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Starting from March 3rd, we are going to begin a new Sunday school series which will delve into the book of Acts. This series is going to be an exciting journey for all of us as we explore the history of early Christianity and the impact it has had on the world. We will be discussing the various stories and events that took place in the book of Acts, and how they can be applied to our lives today. This is a great opportunity for everyone to come together and learn more about the teachings of Jesus and the early church. We hope to see you there!

Monthly Missions Spotlight

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Faith Christian Academy operates as a ministry that is affiliated with Faith Presbyterian Church, offering educational services to students in the surrounding community.



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The mission of Faith Christian Academy is to help mold, equip, and educate students to enable them to become the best that God intends for them to be. For this to take place, the whole child has to be nurtured --academically, socially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

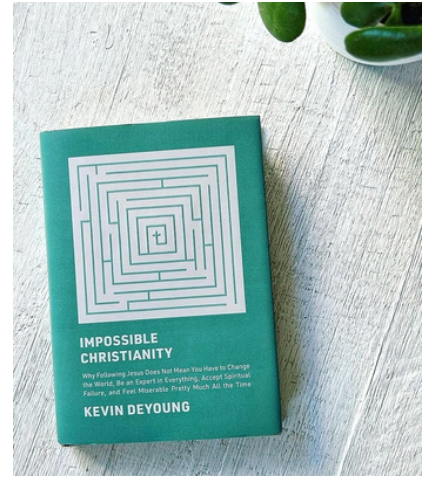
Considering the tremendous effect the child's environment has on his learning, attitudes, and behavior, FCA seeks to uphold a loving, nurturing Christian environment in which each child feels loved and successful. The Christian professional, certified teachers serve as positive role models as they nurture the development of each individual child's God-given strengths.

Each child begins to understand that God created him with unique talents, and that God has a special plan for his life. Each one is encouraged to trust God to show him what to do.

More information about the school can be found on our website fcacheraw.org

Impossible Christianity Book Review

Are you struggling with trying to be the best Christian you can be? Are you experiencing an intense guilt every time the preacher exhorts you to study the Bible? Are you trying to figure out exactly what Paul meant when he said that we should “pray without ceasing”? Do you want to know how much evangelism you should be doing? How much, of all of this, is enough? Are the good works we do really a benefit? Can we really do any good works at all? These are questions and concerns that many Christians face as we seek to live for Christ each day.



These are the kinds of questions that Kevin DeYoung addresses in his new book *Impossible Christianity*. The subtitle of the book is quite telling of the what the contents are all about: *Why Following Jesus Does Not Mean You Have to Change the World, Be an Expert in Everything, Accept Spiritual Failure, and Feel Miserable Pretty Much All the Time*. DeYoung gave a preview of the book at the Spring gathering of the Gospel Reformation Network last year in Charlotte. As soon as he told us the subtitle, I knew I wanted to read the whole book.

The premise of the book is that since God is our loving and gracious Heavenly Father, and He adopted us into His family through the grace of Christ Jesus, we are His true children. If a good earthly father views the simple, imperfect works of his growing and maturing children with grace and encouragement and love, then much more will our Heavenly Father view our good works with the same kind of response and acceptance. This in no way means that we are not to seek to do the best we can do for the Lord, but rather that the Lord knows, better than anyone, that we are His imperfect children and that we will not always get everything right. We are His work in progress.

The book is an easy read, it contains only eight chapters and 128 short pages of widely spaced sentences. There are no complicated words to look up or complex ideas to try to decipher. The introduction is titled *Is Christianity Supposed to Feel Impossible?* Other examples of chapter titles include *How (Not) to Make Christianity Possible*; *Never Enough*; and *Sermon (of Misery) on the Mount*.

I heartily recommend the book to you as one that I am sure you will return to again and again in the coming years. As you seek to learn how to live for Christ in this fallen world, may the Lord your God bless your efforts.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Joe

SCRIPTURES TO PONDER

The Hope of the righteous
 "The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish." Proverbs 10:28

The way to have hope
 "This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end." Lamentations 3:21-22

Turn to the scriptures
 "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

The comfort of God's ways
 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“ We ought to read the Scriptures with the express design of finding Christ in them. ”

JOHN CALVIN



March Birthdays

4th Sallie Goldfinch
 11th Jeremy Lofton
 21st Loretta Arnold

Spring Forward

Don't forget to spring forward March 10th for daylight saving time!



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Services

Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10am