



# Families Matter

Catholic, Charismatic, Evangelistic & Family-Oriented

Families in Christ Jesus Community

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## Essentially Living for Christ

by Arch Tunnell

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

First of all let me apologize for the absence of "Families Matter" for the past nine months. I could make a lot of excuses, but the bottom line is that I just didn't put it as a priority. I have since found out that the newsletter was missed. Therefore we're back in business and making it a priority to get an edition out each month, if possible. We have gotten more contributors and hopefully will have a better newsletter than before.

Several months ago, during a meeting, the question of how many teachings we had heard during our walk with the Lord was raised. I thought about that and came to the conclusion that I had heard hundreds if not a thousand teachings. Then came the question, "how much of the material that I had heard, had been incorporated into my life?" My answer was "probably not very much of it". I guess if I had incorporated everything that I have heard, I might be on my way to being a Saint but then we know that isn't even close to being true.

However, the more that I thought about it I realized that I had been very deficient in appropriating teaching into my life. At the next Household meeting I shared about my deficiency and a good Brother in the Lord, Jerry Cleland, suggested that we draw up some guidelines for incorporating teachings into our lives. I encouraged Jerry to share those guidelines at our next Gathering, which he did. I would like to share those guidelines here with you because many of you were not at that Gathering and I believe that especially now when we are striving to put the "Ten Essentials" into our lives these guidelines might be helpful.

The first thing that we must all know is that how we incorporate things into our lives will look different depending on our state in life - our age, the length of time we have been walking with the Lord, and what we have already put into practice in our lives. Jerry next talked about 4 principals;

#1 God is interested in our intent and desire to do His will. Above all else, this is what is ultimately important to Him. If we try to incorporate some part of an Essential, struggle with it and maybe even fail for a while, that's alright as long as the desire of our heart is

to do God's will. His mercy and love will always be present to us and maybe the timing isn't right.

#2 Your ability to take on some aspect of an Essential is dependant on how long you have been following the Lord. If you are just starting with the Lord what you take on is going to be different than with someone who has been following the Lord for 20 years.

#3 Your state in life is a big factor in determining what you can take on and when you can take it on. Couples with small children will be limited in what they can take on and how fast they can take it on. Those with many parenting responsibilities need be aware that changing diapers or having long talks with teenagers can be just as pleasing to the Lord, if done in the right spirit, as some taking on a new aspect of an Essential.

#4 Pray as to what the Lord wants you to take on. We might want to take on a certain aspect of an Essential, but God may have a different idea for what would be good for us. We want to always be in God's will.

Several practical aspects were given also. First of all learn to live by a simple, basic schedule. We only have so much time and a schedule will help us free up some time and put order in our lives. Write the schedule out and prioritize our day as to what is most important. It was also noted that husbands should be available to help the wives when necessary.

Secondly seek the basics first. If you are starting out with establishing a prayer time, stay with that until it is in pretty good shape before taking on something else. Mass, Reconciliation, and prayer are really important and should be considered basics. The third practical aspect is if you run into problems seek counsel. Talking to an older brother and sister that has been through this before will save you a lot of grief and time. Also seek answers in prayer. What is the Spirit of God saying about it? Finally, expect some troubles with your flesh. The evil one will not want you to accomplish what you have set out to do, so expect him to harass you. Spiritual warfare is really helpful at this point.

The guidelines finished with some "don'ts". Don't try to get ahead of where the Spirit is leading you. Move

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## Dates to Remember

Aug 9:	The Fest at Borromeo
Sept 3:	Gathering with special guest, Fr. Larry Richards
Sept 15:	Council Meeting
Sept. 17:	LCS begins at St. Clare

### Essentially Living

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at the speed of grace that God is providing. Don't compare yourself with others as to how quickly they are moving ahead in specific areas. Competition is not of the Lord. Each of us will move at different speeds. Don't grind it out if you get really frustrated. God will make it tough on you at times but He doesn't want you to become despondent and throw in the towel. Step back, evaluate, and get some help.

