

STATE OF THE FELLOWSHIP 2012

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Proverbs 27:23

State of the Flock (That Rocks!)

- 230 salvations - 1080 since 2006!!
- 28 Baptisms.
- 24 completed our Check It Out Class.
- Bible Foundations, led by Greg Burns continued to grow & bear fruit!
- Kenny Drain transitioned the Youth Pastor responsibilities to Mark Dollar.
- All our youth groups grew numerically and spiritually. Sent 85 to Youth America!
- Robb & Jeri McCormick led our Worship Teams.
- Leslie Dollar joined the team to develop fine arts and dance. She has just taken over our nursery and children's ministry teams.
- Judy Crouch and Kay Dickey led Cool Church.
- Jeremy & Amanda Keaster helped Tech Fellowship link up with Internationals on campus and Campus Church.
- Kevin & Nancy Heikkila's team hosted Welcome to America.
- Fed over 600 people during our Labor Day, Party On The Land
- Men's groups led by Travis Arterbury and Wayne Helmer were very successful as were our Women's groups led by Jan Townsend, Debra Aylesworth and Terri Traylor.
- Joe & Andrea Wolfe & John & Leah White did a great job facilitating our Community Groups.
- Lives were transformed in 2011. Mike & Beth Ward's prayer teams under-girded it all with prayer. The E-Team and Treasure Hunt Team led the way. We took VBS on the road "HAVE TUB—WILL BAPTISE" attitude!
- The life God has given us is spilling over into our city and around the world.
 - City Pastors becoming a T-Group
 - Raised over \$65,000.00 for missions.
 - Ministered to Internationals from China, Japan, Nepal, Brazil, Mexico, Rwanda, India, Nigeria, Korea, Ireland and England.
 - Alana Smith - France & Switzerland.
 - Alan & Erin Helmer - Turkey.
 - Connections with Pioneer in England were strengthened.
- At NorthGate Church in Bentonville. We ordained Brian Wood as an elder, licensed Chris Latimer and hired Crystal Elwin as Children's Director.
- Continued to partner with 1st Baptist, 1st Methodist and 1st Freewill to support River Valley Christian Clinic - \$10 million dollars worth of medical services have been given over the past 5 years!
- FOC finished in the black because many of you kept giving faithfully!
- David Eslick Led our ministry to the poor through benevolence teams, food pantry and clothes closet grew!

- FOC has stood together coming into our 40th year now!!

FOCUSED OUR PREACHING ON FOUR AREAS IN 2011

- January: "A Safe Place for Dangerous People"
- February - May: Ephesians "The Power of We"
- June - August: Matthew 22:36-40 "Tools for Life"
- September - December: Philippians "Joy for All Seasons"

OVERALL GOALS FOR 2012

Our Mission:

Long Version: "Fellowship of Christians is an evangelical, charismatic community established on the Word of God that seeks to be led and empowered by the holy Spirit. We are called to serve God through a lifestyle of worship and to extend His love and grace in culturally relevant ways."

Short Version: WORD–SPIRIT–RELEVANCE...A LIFESTYLE.

Our Vision: "Fellowship of Christians will transform our city, state and the nations through living God's word and relying on the Holy Spirit."

3 Primary areas:

1. Ministry Teams
2. Land & Resources
3. Transformation Groups
(T-Groups)

SPECIFIC DIRECTION WE'RE HEARING FOR 2012

- It's encouraging to see the culture of FOC turning outward beyond ourselves.
- FOC will continue to be about others with *a fresh desire to see people saved & set free.*
- Start new series from Proverbs "Wisdom For The Road" on Feb. 19th.
- In this special year of our 40th Anniversary as a church, we are committed to being a multi-generational church.

3 special gatherings planned this year:

1. *Feb. 10-12* – **Marriage Encounter Weekend** with Glenn & Amy Shaffer and team from Destiny Life Church.
2. *June 8 - 10* - **Supernatural Lifestyle.**
3. *Sept. 5-9* - **40th Celebration.**

A picture and A Word:

- A picture of a football team on 3 yard line.

A Word about March Breakthrough.

I heard in my spirit during a noon time prayer gathering that the month of March will be different, but significant for Fellowship of Christians.

- March will see the Holy Spirit come in like a lamb but will send God's people out like lions.
- Behold what the Lord will do around the "Ides of March."
- Marching orders will become more clear by the end of march.
- March gladness will release a greater portion of the joy of the Lord.
- An April harvest in and around Easter time when you put out the welcome mat.
- Greater visibility of transformation will be seen from May through July at Fellowship of Christians.
- Seeds of transformation that have been planted will sprout forth in August\September time.
- There will be much to be thankful for at Thanksgiving.
- Many new members of FOC family around the table of the Lord for Christmas celebrations.

I heard later that afternoon that the word, "MARCH" is a directional word for our church that has meaning beyond the month's name. I sensed a growing sound of marching in the heavens. I remembered from the passage in 2 Samuel 5:17-25, vs. 20-
 "As waters break out, the lord has broken out against my enemies before me. So that place was called Baal Perazim." Baal Parazim translates, "the God of the breakout or God of the breakthrough!"

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- I sense the Lord's favor in this place *Luke 4:18-19*.
- I'm asking each of you to be active in our church.
- *I Peter 4:10*