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 Traditional Worship – 8:30 a.m.
 Bible School for all Ages – 9:45 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship – 11:00 a.m.
 Kids for Christ Worship - 11:00 a.m.


Welcome  Victor & Emily Heffren
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Victor & Emily transferred their membership July 24.
Don & Kathy transferred their membership August 7.

 *We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Trina Alamo. Trina passed away on Thursday, August 11th.*

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The church office will close Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day. 

BIRTHDAYS...8 Zachery O'Dell; 9 Giovanna Perricone, Phyllis Daniel; 12 Kevin Harrison; 16 Cameron MacDonald, Rebekah Ellis; 19 Andy Brandt, Marty Namia; 22 Louise Crowder-Neri; 26 Lois Bolin, Lynn Rundle; 30 Tori Spear, Jason Farrey

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Stewardship & Attendance			
July 24, 2011			
Bible School	83	Worship	184
Tithes & Offerings		\$4,418.00	
Faith Promise—Missions		\$853.00	
Youth Building Loan Fund		\$262.00	
July 31, 2011			
Bible School	74	Worship	200
Tithes & Offerings		\$4,611.15	
Faith Promise—Missions		\$1,062.50	
Youth Building Loan Fund		\$205.00	
August 7, 2011			
Bible School	82	Worship	224
Tithes & Offerings		\$5,533.00	
Faith Promise—Missions		\$1,925.00	
Youth Building Loan Fund		\$424.00	
August 14, 2011			
Bible School	115	Worship	252
Tithes & Offerings		\$7,540.50	
Faith Promise—Missions		\$2158.50	
Youth Building Loan Fund		\$457.00	

Family Beach Night
 Sunday, August 28th - 6:30 p.m.


Redington Shores Public Beach Access
 (18200 Gulf Blvd.—across from Beach Pizza)

Join us for devotions, activities and fellowship.



Women's Bible Study
 Wednesday Nights This Fall


"Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God, Not Food" by Lysa Terkeurst is a study for women beginning in September on Wednesday nights. According to bestselling author Lysa Terkeurst, craving isn't a bad thing, but we must realize God created us to crave so we'd ultimately desire more of Him in our lives. Many of us have misplaced that craving, overindulging in physical pleasures instead of lasting spiritual satisfaction. For a woman struggling with unhealthy eating habits, "Made to Crave" will equip her to: *Break the 'I'll start again Monday cycle' and start feeling good about herself today, *Stop beating herself up over the numbers on the scale and make peace with the body you've been given, *Discover how weight loss struggles aren't a curse but, rather, a blessing in the making, *Replace justifications that lead to diet failure with empowering go-to scripts that lead to victory, *Eat healthy without feeling deprived, *Reach a healthy weight goal while growing closer to God through the process. Please sign up in your bulletin on Sunday or call the church office to let us know you will attend.




Ladies' Bible Study
 Begins Thursday Mornings

"Here and Now...There and Then" by Beth Moore is an 11-session lecture series on the book of Revelation. Beth presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal. *The Listening Guide* is a book for note taking during the teaching sessions. It also has a homework assignment each week.

Classes will begin on Thursday, September 8th, and continue through November 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the youth center. Books are \$13. Sign up by August 21st, if you plan to attend.



PROMOTION SUNDAY  Sunday, August 28th, will be the first day for all kids and youth to attend their new class! Parents please make sure your children move up if necessary on this Sunday.

Ladies' Night Out



Ladies, sign up to join us for our monthly night out at a local restaurant. Tuesday, August 30th, at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at Harold Seltzer's Steakhouse (3500 Tyrone Blvd N).

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you for a fun evening of good food and great fellowship.

The Real S.E.A.L.

The elite team of Navy SEALs that killed Osama bin Laden on May 1, 2011, is still largely shrouded in mystery. But in a recent article in The Wall Street Journal, Eric Greitens, a former Navy SEAL, divulged the one quality that makes for a successful SEAL—the ability to think about other people and a higher purpose. Here's an excerpt from his article:

“The rigors that SEALs go through begin on the day they walk into Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in Coronado, Calif., universally recognized as the hardest military training in the world. BUD/S lasts a grueling six months. The classes include large contingents of high-school and college track and football stars, national-champion swimmers, and top-ranked wrestlers and boxers, but only 10-20 percent of the men who begin BUD/S usually manage to finish ...

What kind of man makes it through Hell Week? That's hard to say. But I do know—generally—who won't make it. There are a dozen types that fail: the weight-lifting meatheads who think that the size of their biceps is an indication of their strength ... the preening leaders who don't want to get dirty, and the look-at-me



Andy

former athletes who have always been told they are stars ... In short, those who fail are the ones who focus on show.

Some men who seemed impossibly weak at the beginning of SEAL training—men who puked on runs and had trouble with pull-ups—made it. Some men who were skinny and short and whose teeth chattered just looking at the ocean also made it. Some men who were visibly afraid, sometimes to the point of shaking, made it too.

