

Faith Report

Relying:

By Pastor Craig Garriott

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."
John 15:16

As the pastor charged with leading and encouraging a stronger movement of prayer at FCF one of my prayers and goals for 2008 was that God would raise up stronger praying leadership with administrative strengths to fortify this foundational value of our church. During our Concert of Prayer in July, Judi Brotzman happened to be present. I had heard about her administrative gifts. When I greeted her she had told me that she had just read "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire" by Jim Cymbala which is the story of how God revived a broken-down church in a tough community of New York City through prayer. She was clearly excited about prayer, praying and encouraging more prayer in the Body. So I asked her if she would be willing to prayerfully consider providing administrative leadership for prayer at FCF and she said yes.

Since taking on the role of **FCF Prayer Coordinator**, God has been answering Judi's and other prayer warriors' prayers for a

stronger movement of prayer in our midst. In July, Judi hosted a **Soup & Prayer Movement Meeting** at her home to gather and encourage like minded believers in this calling of God. About 20 people showed up to be encouraged and pray that FCF would become a house of prayer for all nations. Soon afterwards Judi initiated the **Upper Room Prayer** meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:00AM in the library which has gathered believers together to pray for the worship services and the mission and ministry of the church.

In the fall, in recognition of the need for more leadership staff-focused prayer for the various ministries of FCF, we began a **Wednesday Ministry Staff Prayer meeting** to do nothing else but to gather FCF, BCS & PLAN ministry staff leadership to pray for the whole of our ministry needs. I, and others I believe, have felt the strength and pleasure of God of praying more and stressing less. After the **Faith Advance Prayer and Fasting** week, about 75 prayer warriors of FCF gathered for a **Concert of Prayer** on the first Friday of November using the prayer format of the **Fulton Street Noon Day Prayer** meeting in New York city which God used to bring a major spiritual awakening through out the nation in the mid 1800's that resulted in the conversions of huge numbers of peoples across America (including

10,000 weekly conversions in New York City for a season) and advanced the causes of justice and social transformation that included the abolition of slavery, prison reform and women's rights. Those who attended that meeting received just a small taste of why that prayer movement was so powerful. Also, those who have attended the monthly **Partners of Transformation** prayer meeting on the third Monday nights, which has been gathering like minded believers from churches of Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties to pray for spiritual revival and awakening for our city and region, can attest that God is on the move. It is my prayer that I, with the servant leaders and people of FCF, would grow stronger in Kingdom centered praying that we might experience more deeply the joy and pleasure of God as we see the advancement of His Kingdom for a greater Pen Lucy, Baltimore and the world. I believe Jesus wants to answer such a prayer. I believe this is one of those "whatever you ask in My Name" prayers that God will answer. Let us pray this together and experience the joy of the Lord. ♦



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*United that the
world would
know*

*¹⁸And pray in the
Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of
prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be
alert and always keep
on praying for all the
saints.
Ephesians 6:18*

**FCF Marriage Workshop:
January 23-24, 2009**

**“More than all you can ask or
imagine”**

Would that describe your marriage?
Or, would you be like 95% of people
and say that your expectations of mar-
riage were too high, too lofty, too
ideal? And have you now settled for
something less, believing that what
you hoped for was “out of reach”?

The great news is that God is in the
business of shattering our assumptions
and exceeding our expectations. Too
good to be true? Prepare to be stirred
and stretched by what the scriptures
have to say.

Come for an unforgettable time of
fellowship with your spouse and other
couples—leave with tools, principles,
and practices to help your marriage
burn brightly for a lifetime! Keith and
Patty Moore will be leading the work-
shop.

**When: Friday, January 23, 5 p.m. to
Saturday, January 24, 4.30 p.m.**

**Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Owings
Mills**

Who: Married (or engaged) couples

**Cost: \$165 per couple if registered
by Jan. 4**

\$175 per couple after Jan. 4

**(Includes: room, deluxe breakfast
buffet, light lunch, teaching and work-
shop materials.**

**Pick up a registration brochure in
the lobby outside the sanctuary.**

DEADLINE IS JANUARY 11, 2009

**Financial assistance is available—
enquire at the church office**

**Job Announcement:
Financial Administrator**

The FCF Finance Committee is cur-
rently looking to recruit a Financial Ad-
ministrator to handle the recording and
processing of all receipts and expenditures
and production of financial reports for
FCF, BCS and PLAN. The Committee is
seeking an individual with experience in
bookkeeping, and good computer skills
with QuickBooks and Excel. This is a 25
hour per week position. Resumes should
be sent to Ernest Gayles, Director of Min-
istry Support at FCF. ♦

**Job Announcement:
FUW Development Administrative
Assistant**

Faith Urban Works has an opening for a
position of assisting the Development Di-
rector in accomplishing the Development
Action Plan, often through cooperation
with the PLAN Executive Director and
BCS Principal. Working closely with the
Development Director, this person must be
well organized and good at details. Essen-
tial skills include proficiency in all Micro-
soft Office applications. Valuable skills
include data base management, writing,
editing, mailings, correspondence, as well
as appointment and event coordination.

Please pick up a Job Description in the
church lobby if you or anyone you know
might be interested in this position. ♦

Dates For Your Calendar

Jan. 2 Concert of Prayer

Jan. 10 Women’s Prayer Breakfast

Jan. 11 Discovery Welcome Luncheon

Jan. 14 No Faith Leadership Night

**Jan. 19 Office closed for M.L. King
Day**

**Jan. 21 Annual Congregational Meeting
Meeting**

Jan. 23-24 Marriage Workshop