

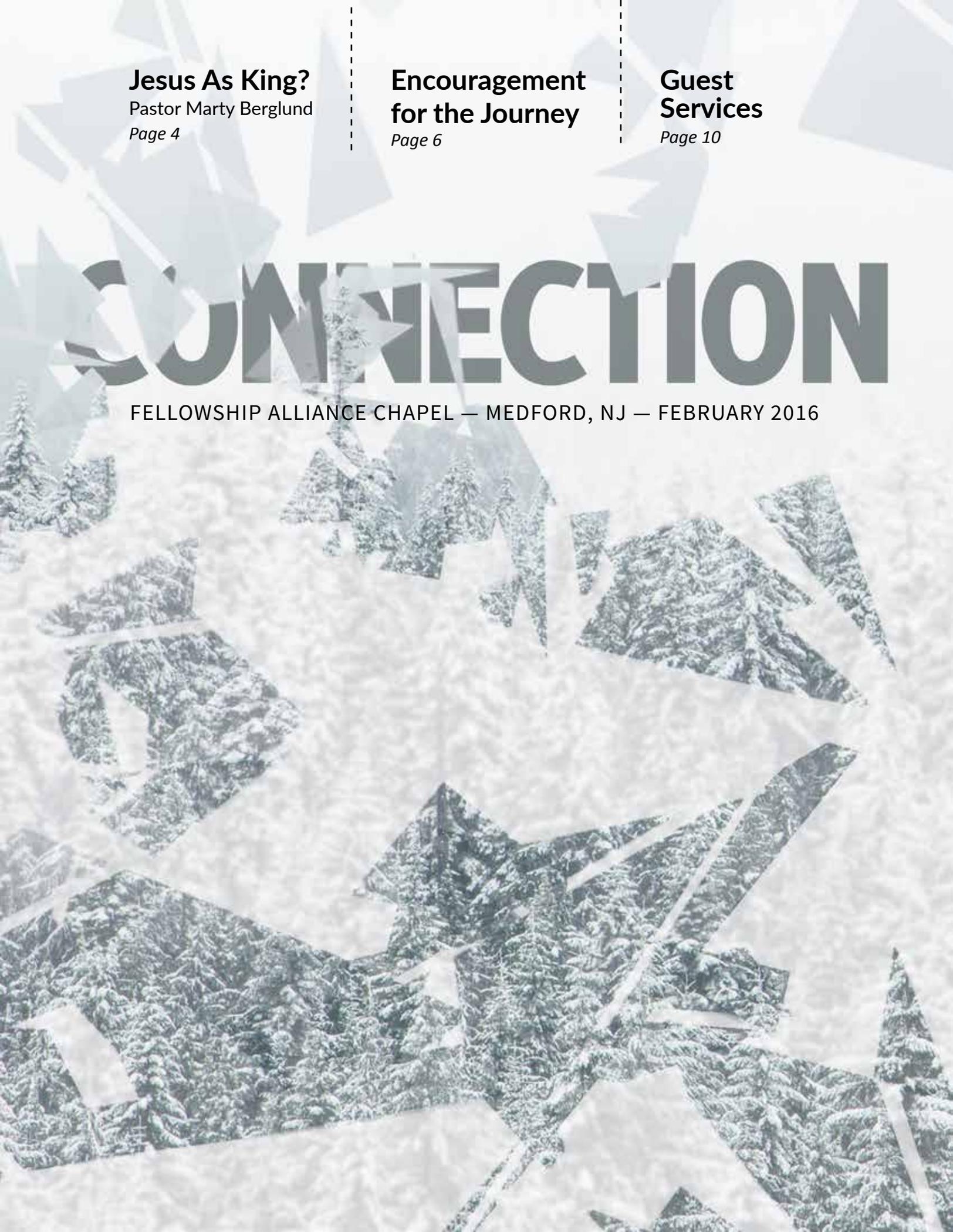
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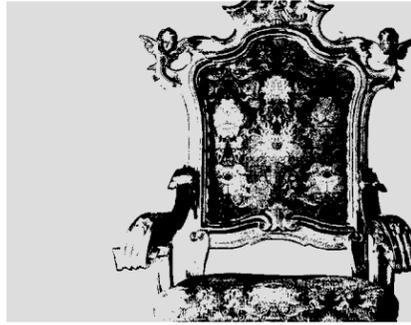
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GUEST RECEPTION

Held after each worship service in Room A-08 next to the Sanctuary, Guest Receptions are for visitors and anyone else who would like to learn more about FAC and how to get connected.

No registration is necessary. Just join us!

NEXT STEPS

New group begins on Wed., Feb. 10 | Room C-01 | 6:30 p.m.

Next Steps is the place to get connected and learn more about FAC while exploring our values and beliefs based on faith in Jesus Christ. Dinner is included. Dates are Feb. 10, 17, and 24.

You can register for Next Steps at www.myfac.org/register.



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 service.

JESUS AS KING?



The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

- Revelation 11:15

Dear Church Family,

In Webster's dictionary, the word "Messiah" is defined as "a king who will be sent by God to save the Jews." In the book of Revelation where we see a picture of the future in heaven, we read in 19:16 that Jesus appears wearing a robe and on it is written His title as the "King of kings."

When Jesus walked the earth, He kept telling everyone about a "Kingdom of God." It actually was a central theme in all of His teaching, and we also see it in Acts and the Epistles.

But what does this mean to us in our day where presidents, prime ministers, popes, and other titles are recognized, but the position of king is mostly a title given to less significant leaders? Are we still to think of Jesus as our King?

At our church, we use the slogan "Kingdom Vision" to help us keep focused on our assignment from Jesus in Matthew 6:33 to "seek first the kingdom of God." But is all of this talk of King Jesus and the Kingdom of God too foreign to our culture for us to comprehend the true meaning? Is it just an old way of thinking that should be replaced with cooler, more contemporary language?

