

# ACT 2: FIRED UP



The Unstoppable Early Church

ACTS 15-28

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**August 21, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

*Please complete the connect card and place in the offering.*

Invitation to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 38

*Worthy of Worship*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Summary of Acts 27 (taken from *The Message*)  
Jada Jones and Aaron Bryant

\*Songs

*Change My Heart, O God*  
*You Are God Alone*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*First (Lauren Dangle)*  
Anja Swenson, Guitar & Vocals

Message

Anchors in the Storm  
Pastor Ted Nordlund

\*Closing Hymn 729

*Eternal Father, Strong to*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

*Thanks Be to God (G.F. Handel)*

\*All who are able are invited to stand

*Prayer time for health and wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following worship.*

## **TODAY**

**Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church!** *Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here. The connect card in your bulletin provides a way to give or receive information, or to ask for prayer. Many are already part of our e-mail communication. If you would like to receive periodic church updates electronically, please indicate this on your connect card. Place your completed connect card in the offering.*

**10:30am**

**Worship, Sanctuary**

**Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), Rooms 105 & 106**

**Resource Table for children and youth**, please check out this table as you enter Worship, where you will find worship bulletins, crayons and Bibles for children.

**11:30am**

**Fellowship Hour, Upper Fellowship Hall**

**11:40am**

**Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room**

## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

**Outdoor Worship with Potluck following, Sunday, August 28, 10:30am**

(please see insert for more information)

**Worship and First Covenant Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 4**

**10:30am Worship, Sanctuary**

**11:35am-12:15pm Annual Meeting, Upper Fellowship Hall**

On this important day we have the opportunity to gather to worship and reflect on the life of our church over the past 12 months. We will share stories of lives touched and the impact our church has had within our congregation and on our local and global missions. After the worship service we will hold a business meeting to review a financial summary for the last year as well as:

1. review and approve the proposed budget
2. elect new leadership team members, financial secretary and treasurer
3. ratify the new constitution and by-laws
4. affirm new members

**Your presence on September 4 will help us celebrate and further pursue the work of the church.**

**Welcome Sunday, September 11, 10:30am**

Please join us for our fall kick off Sunday, with Worship at 10:30am in the sanctuary, and an outdoor BBQ/Potluck following.

**Fall Schedule Begins, Sunday, September 18, 9:30am Worship**

Worship start time will go back to 9:30am, with Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages starting at 11:00am.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**This weekend**, over 60 people from First Covenant, including several ministry team members, are relaxing and worshipping at Covenant Pines Bible Camp in McGregor, MN at our "Whole Church Retreat". Please be praying for them as they return today.

**Last Sunday**, Ana Como, Gabriel Wilson and Rosemary Peck were baptized, and Madison DeGaetano reaffirmed her baptismal vows, at our annual Rick Kline Prayer Walk and Baptism at Lake Phalen.

**Stay connected:** Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service at no charge. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

**Bookshare** - Do you or your children need a break from the computer? Stop by the bookshelves by the Welcome Center and see the many categories of books available for you to take home and read at your leisure. Parents - there are many wonderful children's books you and your young family can read together at home.

## EVERY KID TO CAMP UPDATE

**Praise God! We have met our goal!** Our total need to be able to send 68 kids to camp this summer was \$25,234.00. Due to your generosity, we were able to provide support for all the kids who wanted to go to camp. THANK YOU!

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

**Training for all FCC Children and Youth Volunteers, Wednesday, September 7, 4:45-7:45pm**

This mandatory training is for those volunteering with Nurseries, Children's Church, Sunday School, Wednesday After School Program, and Wednesday Children and Youth Programs.

The schedule for the evening:

**4:45-5:45pm** - After School volunteers

**5:45-6:30pm** - Dinner and training for all volunteers

**6:30-7:45pm** - Children and Youth volunteers

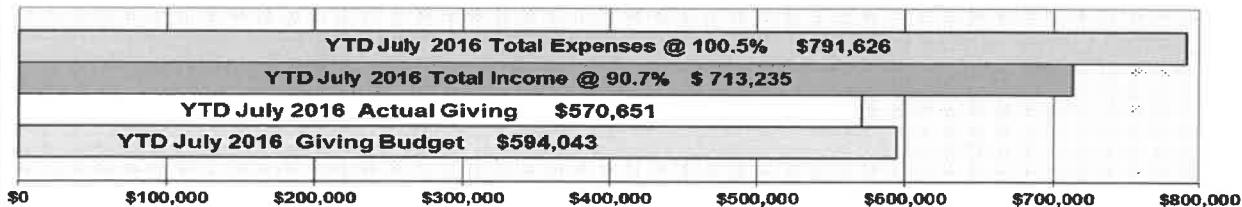
If you have any questions, please contact Kate Makosky, Donovan DeGaetano or Chrissy Thomas.

