

FCCH Catalyst



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Developing Young Leaders

Paul wrote a letter to a young leader named Timothy, encouraging him to be an example, to be trained in the faith and to persist so that many would be saved. You'll notice in this passage from 1 Timothy 4:6-16 Paul's emphasis on doctrine, on godliness, and on gifting – all of it in light of their hope set on the living God.

We believe Paul sets a good example for us to eagerly seek to train, encourage and empower young leaders.

We believe, like Timothy, God has gifted you by his Spirit. We are eager to train and encourage you in your potential that you might grow, that you would be an example to others, and that your ministry, whatever it might be, might bear fruit into eternal life!

THE PROGRAM

1 Timothy 4:6-16

⁶ If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Catalyst is a summer program for 18-22 year-olds aimed at training you in faith, character, and leadership.

At the end of Catalyst, we hope you will

- Grow in faith, resilience, godliness, maturity, and discipline.
- Be equipped in a variety of ministry and leadership skills
- Captured by a grand vision of church life, calling and ministry
- Bond in community and immersive fellowship.

Catalyst Meeting - Tuesday Mornings 8:00-10:00am

Catalyst will consist of a weekly gathering during the summer spent together in prayer, devotion, equipping and fellowship. We'll provide discipleship materials and suggested reading for you.

We will begin our meetings on **Tuesday June 16** and conclude on **Tuesday August 18**. We will take breaks depending on availability and summer programming.

FCCH Evening Worship

In addition to our weekly meeting Catalyst Leaders will have opportunity for Ministry Experience. During the Summer, FCCH will be hosting 4 nights for worship and prayer which will be lead and facilitated by the Catalyst Leaders. We're excited to see you develop and use your gifts to glorify God, serve his church, and be a witness to the community.

We'll also encourage you to get involved in Summer Ministry opportunities such as VBS, Explore, and Summer Serve, and create space for encouragement, debrief, and development.

Apply

To apply, visit www.fcchamilton.org/college and complete the registration form.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to grow in your own walk with Jesus, to grow deep in fellowship with tight-knit community of peers and develop skills and convictions as young leaders. Let's make the most of this summer together!

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