Since the Bible reveals that the day is still in the future when Jesus will be referred to in His Second Coming as the "King of kings and Lord of lords," I think it's a big mistake to ever stop referring to the Kingdom of God and Jesus as our King. Just because our present pop culture that celebrates rebellion and cringes at submission rejects any title like king doesn't mean there is no legitimate king. In fact, I believe that one of the major problems undergirding all our crime,

abortion, business and political corruption, sexual abuse, lying, cheating, murder, and on and on are all because we fail to recognize the true King of the world.

No political, religious, or business leader is equipped to lead as a king over us — a total sovereign to whom we pledge total allegiance. Jesus is the One and only One who deserves such loyalty and total submission. That's what Scripture teaches. It's very important that we as Christians keep using the kingdom concept and keep focused on Jesus as our King because the day is coming when our submission to His Kingship will be paramount. To start denying it now will lead us to denying it then. In Revelation 11:15, it says, "Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.'"

You and I will only be ready ourselves — and help others be ready — by allowing Christ to rule as King in our hearts right now. For many deny now and will deny then that Jesus is the true King of the world — the only one in all of history to be truly deserving of the title of King. That's why the Bible calls Him the King of kings.

Love never fails,

Pastor Marty Berglund
Senior Pastor



Follow Pastor Marty Berglund on social media.

To find a group, go to www.myfac.org/findagroup.

If you have a question or need help finding a group, send an e-mail to smallgroups@myfac.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Join a miniChurch or small group today!

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



“Fear is the road to death. That’s why You don’t want me to walk there. Trust is the road to life and peace. We all get to choose.”

You’re reading this article in February, but I’m writing it before the Christmas decorations have even been put away, and I’m still reflecting on the memories of 2015. One of the things I did personally to celebrate the Advent Season this year was to read Ann Voskamp’s book, *The Greatest Gift*. In 25 daily readings leading up to Christmas, she retraces the lineage and story of Jesus, beginning, of course, in the Garden of Eden and ending with His birth, the greatest gift of all.

One of the day’s readings was based on Jonah and his need for repentance. She encouraged the reader to think of something God might be calling them to repent of — to turn from — then to write that thing on a piece of paper, fold it up, and put it under the advent Christmas tree as a gift to God. This is what I wrote in my journal on that day:

I wrote one word on the piece of paper — FEAR.
 One thing I need to repent of — fear.
 It’s not a new thing.
 It’s always been fear.
 It’s my default mode.
 But at least I know I’m a “normal” sinner because “do not fear” is the most common command in Your Word!
 Fear is the road to death. That’s why You don’t want me to walk there.
 Trust is the road to life and peace.
 We all get to choose.
 But choosing life means letting go of MY kingdom.
 Because there is only truly life in YOUR Kingdom.

That’s why You taught us to pray, “Your Kingdom come — Your will be done.”
 That means putting out my hands and letting go of MY plans, MY ideas of what should happen.
 When I release my plans, the fears should go with them.
 Surrender releases fear.

Then I took some time to list all the things I was afraid of or worried about that day. As I read through them, I observed this:

The path of fear is paved with the enemy’s lies.
 What if this? What if that? What if the other thing?
 The path of faith is paved with truth.
 But God can! But God does! But God will!
 Please help me choose the path of faith and leave the fear underneath the tree.

When I packed away the tree for next Christmas, the piece of paper got tossed. No longer needed.

Laurie Berglund

— Laurie Berglund

Laurie welcomes your comments,
laurieb@myfac.org.



NEWS & NOTES

SNOW DEN

Feb. 5 & 19

SNOW Den provides a place for adults with special needs to connect to God and to friends. SNOW Den meets in the Sanctuary on select Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to participate in events such as bingo, karaoke, summer barbecues, bowling, pizza, and so much more!

This month, SNOW Den meets on Feb. 5 and 19.

For more information, send an e-mail to snowden.fac@gmail.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give life; give blood!

Fri., Feb. 19 | 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

If you could spare just eight to ten minutes in February, you could make a tremendous impact on our community. That is just about the time it takes to donate blood. If you have ever had a family member in need of surgery, then you understand the importance of giving blood. It also provides us, as an FAC family, the opportunity to follow the command of Jesus to, “love our neighbor as ourselves.”

FAC is partnering with The American Red Cross to host a blood drive bringing practical help to our community, our region and the nation since The American Red Cross sends donated blood nationwide, wherever the need is greatest. Since we are stewards of everything God has given us, (1 Chronicles 29:14) we would ask that you seriously consider signing up to give blood. Giving blood is one of the ways we can answer the call to pray, go and give.

Register online at redcrossblood.org; sponsor: FAC. On the day before you give (only that day), expedite the process by logging into redcrossblood.org/rapidpass. You must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental/guardian consent.) *If you have questions, contact Erin Hibbard Jehibb@comcast.net.*

CAN YOU HELP IN OUR CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES?

We have openings in our Elementary Ministry for children in Grades 1-4. Open positions are for teachers, teachers’ assistants, and greeters. All materials are provided. No experience is necessary; serve every week or once a month to suit your schedule. **If you would like to know more about how you can help, contact Julie Durdin, julie@myfac.org.**

FAC WHEELS

Team members are currently providing transportation on a limited basis for those who don’t have the means or ability to drive to FAC. We are asking for your help to offer additional service to many more who are in need. We need volunteer drivers to help for just one service each month. There is a church vehicle or you can use your own. **If you are interested in becoming part of the FAC Wheels team or if you need transportation to FAC for services/events, contact Jim Hogan at facwheels@myfac.org or 609-953-7333, x306.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY JURIMAS SHIRLEY



Ashley E. Shirley was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Ashley works in Aeromedical Evacuation; she is a medic and a flight instructor. Ashley is stationed at the Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. Ashley is the daughter of Ed and Deb Jurimas. Congratulations, Ashley!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN SANDERS!



John Sanders, an FAC attender for more than 20 years, recently retired from teaching and coaching after 40 years. At his retirement dinner, hundreds of his former students attended and came as far as California to honor him. He had touched them so much that a group of them asked the officials of Eastern High School to name the gymnasium after him. The school agreed and will do so in February.

