



FOOTHILLS

WORSHIP CENTER

New Study Shows It is Safer to go to Church than Not Attend!



Did you know that attending church could actually prolong your life? A recent article I saw said this:

“Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur at home. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians. Also avoid traveling by water, rail or air because 16% of all

accidents involve travel activities. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services at church; and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. By the way, the # of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is church!

For safety's sake: Get to church and read your bible! It could save your life!

Greetings in Christ!

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you concerning an exciting development here at Foothills Worship Center, and one we believe will be beneficial in so many ways for years to come.

We are thrilled to announce we have launched our church website at the end of September, and the new domain address is WWW.FWC3.ORG

I realize it might seem we're a little late in doing so, but nevertheless, it's here!

One might refer to a church website as an "online visitor's packet" as people from our area or even around the world for that matter, are able to access information that would be of interest to them if they choose to visit the church.

According to a recent Arbitron study, the Internet has surpassed television as the most essential medium. The internet is more important to the 12-44 demographic than TV. Simply put, if you were to ask this group what they would rather give up, TV would get tossed by the majority. We are now living in a world-wide-wired culture.

It is said that 9 out of 10 people who are thinking about visiting a church for the first time actually visit their website first! Think of that, we used to believe the front door to our church was an actual physical door, but it seems the front door has now become a website.

We will do our best to keep the website updated so that not only will those looking to visit the church are informed, but also we want it to be an online presence where our members and adherents will click to often for information and assistance. In other words, we want it to be a blessing to you!

As time goes on, we will be adding more and more features to the site, so please pray for us that we will be filled with vision and greater ideas with the primary goal of connecting people with Jesus Christ!

So be sure to "click on over" and check us out, and of course, please help us share the news by sending an e-mail or text to your friends and family about our new online presence. And coming soon...Live streaming Sunday Worship!

If you have any questions, or want to help; please don't hesitate to contact us!

In Christ, Pastor Brad C.



THE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has reopened and is fully operational within the F.W.C. They have begun assisting new households from the Johnstown area and are looking forward to helping even more families. If you are new to the Food Pantry, please go to the front of the building and follow the path to the right-side door. There is a doorbell to press and one of our volunteers will respond to you quickly.

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. So, if one day a week for about three hours you would like to serve our community-in-need, please call the FWC at (518)725-9611 to speak with Cindy Van Allen.

**The hours of operation are:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Even though Pastor Brad's office was the school nurse's office back when our building was a school, and the sick could recover on a cot just around the corner, we encourage you to stay home if you don't feel well. There have been several cases of covid affecting our congregation members. We want to keep us all safe and healthy.

**We LOVE to see you in church...
when you're well!**

Volunteering at F.W.C.

Without our volunteers, we wouldn't have come as far as we have. We wouldn't be sitting in the new chairs in the chapel and the chapel certainly wouldn't be painted. The columns at the main entrances wouldn't be pressure-washed and the windows would still be filthy. It is amazing what we can do and have done as a team. So much of what happens here at FWC is volunteer based. Even an hour or two, here and there just gives you a warm feeling of truly helping other people: it actually can become quite addicting.

Our Food Pantry is 100% volunteer-based. From the picking up of the food at the Regional Food Bank to the time it goes out to our hungry community. Then there's all the activities like, crafting, coloring and crocheting, ect...oh my goodness! Bible Study as well as Sunday School! Amazing stuff! Our volunteers make it all happen and we appreciate every one of you!

Most of us have printers at home. If so, don't throw out your empty ink cartridges...recycle them.

Linda Flint collects the old cartridges and turns them into money to help the church budget. Every little bit adds up.





There is a wonderful story of a twelve year old boy who had learned what the Bible teaches on tithing. One day he came to the local church pastor with a large fish he had caught. He explained to the pastor that it was his tithe and asked for instructions as to how to give it to God.

The pastor explained that he could sell it at the market or dry it and then sell it. Then he could return the tithe to God through His church. Then the pastor remarked that it had been a good day for fishing since he had caught ten fish.

“Oh no,” said the boy. *“This is the first one. The other nine are still in the ocean. I’m going after them next.”* The young boy had learned the lesson of putting God first and being faithful with his tithe. He had understood the key principles of tithing far better than most of us do.

So let’s look at what tithing can mean for us.