Brothers and Sisters I have shared our 10 Essentials with several priests and they have affirmed that this is a great way to grow in holiness and in our walk with the Lord. I know for me personally that the Essentials are a challenge. I also know from past experience that I can't take on too much at one time, but need to pray for discernment on what the Lord wants me to take on. I think if we follow Jerry's principals we will continue to move forward in God's Kingdom and be pleasing to Him. The Bible begins to give us some clues about godliness and holiness in Genesis where it tells us about Enoch the father of Methuselah. In a very short three-verse summary of Enoch's life, Moses twice describes him as one who "walked with God". In Hebrews chapter 11 the writer gives us a slightly different perspective, he describes Enoch, as "one who pleased God". If we keep striving to incorporate the 10 Essentials into our lives we will continue our walk with the Lord and be pleasing to Him.



### The 10 Essentials Elements of a Member of FCJC

1. Adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. To have a daily personal prayer time & Scripture reading time.
3. To receive the Holy Eucharist and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament as frequently as possible.
4. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a quarter.
5. If married, pray with my spouse daily.
6. Keep Holy the Lord's day as a family by planning some kind of Spiritual family activity.
7. Having a weekly husband/wife meeting using a specific format, focusing on relationships and responsibilities.
8. Making available to God my time. (Priority attendance to Gatherings, Household meetings and other FCJC functions.)
9. Make available to God my talents. (Serving the FCJC community and others with my gifts.)
10. Make available to God my treasure. (Through tithing and voluntary contributions to my parish and the FCJC community.)

## Gathering Reminder

August Set-Up:	<b>Rihtar, Powall &amp; J/B Roach</b>
August Clean-up:	<b>Cavolo</b>
September Set-Up:	<b>Tunnell, Youth &amp; Chinchar/Volk</b>
September Clean-up:	<b>B/C Roach</b>

Questions? Please call Bob Perusek @ (216) 731-5531

## September Gathering with Fr. Larry Richards



The September 3rd Gathering will feature special guest Fr. Larry Richards, pastor of St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community in Erie, PA. A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher and retreat master, Fr. Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and evangelist. Fr. Larry Richards has directed hundreds of retreats, parish missions, and conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations are always authentic and enthusiastic and have changed the hearts, minds and lives of millions of listeners worldwide.

Fr. Larry Richards is the founder and president of The Reason for our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to 'spreading the Good News' by educating others about Jesus Christ. For more information on the foundation, please go to: [www.TheReasonForOurHope.org](http://www.TheReasonForOurHope.org).

Fr. Larry Richards hosts a nightly radio show called "*Changed Forever with Father Larry Richards.*" It can be heard nationwide on Relevant Radio daily at 8 pm ET, Sunday at 7 am ET. For more information, or to listen on-line, go to: [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)

You will not want to miss him! Invite your friends & family to join us at 8 pm at St. Williams Church.

## Who are you inviting to the Life in Christ Series?

A Life in Christ Series will be held at St. Clare Church, 5659 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst. The series will run for 9 weeks with each session consisting of prayer, a teaching, group discussion and time for fellowship. The LCS begins on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Arch or Marlyn Tunnell at 440-442-7538 or Ross and Susan Federico at 440-646-2556.  
**So, who are you inviting to attend the LCS?**

## Catholic Renewal Ministries



Catholic Renewal Ministries invites all to attend a **Festival of Praise** on Saturday, September 12th, from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. at St. William Parish. This will be a special time to come together to praise and worship God through song and prayer. There will be a time of healing prayer also. Call Jerry or Grace Wrobel at 330-425-2678 for additional information.

Magnificat welcomes award winning author, **Elizabeth Ficocelli** to our next Magnificat quarterly breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 9:00 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Walsh University in Canton. For reservations, contact Barb Heath at 330-327-7147. Magnificat is an outreach ministry for women that has come out of the Charismatic movement.

## Love LIFE+ The Fest

Come gather for the Ninth Annual Catholic Family FESTival on Sunday August 9, 2009 at Borromeo, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe. Come enjoy great music, food, fun activities for kids and adults, an amazing evening Mass followed by fireworks.