Congratulations, John!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Nursery & Preschool Ministry

During all worship services

- Infants (birth through 14 months)
- Toddlers (15 – 24 months)
- Preschool (25 months to Kindergarten)

Elementary Ministry for Grades 1 through 4

- Kids' Bible Study (KBS)
Held during all worship services
- Kingdom Kids' Clubhouse for ages 4 through kindergartners
Sunday evenings during the school year, 6:00 to 8:00, in the Chapel
Note: No Clubhouse on Feb. 7
- Kingdom Kids' Club for Grades 1-4
Sunday evenings during the school year, 6:00 to 8:00, in the Sanctuary
Note: No Club on Feb. 7

SNOW Kids

For Children with Special Needs

- Babies through fifth graders
- Provides one-on-one "SNOW buddies"
- 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. weekly in Room B-02

Ask an usher or greeter for directions to children's classes held during worship services.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 5 THROUGH 8

ROCK SOLID

Tuesdays, Feb. 2 – Mar. 29

Rock Solid is a Bible Study for students in Grades 6 to 8.

Location: Pastor Eddie's house, 229 Country Lane, Mt. Laurel

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUPS ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

Level 5 for Grade 5

Planet 678 for Grades 6-8

Dates: Feb 14, 21, 28

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Drop off: Medford Memorial Middle School, 55 Mill St., Medford

Note: Groups are not meeting on Feb. 7

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT

April 8-10 at High Point Camp

Join Level 5 and Planet 678 on our epic spring retreat at High Point Camp! Plan to enjoy some awesome outdoor laser tag, bonfires, late night dodgeball, night games, group sessions, small-group time, amazing food, and fun hanging with friends!

Registration ends on March 21. To register, go to www.myfac.org/register. Cost is \$175.00

CONTACT US

Pastor Eddie Jurimas | Eddie@myfac.org
Russ Batten | Russ@myfac.org

GRAPPLE

Grapple is a Sunday morning lesson for students in Grades 5 to 7.

Location: FAC Red Barn

Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



PARTY SKATE NIGHT

April 3

This is a Level 5 and Planet 678 combined event. Register online as soon as possible, www.myfac.org/register.

Cost of \$15 includes pizza and drink, skate rentals, photo booth pictures, and transportation to and from the Holiday Skate Center in Delanco. We want to pack this event out with tons of youth so register your friends and bring them with you!

Check-in: At FAC at 4:15 p.m.

Pick-up: At FAC at 8:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9 THROUGH 12

SHOWDOWN

Friday, March 11, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Marlton Field House.

This is going to be an awesome night of tournaments and competitions, featuring dodgeball, ultimate Frisbee, and 3-on-3 basketball. Invite your friends and start forming your teams! More details will be coming soon.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM?

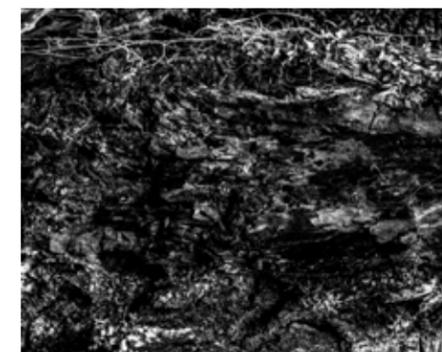
Make an impact in 2016! God is doing some great things in the High School Ministry, and we would love for you to be a part of it. We have lots of opportunities with many different levels of time commitment. If you are interested in working with our high school students, contact Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Check out the parents' section on the Youth Ministries page of the church website (www.myfac.org/parentresources). It has some cool resources and ideas for you that we hope will be helpful and encouraging. Check it out and let us know what you think!

STAY UP TO DATE WITH IMPACT!

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Middle School: Pick up a Middle School Ministry calendar in the Welcome Center or check us out at www.myfac.org/youth.

High School: If you have questions or would like to volunteer in the high school ministries, contact Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org.



LAKE CHAMPION

April 8 to 10

Our annual spring retreat to Lake Champion is always a student favorite. This retreat center, which hosts hundreds of high school students from various youth ministries, provides students with the chance to make new friendships and continue to develop 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 Mon., Mar. 14! More information is available in the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org, if you have any questions.

GUEST SERVICES

Ministry profile



“We are there to be a source of information and to remove the stress of being in an unfamiliar place”



“Statistically, when new people come to our church, they are deciding within about the first seven minutes if they are going to come back,” said Pastor Doug Bazigian. “They are making that decision before they have even heard the sermon! Their decision to return to FAC is often based on how the campus looks as well as how they were greeted at the door and the Welcome Desk. In addition, did someone help them drop their kids off and find their way around? Most importantly, did they feel the love of Christ?”

Since March 2015, Pastor Doug has been overseeing Guest Services and Assimilation. Essentially this ministry encompasses every aspect of how FAC looks and feels to our community. It also includes assimilating new people into our church and moving them from a first time attender into a loving community in the body of Christ.

“Many new people that come to our church may not know the Lord,” said Doug. “Our goal is to create a welcoming environment where the love of Christ shines through

and people recognize FAC immediately as their new church home where they ultimately come to faith in Christ and/or build their faith.”

Pastor Doug is extremely thankful for the many leaders and teams that make up Guest Services. “God has also given me a great friend and coach in Pastor Brian Snyder, who as my supervisor has given me great freedom and encouragement as I transitioned into my new role,” Doug added.

Currently, the Guest Services ministry includes Rodney Sager, who leads ushers; Eddy Esplund, who leads greeters; Rich Allison, who leads safety; Katie Cerminara, who oversees the Welcome Center; Stacey Cerak and Karen Waters, who lead the medical team; Dave Gaehring, who leads the offering count team; and Kris and Becky Smith, who lead the assimilation small group.

“Greeters are the first point of contact; the face of FAC,” said Eddy Esplund. “Therefore, we set the tone for all of the guests, especially new ones. It’s often the encounter with a greeter that will determine if a first time guest decides to come back.”

