THIS WEEK'S Q & A

I am new here, how can I start to get connected?
We're so glad you're here! To get started, text "WELCOME" to 724-246-6881 and stop by the guest table in the lobby to pick up a welcome bag. We'd love to help you get connected—at your own pace.

What should I do if I want to follow Christ?
If you would like to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior, we would love to walk alongside you. During the invitation, you can speak with one of our ministers or elders, or connect with a staff member at any time.

How does this church celebrate Communion?
We celebrate the Lord's Supper each week, following the example of the early Church (Acts 20:7). We leave the decision to participate with each follower of Christ, encouraging everyone to examine themselves before the Lord (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Is there a place I can go if I need a quieter space during the service?
Absolutely! Room 105 is our designated Sensory & Nursing Mothers Room, providing a quieter, more comfortable space for anyone who may need a break from the service. You're welcome to use the room at any time during the service.

Does this church support missions?
Yes! We support missions locally, nationally, and around the world. Our current ministry partners include Camp Christian, Sight of Hope, Mid-India, Training Tomorrow's Leaders, Mountain Mission School, International Disaster & Emergency Services (IDES), TCM International Institute, and Operation Christmas Child, as well as missionaries serving with Sight of Hope.

How do I register and check in my kids and youth?
You can register your kids and youth online, through the Church Center app, or with a member of our Check-In Team. When you arrive, use one of our Self Check-In Stations or visit the Main Check-In Station in the lobby, where a team member will be happy to assist you. For their safety, a parent, guardian, or trusted adult must check children in and out.

Are there small groups?
Yes! We call them Study Groups, and there are a variety of groups, times, locations, and topics to choose from. Groups typically meet on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and during our Fall and Spring semesters. As we grow, we look forward to expanding the opportunities we offer.

How can I support this ministry?
Through prayer, volunteering, and giving, you can make an eternal investment in God's Kingdom through this church. While we do not take up a collection during the service, you can give through the Offering Box near the café, the electronic giving stand in the lobby, online, or through the Church Center app. To receive a year-end giving statement, please make sure your current email or mailing address is on file through the Church Center app. To be assigned an offering ID, please contact the office.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | 9AM & 10:45AM

raising & REACHING

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PRAYER
Let us pray with you! Share a prayer request or praise, and let's celebrate what God is doing together. You also may keep it confidential.
Scan with your phone's camera to be directed.

From wedding & baptism questions to general inquiries, we're here to help. Reach out to us anytime—we'd love to connect with you!
Scan with your phone's camera to be directed.
CONNECT

GIVING
Explore our online giving options and set up a one-time or recurring gift to support God's work through our church.
Scan with your phone's camera to be directed.

Learn more about who we are! Discover our mission, vision, values, and leadership as we seek to follow Christ and serve our community.
Scan with your phone's camera to be directed.
ABOUT US

SERVE
Find opportunities to serve here! We need your God-given gifts and passions to help make a difference in our church and community.
Scan with your phone's camera to be directed.

Take your next step! Explore groups, learn about membership, or discover what it means to follow Christ as your Lord and Savior.
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NEXT STEPS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFTS

WE STILL HAVE SHOEBOXES & IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET ONE!

- See how God can use these gift filled boxes given in Jesus' name to transform a child, their family and their community!
- Get one (or more) boxes in the Secretary's Office. (You don't have to sign for them.)
- All instructions & a gift suggestion list are included in the box.
- Return filled boxes at the table in the Secretary's Office.
- ***Deadline to Return - November 13th***

Learn more about Operation Christian Child at samaritanspurse.org/occ

COOKIES & COMEDY WITH TONY WOLF

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 6:30PM

Tony Wolf, a prominent multi-talented Christian comedian, speaker, musician, author, and child advocate will perform this evening. More details to come but for now, be sure to save the date!

SUNDAY STUDY GROUP - 'STANDING IN THE FIRE'

NOVEMBER 1STTHRU 22ND AT 9AM & 10:45AM - LED BY ANDY MILES

This four-week study follows the prophet Elijah through a time of **cultural compromise and spiritual opposition**. It traces his path from Mount Carmel to the cave at Horeb. Participants learn to stand firm for God without succumbing to fear, anger, or pride. This study helps identify competing idols in modern society. Ultimately, it teaches how to hear God's voice when feeling isolated or exhausted.

For more detailed info and to sign up, go to fccnewsalem.com/groups

SMALL GROUP STUDY - 4 THURSDAY EVENING SESSIONS

OCTOBER 22ND & 29TH AND NOVEMBER 5TH & 12TH AT 6:30PM

- '*Chasing the Wind*' - Led by Andy Miles - For Anyone from 7th Grade to Adult
- '*The Book of James*' - Led by Patsy Sassano III - For Anyone 18+
- 'Grace, Not Perfection' - Led by Debbie Miles - For Women 18+

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CHOIR PRACTICE

EVERY SUNDAY AT 12:15PM IN ROOM 106

As we prepare for the joyous Christmas season, our choir is welcoming new voices—and no musical background or singing experience is required! Whether you can carry a perfect tune or can simply "make a joyful noise," there is a place for you.

If you are interested, please join us in Room 106.

TO RECIEVE TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

- Text "ALERT" to 724-246-6881 to receive info about service or event cancelations.
- Text "CONNECT" to 724-246-6881 to receive occasional texts about upcoming connection opportunities.

SERMON NOTES



CUT BACK, NOT CUT OFF

John 15:1-2; Psalm 1:3; Hebrews 10:37

Sometimes the hardest part of following God is realizing that growth takes time. When life feels painful, unfruitful, or like you're being cut back, God may actually be preparing you for greater fruitfulness. This message reminds us to remain faithful, stay connected to Jesus, and trust God through the process—because what feels like a setback may be preparation for something greater.

Continue the message throughout the week. Scan to receive weekly devotions delivered straight to your inbox.

Featured Volunteer Team



It's all about providing a safe and secure environment.

To join or find out more, visit fccnewsalem.com/teams

PRAYER CORNER

- **Dave & Diane Secrest**
- **Don & Faith Burton**
- **Richard & Rose Marie Kopanic**
- **Tom & Linda Fowler**
- **Caison Johnson (Sandy Antram's great-grandson)**
- **Lori Double (Debbie Bailey's sister)**
- **Kenna Marietta**
- **Brian Campbell**
- **Brad Sloboda) (Cindy Robaugh's nephew)**
- **DeeDee (Bev Novotny's cousin)**
- **Pray for one another - there is much suffering and struggle in people's lives**
- **Our sister churches**
- **Cheryl Williams (Tonya Stuckslager's mother)**
- **Alice Richards (Cheryl Black's mother)**
- **Kate Barton (Julia Casteel's mother)**
- **Tim Baird (Judy Hickle's fiance`)**
- **Cindy Porter**
- **Beth Bedilion**
- **Sharon Barnes & daughter, Kendra, (Barb Herre's aunt & cousin)**
- **John Seaman (Megan Lininger's uncle)**

TODAY	NOV 2	NOV 3	NOV 4	NOV 5	NOV 6	NOV 7	NEXT SUN	NOV 9	NOV 10	NOV 11	NOV 12	NOV 13	NOV 14
Choir Practice **12:15PM** Youth Group **After Communion *AND* 6PM**		Loyal Daughters **6PM**	Adult Bible Study **6:30PM**	Small Group Studies **6:30PM**			Choir Practice **12:15PM** Youth Group **6PM**	Board Meeting **6:30PM**		Adult Bible Study **6:30PM**	Small Group Studies **6:30PM**	**Last Day to Return Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**	