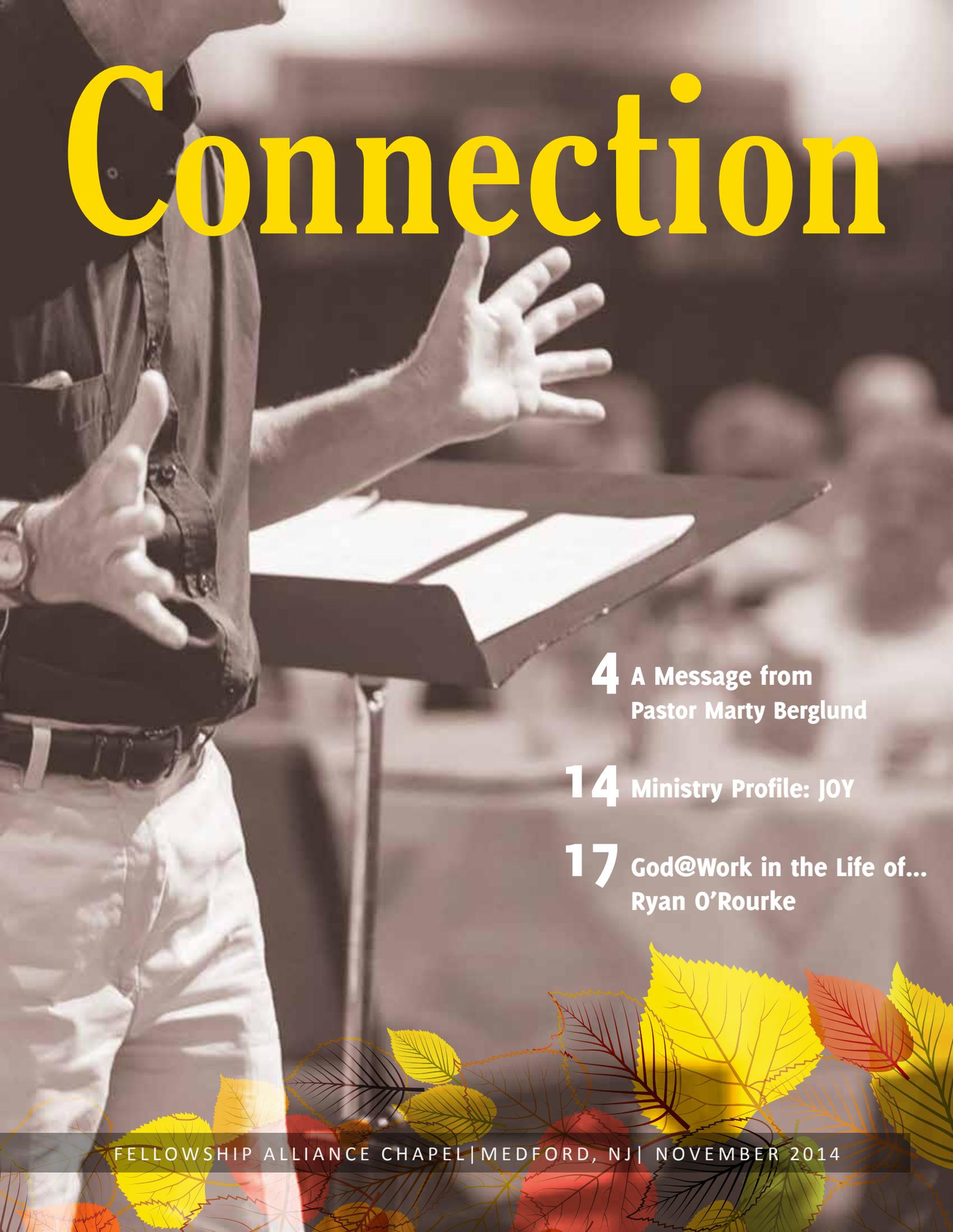


Connection



4 A Message from
Pastor Marty Berglund

14 Ministry Profile: JOY

17 God@Work in the Life of...
Ryan O'Rourke

CONTENTS

12



FEATURES

4 A Message from Pastor Marty Berglund

6 "Encouragement for the Journey,"
by Laurie Berglund

12-13 Missions Update: South Africa

14 Ministry Profile: JOY

17 God@Work in the Life of...
Ryan O'Rourke

MINISTRIES

- 5 The Service Fair
- 7 Annual Christmas Cantata
- 8 Angel Tree
- 9 Spotlight on our Volunteers
- 10 Middle School Ministry
Grades 5-8
- 11 High School Ministry
Grades 9-12
- 16 miniChurches

International Survivors of Suicide Day
- 18 Women@FAC
Faithfully Fit & Fresh Hope
- 19 Women@FAC
Walking in Grace
- 20 Women@FAC
Deepening Groups & Movie Night
- 21 Facts & Figures
- 23 Ministry Directory



7

The Song of Christmas

20



fellowship alliance
C H A P E L

Worship Services

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Nursery and Kids' Bible Study (KBS) are provided during every service for babies through fourth graders. Ask a greeter for directions to classes.

The Friendship Class for teens and adults with special needs meets during the 9:00 a.m. service in Room B-10.

Interpretation for the hearing impaired is available during the 11:00 a.m. worship services.



17

News & Notes

Guest Receptions

To learn more about FAC and how to get connected, attend a Guest Reception.

Guest Receptions are held after each worship service in the Family Room. No registration is necessary. Just join us!

We would love to have the opportunity to get to know you and answer your questions!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets Your help is needed

Last Thanksgiving, we helped the Christian Caring Center provide food baskets for more than 450 families. To help needy families this year, sign up in the Welcome Center on Nov. 15/16 or 22/23 to prepare and deliver food and purchase ACME gift certificates.

Contact Kyle Bahm, 609-953-7333, x136, or kyleb@myfac.org, if you have questions.

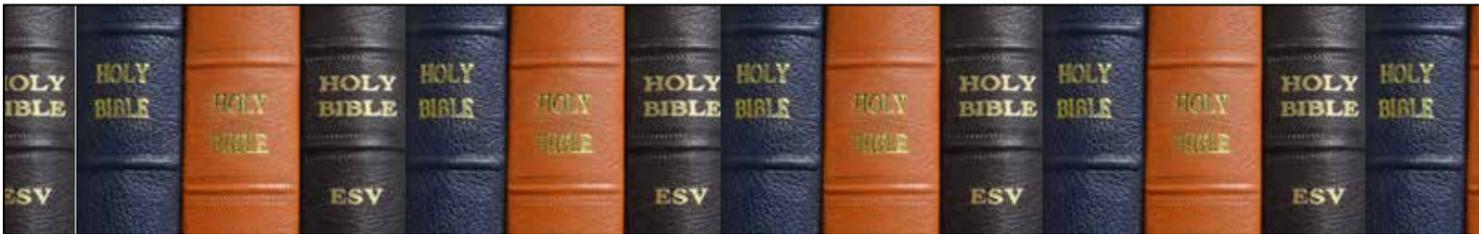
Sojourn for Young Adults Ages 18 to 24

Thanksgiving Eve Bash
Date: Nov. 26
Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Place: FAC's Red Barn
What: Fellowship, message, worship, food

If you have questions about the Thanksgiving Eve Bash, contact Kyle Bahm, kyleb@myfac.org, or Mike Rymarz, rymarz.mike@gmail.com.

