#### FAMILY CHRISTIAN CENTER

# A Foursquare Church

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### **FCC Church Customs**

Why does the Pastor blow the shofar at the start of service? We started this practice in 2004. It is mimicking an ancient Hebrew tradition to call the faithful to worship. It also has the practical impact of starting the church service.

Why does the worship team not wear shoes? This practice started around 2001. It is in response from a word give to us by the Holy Spirit. It is very similar to what the Lord said to Moses as he neared the burning bush. It is a reminder to the Worship team of their role to encourage the church to spiritually draw close to the Lord.

The kids, why do you allow them to walk and use flags and instruments? It is our belief that the best way we can pass the faith is to encourage the children to be active participates. We believe if they watch their elders worship; and if they actively engage in worship, and hopefully find it enjoyable - that will do much to propel them into a faithful adult life. This first started when an older saint, Sister Lorna Wilson, began holding hands with the children and taking them around the sanctuary. This is similar to Hebraic festival dance celebrations

You have a lot of Jewish items in your sanctuary? We do this to honor the Hebrew people and to remember Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). We believe Hebraic worship items and expressions add texture and flavor to our worship service.

Why do women cover themselves with a wrap when they are kneeling at the altar. We encourage this for modesty.

Why Do you allow lay people to participate in the service? This is in keeping with 1 Cor. 12, 13, and 14. We believe that the Bible speaks of gifts and the exercising of those gifts. Participation is necessary and worth the risk to follow scripture.

Family Feast, why? We feel that "breaking bread" together enhances our fellowship and cultivates our family culture.



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What is up with the orange hallway? It is our hope that one day our orange hallway will become an art gallery.

What is the He Has Redeemed Sign and rocks all about? In the Old Testament, to commerate key events and moves of God, Israel was often told to create a stone altar. Our outdoor altar rocks actually are placed by families to commerate how God has moved in their lives.