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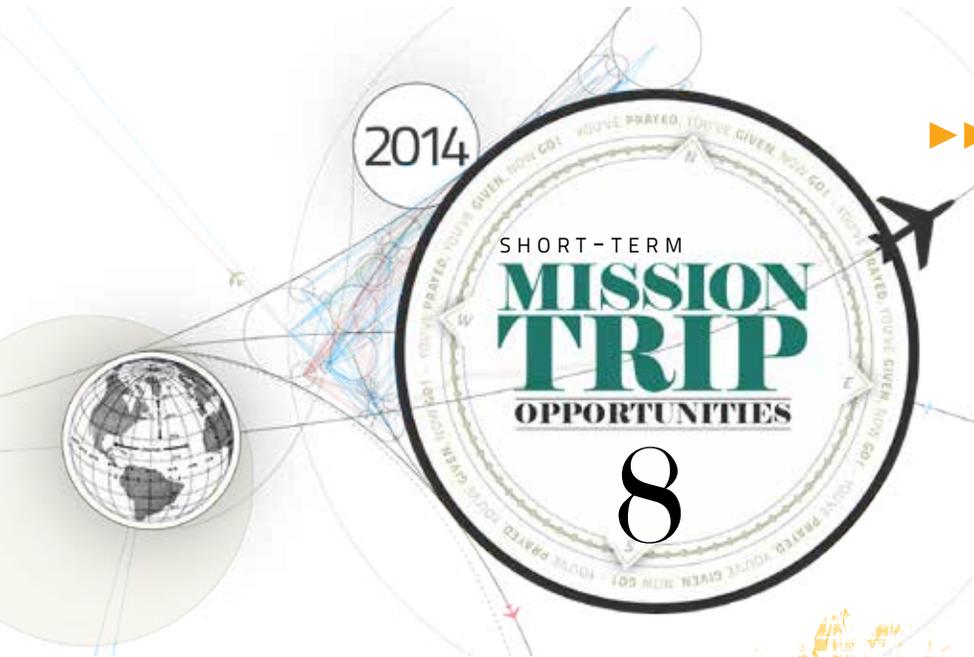


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And now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love. But the
greatest of these is LOVE.

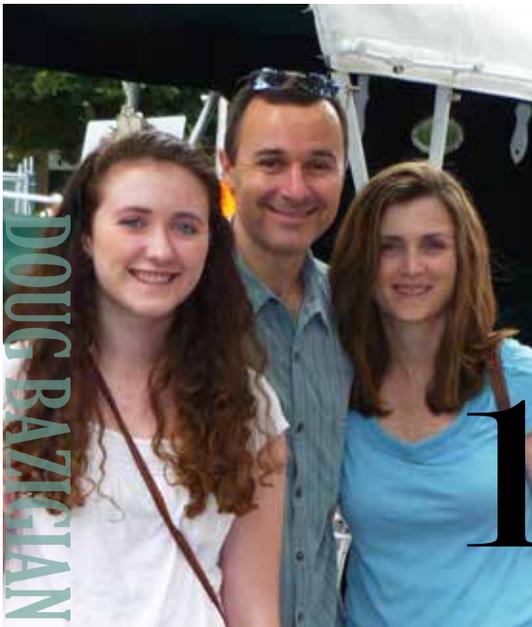
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Our Food Pantry

The Food Pantry serves those in our area who are experiencing difficult times. Your donations make a difference to them and serve as an opportunity to show that God loves them.

It is easy to help! Just place non-perishable food and cleaning supplies in the Food Pantry boxes in the hallways leading to the Sanctuary. Here is a list of suggested items for donation:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Tuna
- Canned chicken
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Rice
- Stuffing
- Soup
- Bath and cleaning products
- Any other non-perishable items

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...
Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers
of mine, you did for me." [Matt. 25: 35, 40]*





Revival and Our Thoughts of Sex

Dear Church Family,

If you've been at FAC very long, you know I've often spoken of our country's need for revival or reformation. The secularization of our culture is destroying our country from the inside out. The society that you and I live in every day is being reformed into a culture of hedonistic and unrestrained sexuality and selfishness.

Not long ago, someone encouraged me to read a book by John Dickerson (a pastor in Arizona and an award-winning journalist), entitled *The Great Evangelical Recession*. On page 59 of that book, he says, "As we go about our routines, we are unlikely to see the unadvertised increase in human sex slavery in the United States, the rise in violent sex crimes, the rise in pedophilia or the other signs of a Sodom and Gomorrah-like culture that is saturating 21st century America. Few national observers connect these dots for us, but the link between excessive pornography use and pedophilia, rape, and violent sex crimes is well documented."

This is just one of the cultural signs warning us that the American culture, and its people in particular, are in desperate need of spiritual revival, or we will bring on our own destruction. But let me remind you that the early Christians and many others throughout church history were able to take a strong stand for God in the midst of such debauchery and see Him bring revival. The most noteworthy examples were the people living back then in Corinth who were Christians. The society had become so corrupted with sexual perversion that, just like we see in America today, people had trouble recognizing what was right and good from what was wrong and hurtful. People's lives and families were being destroyed right and left. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ came to town, and people started turning to Jesus as the Truth, the Way, and the Life they so desperately needed. They learned of purity and true love and the power of God to change their lives.

But the Apostle Paul heard that some of them once set free were now falling for perversion and lies again and going back to sexual practices that would destroy their lives. So he writes, "I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of them who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced." Paul was calling them to do what America needs to do — and even people in our church need to do. God calls all of us to "repent." In this context, that means to stop doing anything sexually outside the bonds of marriage and follow God's plan for sex within the bonds of marriage only. That means stopping all viewing of sexually explicit and provocative things on the Internet, TV, and movies. That means developing a strong bond in your marriage that involves a healthy sex life so that you won't be tempted to fall into sin.

Finally, that means going deeper in your relationship with the Lord, the One who invented sex and tells us clearly how it is to be used to bless us and how it can be misused and curse us.

Please hear my appeal to follow the Lord with me and pray for the revival of millions more in the American church and then in our entire country. Please follow the Lord in purity with me and watch how He will use us to change our world as He used the New Testament Christians to change their world.



Love never fails,

Marty



Encouragement for the Journey

I can't help but think how unbelievable it is that The King of the Universe was willing to come in such a small and helpless way.

I know that the New Year is well underway — and you're all immersed in winter activities. But I'm still thinking about Christmas! And it's not just because our Christmas celebration with our family was so joyful. It's because I've been spending a little time in John 1, where he says that "the Word became flesh and lived for awhile among us."

I've gotten to spend lots of hours lately holding a brand new baby, and I can't help but think how unbelievable it is that The King of the Universe was willing to come in such a small and helpless way. Our little granddaughter can do absolutely nothing for herself. She is completely dependent on us. The fact that our Creator God was willing to put Himself in that place is beyond comprehension.

But it's not just that He was willing to come as a babe — He was willing to be born in a stable! Stables are dark and dirty and filled with donkey poop — let's be honest! And still Jesus chose to make His grand entrance into a stable. Amazing! I would never choose that for the beautiful little girl that's been given to our family. But God chose that for His Son.

That's truly amazing, but what's even more miraculous is that He still comes every day to live in me. I don't know about you, but my life is no Ritz Carlton. In fact, most days it's not even Howard Johnson's! So come to think of it, a stable is probably a pretty fitting description for our lives — especially compared to heaven where God dwells. Even though Jesus cleans it up when He comes to dwell, hangs a light inside, sweeps the donkey poop out — it's still a stable. And He's still willing to dwell there — every day — with me. Now that's a miracle worth celebrating all year long! That's why my heart is still dwelling on Christmas.