Bring your friends!



Dear Church Family,

Some time ago, a professional educator who attends our church wrote me a little note of encouragement. Included in her note, she told how she had studied the learning process we all go through to capture new insights.

She believes it is clear from research that to help ourselves learn better in church, using a physical Bible could put us at a great advantage and help us understand how to put Biblical material into actions. Then she went on to tell me what research in this area reveals.

Educational research gives us three reasons to use our own physical Bible at church:

1. We learn better using multiple senses.

Research has shown that using multiple senses increases retention. For many individuals, it is necessary for them to tactilely experience something in order for new information to be assimilated into their brain. The experience of turning pages, looking at a text, and even underlining it will make a huge impact and will increase retention for almost everyone.

2. We learn better by making connections.

When reading a text, we are often reminded of something else we have read or heard. Having a physical text will allow us to look for these passages and find the connection between something we have learned previously and something new we are now learning. When we use prior knowledge to assimilate new information, we create meaningful connections in our brains. This allows us to better understand the new information and retain it longer.

3. We learn better by thinking critically.

The Berean Church was encouraged to search the Scriptures to make sure that what Paul was saying was accurate and without heresy. Without a text in hand, today's church attenders are just absorbing information and not doing their own checking. It is not only important to verify that a speaker is not contradicting God's Word, but critical evaluation is also very important in the learning

process. When we are questioning, comparing, evaluating, and assessing information, we are operating at one of the highest levels of thought-processing. This also increases information assimilation and retention. We should not be afraid of spiritual assessment; instead, we should be requiring it. Too often, we are simply collecting new facts or applications and not going through the mental work of asking, "Is this true? Is that what this passage says? Does this conflict with something else the Bible says?" Without a text in hand, we cannot check, and our mental engagement with the text is less than it could have been.

I thought that the educator's admonition was well said. I was encouraged just this last weekend in church when I was asking people to turn to different passages in the Bible, and I heard so many pages turning. To me, that showed that many are taking the Word of God so seriously that they are really trying to learn it.

All we have to do is look at the promises of Psalm 1:2-3 and Joshua 1:7-8 to realize how important it is to learn God's Word and incorporate it into our life. Our entire future success is affected by how we learn God's Word. So I hope you'll take on the admonition of this teacher and get into the Bible seriously yourself. Maybe bringing your Bible to church will help, and you can make your own notes like I do in the margins or circle key words — all in the effort to incorporate God's Word into your life.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." (Psalm 1:2-3)

"Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:7-8)

Love never fails,

Pastor Marty



CONNECTING TO GOD'S WORK AT OUR SERVICE FAIR

If you are reading this newsletter, you're experiencing the work of volunteers who helped write it. If you're sitting in church reading this, a volunteer will stack your chair later to prepare the Sanctuary for another ministry. Are you listening to the sermon? A volunteer is controlling the sound and video. Do you have a child in a class at FAC? Volunteers assist there as well!

At FAC, and in the Kingdom of Jesus, serving one another is a foundational piece of living out our faith. Jesus said that the greatest commandment for people to follow was to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." So when we start following Jesus, our identity changes from being a person who only seeks to serve our own needs to a person who serves the needs of others. In short, we have been **saved to serve!**

During the month of November, we will be looking at what it means to be a disciple who is "Connecting to God's Work." We will explore what it means to (1) have a new identity in the family of God; (2) serve in the church; and (3) be sent to our community and world as carriers of the Good News about Jesus. And **to help you better Connect to God's Work, we will be having a Service Fair** where there will be a multitude of opportunities for you to get involved in serving at FAC and beyond.

Our goal in November is to help you realize that Jesus has "prepared works in advance" for you. In short, He's made you quite unique, and there are specific opportunities He is probably calling you to do! To help with that, we have an assessment tool available for you to take that will help you determine your areas of giftedness for service.

So here's what you can do this November:

Get Involved!

- Go to www.myfac.org/serve to take an assessment or pick up a copy at the Welcome Center.
- Listen to the sermons in November and pray about how you can connect to God's Work.
- Check out the many opportunities at the Service Fair this month!

Serving with you,

Service Fair Planning Team



Encouragement for the *Journey*

“
God has an enormous, far-reaching plan in place that is moving forward with or without us. The amazing thing is that God invites us to join Him.
”

Burying our last parent this fall has caused Marty and me both to think so much more about our own legacy and what we want to leave behind. As I've been journaling about this, I realized that my desires for my legacy correspond to the vision we have for our church family, which you've been hearing about in the sermons this fall. When I die, I want my family and my friends to remember me as someone who was in love with Jesus (connect to God), who loved people deeply (connect to God's people), and who invested heavily in the Kingdom (connect to God's work). Hopefully, I still have lots of years to work on that legacy, but the process has been good to help me refocus on what really matters.

At FAC, the weeks of November are going to be full of reminders and stories about connecting to God's work. And it's not because we're hoping you'll all get busy and get something accomplished! We don't work and serve because God needs us to do it. He can easily change the world without us. No, we serve because it's such a privilege. God has an enormous, far-reaching plan in place that is moving forward with or without us. The amazing thing is that God invites us to join Him — to be part of something SO much bigger than we are!

Some people think of serving as a sacrifice. You're giving up time and money and energy — so yes, you're sacrificing. But what you give doesn't even begin to compare with the gifts God gives you when you connect to His work and His Kingdom. Here are a few of my favorite gifts:

• **Deepened relationships**

When I think of the sweetest relationships I have in this world, many of them have been formed as we've worked together on something for the Kingdom. Serving together has taken my relationships to a whole new level.

• **Strong sense of purpose**

Serving takes me out of my own little world into something much bigger and more purposeful. I don't know about you, but my world of self is way too small to be fulfilling. God knows I need something bigger than I am!

• **Spiritual growth**

Connecting to God's work brings growth to my life that couldn't come any other way. Serving has pushed me past many immaturities in my life — and I'm grateful for that.