### Musical Highlights:

Coffeehouse

1:00 pm **Jimmy Sanders'** North Davenport

Main Stage:

1:25 pm Nicole C. Mullen

2:45 pm Matthew West

4:00 pm Brandon Heath

5:40 pm Real Music Winner 'Like Jonathan'

6:30 pm Jars of Clay

## Did You Know?

by Jerry Cleland

Did you know Jesus wanted to be so much like us that he actually "tasted death" as we will. In his plan of salvation, God ordained that his son should not only "die for our sins" but should also "taste death," experience the condition of death, the separation of his soul from his body, between the time he expired on the cross and the time he was raised from the dead." #624, pg 162 CCC.

This fact should be consoling to us as we have loved ones approaching death. We can communicate to them the full knowledge that Jesus has gone before them experiencing death just as they will. The Father's love is so complete and total in Jesus that he mirrors our trip on earth from birth to eternity.

## Everyday Evangelism

By Ross Federico

How can you make Evangelism a regular and vibrant part of your life? You may feel a bit awkward and uneasy about sharing the gospel or just a simple reflection of Jesus with your neighbor, a friend, co-worker, or a stranger you meet in your local grocery store. That person may desperately need to hear your words. We know that Jesus commands his followers to join him in proclaiming the good news.

As Christians, God has given us eternal life in Jesus Christ. We have received an entirely new nature through baptism in water and the Spirit. We can change the world, if we are living a full Christian life and are motivated to influence others toward a fuller relationship with Jesus.

Jesus commands us to spread the good news. Jesus' words at the end of Matthew's Gospel, tells us to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."* (Mt 28:19-20)

The true test of our love for God is our obedience to his will (John 14:21 *Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.*) We need to be personally committed to evangelism.

*"Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole Creation"* (Mark 16:15)

**Remember that when there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need.**



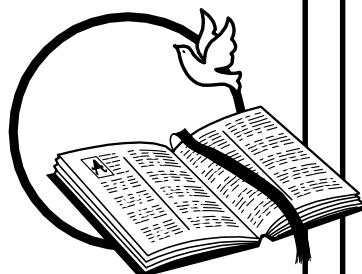
# Spiritual Awareness

Here are a few books, study guides, and websites to help us in our walk. Please e-mail Greg Kosar at [skikool@prodigy.net](mailto:skikool@prodigy.net) with your recommendations so they can be included in future editions of "Families Matter"

*Recommended by Sylvia Pisorn*  
"Knowing God by His Names" (31-day study)  
by: Dick Purnell

*Recommended by Dave Stanic*  
"The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren

Websites:  
[www.fisheaters.com](http://www.fisheaters.com)  
[www.ourcatholicfaith.org](http://www.ourcatholicfaith.org)  
[www.spiritdaily.com](http://www.spiritdaily.com)  
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From *Spiritdaily.com*...

## When children ages 4-8 were asked 'What is Love?'

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca, age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.' Bobby, age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka, age 6

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy, age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine, age 5

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann, age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' Karen, age 7

The winner was a 4 year old whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

# Youth Calendar

## August Schedule

6th – Gathering @ St. Williams 8 - 10 pm  
9th – THE FEST @ Borremeo 1-10 pm;  
All day FREE Family Festival  
16th – General Meeting: Back To School  
30th – General Meeting: GOAL

## September Schedule

3rd – Gathering @ St. Williams 8 -10 pm  
6th – Leader's Meeting @ Roach's 7-9 pm  
13th – General Meeting: More than Words  
27th – General Meeting: Cut it Off?

## October Schedule

1st – Gathering @ St. Williams 8 - 10 pm  
4th – Leader's Meeting @ Roach's 7-9 pm  
11th – General Meeting: Wisdom  
25th - Parent Appreciation Dinner

**For more info call Becky Roach @ 216-407-4629**

General Meetings are held at Borromeo.

Schedule subject to change - please call for updates.