Greeters are positioned at the entrances of the church to provide a smile, warm handshake, and a cheery hello to everyone who comes through the doors. “We are there to be a source of information and to remove the stress of being in an unfamiliar place,” added Eddy. “We are also responsible for handing out the weekly bulletins.”

Katie Cerminara said, “The Welcome Center is typically the first stop for new visitors. We are there to create a comfortable environment by walking visitors around FAC, pointing out the bathrooms, Sanctuary, and childcare rooms, as well as answering any questions. We also encourage them to stop in at the Guest Reception after the service to learn more about FAC.”

Similar to the greeters, volunteers serving at the Welcome Center also have the opportunity to create a positive first impression for a visitor who enters the doors. Katie added. “It is important to us that the guests feel welcome, comfortable, and loved and then have a desire to return.”

Ushers are also an important part of Guest Services. “Ushers provide a warm and welcome smile, provide help to finding a seat, collect the offering, and provide a safe environment by watching over

the entire Sanctuary and surrounding hallways,” said Rodney Sager, Jr.

Ushers also prepare the Sanctuary seating area before and after each service. In addition, they do a count for the number of people attending each service. Rodney added, “This ministry is important because we help the congregation to worship without having to worry about the incidentals and interruptions.”

The safety team is also included in the Guest Services ministry. Richard Allison, who completed his 20th year of service on the NYPD as a NYC Detective, uses his experiences to work on the safety team. “The people on the team provide an

added level of protection for the church family,” said Richard. “People attending FAC deserve to know that we are doing everything possible to make their time of worship a safe and secure experience.”

Richard is thankful that the safety and security of FAC is supported by the dedicated service of the ushers and greeters. “These men and women are probably the first people who will come into contact with anyone who may have evil intent,” Richard added. “They are the ‘eyes and ears’ of the safety team. The job of the ushers and greeters has changed due to the unfortunate reality of church violence in our country. Without the cooperation and support of the

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ushers, greeters, and medical staff, the security and safety of our church would be inadequate. These volunteers can see who is entering the church. They can observe someone who is acting suspiciously, such as carrying large bags or wearing a trench coat in the summertime. They can also be watchful of people who are not engaged in the church service but are looking at the surroundings.”

Stacey Cerak and Karen Waters both love the way all the volunteers on the medical team also come together with great ideas to help keep the church safe. “Stacey and I feel it’s important that there is a medical response team at FAC,” said Karen Waters. “The medical team is there to respond to any illness or injury that occurs during services or events. We are there to coordinate with 9-1-1 responders and provide first aid.”

As FAC grows, the potential for incidents increases. Karen added, “As a 9-1-1 responder, I can tell you that it can be difficult to locate your patient in such a large facility. Having a team that is coordinating with the local EMS agency and paramedics greatly facilitates the patient’s care.”

Kris and Becky Smith are two more leaders who are involved in the Guest Services ministry. They both believe it’s important for newcomers to know about all the options they have at FAC and not to get overwhelmed with the large size of our church.

Kris added, “The assimilation small group is for those who are new to the church or coming back to the church. It starts with their attending the Guest Reception after each service with Pastor Doug Bazigian who gets their information and reviews their options for ministries. One option is to join our Tuesday evening assimilation ‘plug-in’ group, which Becky and I host at our house in Shamong.”

Kris and Becky enjoy helping newcomers with FAC’s mission of hearing God’s call and following it. “We work on giving them ideas and options for groups they might like to join or places they might want to serve,” said Kris. “It’s not meant to be a long-term miniChurch, but a way to assimilate into a family of ministries. Most importantly, we want them to feel that FAC is a warm, safe, and caring environment.”

Pastor Doug firmly believes the entire Guest Services ministry is incredibly important to our church. Pastor Doug’s short-term goal is to build the guest services teams so that they are ready to move into the new building in June. “My entire ministry is driven by volunteers so please be praying that God continues to send volunteers and people to lead them,” said Pastor Doug.

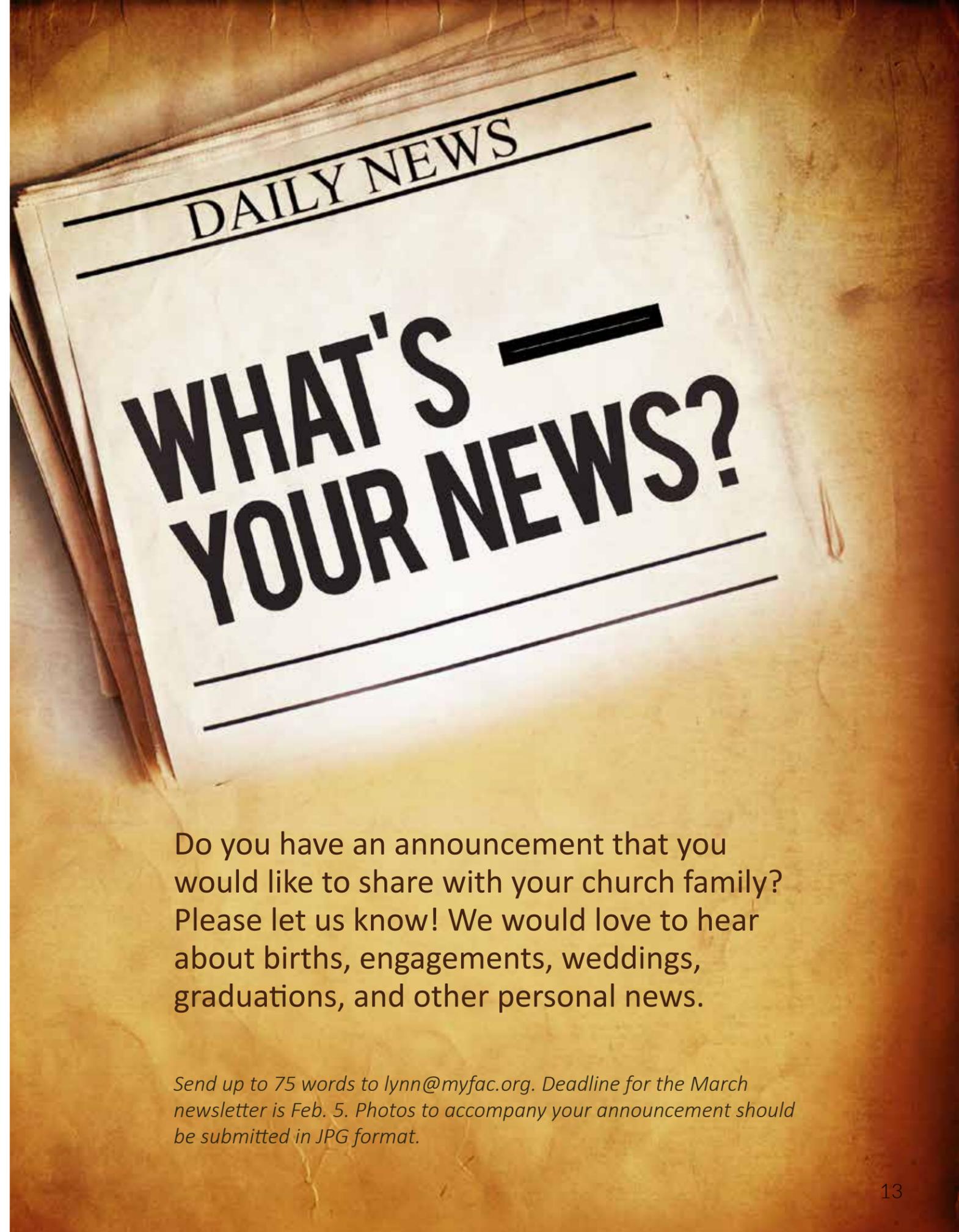
Eddy Esplund added, “What a great opportunity and privilege it is to be able to be a part of a ministry that is so humble yet so essential. What I love about this ministry is that everyone can be a part of it. Anyone who likes to be around people is qualified to be a greeter.”