Laurie Berglund



GUEST RECEPTION

Whether you are new to our church or have been visiting for some time, our Guest Receptions are great ways to find out about who we are.

Our next Guest Receptions will be held after each worship service on Feb. 1/2 and 15/16. You are invited to join us!

If you have questions, contact Intern Pastor Luke Fraser, 609-953-7333, x112, or luke@myfac.org.

NEXT STEPS

Explore the beliefs, values, and practices of our church in a small group, conversational setting. Discover what our church is all about and ask questions while getting a taste of what a Mini-church is like.

During the month of February, Next Steps will meet on Feb. 9, 16, 23, and Mar. 2 at 6:00 p.m. at our house: 184 Church Road, Medford.

This group will help you get connected. It will also help you to begin to feel more at home as you build relationships.

For more information about Next Steps, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, 609-953-7333, x106, or glenn@myfac.org.

FACTS & FIGURES

General Fund	Date	Budget	Actual	Difference
	12.01	\$ 55,250	\$ 59,171	\$ 3,921
	12.08	\$ 55,250	\$ 60,914	\$ 5,664
	12.15	\$ 55,250	\$ 58,839	\$ 3,589
	12.22	\$ 55,250	\$ 77,360	\$ 22,110
	12.29	\$ 55,250	\$ 58,176	\$ 2,926

Total		\$ 276,250	\$ 314,160	\$ 38,210
Year-to-Date Budget vs Actual Income		\$ 2,873,000	\$ 2,985,614	\$ 112,614

Missions Fund	Date	Budget	Actual	Difference
	12.01	\$ 4,327	\$ 4,020	(\$ 307)
	12.08	\$ 4,327	\$ 5,513	\$ 1,186
	12.15	\$ 4,327	\$ 3,907	(\$ 420)
	12.22	\$ 4,327	\$ 4,469	\$ 142
	12.29	\$ 4,327	\$ 11,667	\$ 7,340

Total		\$ 21,635	\$ 29,576	\$ 7,941
Year-to-Date Budget vs Actual Income		\$225,000	\$244,009	\$ 19,009

Benevolent Fund (Love in Action)	Date	Actual
	12.01	\$ 2,975
	12.08	\$ 2,238
	12.15	\$ 1,524
	12.22	\$ 2,607
	12.29	\$ 4,693

Total		\$ 14,037
Year-to-Date Income		\$ 115,335

Building Fund	Date	Actual
	12.01	\$ 23,628
	12.08	\$ 30,035
	12.15	\$ 24,722
	12.22	\$ 24,798
	12.29	\$ 104,612

Total		\$ 207,795
Year-to-Date Income		\$1,387,946

Weekend Service Attendance	Date	Adults	Workers	Children	Total
	12.01	1994	81	343	2418
	12.08	1736	58	389	2183
	12.15	1734	85	391	2210
	12.22	1996	87	385	2468
	12.29	1819	69	250	2138

Updates on Two Churches We are Helping

At FAC we believe that as a church we should always be growing, both in size and scope of ministry. To that end, we are supporting church plants in the SJ/Philadelphia area with finances, resources, and prayer. Please enjoy these updates from two churches we support and ask me any questions about how you can be involved with them!

– Pastor Jim Entwistle

Encouragement and financial support can be sent to...

Journey Church
c/o Cheryl Millman
132 Bentley Drive
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Journey Church, Cherry Hill Pastor Erik and Lauren Vagen

Hello Friends,

We enjoyed a fall full of promise and excitement at Journey. In our discussions, we are studying what "church" is and what God is calling us to do in our local context as "a family of servants on a mission." Our mission? Simply: "To know God and to make Him known to others."

We have been very encouraged by your prayers, your giving of funds and material gifts, and your encouragement. It is so humbling and motivating to know that we are part of an extended family.

We're about to finish an eight-week study of a great ministry tool called "The Gospel Primer." We continue to focus on the concept of "overflow." As we are filled with God's Holy Spirit, He overflows into our small groups, our community, then our culture as we represent Christ throughout the week.

We've continued to be blessed by God's provision and are learning what it means to rely upon Him and His timing. He has provided for needs we had for a video camera, church equipment, photocopies, a printer, and more.

We partnered with Starbucks in Cherry Hill to collect blankets, gloves, and hats for the homeless in Philadelphia. On Jan. 26, we served a hot meal with Starbucks employees and distributing the collected goods.

Please pray for Journey Church:

- For a larger meeting space as well as storage space
- For more launch team members, especially who are over 30 and live in the Cherry Hill area
- Several team members facing job uncertainties
- Financial support for the big plans for 2014
- Praise for some much-needed new jobs and promotions for team members

Thank you so much for your support!
Erik Vagen | journeytogethernj@gmail.com

2014

SHORT-TERM
MISSION TRIP
OPPORTUNITIES

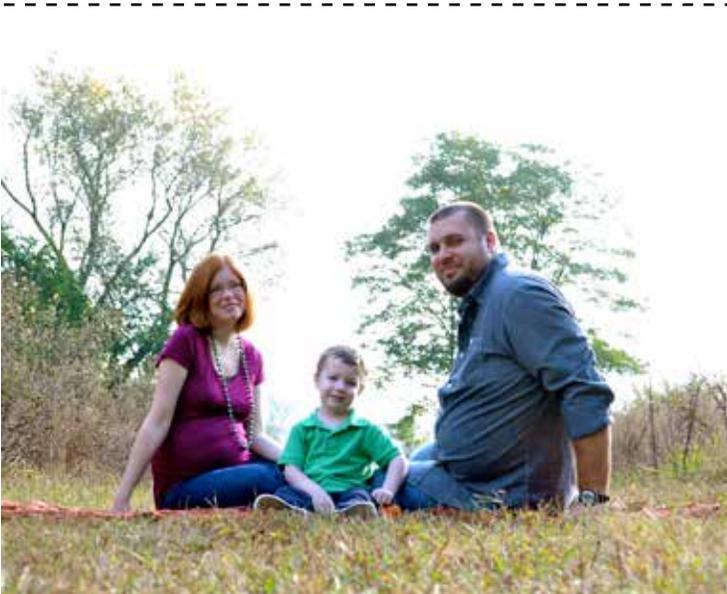
Lviv, Ukraine

October 17-26

In Lviv, Ukraine, we will work with FAC-supported missionaries Ben and Kristy Williams and local churches. We will have the opportunity to lead outreach English clubs and join in youth, sports, music, prison, or orphanage ministries. Basically, whatever the local church is doing to reach their community, we will join! Another very important part of the trip is seeing Ben and Kristy and their family in action and finding ways to encourage them from back home. This trip will be great for first-time, short-term missions trippers!

Cost is approximately \$2200. For more information, contact Jerry Braatz, Jr., jlbraatz@yahoo.com.

In 2014, FAC members will once again head out to various places around the U.S. and the world to share the love of Jesus on short-term missions trips. Want to check them out online? Go to www.myfac.org/trips for more information, for FAQ's, and to print your application!



True Vine Church | Pastor Jim and Kendra Rudd



Journey Church | Pastor Erik and Lauren Vagen

◀ True Vine Church in Philadelphia Pastor Jim and Kendra Rudd

In 2008, my wife and I moved to Northeast Philly to plant an Alliance church in the neighborhood of Wissinoming. As of May 2008, there were no English-speaking Alliance churches within the Philadelphia city limits. The original intent of this plant was to establish a healthy local church from which to plant more churches throughout the Philly region.

