

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**State of the Ministry Address:** We will have our *State of the Ministry Address* during our next Leadership Meeting on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following our corporate worship gathering.

**Corporate Love Feast:** Our Agape Meal has been moved to the 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following our worship service. All are welcome!

**FCM on the Road Update:** Please update your calendars. Our “FCM on the Road” trip originally scheduled for Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 a.m. In lieu of our regular Sunday worship gathering, we will be worshipping at Grace River Church at 1913 Trade Center Dr. in St. Peters on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Discipleship Groups:** Covenant partners, please make it your goal to get commitments from 2 new people to join you for a new discipleship group by Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. We will talk more about the groups during Leadership Meeting this month; so, bring your questions. We will also place an order for *Discipleship Essentials* books later this month.

**Heat Up St. Louis Rise & Shine for Heat:** This year’s event will be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please give Trish the time you can serve and your preferred location no later than Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at our Leadership Meeting.

### **Authorities we want to specifically pray for this week:**

Vice President- Kamala Harris, JD Vance (elect) MO Lieutenant Governor- Mike Kehoe, Dave Wasinger (elect) City of St. Peters Administrator- Bill Malach
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## FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

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[faithcovenantstl.com](http://faithcovenantstl.com)

### Purpose Statement:

We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

### Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

### Mailing address:

P.O. Box 430  
St. Charles, MO 63302  
636-373-9001

### Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Corporate Prayer- 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM  
Discipleship Groups (times vary)

### Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr – President & Senior Pastor  
Rose Hammond - Receptionist

## Order of Worship

Sunday January 12, 2025

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

(**Congregation** responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

#### OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! We lift our voices to our God who is abundant in power! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

(Prayer) With joy, Loving God, we tune our hearts and minds to praise, for you have carried us through the past year, and now you have brought us into a new beginning. We praise you for what you have done and look forward to what you will do in us and through us this year. We offer this prayer to you as we exalt your name. In the name of Jesus, we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.**

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[All Hail](#) [He Is Exalted](#) [Hallowed Be Your Name](#)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, guide our steps as we navigate new opportunities and challenges. Fill us with Your wisdom, strength, and peace. Protect us and our loved ones and surround us with Your favor. May this month be the beginning of a year full of spiritual growth, breakthrough, and joy as we walk in obedience to Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Lamentations 3:21-39 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.**

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 2:14-3:6 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.**

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[All Glory Be To Christ](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:40-52 (NASB95)

SERMON: Pastor Charlie Hughes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE:

HOLY COMMUNION: (Liturgy on Screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

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A thought from *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers

If we obey God it is going to cost other people more than it costs us, and that is where the sting comes in. If we are in love with our Lord, obedience does not cost us anything, it is a delight, but it costs those who do not love Him a good deal. If we obey God it will mean that other people's plans are upset, and they will gibe us with it – "You call this Christianity?" We can prevent the suffering; but if we are going to obey God, we must not prevent it, we must let the cost be paid.

Beware of the inclination to dictate to God as to what you will allow to happen if you obey Him.

**Convincing Cravings** (12 January 2025)

Numbers 11:4-6      Pastor Charlie Hughes, Church by the Glades

Cravings are convincing because they appeal to how we \_\_\_\_\_.

- Cravings push us to believe how we feel should come \_\_\_\_\_.
- Cravings can be \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 12:38)

When God does not choose to \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as you chose to \_\_\_\_\_, the temptation to return the very thing you were rescued from can be so hard to resist.

The devil will bring us the \_\_\_\_\_ of your past, but not the \_\_\_\_\_ of your past.

I need to \_\_\_\_\_.

God gave the manna to strengthen their faith as a form of \_\_\_\_\_ encouragement.

- There was nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about the manna. The manna was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The manna was meant to taste like their \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 16:31).