> for a return engagement. We are their hosts, but I have scheduled them to sing at the United Way Oktoberfest near noon. Then we host them for a full concert at 6:00 pm, followed by a fellowship meal. Please mark your calendar for all of the day's events and prepare a generous love offering for their livelihood. Let your friends and neighbors know about the concert. Continue to pray, plan and seek for God's blessing in great inspiration, encouragement, fellowship and transformation in Christ.

**Singers and instrumentalists are welcome.** Please share your talents with Jefferson Smith for the 10:32 Service, or with me if you would like to assist at 8:00 or 10:30 am.

Walking with Jesus, David Rorabaugh

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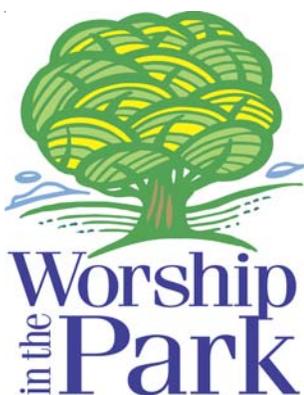
## Where are you Looking?

When I was in daycare, I was one of those boys who had everywhere to go and not enough time to be there. I would always try to race my friends, my dad, or anyone who would run with me. I remember one time I was getting ready for my birthday and I wanted to invite everyone at daycare. So I told them that I had a bunk bed and we decided that we needed to have some way to determine who would sleep on the top bunk. Being who I was, I decided it should be a race. We would race to the tree, and the winner would get the top bunk. We all took off running and because of my vast experience I took an early lead. I remember looking back to see how far ahead I was, but I felt like I was forgetting something. But the second I turned around it hit me... the tree.

In Hebrews 12:1-2, the author tells us that we should "lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Like me when I was young, we have a tendency to take our eyes off of Christ, and when we do that, we run the risk of falling down, tripping, or running into a tree. Sometimes we even end up standing still without realizing it because we only look to ourselves. Sometimes we move in the wrong direction because we focus on those around us and where they are. Sometimes we move backwards because we are honestly afraid of moving toward Christ. Wherever you may be, I would like to encourage you to keep running, to keep throwing off what hinders, and to keep your eyes up.

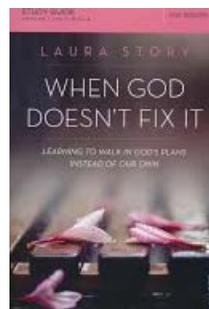
Until He Returns, Gage Addington



**Sunday,  
September 23  
10:30 am**

Join your church family to worship together at Marmaduke Park and enjoy a delicious picnic potluck lunch afterwards.

**Uh Oh!, the weather made us change our plans. Soul Sisters, a women's Bible Study begins a new study on Thursday, September 20th instead of the 6th. The study is called "When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story.** The cost of the book is \$13 to \$15, sliding scale, which covers the book plus the additional cost of the DVD and 2 study guides for leaders. **Soul Sisters meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** Child care can be provided with prior arrangements made by calling the church office at 667-3540. **All women are invited.**



Please join us to celebrate Don Kitsmiller's 90th birthday! Saturday, September 8th from 1-3 Fellowship Hall.



Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School/Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 **BEFORE NOON on FRIDAY.**



To help support our local **Community Outreach Food Pantry** we are collecting non-perishable food and dry goods. A box is in the parlor for collection. **Suggested September products:** Mac & Cheese, canned veggies, mayonnaise, raman noodles, rice, oatmeal, jello.

