



FCOB will host a “Community Christmas Open House,” next Saturday, December 15 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This outreach event will feature a variety of activities for all ages including: live nativity, live music, family portraits, crafts, and food. Be sure to bring your family and friends to experience the truth of Christmas in a relaxing atmosphere. We can also use your help to impact the community for Christ. If you are interested in helping at this event, please contact kristin.holter@fcob.net.

Cookie Donations are needed for our Christmas Open House next Saturday, Dec. 15th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We are planning on a Hot Chocolate and Cookie Bar at this event. **Please drop off your donation of cookies on December 14th or on the morning of the 15th.** Thank you in advance for your delicious donations. Contact Patti Grove, Fellowship Commission, 240-285-3693.

ANGEL TREE - There are still tags and envelopes remaining on the Angel Tree in the main foyer. The need for food is very real to many people. Show compassion for them by taking a tag or donation envelope today – let’s keep Feeding the Hungry.

The 2019 Flower Chart is now available on the slat wall in the church office hallway (by the Fairview Avenue entrance), if you want to sign up to donate flowers for the 2019 calendar year. The cost is \$56 for two vases of flowers. Special thanks to all who provided flowers for our chancel and altar over the past year. If you have questions, please contact Mary Garst at 301-662-3402.

Do you know someone who needs their own copy of the Bible? The Evangelism Commission invites you to take a Bible from the beautiful bookshelf in the back of the sanctuary. Please help FCOB to share the word of the Lord with your friends and neighbors.

Senior Adults

Saints Alive Christmas Luncheon - Join us on Thursday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Bernie Tregoe will lead a sing-along of Christmas songs. Our special lunch includes baked ham and red velvet cake. Please sign up for the luncheon in the sanctuary hallway.

Young Adults

Dessert & Prayer on December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 113. Join us for treats, fellowship and a time of prayer. **Save December 22** for our Young Adult Christmas Party.

Young Adult g.group: Please join us at 9:45 a.m. in Room 112 for Sunday School. For more information email youngadults@fcob.net.



Children’s Ministry

Birthday Party for Jesus - Sunday, December 23 from 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. - Please bring your whole family and join us in the MPR to joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior! We will have yummy treats, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy a time of fellowship together!

Men’s Ministry: Email: men@fcob.net

Sunday Night Men’s Bible Study in 1 Corinthians will meet on December 9, 23, January 6 and 20 at FCOB in Room 214. Contact Jeremiah, 301-606-2557 or jeremiahikelly@gmail.com, or Marc Anderson at msanders25@comcast.net.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, January 19th at Nannie's Diner (Biggs Ford Road), from 7:00 -9:00 a.m. Justin Coon will speak on John 12:20-36.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Men's Retreat on April 12-13.

For Parents

The Parents g.group invites you to join the Family Life’s Art of Parenting study which helps parents make faith the core of their parenting with intentional, biblical teaching and Christ-centered plans. Parents will end the experience with renewed confidence, fresh insights on raising children at different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child’s personality and gifting. **The study begins today** at 9:45 a.m.in room 106. Please contact Ben and Crystal Livelsberger at bnclivelsberger@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Ministry

Sunday Nights – Youth Group for grades 6-12 – Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room – Tonight’s special activity: Group Pictionary!

Mid-Atlantic District Senior High Lock-In: High School students are invited to a lock-in hosted by the district being held here at FCOB on Friday, December 14 through Saturday, December 15. Check in is on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and pick-up is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you’re interested in attending the lock-in, please complete a registration form available on Sunday Nights, or on the MAD Youth Facebook page. Questions: [Kris-tin.holter@fcob.net](mailto:Kristin.holter@fcob.net)

Youth Christmas Party – Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR - Come hang out with us and enjoy games, Christmas movies, snacks, prizes, and more! Bring a friend and wear festive clothing for a chance to win a special prize.

