



Family
COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS
Offering 2023



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PURPOSE OF THIS OFFERING

TO EFFECTIVELY REACH OUR COMMUNITY BY REACHING THE UNREACHED WITH GOD'S LOVE!

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

GOAL: \$150,000

MARK YOUR CHECKS OR ONLINE GIFTS "2023 CHRISTMAS OFFERING"

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3 LETTER FROM PASTOR BILL

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FAQ's regarding this offering and ways in which you can give.

Dear FCC Family,

I am excited to share with you FCC's 2023 Christmas Offering that we will receive November 19, 2023 through January 31, 2024. This time of year we celebrate "The Gift Christ is" by giving extraordinarily to see thousands in our community receive the gift of salvation and God's love. This is our opportunity to give above and beyond to help fund out-reach projects and give gifts that create a lasting legacy for generations to come at Family Community Church.

In previous Christmas offerings, our congregation has invested more than \$1,000,000 to drill water wells and provide vocational training for single women through the Tabitha Reach program, provide food to famine stricken people in Ethiopia, build a Bible school in Gabon, Africa, purchase technology upgrades to our campus to more creatively present the message of salvation and grace, and partner with CityTeam Ministries, Real Options, and Teen Challenge locally. This year we are adding Foster The City, an organization that equips churches to provide loving homes for children in foster care, as an additional local ministry that our church family wants to bless financially.

Every Christmas we are reminded that God sacrificed and gave us His all and His best. Our goal each Christmas is to give back in the same way, and that means giving an extraordinary amount beyond our tithes which support the operational budgets of our church. Why? So extraordinary tools are available to effectively reach more and more people with a chance to experience new life through Jesus!

I hope you will carefully read over the enclosed documents to learn about and partner with us in this exciting Christmas opportunity for us to give sacrificially and generously to reach our community with God's love.

Will you begin praying with us now about the extraordinary amount God would have you give, over and above your regular giving, to FCC's 2023 Christmas Offering? Allow God to stretch your faith!

Your friend,

Pastor Bill Buchholz
bbuchholz@familycommunity.church



MAIN PROJECT: FCC CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

1 Chronicles 29:16 (ESV) "O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own."

Eighteen years ago our congregation gave millions of dollars to build this worship campus in Silicon Valley.

Because of the sacrifice and generosity of others, we've all enjoyed seeing thousands come to know Christ. Countless important events have featured weddings, funerals, police and fire department graduations, and community outreaches.

Now it's time for a much needed campus facelift... painting and redecorating children's areas and classrooms, replacing fire rated stage curtains, dealing with deferred maintenance issues in our HVAC and fire suppression systems, and main stage sound system upgrades.



OUTREACH PROJECTS

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TABITHA REACH

SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED SINGLE MOTHERS IN POOR COUNTRIES

Teach poor, Ethiopian single mothers to believe in themselves, learn a skill-set and build the means, resources and willpower to make a sustaining income.



TEEN CHALLENGE

DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY, TRAFFICKED GIRLS

Recovery for men, women, teens, children, and families with destructive and addictive lifestyles through mentoring, education, and spiritual direction.



REAL OPTIONS

ABORTION ALTERNATIVE AND POST-ABORTION HEALING

Ensure that women, men, students, and families have a safe place to turn when facing pregnancy decisions, making sexual health choices, and seeking emotional healing from pregnancy loss, abortion or miscarriage.

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FOSTER THE CITY

PROVIDE LOVING, CHRISTIAN HOMES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

