

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Sunday Morning 9:45  
Wednesday Evenings 6:45

*First Church on the Hill*

*\*A Covenant Church*

*You are cordially invited to*

**CHECK US**

**Our Core Values**

**Our Confession (Articles) of  
Faith**

**The Way We Worship**

**THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST  
IN FIRST CHURCH ON THE  
HILL THIS BOOKLET WILL  
SHOW YOU A FEW OF THE  
MANY EXCITING AND INTER-  
ESTING THINGS GOING ON  
HERE. TAKE A MOMENT AND  
LOOK THROUGH THIS BOOKLET.  
BUT BE SURE TO COME AND  
WORSHIP WITH US AND GET A  
TASTE OF WHAT WE ARE ALL  
ABOUT:**

**CONNECTING TO GOD**

## **FIND YOURSELF... AT FIRST CHURCH ON THE HILL.....AND CELEBRATE**

### **LIFE TEAM CONNECTIONS**

Here at FCOTH, we highly recommend that people interested in connecting with us look into joining up with a Life Team. You don't have to be a member to join a Life Team, but don't be surprised if you DECIDE to become a member once you connect with a group with whom you have common needs, interests or even hobbies. We have several to choose from and many more that will be forming in the future. Check out the Life Teams and you might be pleasantly surprised to find there is ALREADY A PLACE FOR YOU here at FCOTH.

The Wheel of Life is one way to find a Life Team based upon your needs and your wants. The example to the right is the model for this. This is only one page of the Wheel of Life survey. The survey helps you personally determine areas of interest and or need in your life so that you can CONNECT TO YOUR SUCCESS! Ask anyone about the Life Teams and they will direct you to someone who can help you or contact:

Pastor Jeremy Driver at  
[lifeteams@firstchurchonthehill.org](mailto:lifeteams@firstchurchonthehill.org)

Include any questions you may have along with a way to contact you.

### **WHEEL OF LIFE**



#### **CONNECT TO YOUR SUCCESS!**

Your Life is a wheel with 7 spokes—if one spoke (one aspect) is undeveloped or neglected, the wheel will be off balance. Balance and true success can best be found by connecting to the right team. Visit [lifeteams@firstchurchonthehill.org](mailto:lifeteams@firstchurchonthehill.org)

*The Way we Worship:*

*Ancient Worship in the Modern Church*

**WE CLAP OUR HANDS:**

**Psalm 47:1** *O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph*

**WE RAISE OUR HANDS**

**1 Timothy 2:8** *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting*

**Psalm 134:2** *Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.*

**WE SING UNTO THE LORD SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**Psalm 66:1** *Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:*

**Ephesians 5:19** *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*

**WE PLAY INSTRUMENTS, AND DANCE BEFORE THE LORD**

**Psalm 150:3-6**

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*

*Dear Friend,*

*Thanks for your interest in our wonderful family of believers here at First Church on the Hill. We invite you to check us out and **CONNECT with us!***

*We believe, should you choose to join us in membership, you are taking a positive step in securing your future success.*

*Knowing that God places a priority on family and church, it is our desire to do so as well. Thus, we put great emphasis on providing direction for our Church family in both a practical and spiritual nature. We feel that church membership and involvement is not just a Sunday activity, but a lifestyle with people committed to one another. Because of this belief, we embrace the covenant relationship with both God and man.*

*Susan and I encourage you to allow this to be your first step in **CONNECTING** with the many opportunities here at FCOTH.. In addition to the many Bible-based teaching classes offered to assist in your spiritual development, there are also a variety of possibilities to take advantage of in building relationships and encouraging growth in a practical environment. We invite you to explore and discover the many opportunities of covenant life!*

*Again, we thank you for your interest! We pray you will be abundantly blessed as you allow God to direct your steps, fulfilling His purpose in you **and** in the earth through His vision of local church community.*

*Jan and Susan Pate*

*Senior Pastors of First Church on the Hill  
Churches in Covenant, International*

## **OUR CORE VALUES**

### **1. EXCELLENCE**

We strive to demonstrate a “spirit of excellence in all that we do. Just as the Lord gave His Best for us, we give honor and show respect for the Lord., His Kingdom, and His servants by giving our highest and best in every endeavor we undertake and our best care for the property and facilities He blesses us with. This spirit of excellence not only creates an inviting atmosphere within but also elevates the surrounding community.

### **2. GENEROSITY**

As we increasingly reflect His nature, we should naturally have a desire to give. At First Church on the Hill, we give our time and talent by serving each other through volunteer ministry. We financially support the ministry of the Gospel, both inside and outside of the First Church on the Hill through the giving of our treasure, as the Lord has blessed us.

### **3. DIVERSITY**

We believe that Jesus came to us not only so that everyone might believe but also that we could belong. We effectively minister to people from a wide variety of backgrounds. Because the Lord values and loves every person without bias or discrimination, we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is an inclusive message for men and women of all ethnicities, all ages, and all economic standing. The Bible clearly teaches there are no differences among those “who are in Christ Jesus.” Our desire for diversity goes beyond tolerance for one another’s differences. At First Church on the Hill, we celebrate what makes us a “coat of many colors..”

### **4. GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

Our goal is for all believers to discover and passionately pursue the will and purpose of God for their lives. Our multiple methods include consistent, quality teaching in our regular services, but also small group ministry. Small-group ministry provides a protected atmosphere of intimacy and closeness, and also allows the development of ministry gifts and callings. We also provide multi-media educational materials, group studies, on-going classes, and other practical methods of spiritual growth and development. When personal growth and development is pursued in the life of a believer, the Kingdom of God is directly increased and in turn influences the world.

## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH— WHAT WE BELIEVE AND TEACH**

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| <b>Article One</b>      | We Believe in Human Worth   |
| <b>Article Two</b>      | We Believe in Justification by Faith                                    |
| <b>Article Three</b>    | We Believe in Water Baptism   |
| <b>Article Four</b>     | We Believe in One God Who Exists as Father, Son and Holy Spirit         |
| <b>Article Five</b>     | We Believe in Jesus Christ  |
| <b>Article Six</b>      | We Believe in the Holy Spirit   |
| <b>Article Seven</b>    | We Believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an Endowment of Power |
| <b>Article Eight</b>    | We Believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church                   |
| <b>Article Nine</b>     | We Believe in the Holy Scriptures                                       |
| <b>Article Ten</b>      | We Believe in the Equipping of the Saints for the Work of the Ministry  |
| <b>Article Eleven</b>   | We Believe in the Local Church  |
| <b>Article Twelve</b>   | We Believe that Local Churches Need Friends                             |
| <b>Article Thirteen</b> | We Believe in the Priesthood of the Believer                            |
| <b>Article Fourteen</b> | We Believe in the Unity of the Church                                   |
| <b>Article Fifteen</b>  | We Believe in Sanctification  |
| <b>Article Sixteen</b>  | We Believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ                         |