CLASSIC WORSHIP – December 9, 2018 8:15 & 11:15 a.m.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Welcome/Time of Greeting followed by Announcements

Prelude (8:15) *People Look East* by Robert Lau

Prelude (11:15) *The Birthday of a King* by W. H. Neidlinger

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* No. 131

Morning Prayer, the Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Hymn *How Great Our Joy!* No. 144

Welcome Cards/Prayer Requests will be collected after this hymn

Call to Give

Offertory *What Child is This?* arr. Michael Helman Celebration Ringers

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 135

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Anthem *Christmas Angels Medley* arr. Dan Edwards Celebration Ringers

Introduction of New Members

Scripture Luke 2:7

Sermon No Cradle Available Pastor Kevin King

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1,3,5) No. 133

Benediction

Postlude (8:15) *Yuletide Joy* by Craig Penfield

Postlude (11:15) *Come on, Ring Those Bells* by Andrew Culverwell

*Need to pray with someone? Wish to be anointed for healing? Want to know more about Christ?
Our Deacons are available at the front of the sanctuary to respond to your needs.*



TAKE NOTE

Christmas Services at FCOB: Sunday, Dec. 23, we will have a 9:45 a.m.* Blended Classic/Contemporary Service, 10:45 a.m. Birthday Party for Jesus (MPR), and 11:15 a.m.* Deaf & Blended Classic/Contemporary Services. No Sunday School. **Christmas Eve Services:** Monday, December 24, we will have a 5:00 p.m.* Deaf service, 7:30 p.m.* Classic service, and a 9:30 p.m. Contemporary service. *Childcare will be provided for ages 0-2.

Year-End Giving – a letter was recently sent encouraging all of us to be generous with our year-end financial giving. Additional copies are at the information wall of fcobconnect. Consider a special gift to the general fund (“above and beyond” your regular weekly giving), or a “catch up” gift (if you’ve fallen behind in your giving). Share joyfully out of the abundance with which God has blessed you.

FCOB Christmas Tree Sales: Trees and wreaths may be purchased Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fridays from 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. There will be no Sunday sales. Sales help is needed on Mon.-Thurs. from 4:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., on Friday from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 1:00-4 :00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. This important ministry raises money for the Deacon Fund which supports the food pantry and benevolence work within FCOB and in the community. **If you can help**, please sign up online through www.fcob.net or on sheets that will be available outside the sanctuary on Sundays. This is a great family project! For more information contact Marc Anderson at msanders25@comcast.net.

LOVE PERU 2019 We are in the initial planning stages of the 2019 Love Peru mission trip! Come experience the blessing of working side by side with families helping to build their homes in the community of La Florida, Peru, in partnership with the Fuller Center for Housing Global Builders - "Building a better world, one house at a time." The dates for the mission trip will be June 29 through July 6 with an option to choose a 4-day vacation trip extension to Cusco and Machu Picchu following the mission trip. For more information, please contact **Brad Hallock** at hallockbk@aol.com or **301-662-8591**.

Give the Gift of Warmth at the 2018 Young Adults Blanket Drive. Donate a new or used blanket now through December 9. Donation boxes are located in the sanctuary and the Basement. Blankets will be taken to the local homeless shelters. Contact youngadults@fcob.net for more information.

Sermon Notes Answer Key Available: The completed Sermon Notes are posted in the display case in the sanctuary hallway past the Hebrew Station.



TODAY

2nd Sunday in Advent

The **Chancel Flowers** are given in honor of Norman and Temple Abrecht’s 50th wedding anniversary on December 9th.

A **Candle of Remembrance** is on the right side of the Chancel area. It is a reminder for us to pray for those who are involved in military or alternative service around the world and pray for peace.

Deaf Worship in the Chapel at 11:15 a.m. is interpreted for the hearing. All are welcome.

Our New Member Recognition weekend meaningfully supports our mission of providing a warm welcome as it is an opportunity for us to publicly introduce the newest members of FCOB to their family of faith. New Members will be recognized in the worship service that they attend on a regular basis. Also, this afternoon, Dec. 9, each new member has been invited to a reception in their honor at Pastor Kevin & Susan King’s home.



NEXT WEEK

Our Sermon Series, “God With Us,” continues with Pastor Kevin’s message “Looking for Some Joy” at the 9:45 and 11:15 Basement Services. The scripture is Luke 2:8-11. Pastor Tim will lead the 8:15 and Pastor Jim at 11:15 Classic service. Over two thousand years ago, a star burst through the darkness and signaled the long-awaited, yet still unexpected birth of a Savior. Christmas can still truly give us a taste of the most wonderful time of world history. Jesus, Immanuel, the Savior came as the light into the darkness and stress and pain of the world—our world. This Christmas season, you are invited to examine again the truth that God is With Us!



