

Under Fire
Pressure Reveals the Real Me
Acts 6:8-15

1. Don't be drunk with wine because that makes you _____
_____ Rather, be filled with the Spirit because that makes you _____
_____.
2. When people can't win a rational argument, they often _____ and bear _____ witness
3. The Council is the Sanhedrin – the Supreme _____ of Israel
4. How we handle pressure says a lot about _____ and where we are _____
5. _____ is Satan's specialty
6. God is _____ to protect us against the accusations of Satan
7. If a person accuses you, don't lose _____; commit it to the Lord, _____ the one who judges righteously
8. If you sin, bank on Satan filing a charge against you. Bank on Jesus to faithfully and powerfully _____ you, reminding the Devil that you belong to God because of Jesus' _____ on the cross for all who believe

Romans 8:33-35

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

May 17, 2026

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This morning we welcome
Pastor Sammie Brooks
who will bring us the Word.

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**FAMILY
TABLE
SUNDAY**

Join us today after the 10:30 service in the gym for a great time of fellowship & lunch together as a church family.

**FAMILY
GROUPS**

Our family groups are a great place to connect with other believers, study God's Word together, build meaningful relationships, and get equipped to go do ministry. We are concluding Exodus this month and will begin Galatians in June. If you're not in a Family Group, scan the QR code to learn more. Questions? Call the church office 941-629-0444.



If you are interested in being baptized as an expression of what Jesus has done in your life, we'd love to talk with you. Contact the Church Office to meet with a pastor for more information.

WEEK AT-A-GLANCE - MAY 17-23

Sunday, May 17

Happy Birthday: Betty Osborne, Alicia LaFlam, Noah Briggs, Alaylia Martinez

Deacon of the Day: Mitch Lipford

10:15am Starting Point Mem. Class (Min. Suite)
 • If you missed today's class you can register for the next class on Sun., June 28
 • Register: familychurchpc.com/starting-point

10:30am FC Español Gathering (FH)
 12:00pm Family Table Sunday (G)
 4:30pm Deacon Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)
 Focus Group - Foundations of Faith (FH7)

Monday, May 18

Happy Birthday: David Phelps, Steven Fitzanko, Todd Griswold, Barbara Hald, Mitchell Lipford, Emma Florida, Elijah McKelvy, Wesley Bradley

Happy Anniversary: Tim & Cindy Bode, 47 yrs.
 Mike & Tracy Donnelly, 41 yrs.
 Ray & Dee Sheldon, 36 yrs.

9:00am Forget-Me-Nots Team Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)
 10:30am Staff Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)
11:00am Forget-Me-Nots Lunch
 • Widows join us for lunch at Perkins, 1700 S Tamiami Trl, Port Charlotte
 • If a ride from the church is needed, contact Vickie Siders 502-507-4304
 6:30pm FC Young Adults (SC)

Tuesday, May 19

Happy Birthday: Jersella Gooden, Steve Sciola

9:00am Men's Focus Group - Prayer (Conf. Rm.)
 10:00am Men's Focus Group - Romans (Conf. Rm.)
 6:30pm Men's Focus Group - Mangham (Min. Suite)
 Starting Point - Student Min. Leaders (Min. Suite)

Wednesday, May 20

Happy Birthday: Jerry Martin, Shirley Donovan, Susan Evans, Douglas Crites, Dwayne Collins, Dee Fraley, Anaya Machado

5:00pm Stewardship Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)
 6:00pm AWANA Celebration (FH)
 Women's Focus Group (Weston's Home)

Thursday, May 21

Happy Birthday: DeeAnn Smiles, Milana Podolskiy

6:00am Men's Family Group - Bulfant (Conf. Rm.)
9:00am Focus Group - Mom's Together (SC)
 • 2nd & 4th Thursday each month.
 • Scan the code for more information and to register.



10:00am Family Group - Sharp (Conf. Rm.)
 Focus Group - FCA Prayer Walking
 Women's Focus Group - Prayer (A10)
 7:00pm Men's Focus Group - James (Conf. Rm.)

Friday, May 22

Happy Birthday: Lori Black, Daniel Mossey, Tina Brown, Micaiah Calger

Happy Anniversary: David & Linda Fanstill, 44 yrs.
 10:00am Focus Group - Sisters Stitching (SC)

Saturday, May 23

Happy Birthday: Gale Sinclair
Happy Anniversary: Bob & Shirley Kellemen, 45 yrs.

9:00am Family Field Day (soccer field)
 • Everyone is invited to bring the family and join us for a fun morning of games, food, music, and connection.
 • No need to sign up, come and join us!

CHECK THIS OUT...



Everyone is invited to bring the family and join us for a fun morning of games, food, music, and connection next Sat., May 23 from 9am-Noon on our Soccer Field. This is a simple, welcoming space for our community whether you're new, looking to connect, or just want to enjoy time with your family. **Open to everyone, no need to sign up, come and join us!**

Hey church fam,

The Lord brought you to mind as we're preparing for our upcoming Family Field Day this Saturday, and I'd love to invite you to serve with us that day.

This is an opportunity to help create a space where families feel welcomed, connected, and cared for and we really do need people like you to make that happen.

We're looking for help in a few simple areas:

- Hot dog team (grilling, serving, keeping things moving)
- Greeting / welcome and data input for raffle
- Games (helping facilitate simple activities)
- Setup and tear down support

If you're available and open to serve, would you just reply to me, Alex@familychurchpc.com, and I'll follow up with details.

Grateful for you and the way you serve our church family in many capacities to advance the kingdom of God here in Port Charlotte and to the ends of the earth.
 Let's go! Pastor Alex



20 Years!

Next Sunday, May 24, we will honor Pastor Jim & Shirley for 20 years of faithful service here at Family Church.

We invite you to help us celebrate by sharing a brief message of encouragement, gratitude, or a favorite memory. Simply record a short video (20-30 seconds) on your phone and email it to Jeremy@familychurchpc.com for consideration in a special compilation video that will be shown that morning. (Those not included in this video will be posted on our online platforms.)

The Church will give him a gift, but cards and gifts from individuals are also appropriate.

This was moved from May 3 to the 24th.



**Saturday, June 6
 9:00-10:30am · Café**

Men, you're invited to breakfast, fellowship, and fun! This is open to men of all ages; dads, grandfathers, and mentors are encouraged to bring their kids (boys and girls). We'll enjoy breakfast, a devotion, and kid-friendly activities as we make memories together. Please scan the code to register.



**Mon. June 29-
 Fri., July 3
 8am-5pm
 at Family Church**

- Completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- \$225 per child
- Limited Scholarships Available
- Scan the code for more info & to register



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for giving to the ministries of Family Church. Your financial contributions can be given through:

MONTHLY FINANCE REVIEW

YTD BUDGET (thru April 30)
 • \$571,833

ACTUAL GIVING
 • \$642,339
 • \$70,506 ahead of budget

ACTUAL EXPENSES
 • \$568,784
 • \$3,049 under budget

NET BUDGET SURPLUS
 • \$73,555 receipts over expenses



- Sunday morning offerings
- Online Giving - visit our website and click Give www.familychurchpc.com or scan the code
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- Mail your gift to the Church Office directly

TO FILL OUT A CONNECTION CARD
 SCAN CODE -OR- TEXT
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 9:00 & 10:30am
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