Almost all the men who survived possessed one common quality. Even in great pain, faced with the test of their lives, they had the ability to step outside of their own pain, put aside their own fear and ask: How can I help the guy next to me? They had more than the “fist” of courage and physical strength. **They also had a heart large enough to think about others, to dedicate themselves to a higher purpose.**”

Of course, Jesus is the ultimate S.E.A.L. (Servant Extraordinaire And Leader). Do you have what it takes to follow Him? See John 13:1-17.

I'll See You Sunday, Andy

Aaron Rosenberg

This summer can be summed up in one word...**AWESOME**. There have been so many high points and mountain top experiences for our youth this summer, its been great! In the midst of VBS, CIY, Lake Aurora, concerts, biking, longboarding, kayaking, and several other things, the one thing I take away is time spent with the group. It has been great to spend time with each of the teens in the group and has also been encouraging seeing a great group of college students strong in their faith ready to step up to the next challenge God has for them. It's also been great seeing what Andy and Eric and the rest of the church staff have both done not only with their ministries but also with the youth group as well. It seems as though the atmosphere here at FCCS is excitement. Can you feel it? I certainly can. I am very excited about the summer we've had and am much more excited about what's to come here at FCCS. If you sense an excitement here I hope you join in, I know God's got big plans for us here.

I am very excited about our concert kickoff coming up in a few days here. To kickoff Wed. night we have two bands playing a concert in a youth building that has been through a few months of renovations. The concert is this **Friday the 19th** starting at **6:30pm** and I hope you'll come by and visit us. Right now we have more than 100 students attending from several local churches, but most are not churched. Please be in prayer for this event, as it is an opportunity to share Christ with several people who

don't know His love. Also be in prayer as the youth band and the band Another Childhood Story (consisting of Matt Rosenberg, Allie Goldstien, Jett Halterman, Matt Freeburg and David Koning) play throughout the night. Pray that as they play they can share Christ's love in a way that is very effective with teens today...though music. I cannot wait for this event as I think it will be a great time to see some old friends and many new faces.

We can do so many things in life. Through our work we can work our lives away, through our ministry we can serve till we pass out, but in the end it all comes down to motivation. I talk a lot about motivation in life. Motivation is a difficult word because it makes us think intensely about why we do what we do. The one motivation I should have when doing what I do is bringing teens to Christ. Pray for me as I try to do that with everything I've got, pray that I don't let up, pray that I don't cease, and I will pray the same for you. After all, we are all called to bring people to Christ no matter what. As **2 Tim. 4 says: lets preach Christ in season and out of season, lets correct, rebuke and encourage** as we work under our savior's guidance to do everything we can to bring Christ to a lost world.

Love you all,

Aaron

Worship Matters

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1

Psalm 95 is a fascinating invitation to us to worship the Lord. I thought I'd take a moment to encourage each of you to meditate on this Psalm for a bit. I want you to notice a few things in this short passage and consider your own worship practices.

First, I want you to notice the enthusiasm with which the author is writing in the first five verses. To some, worship is something that's not only private, but silent. The term “worshipful” brings to mind songs that are to be sung slowly and quietly. I believe there is a time and place for silent reverence. Yet, we can't ignore the Psalmists use of expressions like, “shout joyfully.” What is described here is grateful, exuberant singing and shouting - more like what could be experienced at a football stadium than at church on Sunday morning.

Be clear - I am not recommending that we loose our focus and start dancing in the aisles and whooping and hollering on Sunday mornings. No! I have been places where the worship was all about who could be the most noticeable or energetic. This takes the focus off of God and onto the worshiper (a very dangerous scenario). The Bible is very clear that the object of our worship is to be only the Lord. And, we are to worship Him “in spirit and in truth.” (See John 4:23-24)

Eric Jaqua

However, when I meet people who are critical of those whose worship is “too enthusiastic”, I am reminded of what happened to Michal after she criticized David for his display of enthusiasm before the ark of God. (See 2 Samuel 6:12-23)

Now, notice the next part of this Psalm. There is a very different invitation to worship the Lord. Verse 6 states, “Come let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.” The theme of verses 1 – 5 is praise. The theme of verses 6-7 is prostration. Interestingly, these are the same basic nuance of the original terms for worship, both in Hebrew and Greek. So we learn then, that worship involves both animated praise and reverent prostration.

The thing that we are NOT to be concerning worship is indifferent, uninvolved or uninterested. This is a selfish and dangerous attitude, that I will touch on in future installments. For now, please know that you are encouraged to sing with all your heart to the Lord, and to bow down and worship Him – just as He is prompting you to do. What happens on Sunday mornings is more than just singing some words to songs and then moving on. Something significant – magnificent – awaits you as you take a step of faith into deeper waters of singing to the Lord and worshipping Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. **Worship Him!**



Christian Rock Concert
Friday, Aug 19 - 6:30pm
13272 Park Blvd. Seminole



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