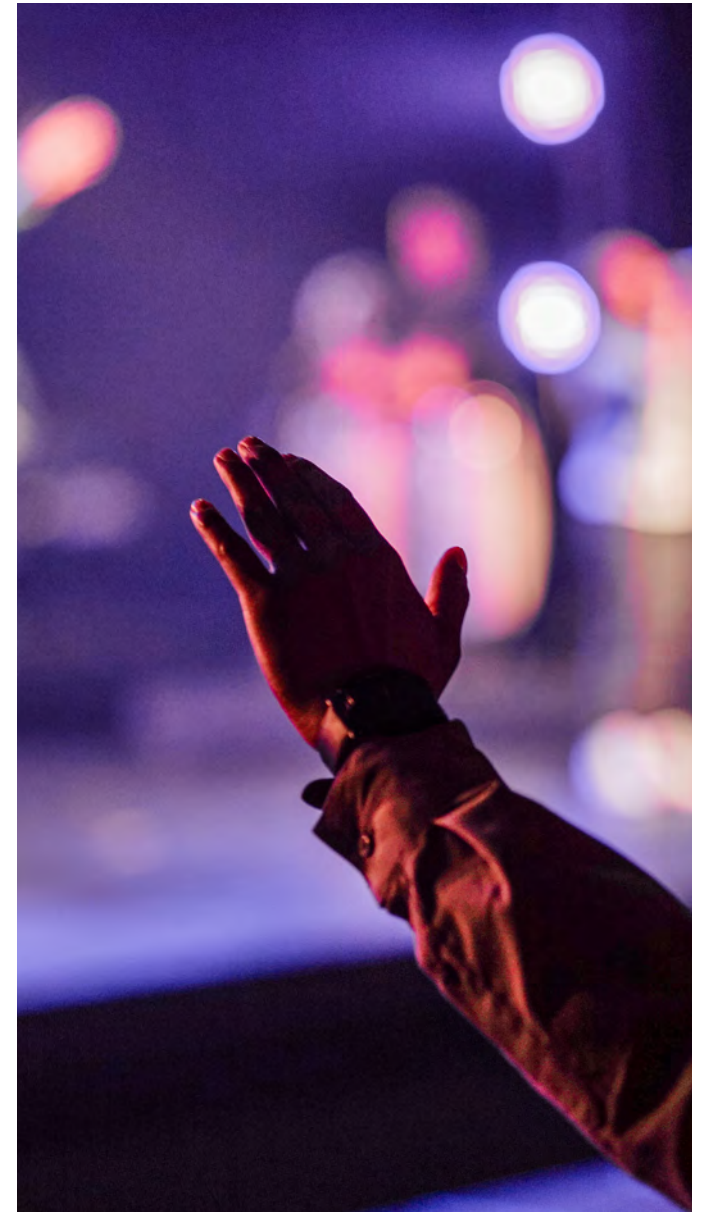
The Bible says God sets the lonely in families, so we want to help children in foster care placed in loving, supportive homes. Every year, thousands of children are removed from their biological family because of abuse or neglect. These children deserve a loving home where they can experience stability, love, and hope for their future. Foster the City partners with local churches to help meet this need.



INVITE EVENTS

FCC SPRING AND FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS

FCC'S Sunday outreach INVITE events with inflatables, food trucks, and games have proven effective tools to share God's love with unchurched friends and grow our church. As a result, new families start coming to FCC and we get to tell them about Jesus!



WHAT NOW . . .

So often we attend a church service, class, event, or make a new decision for God only to stop and ask ourselves, “What now? How can I help?” At Family Community Church, “What Now . . .” is all about taking these next steps. Progress. Being driven by purpose into a deeper relationship with God and others at the church you are a part of.

Your What Now . . . is comprised of 5 pillars, and we believe each pillar is vital to thriving and growing in our walks with God. DECIDE (go all in with God), CONNECT (with God and others), GIVE (live generously), SERVE (servant minded, volunteer), INVITE (bring others to our church to meet Jesus). This 2023 Christmas Offering supports all of the 5 pillars FCC stands on... so let's partner together and love people by giving generously this blessed season!