• **Joy**

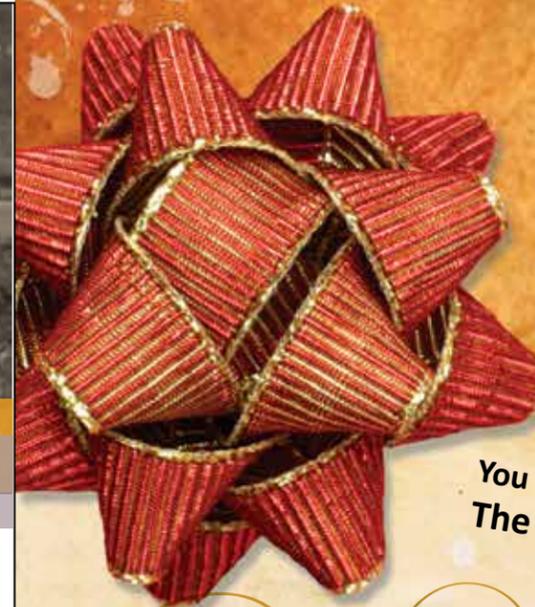
I was created to serve and when I do it out of love for Jesus, there is such joy that comes with that!

I hope you're finding fulfilling ways to connect to God's work. I wouldn't want you to miss out on the fun!



Laurie Berglund

Laurie Berglund



You are invited to attend....
The FAC Choir Dessert Cantata

The Song of Christmas

The Annual Dessert Cantata, "The Song of Christmas," will be held on Dec. 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the program begins at 7:30.

As always, there is no charge for tickets, but you must have a ticket to attend. Distribution is scheduled for the weekends of Nov. 22/23 and Nov. 29/30.

Children are welcome at the Cantata, but the event is designed for adults and teenagers. No childcare is available.

Invite your family and friends to join you for a special evening of great desserts and uplifting, joyous music from our choir. There is no better way to begin the Christmas season!



AN ANNUAL EVENT AT FAC

This year's Angel Tree ministry is reaching out to more than 300 children and 150 families. We need your help in sharing God's love and grace by purchasing Christmas gifts for children in difficult situations.

HOW IT WORKS

- Angel Tree family sheets will be displayed in the Welcome Center throughout the month of November, starting on the weekend of Nov. 15/16. Each sheet shows the children, their ages, and where they live in South Jersey. Volunteers wearing Angel Tree shirts will help you select a family to "adopt." The sheets will be displayed until all the families are "adopted."
- Next, contact the caregiver of the children to discuss the gift suggestions.
- Get your family, friends, miniChurch, or other small group involved in the purchasing of gifts.
- On Sat., Dec 20 meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for additional items, instructions, and encouragement. Make your deliveries between Dec. 20 and Christmas Day and share some time with the children.



DOROTHY DISANTO
Nursery, Lay Counseling,
and Grief Ministry

Dorothy DiSanto began attending Fellowship Alliance in 2005 after she and her husband heard Pastor Marty on the radio.

"My husband and I used to listen to Marty on the radio with God at Work," Dorothy said. "We knew when we sat down that this was where God wanted us."

When they first began attending, they met Pastor Marty, and he explained how people do a lot more at FAC than just attend the services. After her husband passed away in April of 2006, Dorothy prayed that God would help her find a place to volunteer in the church.

Dorothy has always loved kids and began working with toddlers on Thursday nights and in the nursery on Tuesday nights during the children's programs. In 2007, she began helping with the grief ministry and in lay counseling.

"I went through three sessions of Helping Hand Grief Support and decided I got so much from that that I wanted to give back," Dorothy said. "I felt God call me to help others who had suffered."

Dorothy continues to volunteer with both groups. "It's a blessing," she said.

"I felt God call me to help others who had suffered."



DAVE WIRTH
Alpha, miniChurch, and
Lay Counseling

Dave Wirth began volunteering with the Alpha ministry shortly after he started attending FAC and now serves as a leader for Alpha and a miniChurch.

"Shortly after we started attending, Dick Wilson talked to us about the Alpha prison ministry," Dave said. "I started out as a helper and then became a leader. We help with Alpha at the church and at the prison."

Throughout his time leading Alpha, Dave has had his wife, his dad, and a childhood friend in his Alpha classes.

"Dick Wilson and some others were pushing me to be a miniChurch leader," Dave said, "Our miniChurch meets all year, and everyone is welcome. We discuss various books of the Bible."

Dave also serves as a lay counselor at FAC. "Leading people in a group is one thing, but when you're one-on-one, you can be an encouragement to help them grow," Dave said. "You can help steer them into Alpha, a miniChurch, or the Catalyst Men's Groups."

Dave is also currently working on the Ministerial Study Program that is offered through the Christian & Missionary Alliance (our denomination) to help individuals learn how to be ministry leaders.

"The more you learn about the Bible, the better equipped you are to serve," Dave said.



RICH KOTECKI
miniChurch and Camp FAC

Rich Kotecki has always felt led to serve at FAC. He currently volunteers as a miniChurch leader and with Camp FAC.

"I think what led me to be in different ministries were the examples of others," Rich said. "Their servant leadership made me get involved with ministries."

Currently, Rich serves as a co-leader of a miniChurch with Stan Nickle and Jim Mendillo. It was Rich's experience leading the miniChurch that led him to be involved with Camp FAC.

"I had been co-leading our miniChurch with Jim and Stan," Rich said. "One day, Brian Snyder called and asked if I was interested in using our discipling approach to lead a team of men in preparing and preaching the sermons for the summer worship services at Camp FAC."

Rich had previously volunteered with Camp FAC and was impressed with the leadership at the camp. This summer, he served as the preaching and worship coordinator and put together the preaching team for the summer series on the Gospel of John, giving people who had not previously preached an opportunity to lead the service.

"I confess that after I accepted Brian's offer to serve, I realized that there went most of my plans and desires for the summer," Rich said. "But the wonderful inner joy I experienced in being used by God to further His Kingdom far outweighed whatever plans and desires I had. Would I accept another call from God to give up my plans and desires to be used by Him for service? Absolutely!"

Level 5 & Planet 678

For Grades
5-8



Level 5 for Grade 5
Planet 678 for Grades 6, 7, & 8

Level 5 & Planet Sunday Night Meetings
We meet on Sunday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Medford Middle School. Student drop-off is at 55 Mill St. in Medford. We have fun group games, a message from the Word of God, a chance to chill in the Café, worship, snacks, hangout times, and a chance to meet other students!

Level 5 and Planet 678 will meet on Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 23. We will then take a break for the winter and resume near the end of January.