We've spent the past five years doing just that. On Sun., Aug. 18, 2013, True Vine Wissinoming became an accredited church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. We currently have a fully functioning Governing Board as well as a membership of nearly 40 adults and an average Sunday morning attendance of more than 125.

With the initial vision, organic growth, and positive momentum of True Vine in mind, we have pursued the planting of another church in the neighborhood of Mayfair. The people of True Vine are enthusiastically behind this endeavor, and nearly 30 people will join the core team of "True Vine Mayfair." Those who remain in Wissinoming will be under the leadership of our current Asst. Pastor Luis Sanchez (Nyack '08).

We see God opening a door for fruitful and effective ministry in Mayfair, while also maintaining and expanding the church in Wissinoming.

We need help to accomplish the assignment that God has given us:

- Commit to regular prayer for True Vine. We are happy to provide prayer points when needed.
- Give to the work. This can be in the form of regular financial support, one-time gifts, and ministry support (food pantry, toy drive, etc.)
- Serve with us. We prefer that our partners occasionally serve with us in order to maintain a real connection. We love to host day, weekend, or week-long visits.

For more information, please contact me at ruddjb@gmail.com.

Jim Rudd

Lephalale, South Africa

10-day trip in July or August

Applications are due to Jim Entwistle by Mar. 16.

In Lephalale, we will continue to work with South Africans to develop a ministry that will equip young people with Biblical truths, train them in ministry, and work together to equip the next generation with the Gospel and for ministry. It's a big task, and we need you to help us do it. You will help teach basic Bible doctrine using a good curriculum, attend local church services, and visit with school children to share the love of Jesus. There will also be opportunities to experience the beauty and adventure of the landscape and wildlife.

Cost is approximately \$2500. For more information, contact Jim Walter, jtwalter@comcast.net. If you are interested, attend an informational meeting on Mar. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

West Virginia Family Trip

July 13 to 19

Applications are due to Jim Entwistle by Mar. 16.

In West Virginia we will be working with World Vision (Appalachia) to do small construction projects for impoverished families identified by local churches. We will also have the opportunity to help run children's programs to tell them about Jesus. Part of the trip is a "free" day to experience the local surroundings on a canoe trip or an excursion of your choice. This is a great chance for your family to serve and grow together while helping a great ministry like World Vision.

Trip cost is \$475 for ages 11 and up; \$240 for ages 4 to 10; no charge for children 3 years of age and under. For more information, contact Jim Entwistle, jim@myfac.org, or attend an informational meeting on Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Ministry Profile

Kingdom Kids' Club



It was the second to last day of the summer season at Camp FAC. Camp Director, Julie Durdin, was sitting at one of the picnic tables when Pastor Erik Jarvis approached the opposite bench to inform her about a new job he'd like her to consider. "We literally just ended a very busy and successful season running the camp, and I naturally expected it to be a discussion that was camp-related," explained Julie. "You can imagine I was genuinely a little shocked when I heard the details!"



It took a couple of days for it all to sink in for Julie. However, after a great deal of prayer, God revealed to her many reasons why a new job leading the Kingdom Kids' Club ministry was where He wanted her to be. One reason is that she has a passion to minister and encourage children of all ages. "This is my twelfth season of Kids' Choir with many who already attend Kingdom Kids' Club," shared Julie. "But what makes it even more special is this is also my sixth year as a leader with our high school ministry. Since many of the high school students are leaders on Sunday night, Kingdom Kids has now provided me with the unique opportunity to work with them in a whole new way, too!"

Julie feels it's a privilege to be serving God by impacting the next generation. Behind the scenes, she considers herself an administrator in Kingdom Kids' Club. She thoroughly enjoys recruiting and building teams and rolling up her sleeves to research and create new material for the ministry. She is also constantly trying to think ahead by creating all sorts of new programs and opportunities that are both short-term and long-term. However, while she enjoys organizing all of those details, she also loves the opportunity to be up front speaking to the kids on Sunday evenings.

"Being able to interact with the kids, teaching them, encouraging their participation, and cheering them on is probably one of my greatest joys of all," said Julie. "I'm a blessed girl because this



ministry along with Kingdom Kids' Choir has afforded me the unique opportunity to blend my spiritual gift and my love language. What a thrill!"

Currently, there are 170 kids enrolled in the Kingdom Kids' Club as well as many wonderful volunteers who help make the program succeed. In addition to the adult leaders who serve, there are more than 70 high school students enrolled as leaders.

"I enjoy interacting with my group of first graders during game time and dancing with them during worship," shared Courtney St. Onge, one of the high school volunteers. "Each week, I also enjoy seeing the kids more and more excited about living out their faith and openly talking about the changes they are making in their lives during group time."

Both Courtney and her sister Carrie are outstanding role models in the high school ministry and are incredible teachers at Kingdom Kids' Clubs. They have enjoyed volunteering in the children's ministry for four years. "I love participating in Kingdom Kids because of the relationships I've built with the children in my groups each year," said Carrie. "I enjoy engaging them in a conversation about their past week or a special hobby they have. I believe being interested in their lives means a lot to them. During class time, the other leaders and I are engaging them with meaningful questions and trying to get every child to reflect on how to apply the Biblical teachings into their lives."

Jim and Gail Vona are a husband and wife team who also enjoy volunteering in Kingdom Kids. "Over the years, God has given me the privilege of leading some of our FAC children to Christ," shared Jim. "I know how much Jesus loves all children, and I'm thankful that I've had the chance to fill this role."

Gail believes connecting with kids is a great part of the ministry. "You get to hear about their lives. They share good and bad and sometimes funny events from their week," she explained. "Kingdom Kids allows questions and discussion to happen naturally among the kids. They talk with each other about the Bible lessons. This brings up all sorts of thoughts and questions. The leaders are sitting right there with them, guiding the discussion and answering the

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more difficult questions. It's an awesome opportunity for both the children and the leaders to get another step closer to Jesus."

This ministry has been helping numerous children connect to God and one another in a variety of ways. Every Sunday evening during the school year, children from first to fourth grade meet at the church from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The leaders and children start off in the Sanctuary for the "Big Group" session where they hear a message on topics such as what it means to be a missionary or how to show God's love. Then they all break off into smaller groups. "This is a special time where the kids are encouraged to connect to God through time and attention from their leaders," said Julie. "They stay in the same group all year, which helps them settle in and gives them the opportunity to open up and share."

Each Sunday evening at Kingdom Kids is also filled with kids laughing, skipping, jumping, and running during game time. Whether it's a team game or individual competition, game time has been a valuable tool in connecting the kids to each other in a fun way.

Many new activities have been added this year to give children more ways to connect to God and one another. There are even more plans for the spring. Julie believes that one of the greatest additions has been "Talented Troops," which was born out of the successful annual Kingdom Kids' Choir Talent Show. Each night, at least three kids are given the opportunity to share a talent that God has given them. In the very short time the ministry has been doing this, they have already seen everything from singing to juggling.

"But what makes 'Talented Troops' more than just an additional entertainment feature is that the kids are cheered on by their friends and publicly celebrated as they get to share the unique gifts God has given them," said Julie. "Not only does this excite and empower the individual on stage to go out and use this unique gift, it also gets the wheels turning in the minds of the rest of the kids watching. It makes everyone start to think outside of the box and more creatively examine the way God created them, too."