Giving is an Act of Worship

First, we must remember that giving, for a Christian, is an act of worship. The primary purpose for tithes or offerings is to give glory to God, to recognize Him as Creator, and to integrate Him into the material side of life. Appeals to traditional human motivations may actually reinforce chains of selfishness and sin. Thus, we must ask ourselves the following questions:

- Who is really owner of all that is in our hands?
- What does it mean for God to be owner?
- What can you really give to God?
- Can we as Christians give anything more than our own hearts?
- What makes our tithe and offerings worship?

Truly all we have and are belong to God (Psalm 24:1). Tithe is worship when we recognize our relationship with God. Offerings are worship when, in partnership with Him, we invest God’s money in His kingdom. They become an extension of our partnership with God. Without this partnership with God, we cannot worship Him with offerings—they are only payoffs. Offerings reflect our hearts and our experience with God, and are the result of the Holy Spirit’s guidance in this intimate partnership.

The First Challenge...

The first challenge is to grow so that our giving is an extension of our faith walk with God. Giving without a faith relationship cannot be worship. Giving based on something other than the faith relationship and the assurance of salvation becomes false worship.

When our hearts are right, we worship God each time we return our tithe and offerings to Him. Tithing is a worship experience that accepts our relationship with God. It is a worship experience where we acknowledge God as creator and accept His ownership of who we are and what we have. Claiming ownership of what we call our own usurps God's right and His position. Tithing reminds us that redemption restores God's ownership in our lives. *"You are to be holy to me because I the Lord, am holy and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own"* (Lev 20:26)

When We Tithe...

When we tithe, we consciously profess our trust in God to care and provide for us. When we tithe, we confess who He is in our lives and recognize His guidance and love. When we tithe, we deliberately choose to rely on Him. Thus we follow His guidance to not worry and *"seek first His kingdom and His righteousness"* (Matthew 6:33 NIV). Only when we experience salvation can we worship God. Only when we surrender to His lordship can we truly tithe.

Understanding tithe in this way leads us to realize that tithe is holy, unique, and different. It belongs to the Holy One; it is His to administer. Part of our worship with tithe is turning it over to Him to manage. What happens to the tithe is not our responsibility; our only responsibility is to worship God. However, when, as a part of church leadership, we manage tithe funds for God's church, we must always remember that what we manage belongs to God, not to us.

Psalm 24:1-2 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.



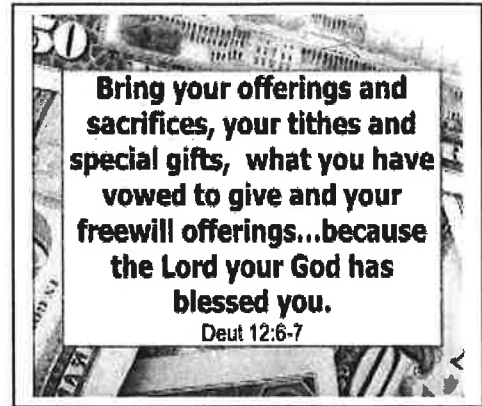
A Worship Lifestyle Includes...

A worship lifestyle includes accepting the responsibility to administer all of God's gifts in partnership with Him. Tithe is not a way of paying God off with a ten percent blackmail so we can do what we want to with the remaining ninety percent.

Neither is tithe a tip to God thanking Him for what we have received. Tithe is a sign of our willingness to manage what belongs to God—all of life—in an intimate walk with Him.

For tithe to be truly worship, we need to ask ourselves some questions on a regular basis:

- Who owns the home we live in?
- Who owns all the property we manage?
- Who has given us talent and strength to earn a living?
- Who has priority in our choices for everyday life?
- Who do we rely on each day?
- Do we really allow God to be God in every area of life?



So, how do we make our tithe truly worship? The answer lies in our attitude and action. Tithe as worship starts with a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Next is a decision to consciously recognize God as the owner of all. Then comes an attitude of management rather than ownership.

Now, turn that attitude into acts of conscious worship and make tithing an intentional act, not just a habit: Fill out your tithe envelope with a prayer of thanksgiving and praise; place the envelope in the offering plate with the assurance of divine partnership; live every moment acknowledging Jesus as Lord of your life; do every deed conscious of the divine partnership you have with God.

So, what about you? Is your tithe worship? Only you and God know the answer. And only you can choose to make it so! May you start today, as you truly believe that you can't outgive God!

Do You > Like to > SING?



"Someone is holding the 'great' just a tad too long."

Add Your Voice to the Choir!

Story Ideas

Have a story idea or an article for our newsletter? If so, send an email to the office at office@fwc3.org

A link for each recent newsletter will be posted on our FB page & also on our new website. If you require a hard-copy newsletter, one can be made available for you.