Grapple for Grades 5, 6, 7

Grapple, the Sunday morning service for Grades 5, 6, and 7, meets at the Red Barn during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. During Grapple, the students are encouraged to ask difficult questions that they may not be able to ask anywhere else. Grapple includes a time of worship, a message, and small-group discussions.

Note: Grapple will not be held on Nov. 30, Dec. 21, Dec. 28, or Jan. 4.



Rock Solid for Grades 6, 7, 8

Rock Solid meets **every Tuesday in November**. This is a Bible Study for students in Grades 6, 7, or 8. Rock Solid meets from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel**. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and how to study it as we teach practical ways for middle school students to read, understand, and apply Biblical principles.

Student Leadership for Eighth Graders

Student Leadership meets every Tuesday in November, following Rock Solid. It provides an opportunity for eighth graders to be challenged in servant leadership in different aspects of their life. We meet right after the Rock Solid meetings, which are recommended for our Student Leadership members, from **5:00 to 5:30 p.m.** If interested, ask one of the leaders for an application. Not only will there be some fun homework assignments, but it will also be a fantastic chance to grow together and to begin taking leadership roles in the ministry.

Eighth Grade Fusion Night Nov. 14

We are going to Elite Rock Climbing in Maple Shade to climb together, bond together, and just have a great time! Invite your friends and register online, www.myfac.org/register. Cost is \$20.

Note: This is for eighth graders only

Black Ice — Jan. 3-4, 2015 Grades 6, 7, and 8

This winter, we are going to be at a new retreat — High Point Camp in PA. This retreat is a great way to end your winter break and get ready to kick off the New Year!

Register online now, www.myfac.org/register. The cost is \$110 for this overnight retreat.

Registration ends Dec. 5.



Youth Impact

For Grades
9-12



Insight
Monday nights, 7:00 to 9:00, at FAC

Join us at Insight to hang out with friends, have fun, and enjoy worship music and a message from God's Word. Insight is also a great opportunity to get to know other high school students from around the area.



Get Involved!

Volunteering with the High School Ministry

Interested in making a difference in the lives of our high school students? We'd love for you to be a part of our ministry!

For more information about the opportunities, contact Pastor Mike Williams, 609-953-7333, x108, or mike@myfac.org.



Feeding 5000
Sat., Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Youth Impact is volunteering to help serve the homeless in Philadelphia. We will meet at FAC at 8:30 a.m. From there, we will go to Philly to help feed, clothe, and pray for those who are in need. This is a great opportunity for us as a group to give back to God in a very practical, meaningful way. Don't miss out!

Get Involved!

If you feel called to be a part of the Middle School Ministry and would like to help us embrace, equip, and encourage students in their walk with Christ, we would love to talk to you.

If you have questions, contact the Middle School Staff:

- Eddie Jurimas:** eddie@myfac.org, 609-953-7333, x104
- Russ Batten:** russ@myfac.org, 609-953-7333, x134
- Jeremy McAlack:** jeremym@myfac.org, 609-953-7333, x122

Youth Alpha
Wednesday nights, 6:30 to 8:30, at FAC

Come to Youth Alpha for food, fellowship, and a chance to ask the tough questions about your purpose and life in general.

Bring your friends!



From South Africa

Happy Thankfulness from FASA!

It's November, a month when Americans take time to think about things for which they are thankful — good jobs, warm houses, family and friends, dirty dishes. Wait, what? Dirty dishes? Who's thankful for them? On the most recent FASA trip, Tammy Walter had a life-changing conversation about a dreaded topic — dirty dishes. Read on to discover how an unexpected conversation with a sweet woman named Loveness left Tammy with a story to challenge and inspire us all.

On our last mission adventure to South Africa, our FASA team was more than blessed to have Loveness, a full-time cook, housekeeper, and laundress, to care for us while we were there. Loveness is from Zimbabwe, a neighboring country with 90% unemployment. She came to South Africa in search of employment so she can support her family. Even in South Africa, employment is scarce, and sometimes women are left with less than desirable options to earn money simply to buy food.

Late in the evening, the team would gather for after-dinner tea or coffee. Invariably a stack of dirty mugs was left in the kitchen with the dinner dishes for Loveness to wash the next morning. One morning, I went into the lodge to see if everything was ready for breakfast and for the first of many, many cups of coffee and tea for the team. Loveness had been so busy with preparing breakfast that she hadn't gotten to the dishes yet. I pitched in to help and was drying the mugs as she was washing. I was complaining about not having more mugs — they were constantly dirty from the team's need for caffeine! Loveness' response stopped me in my tracks. She said, "No ma'am, we must not complain about the dirty mugs. We must thank the Lord for those dirty mugs. Because if there are not dirty mugs, then I don't have a job."



I was so humbled by her response. She had such a grateful attitude, and I needed a serious attitude adjustment. Loveness, at 29 years of age, carried her five-month-old daughter, Kelly, on her back all day as she worked cheerfully at the daily chores and responsibilities of caring for the team. Each day from early morning through to the evening, Loveness went about her tasks, never complaining about being tired, but always having a smile on her face and words of thankfulness on her lips. Loveness' viewpoint reminded me of the verse in Colossians 3:23 that says, "Whatever work you do, do it with all your heart, do it for the Lord and not for men" — even when that means washing dirty mugs ten times a day!

When Loveness isn't working, she lives in a town called Marapong. She and her husband and their daughter live in a small one-room shack made of corrugated tin and scrap wood. When any comment was made about her cramped living conditions, she said, "Don't you dare feel sorry for me. I am happier now than I was some years ago when I lived in a beautiful home and had servants myself."

Before becoming a Christian, Loveness had married a man who was less than kind. While they had much in material possessions, Loveness had little hope for a good future. Her husband was killed, leaving her a widow with a child. Loveness traveled to South Africa in search of work with hopes of being able to send money home to support her son and meet his basic needs. During this journey, she found not only work, but also a relationship with Jesus. Her hopes of being able to support her son were met and exceeded — she also found hope and a future in Christ. Eventually, the Lord also brought into her life a good, hardworking man to whom she is now married.

For Loveness, a sink full of dirty dishes is not a bothersome chore, but a reminder of the hope she has in the Lord. She is thankful for dirty dishes because those dishes mean she has a job and way to provide food and shelter for her family. And she does — with joy and hope.

Exciting things are happening with FASA! Join the FASA group on The Hub at www.myfac.org to learn more about upcoming trips and ways to be involved in the mission adventure God is leading in Southern Africa!

Ministry Profile: JOY



“Everywhere you

look, you see 55+ communities being built. This age group is one of the fastest growing,” said JOY ministry leader, Robbie Kantner. “There are lots of people in those 55+ communities who don’t have a personal relationship with Christ. The JOY ministry wants to have the means and methods to reach into those communities. We also want to provide a place for older adults to grow and discover God’s purpose for them.”