Julie and all the volunteers are thrilled that Kingdom Kids impacts children's lives in so many ways. Many of the kids are being challenged to even become a missionary. "Kingdom Kids has taught me that no matter how small I am I can be a missionary right in my home and spread God's love," shared Skye Taylor who's nine years old.

This year Skye felt challenged by God to have an Operation Christmas Child Party. "My brother and I invited friends over to help us pack our boxes," said Skye. "We made a goal to try and do 22 boxes. We were so excited when we counted and saw we actually did 24 boxes! We just found out our boxes went to Ukraine. God has shown me that He can use me no matter how small I am! My prayer is one day God will allow me to hand deliver the boxes to the children and use me in an even bigger way!"

Please pray for all the children in Kingdom Kids as they grow in their self-awareness of being missionaries and learn to embrace the unique ways God created them to be used by Him. Please also pray that the leaders will continue to be used by God to make the kids feel loved, recognized, and special.

To find out how you or your child can get involved in Kingdom Kids, Julie Durdin would love to connect with you! Please contact her at Julie@myfac.org.

Elder **CANDIDATE**

DOUG
BAZIGIAN



“I drew a line in the sand at that point and committed that I would begin living for Jesus again, and my life has never been the same.

Praise the Lord!”

Meet Our Candidate for Elder

Doug Bazigian

How did you come to faith in Christ?

When I was very young, my parents divorced and my father was awarded custody of my brother and me. When I was nine, my father remarried, and his new wife began taking us to the Protestant Church where I went to Sunday School and also became involved in the children's choir. This is where my relationship with Jesus began. Later, when I was 15 years old, my mother died suddenly, and my father and stepmother divorced. I fell away from the Lord for a time after this and into the things and behaviors of this world. After getting married, I pursued my career in corporate America and had rapid worldly success. Over time though, I began to have a feeling that something was missing. The material possessions and worldly success left me with a somewhat hollow feeling inside. Something was missing, and that something was God. He was calling me back into a relationship with Him and telling me it was time to start living for Him again. I drew a line in the sand at that point and committed that I would begin living for Jesus again, and my life has never been the same. Praise the Lord!

What is your favorite Scripture and why?

"But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33. For me, this just really simplifies life as all I really need to do is continually be asking myself, "What does God want in this situation?" As long as I am in step with God's plan and will for my life, I have complete faith and expectation that everything else that I need will be given to me as well.

In what ministries have you been involved at FAC? I started in Men's Ministry in the boot camp classes and became one of the facilitators of the group. Shortly thereafter, I began helping to coordinate some of our outreach events like the men's conference and pig roast. Our family went on the West Virginia mission trip, and shortly thereafter I went to Gabon, Africa. Today, my wife Mary and I are Mini-church leaders, and I serve on a small group that helps oversee Men's Ministry. I also help oversee short-term missions and serve as an usher on Sundays.

How did you meet your wife, Mary?

I met Mary when I was 19 in a restaurant in Natick, MA. She was sitting with a few of her friends from high school, and I was prompted to go and talk with her. When I was

25, we married. God has blessed me with the perfect wife, partner, and best friend. No doubt, God created us to be together as one.

Family

We have one daughter Amanda who is 18 and is a senior at Shawnee High School. She is very involved at FAC in the Middle School Ministry as a Planet 678 leader and also in student leadership in the High School Ministry. Amanda has also attended several mission trips. She also helps on Sundays teaching the preschoolers. Amanda was one of the captains this year of the Shawnee varsity cheerleading squad and will be attending Liberty University in the fall.

Tell us about your job.

I am a director for a sales and marketing firm in the food industry. This is an incredible God story about how He created this job for me at a time when I needed it. There are only a few Christians in our organization, and God has shown me that this is my mission field for a time and I will be there until He calls me to something else.

What are some of your hobbies and favorite pastimes? I am an avid cyclist. I love riding my bike as I enjoy all of God's beauty of creation all around me. I also enjoy spending time with Mary and Amanda on the beach or by the pool reading.

What is your favorite ...

Book? *Purpose Driven Life*, by Rick Warren; and *Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan

Movie? *JAWS* (There is a story behind this...)

Vacation Spot? Ogunquit, Maine — our family has been vacationing there for more than 25 years.

Tell us one little known fact about yourself.

Well, not the most popular thing down here, but I'm a Red Sox fan. I was born in Boston and raised in the suburbs. With my job, we moved to New Jersey, Chicago, and back to New Jersey all in the span of four years. We have been attending FAC for about 10 years.

spotlight on our VOLUNTEERS



ANNE GAHMAN

Preschool KBS

As someone who has a heart for children, Anne Gahman was happy to volunteer for the Kids' Bible Study program at FAC. Anne has been volunteering with the preschool KBS for more than five years and has started helping with the kindergarten class this year.

"I am a nurse at a children's hospital so I love the kids, and I saw there was a need for KBS teachers," Anne said. "Teaching KBS is so rewarding to me. I think I get so much more out of it."

Each week, children have music time, listen to the Bible story, and do a craft related to the Bible story. They also share how the lessons apply to their lives. Each child gets a ribbon every week for remembering to bring their Bible to class. She explained how after class, children will often go home and ask their parents to pray at meals during the week.

"Kids are impacting the adults," Anne said.

Anne also urges others to volunteer to help with the KBS classes. It is not necessary to volunteer every week, and people interested in helping are able to shadow others to help them decide if they want to volunteer.

"God will provide," Anne said. "God gives you the talent and qualifications. You just need a loving heart."



ROBIN HARDEN

Fresh Hope ministry for single moms

After being a single mom for several years, Robin Harden saw that she could use her experience to help other women in similar situations through the Fresh Hope ministry.

"At first I was petrified," Robin said, but her husband was very supportive. "My life experience as a single mom, a mom of divorce, and just as a mom has given me experience to help these women."

Fresh Hope meets once a month, holding a dinner and afterward having a guest speaker before breaking into small groups. Throughout the month, Robin e-mails the women in her small group and asks if they need prayer.

This year, Robin also helped organize the "Gift of Hope" ministry, providing Christmas gifts to the children of single moms.

"I love having a table of women. We get to bond," Robin said. "The women feel so loved by this church and so grateful."

There is always a need for women to serve as table leaders, to serve and prepare food, and to greet and sign in women. Those interested in volunteering with Fresh Hope should contact Carol Batten:

carol@myfac.org.

"I thank the Lord because I can use my experience to help others," Robin said.

Any single moms from the community, not just FAC, are welcome to come to Fresh Hope.



JIM MENDILLO

High School ministry

Jim Mendillo always had a passion for helping high school students, but it wasn't until he went on a missions trip to Mexico with his daughter and a group of high school students from FAC that he got involved with the high school ministry.

"God affirmed to me on that trip that this is where I should be — with high school kids," Jim said.

This year, Jim is working with a group of freshmen boys and will stay with them until graduation. During the year, the students attend meetings that include a time of worship, a break for small groups or a lesson, and recreational time.

The high school group is also holding six-week sessions for students to attend based on the format of the Life Conference, held once every three years, that students attend in the summer. Each of the sessions, one held in the spring and one in the fall, gives students the chance to choose from various topics based on what interests them.

There are short-term and long-term opportunities to serve with the high school ministry, and anyone who is interested should contact Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org.