### Saint of the Month

## St. Thomas the Apostle



St. Thomas is remembered for his incredulity concerning Christ's resurrection from the dead. When confronted by the risen Lord, his disbelief gave way to belief and he proclaimed the Easter faith of the Church: "My Lord and my God!" Nothing certain is known of his life except for this evidence in the gospels. He is said to have subsequently preached the Gospel to the people of

India. Since the fourth century the celebration of the transference of his body to Edessa has been commemorated on July 3.

### Prayer

Almighty Father, as we honor Thomas the apostle, let us always experience the help of his prayers. May we have eternal life by believing in Jesus, whom Thomas acknowledged as Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# Desire the Gifts

by Marlyn Tunnell



This past weekend, Arch and I along with 17 brothers and sisters from FCJC attended the Charismatic conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville; "Charisms in the Life and Mission of the Church." Over 1,000 people from all across the US and Canada in attendance. The weekend was filled with praise and worship, beautiful liturgies, Adoration and Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament and a miracle service. The "Charisms School" taught by Damain Stayne provided helpful teaching and training in some of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit. The focus was upon the gifts of prophecy, word of knowledge, healing, faith and deliverance.

Many were healed during the miracle service on Saturday evening. Praise the Lord! Arch was one of them. Arch had a very significant hearing loss. He has been wearing hearing aids for 15 years, but he still had difficult hearing. During the healing hour Jesus began to restore his hearing. "Thank you Jesus." He is no longer wearing his hearing aids and is hearing quite well. We are thanking the Lord and praying for the completion of the healing. Please join us in this prayer. Throughout the evening there were many signs, wonders and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

I wish I could share everything that we saw, heard and experienced, but that would be impossible. I would, however, like to share just a little of what was taught and my reflection on that teaching. During the course of the weekend we were exhorted to pray for and to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as they are much needed in these times when so many people are living in fear and many have very little hope. Many are lost and need to know that Jesus is alive, that He loves them, and that He has a plan for their lives. We should want the gifts so that our love will be more like Jesus. Damien reminded us that signs and wonders were inseparable from the ministry of Jesus. We were told of the importance of praying daily for the gift of faith and for that gift to increase in us that we would have faith for the miraculous-faith that moves mountains, and then to act on that faith.

Along with our prayer for faith should be prayer for wisdom and revelation that will change the way we believe, the way we think and the way in which we live. It was emphasized over and over again the need for the Charisms today and the right and duty the faithful have of exercising them.

These quotes are from Vat. II "The Church 12" and Vat. II "Lay People 3" "Whether these charisms be very remarkable or simple and widely diffused, they are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation since they are fitting and useful for the need of the church." "From the reception of these charisms, even the most ordinary ones, there arises for each of the faithful the right and duty of exercising them in the Church and world"

Pope Paul VI is quoted in "Open the Windows", Ed McDonnell p.8 "We cannot but desire that these gifts come and may God grant it with abundance. Besides grace let God's church be able to obtain and possess the charisms. God grant that the Lord will still increase this rain of charisms to make the church fruitful, beautiful, marvelous, and capable of inspiring respect, even the attention and amazement of the profane world"

According to the Church, we should desire the charisms and use them. As stated, we have a duty to exercise these Charisms. To do so will take faith, perseverance and great love for others, trust in the Lord, sacrifice and prayer.

As I have been reading Scripture and thinking and praying about the faith of the Old Testament prophets and those in the early Church, I was struck by their trust in God, their love for others in that they persevered under many trials and much suffering to bring the word of God and the love of Christ to those to whom they were sent. They didn't care if they were thought to be foolish for they loved God so much and desired to please Him, not man. They knew the peace, joy and hope they had received when they were touched by God and empowered with the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost. They were driven out of love to pass on what they had heard, seen and received.

The early Christians baptized thousands as they ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit. There were many signs and wonders. Sight was restored to the blind, the deaf heard, the crippled walked and men were even raised from the dead. Today those same wonders are happening all over the world because the same Spirit that was moving in the early Church is moving today. We witnessed this over the weekend at Steubenville as the Lord worked in our midst through prophecy, healing and words of knowledge. We also saw a film of all the signs and wonders being worked throughout the United States and in Africa. Praise the Lord! Pope John Paul XXIII prayed, "Lord renew your wonders in this day as a new Pentecost" It is happening brothers and sister and we are blessed to be living in these times. As Scripture says, "We have been born for such a time as this." Times are difficult but the harvest is plentiful.