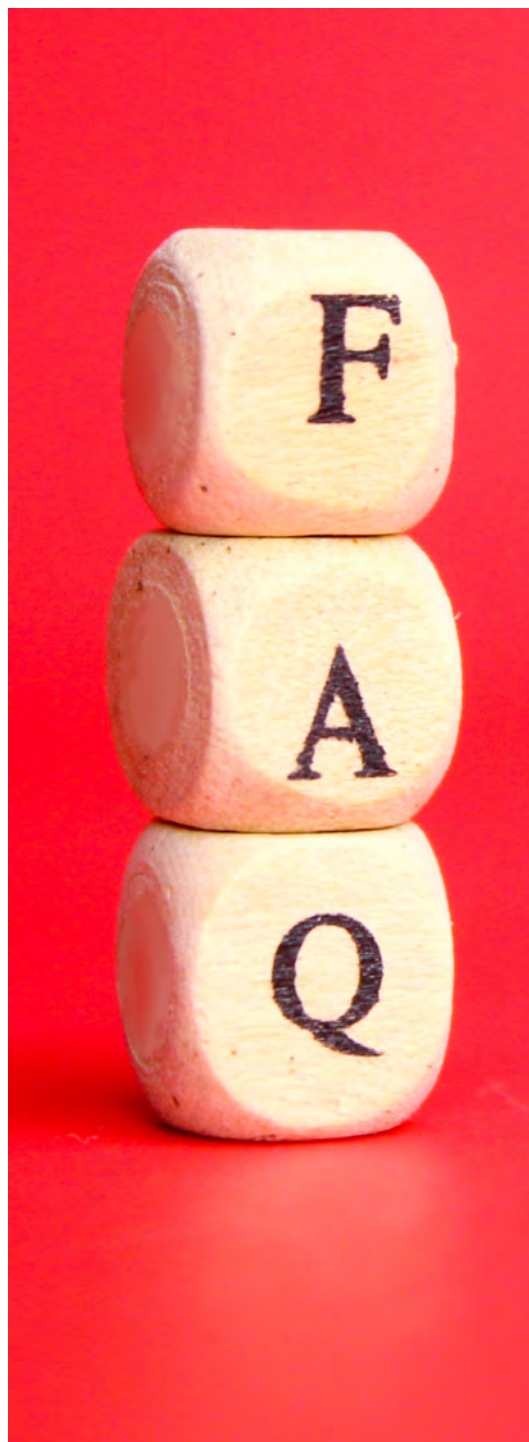


WHY A SPECIAL OFFERING?: This Special Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and to prepare us for what God wants to do through our church in the future. This offering is not because we are behind on budget, but rather it is to position us to make a greater impact in our community, in our church and around the world.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REGULAR OFFERING AND THIS SPECIAL OFFERING?: The regular FCC offering is the tithe (10%) we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year to support FCC's campus, staff, and program expenses. This Special Offering is a sacrificial gift to grow our faith. The special offering should be over and above what you regularly give.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?: Since the goal is \$150,000, this Special Offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Some in our church can give a \$5,000, \$10,000 or even a \$20,000 gift. Others will be able to give between \$100 and \$500. Perhaps you will include FCC in your estate planning, designating FCC's growing ministry to the lost and creating a legacy that honors Jesus Christ long after you have passed into eternity. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

No gift is too small. If you can give a large gift, please give generously, as Scripture reminds those with plenty in 1 Timothy 6:18-19 *"Tell them to use their money to do good. They should*



be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."

One of the greatest things God calls us to do is give back for the sake of others. Providing a well appointed FCC campus and welcoming first impressions shows our community that we care about them. Others have sacrificed to make FCC a great giving church. Now it's your turn to join this legacy movement that will keep bringing hope to so many!

WHEN SHOULD I GIVE?: The best time to give is ANYTIME in 2023. Pray about making your best gift this year. However, you can continue to give until January 31, 2024 or whenever you have reached your pledge goal. Please use one of our regular offering envelopes located in Main Lobby by writing "2023 Christmas Offering" on the line that says "other" designating that your gift is for this Special Offering. Or give at <https://familycommunity.church/give/> or use FCC's Church Center app. Gifts over time add up – a person giving \$50 per week over a 10-week period will give \$500 to this Special Offering.

CAN I GIVE IN-KIND GIFTS OF STOCKS OR BONDS?: There can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving or to get questions answered about including FCC in your estate planning (will or trust documents), contact FCC's Finance Office at finance@familycommunity.church

ARE MY GIFTS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?: All gifts to FCC, whether via the regular offering or this Special Offering, are completely tax- deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e. gifts given in 2023 are deductible on 2023 taxes).

HOW IMPORTANT IS MY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING?: This is a God-sized goal that can only be accomplished through 100% participation and sacrificial giving by our FCC family. Please pray for God's guidance as we all give sacrificially. Funds given for this Special Christmas Offering will be divided between the listed projects and other FCC ministry needs.

We at Family Community Church thank you for your support of this House and our Community. Your generosity and faithfulness are what help give FCC the resource and means to create an impact on the lives of thousands by continuing to grow fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

The best is yet to come!



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MATTHEW 6:21



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