"There are so many needs at this age, and the four years before college are so important," Jim said. He feels that it is a privilege to help kids through this transitional time of their life.

New Staff Member:

Jeremy McAlack

When did you begin working at FAC?

I had the privilege of speaking at two middle school retreats and built a relationship with some of the leadership in the youth ministry. At that time, I did not know it would lead to an opportunity of serving at FAC full time, but I am very blessed to be a part of a growing body of Believers and a team of great leaders. I began working at the church in January. For the past couple of weeks, I have been transitioning from Calvary Baptist in Bristol, PA.

What is your position and what does that entail?

My position is youth intern. I will be working with the first to twelfth grade students. I will be helping with Level 5, middle school, and high school events. I will also be teaching Biblical truths and principles.

What is the most important thing to you about your job? The most important thing about my job is to glorify God by being an example of Christ to the students.

What do you hope to accomplish through your position? I hope to build relationships with the students, parents, and the rest of the church family. I hope to grow in my faith in Christ Jesus and my personal relationship with God as well as encourage the faith of my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope and pray that God continues to use this church to lead people closer to Him and help those who do not know Him to establish new relationships with Him.

Where are you from? Where did you go to school? I was born in Willingboro, NJ, and I was raised in Manahawkin. When I was about four years old, our family moved to a small town in Pennsylvania called Newtown, where I am still residing. I graduated from Council Rock North High School in 2009. Now I am currently a student at Cairn University. I hope to graduate in May 2014 with a B.S. in Bible/Youth Ministry and a M.S. in Organizational Leadership.

When did you accept Christ as your Savior and what were the circumstances? When I was at the age of 5, I went to a church service during the Christmas holiday. The pastor took time to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God opened my ears and my heart to receive the good news. I realized that I needed to ask God for forgiveness of my sins and believe that my sins have been paid for through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was then that I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I also learned that it is only by grace through faith in Jesus that I can know God and be forgiven of my sins. I have been made new, and I am excited to continue my walk in Christ here at FAC.



Tell us about your family.

I currently live at home in Newtown with my parents, Matt and Michele McAlack. My father is a professor of the department of divinity and the director of the youth and family ministry programs at Cairn University. He is also the pastor of youth and outreach at Calvary Baptist in Bristol, Pa. My mother oversees the university ministry center at Cairn University. I have an older brother and a younger brother. My older brother, Zach, is finishing his Master's degree in Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. My younger brother, Luke, is a sophomore studying youth ministry at Cairn University.

Tell us some of your favorite things:

Book (other than the Bible): One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish and Crazy Love

Movie: Space Jam

Food: Chicken wings, stuffed shells, and cereal

Memory: My Sophomore year of college, I was playing soccer on homecoming. We were playing Baptist Bible College. We had a corner kick, and one of my teammates had crossed it in and the ball floated up towards the goal keeper's hands. I jumped out to head the ball and I beat my defender and the goal keeper, and I headed the ball toward the goal. The ball bounced up and hit off the post and squeezed past another defender who was standing on the post. It was my first collegiate goal.

Vacation spot: Long Beach Island, NJ

Verse: *Ephesians 2:4-5*, "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

MIDDLE SCHOOL

[For Grades 5 – 8]



Get Involved!

Here are three ways you can help be a part of the work that God is doing in the ministry:

1. You can pray for the students who went on the retreat to continue to follow and proclaim Christ.
2. You can join our team of leaders who are dedicated to drawing students closer to Christ.
3. You can pray for all of our leaders and all of our students that our focus is on Christ in all that we do and that the students have open hearts.

The heart of our ministry is to guide middle school students into meaningful friendships with other students who desire to grow closer to God.

Middle School Ministry Calendars are available in the Welcome Center or check us out at www.myfac.org.

Contacts

Eddie Jurimas, eddie@myfac.org

Russ Batten, russ@myfac.org (Level 5)



Black Ice

WINTER RETREAT

Because youth group relationships are made much stronger when you spend two days with each other, we felt God calling us to have a winter retreat this year! On Jan. 3-5, the Middle School Ministry took more than 50 students to America's Keswick, where the focus was on "Living Real Lives" as Christians.

Many students made decisions to follow Christ closer this year and become bolder in proclaiming Him to their friends and in their schools. God did amazing things on this retreat, and we are extremely grateful for the humbling opportunity to draw our youth closer to God. God used the leaders on the retreat to challenge, encourage, and disciple members of their small groups, and the outcomes were amazing!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sunday Night Youth Groups

Location: Medford Memorial Middle School (55 Mill St. Medford 08055)

For: Level 5 for fifth graders
Planet 678 for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders

Dates: Feb. 9, 16, and 23 at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Note: No youth groups on Feb. 2

Grapple

Grapple is a Sunday morning lesson for students in Grades 5 to 7. Grapple meets in the Red Barn at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please note: students must be dropped off at the Red Barn before the services.

Rock Solid

Rock Solid is a Bible study for Planet students in Grades 6 to 8. Rock Solid meets in the Chapel, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., every Tuesday in February and March.

Party Skate Night

March 9

Register online as soon as possible, www.myfac.org/register

Party Skate Night is a Level 5 and Planet 678 combined event. Cost is \$10, which includes pizza and drink, skate rentals, photo booth pictures, and transportation to and from the Holiday Skate Center in Delanco.

This event will be packed so sign up now and get your friends to sign up, too! Check-in is at FAC at 4:00 p.m.; pick-up is at 8:00 p.m.

Youth Impact

Make an Impact: Join Our Leadership Team

God is doing some great things in the high school ministry, and we would love you to be a part of it. We have lots of opportunities with many different levels of time commitment. If you would be interested in joining our great team of leaders as we reach out to high school students, contact Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org.

Stay Connected to the High School Ministry

Looking for ways to connect to what is happening with the high school ministry? Check out these options to stay up to date:

1. Sign up for text updates. Go to www.myfac.org and click on the high school page to sign up.
2. Check out the high school Facebook page. Just search for Youth Impact and click the "like" button.



HIGH SCHOOL

Lake Champion | March 28-30

Registration Deadline: Feb. 24

Our annual spring retreat to Lake Champion is always a favorite event. This retreat center, which hosts hundreds of high school students from various youth ministries, provides the chance to make new friendships and go deeper in existing ones.

The weekend will feature challenging messages, awesome worship, tons of fun activities, times for hanging out, and great food!

The cost for the weekend is \$199.

Register online (www.myfac.org/register) no later than Feb. 24.

More information is available in the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org, if you have any questions.



February Calendar

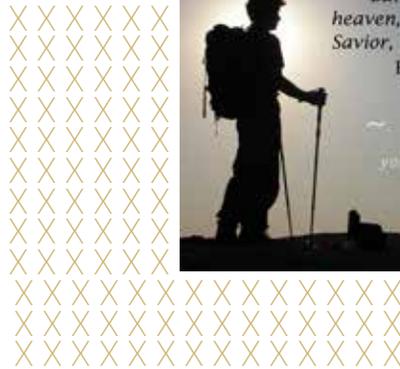
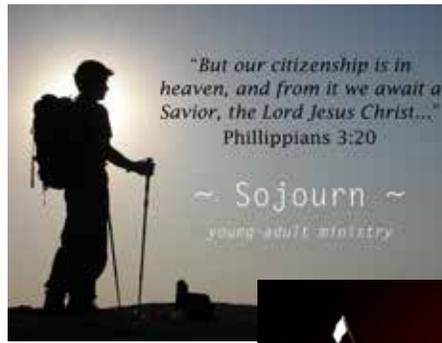
Feb. 3: Insight at FAC, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Feb. 10: Insight at FAC, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Feb. 17: No Insight

Feb. 24: Insight at FAC, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

[For ages 18-24]



YOUNG ADULTS

A sojourner is a person who has not yet reached his destination; someone who is in transit. The Bible defines the term as synonymous with the words “alien,” “stranger,” and “foreigner.” Jesus said to His disciples that they were aliens just as He was an alien, and that the world would hate them just as it hated him (John 15). He loved these men, and as he prepared to leave them, He knew that what they would soon face as a result of being one of His followers would be fierce. His desire for them was that as they navigated life’s twists and turns and peaks and valleys, that they would be able to find solace in knowing that this world was not their home and that the worth of what awaited them would far surpass the light and momentary troubles they’d face as they journeyed through this life as one of His own.