Katie Cerminara said, “I instantly knew the Welcome Center is where God wanted to use me. It was a perfect fit! I enjoy this ministry as it provides me with an opportunity to make others feel special and loved.”

Richard Allison added, “We are currently looking for new members who are interested in serving on the safety team. People with law enforcement, military, or medical experience are needed, as well as ushers and greeters. This can be a great opportunity for husbands and wives to serve together.” •



To learn more about Guest Services and ways you can get involved, contact Pastor Doug Bazigian at 609-953-7333 x128 or dougb@myfac.org.



Do you have an announcement that you would like to share with your church family? Please let us know! We would love to hear about births, engagements, weddings, graduations, and other personal news.

Send up to 75 words to lynn@myfac.org. Deadline for the March newsletter is Feb. 5. Photos to accompany your announcement should be submitted in JPG format.

#FACLOVES

PRAY
GIVE
GO!

MISSIONS TRIP TO WV

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON FEB. 21

12:45 TO 2:45 | IN ROOM A-07/09

Since 2010, FAC has partnered with World Vision to help impoverished people in West Virginia. In 2014, FAC sent a team of 18 people to West Virginia for seven days to partner with World Vision and provide hope to the people of Philippi (Barbour County). The work consisted of repairing homes, community centers, and local churches in order to provide better living conditions for the children in the local area. Throughout the week, the volunteers also ran a Vacation Bible School program for children of all ages from the local community to attend.

In 2015, FAC sent another team of 21 people back to West Virginia. The projects ranged from sheet rocking, painting, roof repair, electrical work, floor repair, bathroom tub replacement, deck repair, sliding glass door replacement, and front door repair. No special skills required for this mission trip!

For 2016, we are sending another team to WV. If you think your family might be interested in taking this trip to help others and share the Gospel, attend the informational meeting on Feb. 21, 12:45 to 2:45, in Room A-07/09. No special skills are required, and the location is only a 6.5 hour drive. Cost is \$430, ages 11 and up; \$260 per child, ages 5 to 10.

TRIP FEES INCLUDE —

- All meals during your stay
- Housing: college dorm, 4-H camp, community center, or public school
- World Vision missions project T-shirt
- Devotional materials
- Evening ministry program
- Canoe trip on your day off; other recreational options available on your own
- Youth group/family group visitation and training materials
- Project setup and onsite staffing
- Ongoing community involvement by World Vision, including preparation of community members to receive the team



For more information, contact Shawn Mosher, 229-630-3220.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR WV MISSIONS TRIP

Feb. 21:
12:45 to 2:45, Room A-07/09-
testimonials and slides

Feb. 21:
Registration opens

Feb. 28:
Registration closes

May 1:
50% of total cost is due

May 15:
Trip meeting, 12:30 to 1:30
at FAC

May 22:
Trip meeting, 12:30 to 1:30
at FAC

June 1:
Final payment due

June 5:
Trip meeting, 12:30 to 1:30
at FAC

June 12:
Trip meeting, 12:30 to 1:30
at FAC

July 10-16:
Missions trip to Philippi/
Southern Barbour, West
Virginia



FASA MINISTRY UPDATE!

In the January Connection, the FASA leadership team shared that we have been praying fervently in three main areas— people, property, and promotion. This month we have exciting updates about how God has answered our prayer for people! First, we would like you to meet Jesse and Mer Sincok, who are headed to South Africa next month and staying through the remainder of 2016!

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT WHO YOU ARE AND HOW GOD BROUGHT YOU TO THIS POINT:

JESSE: I am a pastor's kid from Wisconsin and God got a hold of my life when I was a young kid. As a teenager, I developed a passion for lost, unchurched people as I went to a public high school where I knew only one other Believer. I became friends with people who didn't know anything about Jesus, and God placed a burden on my heart to learn how to reach them with the Gospel. I went to college at Cedarville University and got a degree in Biblical Studies so I could participate in ministry and be a part of seeing God's church grow. I met my wonderful wife Meredith at Cedarville. We dated for a few years and got married shortly after we graduated. Meredith is

by far the greatest blessing in my life! I have been serving in worship ministry at Rock Point Church in Indiana for the last year in a short-term position. As we were searching for our next ministry, we got a call about coming to FAC and serving in a missions position in South Africa. We became very excited at the opportunity to share Jesus with young people in South Africa, and we are really looking forward to partnering with FAC overseas.