According to Robbie’s husband, Pastor Glenn Kantner, the purpose of the JOY ministry parallels the vision and mission statement of FAC, which is to help people hear God’s call and follow it. “We help them do that by helping them connect to God, God’s people, and God’s work,” explained Pastor Glenn. “Many ministries for retired people are more entertainment-oriented — similar to programs run by the department of aging. JOY aims to keep people growing in Christ and serving Him so that one day they will hear Him say, ‘Well done.’ ”

Glenn and Robbie Kantner got involved with JOY about two years ago when the ministry leader, John Rose, retired. Robbie was in a small group with Joyce Rose, John’s wife. Joyce mentioned one day that she could use some help in the kitchen, and Robbie started volunteering on the Thursdays she was available.

“At the time, I had no idea that God had sent me there to prepare me for what was about to happen!” Robbie

shared. “After John and Joyce retired, Glenn was asked to temporarily take over the JOY ministry. I know God had used the time I served there to prepare me, as well as the members of JOY, for the transition that was about to occur.”

Glenn and Robbie enjoy the ministry. JOY blends each of their strengths well and is a wonderful team effort. Glenn’s role is to do all the teaching and curriculum as well as the leadership training. He enjoys setting the vision for JOY and oversees all areas of the ministry while Robbie works on the program, the communications, and whatever else needs to be done. Glenn and Robbie want to build a team of volunteers who will help lead the ministry.

“When we first took over the ministry, we had very few volunteers,” shared Glenn. “God has brought people to us to help who have a passion for people in this season of life. We now have quite a few volunteers, and they lead some of the key areas of the ministry. As a result of their work, our people feel cared for and loved and are encouraged to get involved themselves. ”

“We have a great team of volunteers and we know that we would not be able to run the ministry without them!” said Robbie. “We have a core team that heads up the major areas of the ministry. There is someone who oversees our small group leaders. We have a care and comfort coordinator, and we have a kitchen coordinator. Each one of those people has a team of people working with them. It takes a lot of volunteers to run the ministry, and we can always use more!”

Anyone who is at retirement age can participate in JOY, and the ministry welcomes volunteers who are younger. “People retire at many different ages,” Glenn explained. “We have people both above and below age 65 attending. We also have volunteers who help with the ministry who are younger as well.”

Regular meetings for JOY are held on Thursdays. The first Thursday of the month offers participants a chance to just fellowship together. It’s called the Lunch Bunch and is held at Prospector’s Restaurant. On the second, third, and fourth Thursdays of the month, JOY meets in the Sanctuary at 12:30 for lunch and a program. The meeting includes fellowship, learning, or serving in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

“We are looking forward to resuming our study, The Story,” Robbie added. “It is a study through the entire Bible that allows you to see God’s love affair with humanity played out in all the events from Genesis to Revelation. Events, characters, and teachings of the Bible are condensed and arranged chronologically into a form that reads like a novel. Books and chapters flow into one story of God’s love, grace, and pursuit of each one of us.”

Glenn, Robbie, and the entire JOY family are also looking forward to two special holiday events. On Nov. 20, the

ministry has a Thanksgiving luncheon planned. On Dec. 18, they are planning a catered Christmas Banquet.

“This year we are excited to have Kurt Jarvis share his new book of Bible stories for any age,” Glenn said. “He will be sharing how this book has been used in outreach to 55+ communities. It is our hope that we can encourage and equip our people to use it to do the same thing in the communities in which they live.”

The JOY ministry has given many people the opportunity to grow spiritually and gain wonderful memories. Daisy Ellis has been involved in the JOY ministry for 10 years. She said, “I love the friendships, prayer, and food at the meetings. The love shown

“The love shown through the people in this ministry is very encouraging, and it lifts me up when I come.”

through the people in this ministry is very encouraging, and it lifts me up when I come.”

Dick Keim, who’s been involved for about six months, shared, “Many of the people in JOY are not from FAC. My wife, Terry, and I enjoy meeting new people and hearing the stories of how God is working in many lives.”

The leader who oversees all the table leaders, Noelle Rosse, shared, “JOY is growing by leaps and bounds. People look forward to it because of the chance to socialize and God’s Word.”

John McAlack has been involved with JOY for at least eight years. His roles include being a table leader, host, and helper. He enjoys making the people at the tables feel welcomed and loved, sending cards or making phone calls when someone’s been missed, and leading pre-meeting prayer for all the hosts and helpers. John said, “I love the ministry. I love the people and love being with them. The leadership is also great. Glenn, Robbie, and Noelle are excellent. JOY is both a great spiritual benefit and a fun time. The members of JOY care for each other. When I needed a heart valve replacement, I really appreciated the cards I received. Currently, my wife, Charlotte, is battling cancer, and we love how JOY is supporting us through that, too.”

Glenn and Robbie are requesting prayer for additional volunteer leaders and helpers. Some of their needs for assistance include:

- Setting up for the program
- Cleaning up after the program
- Cooking
- Baking desserts
- Joining the Care Team: people are needed to visit and/or provide and take meals to those who are sick
- Providing rides to JOY meetings
- Greeters
- Members for the new service project coordinator team

Please pray for ways you can be involved in this very important ministry. You may contact Pastor Glenn with any questions. 609-953-7333, x106. JOY also has a cancellation information number you may call any time. The number is 609-953-7333, x303. 🍎

The Mission for Us All

Connecting to God's Work

For those who are in a miniChurch or Plug-in small group, it's hard to believe that we only have four more sessions to go in the CONNECT series! These sessions are all about connecting to God's work. If you are a disciple of Jesus, then this is a mission for you.

A familiar passage from Matthew 28:18-20 says, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

At FAC, we believe this mission to make disciples is for all of us. But what does that look like for moms, dads, businessmen, craftsmen, hairdressers, electricians, etc.? That is what we will be exploring in the upcoming CONNECT sessions.

I want to encourage you and your small group to attend the upcoming Service Fair. There you will have the opportunity to explore ways that you can connect to God's work. Talk about it with your group, attend together, and ask Jesus to show you how you can serve Him.

In Him,



Pastor Dave



FAC Joins Thousands of Survivors of Suicide Loss

Sat., Nov. 22, at FAC
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For the 16th Annual International Survivors of Suicide Day, thousands of survivors of suicide loss will gather together in locations around the world to grieve, heal, and honor the person they lost.

To register, leave a message at 609-953-7333, x309.

You are also invited to join our support groups, Helping Hand Grief Support and Living through Suicide on Mondays at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Helpful websites:
<http://helpinghandgriefsupport.org>
www.afsp.org/survivorday

Contact George and Wanda Stein if you have questions. Leave a message at 609-953-7333, x309.