The OT prophets and early Christians were ordinary people very different from each other, but they had one thing in common: They were touched by God and were called to speak His word. We too are ordinary people who have been touched by Jesus and by His grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit have come to know His love. Jesus wants to fill us with more of His Holy Spirit and with more faith so we too can be His messengers. May we all treasure this gift of the Spirit and ask how He wants us to use it to build up His Church, to seek out the lost, to refresh and strengthen those who have lost hope, to be men and women with faith who believe that God can and will move mountains. That He is the only Way, the only Truth and Life and that all things are possible with Him.

Let's pray for one another that God increases our faith for the miraculous; gives us wisdom and revelation, that we grow in love and that we will desire all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let's expect God to move with signs and wonders and expect miracles and then go out in humility and love to share the Good News of Jesus Christ; that He is alive today and working in our midst. We all have the potential to take what God shows us and give that message to others; our spouse, our loved ones, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, our friends, our co-workers, those who have not yet come to know the love and mercy of Jesus. John 14:12 says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name I will do it."

Let's begin by inviting people to the LCS that begins on Thursday, September 17th at St. Clare.

# Families Matter Profiles

This month featuring the NE Ohio Families in Christ Jesus Council members and their lovely wives.

## Arch & Marlyn Tunnell



*Children:* David, Danielle and Gina and we are blessed with 7 grandchildren; Brandon, Lea, Hannah, Johnny, Emma, Lydia and Shaelyn. Our children and their spouses all live within in the area.

*City of residence:* Lyndhurst

*Years married:* 46

*Occupation:* Both retired teachers. Arch taught and coached at Solon High School for 30 years and Marlyn taught first grade at Saint Clare for 20 years.

*Parish:* St Clare

*Years in FCJC:* 22

*How has FCJC affected your life?* We have been blessed to be in Community for most of our married life. As a result, it has become a way of life for us. Through community our marriage and family life has been and continues to be strengthened as we grow in our love for Jesus and the Church. We treasure the relationships we have with our brothers and sisters in FCJC who inspire us, encourage us and most importantly pray for us. It is a joy and privilege to serve with all of you as together we build the Kingdom of God. Each one of you holds a special place in our hearts and we pray for all of you and your intentions.

## Ross & Susan Federico



*Children:* Ross, Jr. 29, Christopher 27 & 1 grandchild due in December

*City of residence:* Lyndhurst

*Years married:* 31

*Occupation:* Human Resources

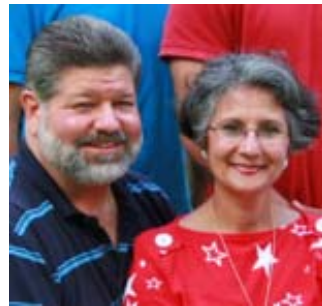
Director at Cleveland Clinic & Susan is the Executive Secretary to the CEO at Visiting Nurses of Ohio

*Parish:* St. Clare

*Years in FCJC:* 10

*How has FCJC affected your life?* FCJC has touched and blessed our lives in so many ways. Here are just a few ways: The relationships that we have developed with our brothers and sisters in the Lord have been a real blessing to us. We're able to share our faith and deepen our strong Christian Faith. It has become second nature to evangelize about our faith. And lastly, and most importantly, FCJC has shown us the importance of our Christianity and the importance that our faith plays in our everyday lives.

## Mark & Loretta Erickson



*Children:* Matthew 26, Robert 24, Patrick 22, Paul 19, John 14, and Andrew 11.