TAKE NOTE

Blue Christmas: A Service of Wholeness and Healing on Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. FCOB Caring Ministry invites you to a special holiday service designed for those for whom the holidays might be difficult. If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, the church cares about you and invites you to a special time of music and worship. Contact Jim Benedict at jim.benedict@fcob.net or 301-662-1619.

Love Belarus 2019 (ABRO) This is a reverse mission trip where children come to the US from Belarus to receive health, dental and vision care and to live outside of their home area that is still contaminated from the Chernobyl disaster of 1986. Hosted children live with families in our congregation for 6 weeks in the summer and as a group, we teach them about the love of Jesus. There are group events and many opportunities to serve even if you cannot host a child in your home. We are seeking host families now. If interested, please contact Stacey Tissue at tissuefamily@comcast.net.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP December 9, 2018

9:45 a.m. Service (Sanctuary)

Welcome /Announcements and Time of Greeting

Welcome Video

Lighting the Advent Candle

Joy To The World! Emmanuel Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayer

Song: How Many Kings

Introduction of New Members

Scripture: Luke 2:7

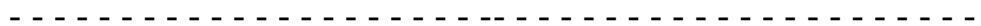
Sermon: No Cradle Available

Pastor Kevin King

Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Sending Thought

Post Music



11:15 a.m. Basement (MPR)

11:15 Offerings are placed in the Offering Box in the back of the room.

Sermon: No Cradle Available

Scripture: Luke 2:7

Pastor Kevin King

Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle

Welcome /Announcements and Time of Greeting / Welcome Video

Songs

Introduction of New Members

Songs

Sending Thought

Post Music



NUMBERS FROM LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	Worship	Christian Ed
8:15 a.m.	154	
9:45 a.m.	160	220
11:15 a.m.	154	15
Online	31	
Basement	56	
11:15 Deaf	85	20
Deaf Online	22	
Total	662	255

	General Fund	Building Fund
Offering	\$21,464.96	\$683.00
Electronic Gifts	\$6,454.00	\$80.00
Totals	\$27,918.96	\$763.00

Leadership Team Contact Information:

leadershipteam@fcob.net



CARING MINISTRY

Deacon Ministry: Our Deacons are available to assist with your emergency or crisis care needs.

Deacon On Call: Doug Fisher, 301-695-9296, djf10157@comcast.net

Deacons On Call for Deaf Fellowship: dfhereforyou@gmail.com

Pastoral Care and On-Call Assistance

During Church Office Hours: (M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Please contact the church office staff at 301-662-1819; they will be happy to assist and if necessary, to route you to the on-call pastor.

After Hours (evenings and weekends): Please contact the church at 301-662-1819 and press 3; then leave your message with the emergency-line receptionist. They will call the on-call pastor with the emergency and your contact information. If the pastor does not call you back in 60 minutes, then please contact Pastor Peter C. Myers at 301-693-2546. Pastor Peter will then relay your message to the on-call pastor. Thank you

Pastoral Staff 301-662-1819

Kevin King	Lead Pastor (ext. 11)	kevin.king@fcob.net
Jim Benedict	Int. Pastor for Spiritual Formation & Discipleship (ext. 21)	jim.benedict@fcob.net
Peter C. Myers	Pastor for Deaf Fellowship & FCOB Care (ext. 20)	peter.myers@fcob.net
Tim Shatzer	Visitation Pastor (ext. 45)	tim.shatzer@fcob.net



December 9, 2018

WELCOME • Peace • Purpose • Power



WELCOME to FCOB

ARE YOU NEW?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to "call us home," it is great to have you with us. Be sure to visit [fcobconnect](#) located in the Main Lobby. There you will find more info about FCOB and get connected into the community.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The only thing we ask you to do is relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

If you are a guest with us, please don't feel you need to give any money in the offering. We're thrilled you chose to be with us today.



Good morning! We are so glad you are here!

FCOB exists so that all people may find new life in Jesus Christ. That's what we hope you experience here.

We understand that few people have found a place where they feel they can truly thrive in their relationship with God and others. Our hope is that FCOB is that place. A church that makes a difference in the lives of everyone involved.

We believe church should be exciting, meaningful, and life-giving for the whole family. That's exactly what we strive for in all of our gatherings, from worship, to study groups that we call g.groups. Our g.groups provide opportunities for individuals of all ages to develop deeper spiritual roots with Jesus Christ and others.

We are excited you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today. We believe God is doing something special here, and the best is yet to come!

Blessings!

Kevin King

Lead Pastor