### **FCC Financial Update - July 31, 2016 fiscal year-to-date**

In July, \$41,986 was given towards the month's budget of \$52,511. We are now at 96% of Faith giving YTD.

Our Total Income is 10% below Expenses....a reality of \$78,400 through July.

Contributing to this shortfall are other sources of partner income that have also fallen short.



August 31 is the end of our fiscal year.... and only two weeks left to make a difference.  
God continues to provide through each of you! "Let's all give something." Thank YOU!

## FCC SUPPORTING THE PETERSONS

Karl, Sue, Zachary, and Jonathan Peterson, missionaries to Mexico City, are living in the Twin Cities for their one year home assignment and need our assistance in getting settled. There are two very practical ways that you can help:

1. Providing pantry items to help stock their kitchen and household. Stop by the Welcome Center to see the list and check off what you'd like to bring. Just drop off your item(s) in the boxes behind the Welcome Center by September 11. Questions? Contact Beth Norris, [beth.norris@comcast.net](mailto:beth.norris@comcast.net), or 651-486-7556.

2. Helping to move Karl and Sue Peterson, **Monday August 29th 5pm - 9pm** We will be loading a truck in Shoreview and moving everything to a house they are renting in Plymouth. We are looking for individuals to help with the loading, unloading, or both. Contact Bryan Norris at [Norris.Bryan@gmail.com](mailto:Norris.Bryan@gmail.com).

## FCC PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**Team World Vision's 6K for Water, Saturday, August 27, 9:00am**  
*White Bear Lake*

We have an official First Covenant Church of St. Paul team for Team World Vision's 6K for Water! So far we have 17 people from FCC signed up to walk/run, but we would love to see more joining us! Young and old, fast and slow, walkers, runners, and those with strollers are all invited to journey 3.5+ miles in support of World Vision's work to provide clean water to parts of Africa.

**To sign up:** <http://www.teamworldvision.org>, look for 6K for Water - Twin Cities. Our team name is: First Cov St Paul, team captain is Kara Stromberg. Questions? Contact [karastromberg@gmail.com](mailto:karastromberg@gmail.com), or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center.

**Family Values Back-to-School Celebration Event, Wednesday, August 31, 4:30-7:30pm**  
*Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Avenue, St. Paul*

This event includes free school supplies, community resources, haircuts, games, food, and more. **Children must be present to receive school supplies.** A donation bin is by the Welcome Center where you can donate new school supplies. (See insert for needed supplies). Thank you to all from FCC who have volunteered to help with registration. For more information: [www.familyvaluesforlife.org](http://www.familyvaluesforlife.org).



FAMILY VALUES  
FOR LIFE

TOGETHER WE BUILD STRONG, HEALTHY FAMILIES

## DONATIONS

### School Supplies Needed

- **Back Packs**
- **Rulers**
- **Scissors**
- **Blue, Black, and Red Ballpoint Pens**
- **Pencils**
- **Color Crayons**
- **Color Pencils**
- **Markers**
- **Glue/Glue Sticks**
- **Spiral Notebooks**
- **Folders**
- **Loose Leaf Notebook Paper**
- **Highlighters**
- **Kleenex (Small individual packs)**



## **Summer Worship on the Lawn**

### **August 28 at 10:30 am**

Sunday, August 28th, is our last outdoor worship, starting at 10:30 am. We will meet on the south lawn, under the trees. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs (some chairs will be provided) and a dish to share for the potluck that follows. Sharing in a meal provides us with a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate our life in Christ together.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck:

last names starting with...

A-M bring a main dish

N-Z bring a side dish of either a salad or fruit or veggie tray

Dessert, chips and bread items will be provided.

Beverages will be provided as well as plates, cups, napkins and silverware.

In case of rain we will be meeting in Upper Fellowship Hall for worship and the potluck.

#### **Volunteers are needed to help in the following ways:**

set-up chairs and sound equipment, set-up/food prep, preparing beverages, servers, set-up/take-down of tables and chairs and clean-up. This is the perfect opportunity to offer hospitality and lend a hand in a practical way. If you are available and can assist us with any of these needs, we'd love for you to sign up at the Welcome Center!

Any questions please contact: Richard Voth, [richard@first-covenant.org](mailto:richard@first-covenant.org) or Deb Carlson, [dbcarlson07@gmail.com](mailto:dbcarlson07@gmail.com), 651-260-4053.