MER: I grew up in Medford and attended FAC. I came to know the Lord in sixth grade through youth group. As I grew up, God grew my love for His Church and His people. I attended Cedarville University and majored in Communications with a minor in Bible and Women's Ministries. During this time, my eyes were opened to what it really meant to live out my faith and to live my life to serve the Lord and His people. I learned that ministry is life, and life is ministry. Whatever I was going to pursue after college was going to have to be for the Lord, or it was meaningless. I met Jesse in college and we got married the year after we graduated. We are both passionate about ministry and truly have seen in our time together that we can better spread the



Jesse and Mer Sincok

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name of Jesus together as a team than we can apart. This past year, Jesse and I lived in Indiana and were able to serve at a church there where Jesse was one of the worship pastors. When our time there was nearing an end, we were praying about where to go next when we got a call about serving with FASA. This opportunity is beyond anything we imagined we'd be doing with the next year of our lives, but we are so pumped about it and we can't wait to see what God does!

WHY FASA? WHY GO TO A NEW PLACE ACROSS THE GLOBE TO SERVE?

JESSE: First of all, Mer and I love traveling so the chance to go to another country for a time is really exciting for us! Second, we love what this ministry is doing, and we can't wait to go to build relationships, teach people about God, and host teams.

MER: Jesse and I love traveling and trying anything new so going to South Africa was a given for us! But, what really got us on board with FASA was their vision for Lephalale. The opportunity to get to know a whole new culture of people and find out what we can do to bring them close to the Lord is something we just couldn't pass up. The mission to focus on the youth there gets us excited as well. Training up the next generation to serve the Lord and commit their lives to Him is something we are so passionate about. The Lord is working in the people of Lephalale, and we want to be a part of what God is doing there!

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT YOUR NEW MISSIONS ADVENTURE?

JESSE: I am excited about all the relationships we will get to build, and I can't wait to have teams come and help them jump into ministry with us!

MER: There are so many things I am excited for! Mostly, I can't wait to get there and start meeting the people. I am really eager to get started and to begin

dreaming about what the Lord can do there. Also, the opportunity to see new places and live somewhere completely new is so exciting to me! I can't wait for that.

HOW CAN THE FAC FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR YOU?

JESSE: We would love prayer for the transition to a new country and that God would bear fruit through the ministry!

MER: First, we would love prayer for the transition. Storing a houseful of things, simplifying our lives, moving to New Jersey, and then moving to South Africa feels like a big mountain to climb right now. Prayer for that would be awesome! Once we get to South Africa, we just need prayer to keep our minds and hearts focused on the Lord. I know that we will face many challenges, but if we stay rooted in Christ, we will have strength to persevere.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH FASA?

Thinking about going on a short-term trip? FASA has five planned for 2016! Praying about a long-term trip? There are others doing that, too!

Wondering how you can stay home but still support and encourage others who are going? There are lots of ways to do that! Get in touch using any of the forms of social media above, or come to a Friends of FASA Gathering to find out more!

FRIENDS OF FASA GATHERING

- Sun., Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m., in the Chapel
- Sun., Mar. 13, 12:30 p.m., in the Chapel

#FACLOVES





**Men's Conference
2016**

**12 Stones: So That
They May Know**

Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.
to 10:30 p.m.

Feb. 27, 7:30 a.m.
to 11:30 a.m.

“So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.” (Joshua 4:24)

The annual men's conference this year includes great messages and worship, dinner, breakfast, and a conference shirt. (For men, ages 13 and up)

For men, ages 13 and up
Cost is \$40.00.

Register at www.myfac.org/formen.

CATALYST MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAY GROUPS: Beginning Mar. 5 (10 weeks) | In the Chapel and C-wing

MONDAY GROUPS: Beginning Mar. 7 (10 weeks) | In the Red Barn

Catalyst Men's Group (CMG) is a process in pursuit of becoming the man God desires. You will be challenged through teaching, introspection, small group discussions, and serving together to move forward in your relationships with God and other men.

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.

Book: *Wild at Heart*, Eldredge

Prerequisite: None

Cost: Free

WALK THE LINE (LEVEL 2)

Nothing prepares the hearts of men like walking the paths of Jesus. Dig deeply into the life of Jesus through an in-depth study of the book of John.

Book: *The Book of John (Bible)*

Prerequisite: Level 1

Cost: \$25.00

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.

Book: *A Man's Guide to the Spiritual Disciplines*, Patrick Morley

Prerequisite: Level 2

Cost: \$25.00

LEADERSHIP & 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 these ideas into real practice.

Book: *The Book on Leadership*, John MacArthur

Prerequisite: Level 3

Cost: \$25.00

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



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MEN'S GROUP



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IRON



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VELOCITY
GROUPS



BUILDING MEN
WHO BUILD MEN

FAC WILD

The FAC Men's Ministry is designed to build men who make a difference. Whether you're in a small group studying God's Word, enjoying camping or hiking, or attending the annual Men's Conference or Pig Roast, we want to help you grow in your relationships with Christ and those around you.

For more information, contact Pastor Erik Rebstock, 609-953-7333, x116, or erikr@myfac.org.



BAND OF BROTHERS

New Series: "The Life of Man, Pursuing Absolutes in an Age of Relativism"

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN THE SANCTUARY, 6:30 TO 7:45 A.M.

For many people, truth is a matter of what is true for them. There are no absolutes. "What I declare to be true is true for me" versus "What God declares to be true is true for all." This is a battle for men.

In this series, we will dig into the absolutes of marriage, work, service, and leadership. Without truth, life is a slippery slope.

Band of Brothers meets on Wednesday mornings in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:45.

If you have questions, contact Michael More', dembums1@gmail.com.