Keep in touch with the news here at FWC. Check us out on Facebook, Our new website FWC3.org and the Community News Bulletin Board at FWC across from office.

Tools, Tools, Tools, Tools, Tools, Tools

In the last newsletter, we had made a list of tools we need in-order to maintain our new building. Unfortunately, we are still in need of many of those tools. While we did buy several items, like wrenches, a shovel and a wheel-barrel, we are still in need of things such as a socket set, a hand saw, a pipe wrench, pliers of various purposes, a tool box and also rechargeable power tools like a drill. If you have any spare tools in your garage that are in good condition, consider donating them to F.W.C.



MISSION, NURTURE & OUTREACH

We have made the journey and are now in our new location. Foothills has always been a church of giving, caring and service. During the pandemic and our move, we have slowed down in these areas. We did continue but not as fully as we could. It is time to push forward with doing the same and many new projects and ideas.

First, thank you to all the hard workers in packing, cleaning, moving and unpacking from Fremont St. to our Jansen Ave. location.

You know who you are and you are fabulous.

Mission – we wish to continue many projects that are ongoing:

1. No-sew blankets for the oncology departments, nursing homes and homeless teens.
2. Hats and mittens for the schools and Food Pantry participants
3. Prayer shawl ministry – nursing homes, hospitals, and individuals
4. Red Bird Mission – baby items, hats, mittens, and school supplies
5. Foothills Food Pantry – donations and work times
6. Sharon Diefendorf's Christmas Child Project
7. Joyce Ashe's knitting group and their projects.
8. UMCOR kits

I would like to suggest that we make an effort to pursue many of these projects on a weekly schedule. We will have all day **Wednesdays** to participate in various activities. Sandy Harrington will be doing Adult Coloring in the morning and Crafting in the afternoon. I will be organizing a project a month to fit with our many mission projects. Come at **10:00 am** to fellowship and share your talents. Stay for as long as you like. Bring a lunch if you want. It will be **Fun and Fellowship** to grow with each other.

Nurture – This is a time to comfort, share and support our members as well as others.

1. Do a card writing time to each of our members whether they are attending or not. It will be nice to let them know we do think about them and are not just asking for money.
2. Start up our *Visitation Teams* to visit/take communion to the nursing homes, hospitals and shut-ins.
3. Re-establish our Prayer Chain for emergency prayers when needed.

Outreach – Doing any, some or all of the previous suggestions will certainly provide an outreach to all in our congregation, community, country and world.

Blessings, Cindy VanAllen



Birthdays September

Sharon Diefendorf - 9/15
Sandy Harrington - 9/16
Kathy Baxter - 9/17
Susan Robbins - 09/19
Reanna Stewart - 09/21
Robert Bronk - 09/23
Sandra Watson - 09/26
Velice Decker - 09/28

Birthdays October

Sandy Sacerio - 10/03
Clayton Ernst - 10/05
Linda Flint 10/26
Janet Findlay - 10/28
Kay Fassett - 10/30

Anniversaries

09/04 Linda & Bob Suits
9/20 Linda & Steve String
10/08 Velice & Lewis Decker

What's Happening?

If you are looking for a group or an activity to take part in, there is usually something going on at the Foothills Worship Center. We truly have a little bit of everything here. Come and check it out!

Are you good at teaching kids? The Sunday School is in need of teachers. Please see Sandy Sacerio and she can help get you started.

Like being part of a book club, join Cindy Van Allen on Monday's at 12:30 p.m. for her Bible Study Group. The conversation is always thought provoking and inspiring.

Looking to de-stress, try our adult coloring class on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. then if you'd like, bring a lunch and stay for our Crafter's group. They get together from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Sometimes, it is more like a Chit-Chat's group, but nonetheless, it is always a good time. If you would like to participate just show up to either group. Sandy Harrington will welcome you!

Cindy Van Allen also has mission work on Wednesdays in two time slots: from 9-11am & 1-3pm.

If you enjoy knitting and crocheting but would rather sit among friends than alone at home, then join the Knitting and Crocheting group. They meet every other Thursday from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

If you like to sing, our Choir Director, Malcolm Kogut wants you to join him at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings and/or 9 a.m. Sunday before church. He would love to have more voices to harmonize.

So, as was already stated, there is usually something going on and I'm sure that more will be happening around here soon! So, **you are invited to participate and start getting connected.**