



Faith Christian Church OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017

What's so bad about being a small church?

Another Way

Written by Anthony Robinson

"You don't have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn't deny me when times were tough." - Revelation 3: 8 (The Message)

"I started my ministry in small, rural churches. I did my pastoral work standing in dairy barns and over coffee at kitchen tables. I even wrote my seminary master's thesis on small churches and their strengths and challenges.

Many of our churches have gotten smaller. Even our larger churches aren't all that big compared to mega-churches.

But there's no relationship between church size and faithfulness. And besides, we have it on good authority that what the world counts grand and glorious may not be so to God; and what the world counts unimportant and insignificant may, in God's eyes, be precious and extraordinary.

Writing to one of the seven small churches in his care, Philadelphia, John of Patmos said, "You don't have much strength, I know that." And yet . . .

Small churches, small projects, small communities too, from most perspectives, don't have a great deal of power or importance. And yet . . . and yet. The first century church of Philadelphia kept God's Word, persevered when times were tough.

We live in a time and place that is fairly drunk on bigness, on money, power and celebrity. Bombast trumps the quiet voice of conscience — or so it seems. "More of Everything," the slogan of a major retailer, could be our culture's credo.

Scripture reminds that God sees things very differently, that small can be beautiful, that ordinary things can be extraordinary, that those the world calls "losers" may be great, and that a small community of faith can be so faithful that its name is not only written in Scripture, but in heaven.

Prayer

God, help us to persevere when times are tough, to keep your Word when the world has gone crazy. Amen."

About the Author

Tony Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister, is a speaker, teacher, and writer. His newest book is *Called to Lead: Paul's Letters to Timothy for a New Day.*



WE HAVE A PASTOR!!

CELEBRATE NEW BEGINNINGS...

On September 10, 2017, Faith Christian Church called Terri Haithcock to be our Pastor. The vote was unanimous - what a way to start anew!! We are blessed. May God guide Terri in her ministry here at Faith Christian and may we work diligently to support her and further God's kingdom here on earth. Pastor Terri will officially begin her pastorate on October 22. She will be working in a part-time capacity (20-25 hr./week).

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Oct. 1** - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship with Communion - Rev. Dan Busch
Receiving of New Members
- Oct. 8** - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship - Rev. John Foster
- Mon., Oct. 9** - 10 am. Monthly Bible Study
- Tues., Oct 10** - 5:30 pm. Council Mtg.
- Sat., Oct. 14** - 9am. - 3 pm. Threadbare Ladies
- Sun., Oct. 15** - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship - Howard Hunt
- Sat., Oct. 21** - 3-5 pm. Trail & Treat
- Sun., Oct. 22** - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship - Pastor Terri Haithcock begins
- Mon., Oct. 23** - 10 am. Mission Mtg.
- Sat. Oct. 28** - 9am. 3 pm. Threadbare Ladies
- Sunday, Oct. 29** - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship - Pastor Terri

**MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 AT 10:00 AM.
at the church - Sally Dailey will lead Lesson 2**

TRAIL AND TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017
3:00 pm. - 5:00 pm.

Weather permitting, we are going to bring back using the trail & fire pit for this event.

What can you do?

Dress up & hand out candy on the trail
Help run the s'more area around the fire pit
Help decorate
Donate/Lend decorations, candy, s'more ingredients, marshmallow roasters, buckets (for candy dispersal)
Help clean up
Pass out fliers and spread the word!



BIRTHDAYS

1 Frank Scalzi
2 Mark Urish
5 Emily Urish
9 Skylar Avery
10 Bob Barnhardt
18 Jaxton Avery
24 Larry Weigt
31 Michele Barnhardt
31 Sonya Brooks

ANNIVERSARY

1 Melinda & Jodie Grant



Food Pantry

Please continue to keep bringing in items for the Food Pantry. They are very appreciative for our generous contributions.

Suggestions: canned veggies, bottled water, flavored drinks, coffee, tea bags, tuna, snacks like chips, cookies, M&Ms.

The Annual BASKET RAFFLE is coming!

The basket raffle will begin November 6, 2017.

Please have your baskets into the office by November 1st.

Anyone can donate a basket; the more baskets, the more fund-raising monies we can make.

INVITATION TO POLLINATE AND BEE THE CHURCH

Bee the Difference in Caring for Creation!

Did you know that our UCC denomination has a wonderful newsletter that can help you become more fruitful in the ministry of caring for God's creation? The newsletter is called *The Pollinator*, and it is devoted to the sharing of ideas and inspiration for this vital ministry in which each of us can participate. Sign-up to receive this newsletter which is emailed every two weeks: [www.ucc.org/pollinator sign up](http://www.ucc.org/pollinator_sign_up)

CHANGE IN SECRETARY HOURS

Lori's hours will change at the end of October.

Here are her hours:

Tuesday - 8:30 am. - 1:30 pm.

Wednesday - 10:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

Thursday - 8:30 am. - 1:30 pm.