Philippians 3:20 says, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...” Scattered throughout the New Testament is the call to detach from the ways of the world and live in such a way that it looks to the world like our treasure is in heaven and not on the earth. And if our treasure is in heaven, we know our heart will be there also. Home is, in fact, where our heart is. Once we see our home as being somewhere else, anywhere else, it then becomes impossible to allow any temporary home to hold equal value in our hearts. Consequently, the homesick journeyman begins to live a risky life, laced with a bit of a carefree aroma because he knows that he’s not yet reached his final destination. His priorities change; his purpose becomes definite; and his destination is made exact.

Jesus is his destination, and once this becomes so, his time as journeymen, as stranger or alien, as a sojourner becomes devoted to a single mission: following, being transformed by, and bringing others home to Jesus. This is real discipleship.

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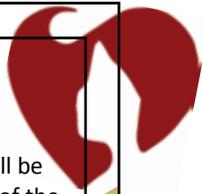


Our goal as a new ministry for young adults is to instill those core fundamental values of the Christian faith in the college-age group. A recent poll suggests that only 1% of young adults claiming to follow Jesus have a Biblical worldview. The knee-jerk reaction to a statistic like that is to worry. Thankfully, the Lord assures us that “not even the gates of hell will prevail against His church.” (Matt.16:18) But we must do our part in handing down the fundamental truths of Scripture to a lost generation who so desperately needs Jesus.

At FAC, our goal is to see people following Jesus with such complete commitment that the transformation taking place in their character becomes impossible to ignore. As a natural consequence of that transformation, these changed people cannot help but attract others to Jesus, making them genuine “fishers of men.” (Mark 1:17) Sojourn is a peer-led ministry that is part of that mission. Our desire is to see every young adult at FAC establish a firm and lasting foundation of faith that is able to withstand even the most ferocious opposition.

Our young adults meet each week in small groups similar to Mini-churches for Bible study and discipleship. In addition, the young adults meet on the first Friday of each month in the Chapel for a time of worship, fellowship, study, and fun.

If you have questions about Sojourn or would like to know more about how to get involved, contact Luke Fraser, luke@myfac.org or 609-953-7333, x112.



HEART TO HEART

[Bible studies for Women]

Tuesday AM & PM

Classes begin on Tues., Feb. 25 (except as noted)

Time: 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Tues., Feb. 4

Heart to Heart classes are designed to help women grow closer to Christ while being equipped and empowered to serve in God's Kingdom. All of the studies include teaching, interaction, and small group discussions. Service opportunities are also available throughout the semester. True Treasures is available for children, newborns through kindergartners, during the morning classes.



Ever After: Life Lessons Learned in My Castle of Chaos (mornings and evenings, 6 weeks)

Our expectations about life seldom match. While culture uplifts fairy-tale happy endings and the bigger-than-life people who live them, real life is quite different. This DVD-led study provides encouragement as you navigate the joys and pitfalls of Godly living. It will help you find your true identity as a child of God and His plan for a better happily forever-after!

Homework: 15 minutes, 5 days a week
Cost: \$30



Mighty Daughters of the King (mornings, 8 weeks)

We were all made in God's image and born with the ability to create, dream, and soar. Each week we will explore various dynamic women in the Bible, enjoy utilizing creative expression, and learn how to depend on God's mighty strength to become the women we were designed to be. We will learn how to gain a deeper relationship with God and others through very simple art projects, such as painting,

metal work, quilling, card making, and collages. No experience necessary! Join us on this teacher-led, fun adventure!

Homework: Suggested journaling
Cost: \$25



Why Do You Believe That?

(mornings and evenings, 9 weeks)

When it comes to talking about matters of faith, how confident are you? Do you wish expressing your beliefs about Jesus with others was easier? This DVD-led study is a practical Bible study that will equip you to have meaningful spiritual conversations. You will answer your doubts, build your confidence, and start changing lives — one conversation at a time.

Homework: 15-20 minutes per day
Cost: \$30



Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering

(evenings only, 8 weeks)

Do you want to return the lavish love of God with the gift of your life? We are not perfect, but we are made perfect in Christ if only we surrender all to Him daily. In this DVD-led study based on the Sermon on the Mount, women are called to a more passionate life in Christ, a place of rest in the presence of God, and an understanding that our lives — no matter how broken and tarnished — can still become a beautiful offering.

Homework: 20-30 minutes, 5 days a week
Cost: \$25



Hearing the Voice of God

(mornings only, 8 weeks)

We serve a living, personal God who loves us and desires to speak to us! In this class, we will explore Scriptures about God's voice and uncover some of the blockages that may hinder us from hearing clearly. We will explore ways to maintain a deep intimacy

without personal Savior. This class will be teacher-led and will also include use of the book Pathways to the King, by Rob Reimer.

Homework: 10-15 minutes per day
Cost: \$30, includes all books and materials

Discipleship Groups

(Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30, for 12 months, at a home in the Marlton/Medford area or Monday evenings, 7-9 for 12 months, at FAC.)

Would you like to be part of a group with the purpose of becoming disciples of Jesus while moving toward the commandment to make disciples? In teacher-led studies and small discipleship groups, you will develop essential skills of Bible reading, praying for others, sharing your testimony, and explaining the Gospel. The commitment you put into this experience will lay a firm foundation from which you can be obedient to Jesus' command to follow Him and to go and make disciples.

Homework: 1-2 hours per week
Cost: \$20 for first semester; additional fee of \$12 for each of 3 additional workbooks; complete cost for the year, \$56



Walking in the Light

Beginning Feb. 25, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Both men and women are ensnared by pornography, but users are overwhelmingly male. To help men who want to break the hold pornography has on their lives, FAC offers Path to Purity. But what about the women who are married to pornography users?

If your husband is or has been addicted to pornography, this group is a safe place to heal and communicate with other women who understand your situation.

For more information and to register, send an e-mail:

WalkingintheLightFAC@gmail.com by Feb. 14. Confidentiality will be protected during all aspects of Walking in the Light.



Women's Retreat

The Grand Hotel, Cape May, NJ
March 21 to 23, 2014

The purpose of the Women's Retreat is to create an environment for women to grow in their walk with the Lord and in their relationships with each other away from the demands of everyday life. This retreat is a time to refresh and renew both physically and spiritually.

Come join us at this year's Women's Retreat as **Lisa Kletkewicz shares with us these life-changing messages:**

THE RISKS OF LOVE

Were it not for the risk involved, most of us would love and allow ourselves to be loved openly, honestly, liberally, and freely. As it is, the majority of people — men and women, Christian or not — prefer a safe life to an accessible life. It is a costly trade off of endlessly balancing control and restraint while seeking approval in a world that promises happiness, threatens with rejection, demands performance, and delivers a shallow and loveless, second-rate life.