OUR MISSION

Band of Brothers is a vibrant environment where men hear God's story and share life while enjoying a great breakfast.

OUR VISION

We desire to engage men with other men and help them move from where they are to where God wants them to be.



Fresh Hope

FOR SINGLE MOMS

Next meeting: Sun., Feb. 28

The women of Fresh Hope would like to invite all single moms to join them at their next meeting on Feb. 28 for dinner, teaching, encouragement, and fun.

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

There is no cost to attend Fresh Hope. To register, go to www.myfac.org/women, or call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. For more information, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. *Walk-ins are always welcome!*

Clothing Donations for Fresh Hope

Support our single moms by donating seasonal women's clothing in like-new condition for the Fresh Hope boutique. On Feb. 21, clothing donations may be brought to the garage next to the 195 House in the exit lane from the front parking lot. Someone will be there to accept your donations.

Please note: We can accept women's clothing only — no toys. For questions or to volunteer to help, contact Kathy Foering, 609-458-9222, or kfoering@comcast.net.

Mentor Moms

Feb. 16 to May 10

Mentor Moms is a ministry pairing older moms with younger moms. Mentor Moms encourage, guide, and empower the younger ones in their role as a Christian wife and mother.

While there is minimal homework, reading a chapter in a book and being prepared to discuss it, Mentor Moms is more about processing together what is going on in our lives.

Mentor Moms meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15; childcare is provided for babies through kindergartners. Space is limited; this is a commitment that you should be prepared to honor. Cost is \$20, which includes the book and childcare.

If you have questions, contact Karen Cariss, kjcariss@aol.com.



Deepening Groups

A COVENANT COMMUNITY FOR MATURING CHRISTIANS

In a Deepening Group, you can experience:

- Communion — a deeper intimacy with the Trinity and personal intentionality in spiritual formation
- Community — participation in a Christian group that will encourage and challenge participants in the isolating society of our time
- Ministry — support and service to others as you pursue your place and purpose in the Kingdom of God

Our hope in Deepening Groups is that you follow Christ in loving obedience and lead a lifestyle of continual spiritual transformation and growth through intentional cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

Joining a Deepening Group

Go to www.myfac.org/women and complete the Deepening Group Participant Interest Form. If you have questions after reading the information provided on the website, contact Carol Batten, carol@myfac.org, or Jennifer Green, jenniferg12@verizon.net.



aWAKEN Bible Studies for Women

The leadership team of Heart to Heart Bible Studies has changed the name of Heart to Heart to aWAKEN Bible Studies for Women to better reflect the purpose of this ministry. aWAKEN invites all women to the spring semester of classes — classes that are designed to equip and empower women as they aWAKEN to the gifts God has given them for service in His kingdom. All the studies include teaching, interaction, and small group discussions. Service opportunities are also available throughout the semester.

There are four primary areas of study where women can aWAKEN to all that God has for them: Learning, Healing, Living, Serving.

Classes are held on Tuesdays, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning Feb. 23. The registration deadline is Tues., Feb. 9. Prices listed are “early bird pricing” for registrations received

by the end of January. For registrations received in February, there is an additional fee of \$10. To register, go to www.myfac.org/women.

Childcare for the morning classes is available through True Treasures, a Children’s Ministry program, for babies through kindergartners; there is no cost. Childcare is available during the evening classes for babies through eighth graders. PM childcare cost: free for infants through kindergartners; \$30 per child in first grade through eighth grade; or \$50 per family.

Scholarships are available. Please contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125 with questions or to request a scholarship.

LEARNING Learning His Word so we can aWAKEN to what the Bible has to say about God, His people, and His work.



“HERE AND NOW, THERE AND THEN,” BY BETH MOORE

AM & PM

Homework: 10 minutes per day
Cost: \$20

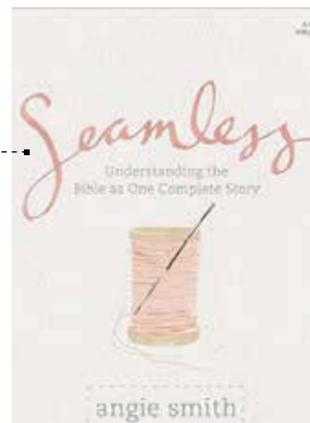
This 11-week study is an overview of the book of Revelation. Beth Moore presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal. She states, “Everything about Revelation is the consummation of what began in Genesis”.

“SEAMLESS: UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE AS ONE COMPLETE STORY,” BY ANGIE SMITH

AM & PM

Homework: 5 days/week, 20 minutes per day
Cost: \$25

This seven-week study covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God’s Word. Each week of study features key information that ties all of Scripture together into the seamless truth of the Gospel message and is accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.



HEALING Healing our physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds as we aWAKEN the power of Christ in us by applying His Word.

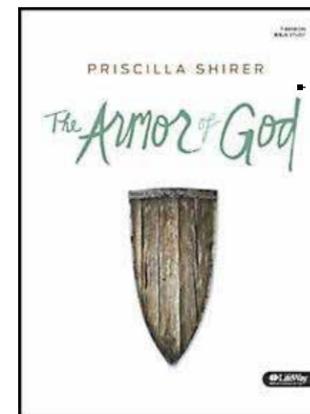
“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

PM only

In the sex-saturated culture in which we live, pornography is just a click of the computer keys away, but the fruit it offers is poison, and it leaves its users spiritually and relationally weakened. Both men and women are ensnared by pornography, but users are overwhelmingly male. If your husband is or has been addicted to pornography, aWAKEN is offering a group for you. Wives are too often suffering in the shadows and they feel the need to, or have been told to keep the secret and not talk about what is going on. With topics like Hope, Surrender, Trust and Forgiveness, you will find a safe place to heal and be with other women who understand your situation.

Homework: Reading and journaling
Cost: \$30
Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information and to register, send an e-mail to WalkingintheLightFAC@gmail.com by Feb. 9. Confidentiality will be protected.

LIVING Living as we aWAKEN to how God would have us walk through the various stages of life as Christian women.