GOD@WORK...

in the life of Ryan O'Rourke

Throughout my life in some very specific moments, I've had to make a decision about whether or not God is true and real and ask myself if His purpose is playing out in my life.

When I was born, I was very sick. The doctors were not sure I would make it. We could ask why a loving God put parents through this. Or we could determine that God is real and wanted me out of the hospital and into the world for a reason.

Throughout my childhood, I learned through my parents about loving God and serving others. When I was in college, we decided to spend Thanksgiving at a childhood shore home. My older brother didn't want to go. He was 22 years old and had suffered with bi-polar disorder for years. We ate and celebrated and then I decided to go home to see my brother. When I arrived at home by myself, I found him dead. He had taken his own life. At 18 and alone, I made the call to the police. I walked outside in my front yard and dropped to my knees. I had a choice. I could curse God and run from Him. Instead, I chose to say, "You want me to learn something, to feel something, to go through this for a reason." The reason wasn't clear until a few years later. I met my wife in college and was immediately crazy about her. She suffered through my brother's loss with me. As we were getting close to graduation, she lost her 17-year-old sister in a car crash caused by a drunk driver. From that day forward, I have comforted her with the compassion I gained from the loss of my own brother.

When I was a teenager, I had some medical issues, and the doctors didn't think I could ever have children. I chose to say, "I can get over any medical issues if that is His plan." After my wife and I married, we had three very healthy children very quickly, without even trying!



"I could curse God and run from Him. Instead, I chose to say, 'You want me to learn something, to feel something, to go through this for a reason.'"

On Father's Day 2010, we moved from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. We rented moving trucks to save money. On the third trip, we had unloaded everything but one last item — a large, metal shelving unit about eight feet tall. I had moved it twice before with no assistance but a hand-truck. My neighbor came over to help, and we counted 1 – 2 – 3! It fell back on me and crushed me. My body went nuts feeling sensations all over my limbs, and it hurt! The ambulance took me to the hospital where they discovered I had broken my neck in two places. I needed surgery and recovery in a brace for months. Doctors' orders were not even to lift a gallon of milk. Again at that time, I could have doubted and questioned God. Instead, I chose to be thankful that I was not paralyzed and to believe that He wanted to heal me to do His work that He would show me.

For ten years, I stayed at home with the children while my wife pursued a great career. Then the kids all went to school at the same time, and I found myself eating ice cream on the couch and watching "The View." I realized I had to do something so

I started my garden design/construction business. I was in a great spot working for myself, being there for my children at all times, and the business was taking off. But I always wrestled with the idea that I wanted to do more for the Kingdom. God had brought me through all of these things so I wondered if I was really doing what He wanted. I was approached by the FAC Facilities Team, and what I heard was something like, "Hey, would you like to leave your higher paying job, get back to being an employee with a boss, work within the confines of a pre-established team — but build the Kingdom?"

It took almost three weeks in prayer to make that decision, but today I have a job at FAC. They are the best people I have ever worked with. I am almost speechless about it. God has given me a new family in addition to my already awesome one. I knew that God had opened an uncomfortable door, and I knew I should walk through it to see the adventures He had planned on the other side. 🍎

Fresh Hope

A Ministry for Single Moms

Next meeting is Sun., Nov. 23

Members of Fresh Hope would like to invite other single moms to join them monthly for dinner, teaching, encouragement and fun. Fresh Hope is for women who want to connect, support, and encourage one another in the journey of single motherhood.

Fresh Hope meets one Sunday evening each month from 5:00 to 8:00. Dinner is provided for the moms and their children. At 6:00, children's and youth programs are available, including Kingdom Kids, Level 5, and Planet 678. Childcare will be provided for children who are too young to participate in the FAC programs. Note: Please register your children prior to the meetings, www.myfac.org/register.

If you have questions, call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. There is no cost to attend Fresh Hope, and walk-ins are always welcome!



Fresh Hope

A Gift of Hope

A Gift of Hope is a Christmas ministry for our Fresh Hope single moms and their children. Our moms will fill out gift requests, which will then be put on gift tags and placed on the Christmas tree in the Welcome Center. You can then choose a tag and purchase that gift for one of our Fresh Hope children.

Here are some of the ways you have been a blessing to our Fresh Hope families in the past:

- “For me it represented the family I no longer have to help me make it a beautiful Christmas for my kids. I felt loved by this church family.”
- “Because of A Gift of Hope, my daughter has a deeper understanding of her faith through the music and books that she has received from you. In addition, I have been blessed by this ministry in such a way that words cannot describe.”
- “I felt the sovereign hand of God through the loving donations of the members of my church. This is my church home. I feel connected and cared for by fellow brothers and sisters of this ministry.”

How to Participate

Gift tags will be available to pick up in the Welcome Center after services on Nov. 29/30 and Dec. 6/7.

All gifts must be returned wrapped by Dec. 14.

May “A Gift of Hope” be a blessing to you and your family as you choose that perfect gift for someone special in our church family.



Faithfully Fit

A Health & Wellness Ministry

“This class means so much to me as we share with one another and learn to have a much better focus on God, lifestyle, and food choices. I am so thankful FAC has offered this class for women. It certainly helps families keep ‘God’s temple’ healthy.”

“To say this class is simply about fitness or weight loss is highly underestimating the power of our Heavenly Father. Though it does help teach us about making good food choices, it’s more about the choices we make regarding our walk with the Lord. If we stay in obedience to Him and make every decision in our lives based on that obedience through the strength which only He can provide, we can truly succeed in every aspect of our lives — no matter how big the craving, depression, guilt, or deception. More importantly, I have come to fully realize and faithfully believe that nothing on this earth compares to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and having a strong personal relationship with Him. So when it comes to making the better choice — Him or the temptation in front of me, I choose Him!”

Faithfully Fit emphasizes balance in four essential areas: emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical. Throughout the studies, members are encouraged to adopt practical disciplines. We also have additional information regarding nutrition and exercise.

We meet at FAC on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. All women are invited to attend meetings on Nov. 13 and 20 this month.

Registration is always open at www.myfac.org/register.



Last year was the final Women’s Retreat at FAC. In the process of evaluating what God wanted to use to replace the retreat and knowing that the women of the church wanted to experience the same emotional and spiritual growth as at the retreat more than once a year, a new ministry was developed — Walking in Grace. This is a chance for not only women within our church, but also within the community to experience the Women’s Retreat a few times a year — locally!

These events are opportunities to strengthen relationships with Christ and other women. It is a time to be completely transparent, to have an open heart and mind, and to be free of all judgment in a place that is totally safe and welcoming, freed by the love of Christ! There will be speakers, worship, prayer, and snacks — but most of all, a special time to experience God’s grace and unconditional love!