There is a betrothed, first-class life that we are invited into through Christ. It is a life where we are accepted exactly as we are, treasured without performance, exalted without condemnation, and free to choose to love and be loved. In this session, we will explore the accessible life that awaits all of us at any age and in every stage and the risks we fear taking to have it.

LOVE AND LIFE ON OUR TERMS:

THE RESTRICTIONS OF CONTROL AND PERFECTIONISM

Based on Hebrews 10, in this session we will discuss the truth about control and perfectionism, including how pervasive they are and the destruction they create in our relationships. It may surprise you to know how much peace, joy, and purpose is imprisoned by a perceived need to do things your way rather than by God's plan. You will gain an understanding and a method of redirection that could truly change your life.

THE REWARDS OF GOD'S LOVE:

A TRANSFORMED LIFE

All of God's chosen children are being made holy: we are in a process of change and transformation. It is a wonder-filled and deep experience that can awaken within us wisdom, maturity, and capability. It is in God's purpose that we grow into lives that bear the holy fruits of love and the Spirit. In this session, we will address what it means to participate with God in the transformation of heart, mind, and spirit. We will learn how that process will restore hope, joy, and peace while creating purpose and community for your life.

DETAILS



Childcare Opportunity during **Mom's Time Out**

Our childcare ministry, Kid's Time In, will begin again in February. This is a great opportunity to serve by caring for our precious preschoolers, newborns to kindergartners.

**Kid's Time In meets on certain Thursdays
from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., beginning Feb. 6.**

For more information, contact Cathy Kamps, 856-596-8408.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration includes accommodations for two nights, four meals, general sessions, workshops, and materials.

Rates are per person: \$410 single, \$290 double, \$265 triple, \$250 quad. All occupancies are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration is open through Feb. 21. Payments must be made in full at time of registration. Payment plans are not available. Space is limited! When available rooms have been filled, we will begin a waiting list.

There are three ways to register:

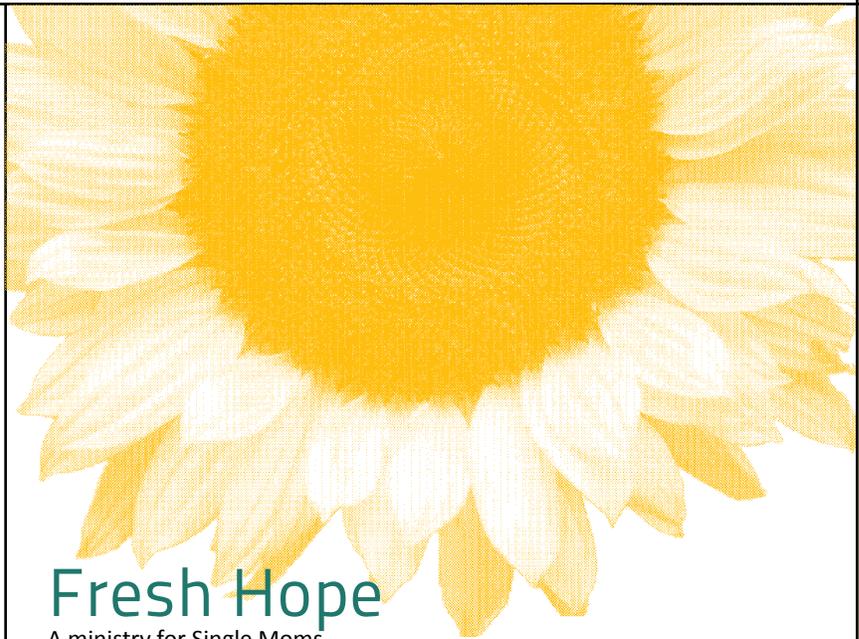
- ▶ Online at www.myfac.org/register. (Use credit card or debit card.)
- ▶ In person at the Registration Desk in the Welcome Center. Checks should be made payable to FAC, or you can pay in cash (exact amount only).
- ▶ Mail your registration and deposit to FAC, c/o Mari Lynne Snyder, 199 Church Rd., Medford, NJ 08055

REFUND POLICY

Refunds cannot be made after Feb. 1, 2014, unless someone is filling your reservation.

This is the only exception. For cancellations made prior to Feb. 1, refunds will be made less a \$50 processing fee.

Gift Certificates are available.



Fresh Hope

A ministry for Single Moms

Fresh Hope is a place where single moms can connect to God's love through friendships, encouragement, and support. All single moms are invited to attend Fresh Hope from 5:00 to 8:00 in the Red Barn for dinner, teaching, fun, and encouragement.

Dates for 2014 are Feb. 23, Mar. 30, and May 4.

The Food Pantry and the Fresh Hope Clothes Closet are open in the FAC Benevolent Center from 3:45 to 4:45. Dinner is provided for the moms and their children and is served at 5:00.

The children meet in the Family Room in the main building of the church. After dinner, they attend the children's and youth programs available through FAC, including Sunday Night Kids' Clubs, Level 5, and Planet 678. Childcare is provided for children who are too young to participate. Please register yourself and your children prior to the meetings:
www.myfac.org/register. *There is no cost to attend.*

If you have questions, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125.

Deepening Groups



What is a Deepening Group?

A Deepening Group is basically a small group, but a small group that goes deeper.

A Deepening Group provides a consistent, accepting, long-term, safe community where participants have the opportunity for open and honest sharing, which is expected and encouraged. In this kind of community, all your life is relevant and important to you and to the group.

In a Deepening Group you will grow deeper in your relationship with God, yourself, the group, and the world around you. You will put your faith in God who is generous, self-sacrificing, and transforming.

You'll learn that a good and beautiful life — a life worth living — consists of learning to live without anger or lust and learning to even bless those who curse us.

You'll become part of a good and beautiful community — one that is a hopeful community, a serving community, and a reconciling community.

In Deepening Groups, you will begin to heal and change your narratives about God, yourself, and the world around you so that real and lasting change into the likeness of Christ can really happen.

Where do you draw this source of wholeness for your life? If you do not have a community like this, a Deepening Group could be the answer for you.

To inquire about a Deepening Group, or if you have questions, please contact Carol Batten, carol@myfac.org, or Lisa Kletkewicz, 2boys4life@comcast.net

What others are saying about Deepening Groups:

I had no idea when I joined a Deepening group more than a year and a half ago how my life would be changed. I came to know God's heart and began to fall in love with Him over and over again as false narratives I had struggled with for years were brought into the light through our discussions in a safe and loving environment. The God that Jesus knew looked far different from the God I had known through my life, and I did not realize how little I truly knew about God's heart and His character. I lived in fear, never measuring up, rather than faith in a loving and generous God whose love is unconditional.

My heart was being transformed as our group of women learned to be open, transparent, encouraging and supportive as we lived life together each week, sharing our burdens, our brokenness, our hurts, and our hearts. Each of us was seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus and each other where we could feel accepted and loved right where we are.

What a blessing it has been to know deep in my soul that I am a child of God in whom Christ dwells, and I live in the unshakeable Kingdom of God where no matter what happens, I am always safe. That is what impacts my life and that truth is growing in me each day! I have formed deep friendships with my sisters in Christ that I will have forever on this earth and in heaven someday. I know the love of Christ through them.