“THE ARMOR OF GOD,” BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

PM only

“The Armor of God” is a seven-session class that aims to equip women to get serious, specific, and strategic in their discipline of prayer. If you want to expand your understanding of prayer and develop and implement practical, purposeful prayer strategies, this class is for you. This class is appropriate for inexperienced Bible study students as well as those well-versed in Scriptures.

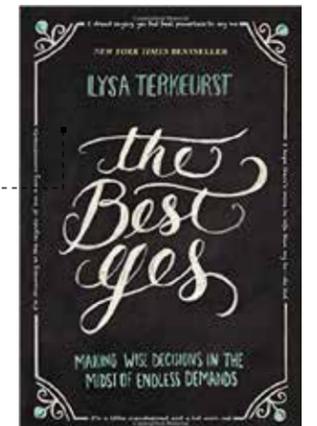
Homework: 5 days/week, 20 minutes per day
Cost: \$25

“THE BEST YES-MAKING WISE DECISIONS IN THE MIDST OF ENDLESS DEMANDS,” BY LYSA TERKEURST

AM and PM

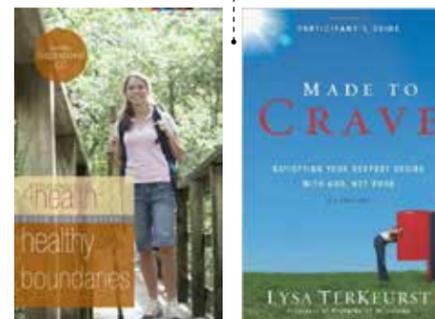
Homework: 5 days/week; 20 minutes per day
Cost: \$20

In this six-session, video-based Bible study, Lysa TerKeurst shares how to make better use of the two most powerful words, yes and no. Using Biblical teaching and practical insights, this study will help you be more equipped to discern the best yes answers for your life.



“FAITHFULLY FIT”

AM and PM



Because we were created to crave, people without boundaries can quickly lose direction. As we realize that God wants us to crave more of Him, we will learn how to create intentional boundaries to avoid temptation and not compromise our commitment to wellness.

The 12-week morning class will use the book, *Healthy Boundaries*.
Cost: \$30

The 7-week evening class will use the book, *Made to Crave*.
Cost: \$20

Registration for “Faithfully Fit” is open continuously. Join at any time.

Walking in Grace Women's Conference

Reviving your God-Given dream

Mar. 11 & 12

This conference is designed for women who want to understand who God created them to be and who He created the people in their life to be. It is for those who would like to embrace their God-given dream and not quit in the process of pursuing it — even if it feels like it has drifted out of reach.

The Walking in Grace two-day Women's Conference will be held on Fri., Mar. 11, (7:00 p.m. To 10:00 p.m.) and Sat., Mar. 12 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Two gifted, fun-loving, speakers from Proverbs 31, Lisa Allen and Nicki Koziarz, will share three messages:

- **Session 1 – “If the Shoe Fits, Wear It”**
- **Session 2 – “The Rhythm of a Dream and Learning to Dance to It”**
- **Session 3 – “Five Habits of the Woman Who Doesn't Give Up”**

To see further description of the sessions, go to myfac.org/women.

“Reviving Your God-Given Dream” will be held at The Westin Mount Laurel Hotel, 555 Fellowship Road, in Mount Laurel. Coffee, tea, and water will be served throughout the weekend, as well as desserts on Friday evening and a hot lunch on Saturday. (Breakfast will not be served on Saturday morning.) We will share awesome worship, skits, fellowship, prizes, and prayer throughout the conference.

The cost of the two-day conference is \$129. Gift certificates to the conference are available. Scholarships are available for FAC women on a first-come, first-served basis, based on donations to the scholarship fund.

A block of rooms at the Westin Hotel has been reserved for Fri., Mar. 11, for those who are interested. The special room rate is \$127 with up to four women per room to share the cost. Contact the hotel to make a reservation, 856-778-7300. Mention FAC for the discounted price.

Register online at myfac.org/women. Registration is open until Sun., Feb. 28. If you have questions, contact Lisa Russell, 609-519-7057, or Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125.



DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	
General Fund				
12.6	\$ 64,706	\$ 73,271	\$ 8,565	
12.13	\$ 64,706	\$ 52,240	\$ (12,466)	
12.20	\$ 64,706	\$ 74,406	\$ 9,700	
12.24		\$ 51,363	\$	
12.27	\$ 64,706	\$ 90,418	\$ 25,712	
Total	\$ 258,824	\$ 341,698	\$ 31,511	
Year-to-Date	\$ 3,359,729	\$3,213,295	\$ (146,434)	
Missions Fund				
12.6	\$ 4,804	\$ 3,915	\$ (889)	
12.13	\$ 4,804	\$ 3,613	\$ (1,191)	
12.20	\$ 4,804	\$ 4,434	\$ (370)	
12.24		\$ 10,956		
12.27	\$ 4,804	\$ 8,449	\$ 3,645	
Total	\$ 19,216	\$ 31,367	\$ 1,195	
Year-to-Date	\$ 249,434	\$ 260,609	\$ 11,174	
Benevolence Fund				
12.6		\$ 3,110		
12.13		\$ 2,466		
12.20		\$ 2,642		
12.24		\$ 521		
12.27		\$ 5,055		
Total		\$ 13,794		
Year-to-Date		\$ 160,525		
Building Fund				
12.6		\$ 16,169		
12.13		\$ 21,498		
12.20		\$ 35,420		
12.24		\$ 26,687		
12.27		\$ 61,511		
Total		\$ 161,285		
Year-to-Date		\$1,197,279		
DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
12.6	1971	87	309	2367
12.13	1873	90	276	2239
12.20	1966	164	253	2383
12.24	3850	78	136	4064
12.27	1480	54	273	1715

This report is based on a 12-month, evenly distributed budget. Actual expenses fluctuate throughout the budget year. We conduct regular financial reviews to determine whether ministry expenses need to be trimmed.



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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