Walking in Grace Women’s Conference 2015

The Westin Mount Laurel Hotel
Jan. 30 and 31, 2015

Suzie Eller from Proverbs31 Ministries will be the guest speaker for our Women’s Conference 2015. Please visit the link below to get a personal hello from Suzie and to get a sneak peek about our topic: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBMIRh75O74&feature=youtu.be>.

Cost of \$99.00 includes general sessions, materials, lunch on Saturday, desserts on Friday and Saturday, and, as always, lots of give-aways!

Cancellation Policy: No refunds can be given after Jan. 1, 2015, unless someone is filling your place. For cancellations made prior to Jan. 1, refunds will be made less \$25 for processing fees. Payments must be made in full at the time of registration. Gift certificates are available.

Registration is open now through Jan. 26. To register, go to www.myfac.org/register.

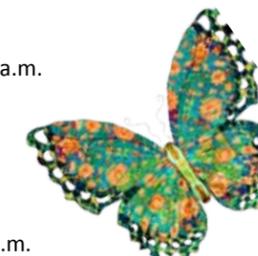
Conference Schedule

Fri, Jan. 30
Session 1: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
“Turning Crossroads into Turning Points”

Sat., Jan. 31
Session 2: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
“Unstoppable”

Lunch
Noon to 1:30

Session 3: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
“Restored”



Hotel Information

Westin Hotel, 555 Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel
856-778-7300
www.westinmtlaurel.com

A special rate of \$119 plus tax per room is being offered for those wanting to stay on Friday night at the Westin. Each room can accommodate up to four women. When making your room reservations with The Westin, let them know that you are with Fellowship Alliance Chapel in order to receive the special rate.

All meals and entertainment outside of the conference sessions will be at your discretion.

For more information, contact
Lisa Russell, 609-519-7057.

Deepening Groups

A Deepening group offers an accepting, long-term, safe community that allows its members the freedom for open and honest sharing. The groups work together to explore transformation through a four-component spiritual formation process:

- 1. Adopting the Narratives of Jesus** — which will most likely involve challenging and changing your understanding (narratives) of who God is and who you are to God as Jesus reveals His Father to us.
- 2. Practicing Soul Training Exercises** — which are designed to deepen and enrich our minds, body, and soul with the truth of the character of God through a spiritual formation process.
- 3. Participating in Community** — We were designed in the image of God by God to live, love, grow, heal, and thrive in a Christian community. Community development is the centerpiece of The Deepening ministry. Group members come to expect and rely on the encouragement, affirmations, acceptance, and challenges of the Christian community shared within the Deepening groups.
- 4. Transformation Empowered by the Holy Spirit** — The components of change happen when the work of the Holy Spirit is in the midst of them. The Deepening groups embrace the Holy Spirit as our essential advocate who navigates us through the process of transformation. Together we seek to increase our ability to hear, trust, respond to, and utterly rely on the Spirit's guidance and direction.

If you have been led to seek a group that will encourage and challenge you to become the person God created you to be and if you desire to support and serve others to become all that God intended them to be and if you are driven to pursue your place and purpose in the Kingdom of God, Deepening groups are designed to offer that and more.

Joining a Deepening Group

As a participant in a Deepening group, you will meet weekly at the same time and same place as a way to develop a deepening community experience. To maximize this experience, your commitment to meet on an ongoing, regular basis is necessary.

To start the process of joining a Deepening group, go to www.myfac.org/joindeepening and complete the Deepening Group Participant Interest Form. Once your form is submitted, you will be contacted by a group facilitator and matched with a group. Deepening groups are formed as facilitators become available, which may take up to three months.

If after reading the information provided on the website you have questions or concerns about the Deepening experience, contact Carol Batten, carol@myfac.org, or Lisa Kletkewicz, 2boys4life@comcast.net.



Heart to Heart Movie Event

Jan. 13, 2015 — 9:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Bring your girlfriends, neighbors, and friends to laugh, relax, and have fun while we watch the movie *Mom's Night Out: What Could Go Wrong?* starring Patricia Heaton and Sarah Drew. You can see a preview of the movie at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Leb6Vnhbp1A.

This event is free, but please register online.

Childcare will be provided in the morning and at night. Childcare fee is \$3.00 per child.

If you have questions, contact Michele Snyder, michelesnyder@yahoo.com.

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund				
	9.7	\$ 59,615	\$ 58,960	\$ (655)
	9.14	\$ 59,615	\$ 52,146	\$ (7,469)
	9.21	\$ 59,615	\$ 55,567	\$ (4,048)
	9.28	\$ 59,615	\$ 64,468	\$ 4,853
Total		\$ 238,460	\$ 231,141	\$ (7,319)
Year-to-Date		\$ 2,324,985	\$2,259,957	\$ (65,028)

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Missions Fund				
	9.7	\$ 4,327	\$ 4,676	\$ 349
	9.14	\$ 4,327	\$ 4,052	\$ (275)
	9.21	\$ 4,327	\$ 3,610	\$ (717)
	9.28	\$ 4,327	\$ 4,099	\$ (228)
Total		\$ 17,308	\$ 16,437	\$ (871)
Year-to-Date		\$ 168,753	\$ 182,598	\$ 13,845

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Benevolence Fund				
	9.7		\$ 2,993	
	9.14		\$ 2,677	
	9.21		\$ 2,251	
	9.28		\$ 1,636	
Total			\$ 9,557	
Year-to-Date			\$ 94,066	

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Building Fund				
	9.7		\$ 26,674	
	9.14		\$ 14,918	
	9.21		\$ 15,587	
	9.28		\$ 22,986	
Total			\$ 80,165	
Year-to-Date			\$ 832,134	

	DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
Weekend Service Attendance					
	9.7	1816	86	350	2252
	9.14	2022	93	293	2408
	9.21	1772	149	392	2313
	9.28	1749	83	402	2234

For All Adults

Alpha
Exploring the meaning of life
Dave and Judi Shoemaker
609-706-3294

Free & Fifty
For 50 and older
Ed Brokhoff
609-261-3059
edantbro@gmail.com

JOY
For Retired Adults
Rev. Glenn Kantner, x106
glenn@myfac.org

miniChurches
Small groups
Rev. Dave Krilov, x105
davek@myfac.org

Next Steps
Explore FAC beliefs and values
Rev. Glenn Kantner, x106
glenn@myfac.org

Ushers & Greeters
Pastor Brian Snyder, x114
brian@myfac.org

Young Adults
Ages 18 to 24
Kyle Bahm, x136
kyleb@gmail.com

For Women

Women's Ministry Leader
Carol Batten, x109
carol@myfac.org

Women's Assistant
Debbie Schneck, x125
debbie@myfac.org

Deepening Groups
• Carol Batten, x109
carol@myfac.org
• Lisa Kletkewicz
856-220-7054
2boys4life@comcast.net

Fresh Hope
Single mothers
Debbie Schneck, x125
debbie@myfac.org

Heart to Heart Bible Studies for Women
Monika Tockstein
609-268-1238
mtockstein@gmail.com

Mom's Time Out
For moms of babies through eighth graders
Michele Fleckenstein
609-654-2796
mfleckenstein@outlook.com

For Men

Band of Brothers
Men's Breakfast
Michael More`
dembums1@gmail.com.