To have girlfriends who have my back, covering me in prayer, communicating their love and helping me mature and grow in my faith is awesome!

This Deepening Group is a long-term commitment that will bless and strengthen me for the rest of my life. I am so thankful to Carol and Lisa for offering this life-enhancing opportunity at FAC, and I believe anyone committing to study will be blessed beyond measure.

_____ [Pam]

Deepening, to me, means

That I have a weekly opportunity to meet with women in Christ who have become part of my heart and soul;

That our common bonds are a love of the Lord and a desire to grow in our faith;

That I will be loved and supported unconditionally;

That I will be emotionally and spiritually raised up and carried when I need it most;

That I may speak freely and have the assurance of confidentiality;

That I have a family of women with whom I can laugh and cry and rejoice and mourn;

That I deepen my relationship with Christ through my relationship with the amazing spiritual sisters whom I have come to love.

_____ [Andie]

CATALYST MEN'S GROUP

Catalyst Men's Group (CMG) is a process in pursuit of becoming the man God desires. In the groups, men will be challenged through teaching, introspection, small group discussions, and serving together to move forward in their relationships with others, but most importantly with God.

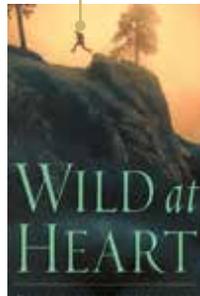
Courses will take place on —

SATURDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 8 (10 WEEKS) | FAC CHAPEL AND C-WING
MONDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 10 (10 WEEKS) | RED BARN

WILD AT HEART (LEVEL 1)

Deep in his heart, every man longs to be successful with what he's been given and to pursue a life that matters. Join us as we engage in a Christ-centered pursuit of what matters most.

Wild at Heart, Eldredge
Pre-requisite: None | Cost \$20



WALK THE LINE (LEVEL 2)

Nothing prepares the hearts of men like walking the paths of Jesus. In this course, we will dig deeply into the life of Jesus through an in-depth study of the Book of John.

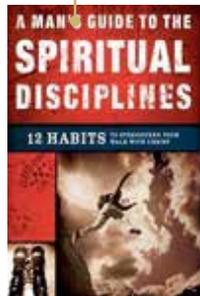
The Book of John
Pre-requisite: Level 1 | Cost \$20.00



SHARPENING IRON (LEVEL 3)

Spiritual strength, like surgical skill or athletic excellence, requires training and practice. This small group focuses on strengthening a man's walk with Christ.

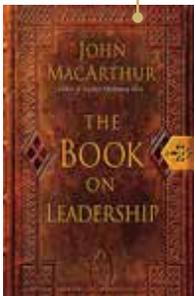
A Man's Guide to the Spiritual Disciplines, Morley
Pre-requisite: Level 2 | Cost \$20



LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE (LEVEL 4)

This is an in-depth discussion on leadership as viewed through the life of the Apostle Paul. Beyond discussion, each man will have an opportunity to understand his influence across many areas and put what he has learned into real practice.

The Book on Leadership, MacArthur | Pre-requisite: Level 3
Cost \$20



Register online at www.myfac.org/register.
If you have questions about CMG, contact Pastor Erik Rebstock, 609-953-7333, x116, or erikr@myfac.org.

TIMOTHY PROJECT

An extension of our Catalyst Men's Groups, the Timothy Project is an eight-month intensive opportunity for Christ-like transformation. With both a large group and small groups, the Timothy Project combines experience and structure. A weekend retreat and various service projects are included.

Cost \$35.00 | Prerequisite: Completion of Catalyst Men's Groups. If you have questions about the Timothy Project, contact Pastor Erik Rebstock, 609-953-7333, x116, or erikr@myfac.org.

God@Work ...

In the Life of
Alison and Dennis Gaudenzi



Alison & Dennis Gaudenzi

A year after we were married, we decided to start a family and were thrilled that it happened very quickly. But, we learned ten weeks into the pregnancy, there was a problem with the baby and the pregnancy would ultimately end in a miscarriage. I had surgery one week before Christmas, December 2009. We were devastated by the loss and left trying to pick up the pieces.

My body never healed properly following the surgery. We sought the help of a specialist who was able to put me back together, but the question remained, "Would I ever carry a child again?"

The next year was full of acupuncture treatments, Chinese herbs, fertility consultations and treatments, two more surgeries, countless procedures, and two more miscarriages. A lot of time, money, and emotion were spent to start the family we so badly wanted. Being a mom was a lifelong dream for me, and I just was not going to give up. Watching all of our friends and family start families with such ease was so difficult. We kept asking, "Why us?" We were happily married with the ability to provide for a child and we were "good people." We were angry that something like this was happening to us. Yet, we started to feel that all of this was happening for a reason.

In November 2011, we decided to join FAC. At the time, we had no real spiritual connection and knew we needed something more.

At that same time, we decided to try In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). We were concerned about the side effects of all the drugs and the amount of money we had to pay for this procedure, which was not covered by insurance or guaranteed to even work. In fact, it didn't work and that devastating news came to us, once again, in December, the week before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve 2011, we invited the Lord into our lives and instantly felt a shift in our hearts. While we still faced the disappointment of the failed IVF and a road that seemed unending, we felt so much joy and peace. We felt more complete, and for the first time in more than a year, we could find a space to be positive. We realized that this was just all part of the journey and that someday, somehow, God would give us the child we so badly

wanted. We hung onto those feelings of hope and joy every time we faced another obstacle.

Dennis joined the men's Breakfast group [Band of Brothers]; we took the Alpha Course; I attended the Women's Conference; and we started to get more involved at FAC.

We enjoyed Alpha so much and became really tight with our small group. But, we went through the whole program without sharing our struggles and pain until the end on "Holy Spirit Saturday." I finally shared what we had been facing, and everyone prayed for us. I thanked God for leading us to this church and promised that if He would bless us with a baby, we would tell our story to anyone who would listen in hopes that others would be inspired to follow Christ.

That following Saturday, we started our second IVF and exactly a month later we found out I was pregnant. The outcome of this pregnancy was going to be very different than the prior three. But the most amazing news was that our baby was due on Christmas Day! In our prior lives, we would have called this a coincidence, but we knew this was absolutely no coincidence. After all those sad Christmases, this one was going to be so special for us. God had answered our prayers.

Noah was born on December 10, 2012. We knew we were having a boy and promised God that for all He had done in our lives we would name him Noah. The story of Noah is one of redemption, and we truly feel that our lives have been redeemed.

Today, our marriage is stronger for the struggles we endured, and our faith is unshakable. We are humbled every time we think of what God has done for us. Starting our family didn't happen in our timing, but it was the best timing of all. We can say that despite the pain and frustration, we now see the amazing plan God had for us all along.

In fact, God has chosen to bless us with another baby, due this August! We believe staying close to Him, making prayer a part of our daily lives, and sharing our testimony has forever changed our lives.

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Our Vision

We want people to hear God's call and follow it.

Our Mission

We want to help people connect to God, to His people, and to His work.

Our Core Values

*Lost people matter to God.
He wants them found.*

~Luke 19:10

*Prayer is the primary work of the
people of God.*

~Philippians 4:6,7

*Everything we have belongs to God.
We are only stewards.*

~1 Chronicles 29:14

*Knowing and obeying God's Word is
fundamental to all true success.*

~Joshua 1:8

*Without the empowering of the Holy
Spirit, we can accomplish nothing.*

~1 Corinthians 2:4,5