*City of residence:* Kirtland

*Years married:* 28

*Occupation:* Machinist and Loretta is a Homemaker/ Home School Mom

*Parish:* Chapel of the Divine Word

*Years in FCJC:* 17

*How has FCJC affected your life?* Most assuredly, the best thing it has done for us as a couple was to strengthen our marriage through the strengthening and growth of our Catholic faith. We probably would not have been called to other areas of service if it weren't for Families and the people who belong. The teachings and families and their positive influence about life, family, and priorities affected the our lives and our children's. Initially, we never expected to be a part of this community for so many years. It has always challenged us grow in ways that we never thought possible. All for the Glory of God!

## Gregory & Sheila Kozar



*Children:* Kimberly & Brandon

*City of residence:* Euclid

*Years married:* 7

*Occupation:* Machinist and Sheila is retired from AT&T.

*Parish:* St. Mary's (Collinwood)

*Years in FCJC:* 6

*How has FCJC affected your life?* There is not enough space in this newsletter to adequately describe how being a member of FCJC has impacted my life and helped me grow in my love for Jesus, my wife Sheila, my children, family members, friends, my parish St. Mary's and fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord. FCJC has taught me and given me the tools to be a more loving, kind, patient and understanding man.

1 Peter 5:14 *Greet one another with a loving kiss, Peace to all of you who are in Christ*

## Al & Marie Schempp



*Children:* Jeanne, Janet, Nancy, Dianne and Marie  
*City of residence:* Chagrin Falls

*Years married:* We were married in 1955. What a Year! We are approaching our 54th anniversary.

*Occupation:* Currently retired and working on our spiritual growth and my family history. Previously I was the President and CEO of the Glastic Corporation of South Euclid. I retired from there in 1991 when Kobe Steel bought the Company. We built our current home and moved in 1993. Then I bought into a small Company that sold and installed home theaters and full house music systems. We also installed systems in a large number of churches in Northeast Ohio.

*Parish:* St. Anslem

*Years in FCJC:* We joined in 1997, so this year will mark our 12th year.

*How has FCJC affected your life?* Marie and I have incorporated prayer into our daily lives. We frequently go to dinner and honor one another. Our spiritual growth has rubbed off on to our children, neighbors and fellow parishioners. It is true joy to praise and worship God weekly within our Catholic charismatic community FCJC.

## Michael & Connie Powell



*Children:* Jake, Danielle, Hannah Powell

*City of residence:* Highland Hts.

*Years married:* 21

*Occupation:* VP of United Computer Group & Connie is an attorney with her own practice. Plus Dino's Catering, which serves our community for various

events is Connie's family's business.

*Parish:* St. Paschal Baylon

*Years in FCJC:* 13

*How has FCJC affected your life?* The one of many things I am most thankful for is how being in community has helped our kids know the Lord and how important that is especially today.

## Vic & Debbie Finomore



*Children:* Victor 28, Brandon 26, Marisa 24 and grandchildren Sofia, Victor III (aka Trey) & Trey's baby brother arriving in September.

*City of residence:* Munson

*Years married:* 30 years in October

*Occupation:* Home Builder/General Contractor & Debbie is an executive assistant with McKinsey & Company.

*Parish:* St. Helen in Newbury

*Years in FCJC:* 17

*How has FCJC affected your life?* Debbie and I can not imagine how our lives would be without FCJC. Along with our wonderful church and pastor, this community has been a priceless source of encouragement and support in our spiritual life and family life. FCJC has enabled us to grow tremendously as individuals, as a couple, as parents and as members of our church family. We have learned so much from our brothers and sisters in Christ and from the teachings and opportunities that have stretched us way out of our comfort zones.

One of our greatest privileges has been to work with the youth group for 12 years. We were blessed to be able to share many of those years with our own children, but once our kids outgrew the group we continued to hang out with the youth because we thought they might be able to keep us cool! But I guess that is up for debate. The FCJC Youth are an amazing group of young people who need our support, love, prayers and encouragement. They are the future of the church and these kids will be at the forefront. Look for ways to embrace and support them as well as the adult leaders: Jared & Becky Roach, Jim Sanders and Jay & Ashley Raddell whose tireless work and commitment have helped to make it such a vibrant and Spirit-filled group!

Just a bunch of sheep  
trying to follow their  
Shepherd.






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