Catalyst Men's Groups
Pastor Erik Rebstock, x116
erikr@myfac.org

facWILD
Outdoor Adventure
Rodney Sager
rsagerjr@comcast.net
856-924-4631

Velocity Men's Groups
Pastor Erik Rebstock, x116
erikr@myfac.org

Children & Youth

Rev. Erik Jarvis, x118
erikj@myfac.org

Jeremy McAlack
Youth Intern
jeremym@myfac.org

Nick Mendillo
Youth Intern
nickm@myfac.org

Elementary Ministry
Grades 1-4
Rev. Erik Jarvis, x118
erikj@myfac.org

High School Ministry
Grades 9-12
Trip Hotline, x410
Rev. Mike Williams, x108
mike@myfac.org

Kingdom Kids
Julie Durdin, x124
julie@myfac.org

Middle School Ministry (Grades 5-8)
Trip Hotline, x678
Pastor Eddie Jurimas, x104
eddie@myfac.org
• Russ Batten, x134
Level 5 Intern
russ@myfac.org

Preschool Ministry
Infants through kindergarten
• Jane Beebe, x101
jane@myfac.org
• Cathy Watson, x117
cathy@myfac.org

SNOW
Special Needs Outreach & Witness
Barbara Zieger
856-912-5814
bzieger2002@yahoo.com

Other Ministries

Camp FAC
Jerry Braatz
609-714-4035
info@campfac.org

Cookie Ministry
Cindy Leek
609-268-9301

Hospitality
Ed & Deb Jurimas, x127 & 119
edj@myfac.org; debj@myfac.org

Lay Counseling
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Library
Susan Gibbs
856-904-3214
mocha2004@comcast.net

Peacemaker/Mediation
Ken Walker
856-719-0292

Risk Management Team
Ensuring safety and security
Rev. Erik Jarvis, x118
erikj@myfac.org

Worship

Pastor Nick Simpson, x110
nick@myfac.org

Rob Preim
Musical Director
rob@myfac.org

Jerry Braatz, Sr.
Choir Director
609-268-8656
nacle100@aol.com

CD & DVD Duplication
Bill and Cathy Kamps
856-596-8408
clkprov356@verizon.net

Support Groups

Pastoral Care
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Career Hub
Support for career transition
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Christian Men's Recovery Group
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Christian Women's Recovery Group
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Helping Hand Grief Support
For those who have suffered loss
Wanda and George Stein, x309

Living through Suicide
For those who have suffered loss through suicide
Wanda and George Stein, x309

Marriage Coaches
For those who want to improve their marriages
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Path to Purity
Men learning to live sexually pure lives
609-953-7333, x311
purity@myfac.org

Pre-marriage Support Group
Pastor Brent Brendle, x129
brentb@myfac.org

Relationship Recovery
For newly separated/divorced
Susan McGann
susanmcgann@pivotalhcs.com

Serenity Support Group

For loved ones of those with substance abuse issues
Joyce Gilmore
mdlkbrider@verizon.net

SNOW Den
Special Needs Outreach & Witness
Leah Bronczyk, x304
SNOWDen.fac@gmail.com

Benevolent Center

Help for those in need
609-975-9741
bencenter@myfac.org

Care & Comfort
Meals/visitation
Denise Richards, x310
careandcomfort@myfac.org

Crew 318
Helping hands and repairs
Joe Pagano x318
crew318@myfac.org

Food Pantry
Darlene Taylor
foodpantry@myfac.org

Fresh Hope Auto
Mark McGuigan
fhauto@myfac.org

Good \$ense
Managing Financial Resources
Phil Morgan
goodsense@myfac.org

Intake Representatives
Tracy Cossabone
bencenter@myfac.org

Missions & Outreach

Pastor Jim Entwistle, x131
jim@myfac.org

Angel Tree
Dave and Judi Shoemaker
609-706-3294

Missions Trips
Pastor Jim Entwistle, x131
jim@myfac.org

Service Projects

Tracy LaRosa
projects@myfac.org

Support Team

Chris Rose, x135
Office Manager
chrisrose@myfac.org

Administrative Assistants
• Lauren Brown, x107
laurenb@myfac.org
• Joanne Horner, x111
joanne@myfac.org
• Tess Scaffidi, x126
tess@myfac.org
• Mari Lynne Snyder, x115
marilynne@myfac.org

Bookkeeper
Donna Beridon, x103
donna@myfac.org

Facilities
Ed Jurimas, x127
Facilities Operations Manager
edj@myfac.org
• Ed Brokhoff
• Rob Eiler
• Richie Jacobs
• Ryan O'Rourke
• Chris Rymarz
• Dan Scott

Receptionist
Pam Metz-DePasquale, x100
pam@myfac.org

Scheduler
Deb Jurimas, x119
debj@myfac.org

Technology
Scott Urwiler, x113
Maintenance and IT Supervisor
scott@myfac.org

Wedding Coordinator & Funeral Coordinator
Jocelyn Stainback, x402
weddings@myfac.org



Senior Pastor
Marty Berglund

Executive Pastor
Brian Snyder
brian@myfac.org

Executive Pastor of Ministries
Don Hay
don@myfac.org

199 Church Rd.
Medford, NJ 08055
Tel: 609-953-7333

Worship Services
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours
Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 to 5:00
Web site: www.myfac.org
E-mail: info@myfac.org

Elders: Rev. Marty Berglund,
Bill Adams, Doug Bazigian,
Jack Hibbard, Ryan King,
Bryan Russell

Camp FAC
110 Sycamore Ave.
Marlton, NJ 08053

The Connection
Editor: Lynn Guise
Designer: Tess Scaffidi

Writers
God@Work – Laurie Berglund,
Sherri Bolognone, Donna Thomas
Ministry Profiles – Danielle Street
Volunteer Profiles – Danielle Reed

Submit family announcements
and suggestions for volunteer
profiles to lynn@myfac.org.




fellowship alliance
C H A P E L

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