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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.

NEW? GET CONNECTED!

GUEST RECEPTION

Held after most worship services 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.

Registration is not necessary. Just join us!

NEXT STEPS

New group begins on Sun., Mar. 6 | Room A-09 | after the 11:00 service

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.

The Next Steps group meets for three sessions. You can register for Next Steps at www.myfac.org/register.

Questions? Contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, glenn@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x106.



“...so the world may know” – John 17:23

Dear Church Family,

IN February, we revealed that our “word of the year” is Kingdom! Throughout the past 10 years, we’ve used a concept called “Kingdom Vision” to guide our thinking and planning for the new building God has led us to build. We adopted this Kingdom concept to help us keep focused on the Kingdom of God as our goal rather than focusing on ourselves or even just our own church. We truly want to seek first God’s Kingdom as Matthew 6:33 tells us to do. We want to be able to see clearly God’s vision for our church rather than just make up our own earthly plan.

God has blessed this concept by supplying the finances to buy the needed property, getting the township approvals to do all the site work, and now to be at a place of looking forward to moving into a new building this summer. Throughout the last 10 years, faithful givers to Kingdom Vision have sacrificed more than \$15,000,000 to get to this point, and now we face the challenge of another \$15,000,000 on mortgage debt.

Just like paying off the mortgage on our own home takes responsible, faithful, consistent giving to our personal debt so now we enter into a time of paying down our church mortgage through faithful giving.

I’ve named this next challenge that God is putting before us “All In.” Just like Joshua challenging the people who were about to enter the Promised Land to be “all in” (Joshua 1), so, too, I am calling everyone involved at FAC to be “all in” to see our financial giving have the kind of impact we all are dreaming it will have on our Kingdom Vision.

Take a look with me at what Joshua said to the Israelite people when he was challenging them to enter the Promised Land they had dreamed of entering for 40 years. He said in Joshua 1:6-7, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause

this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 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.” You see, the Promised Land was full of “Canaanites” and many others who saw Israel as an enemy and would fight them for the land.

Our situation is very similar to the situation faced by God’s people entering the Promised Land. We, too, have dreamed for a long time of entering our new building. We have waited a long time to get to this place. But, like Joshua’s people, we need to be strong and courageous and faithful to do all that God is telling us to do. For us, this means just being faithful to keep on giving to pay off the mortgage.

The children of Israel saw giants in the land and were afraid. We, too, could look at our giant debt and be afraid and run. Personally, I’m challenging myself with the leaders at FAC and you to join me in being “all in” to pay off this debt in just a few years by faithful giving.

I take to heart for myself and for you the charge Joshua gave the people at the end of his speech to them. He said “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Love never fails,

Pastor Marty Berglund
Senior Pastor



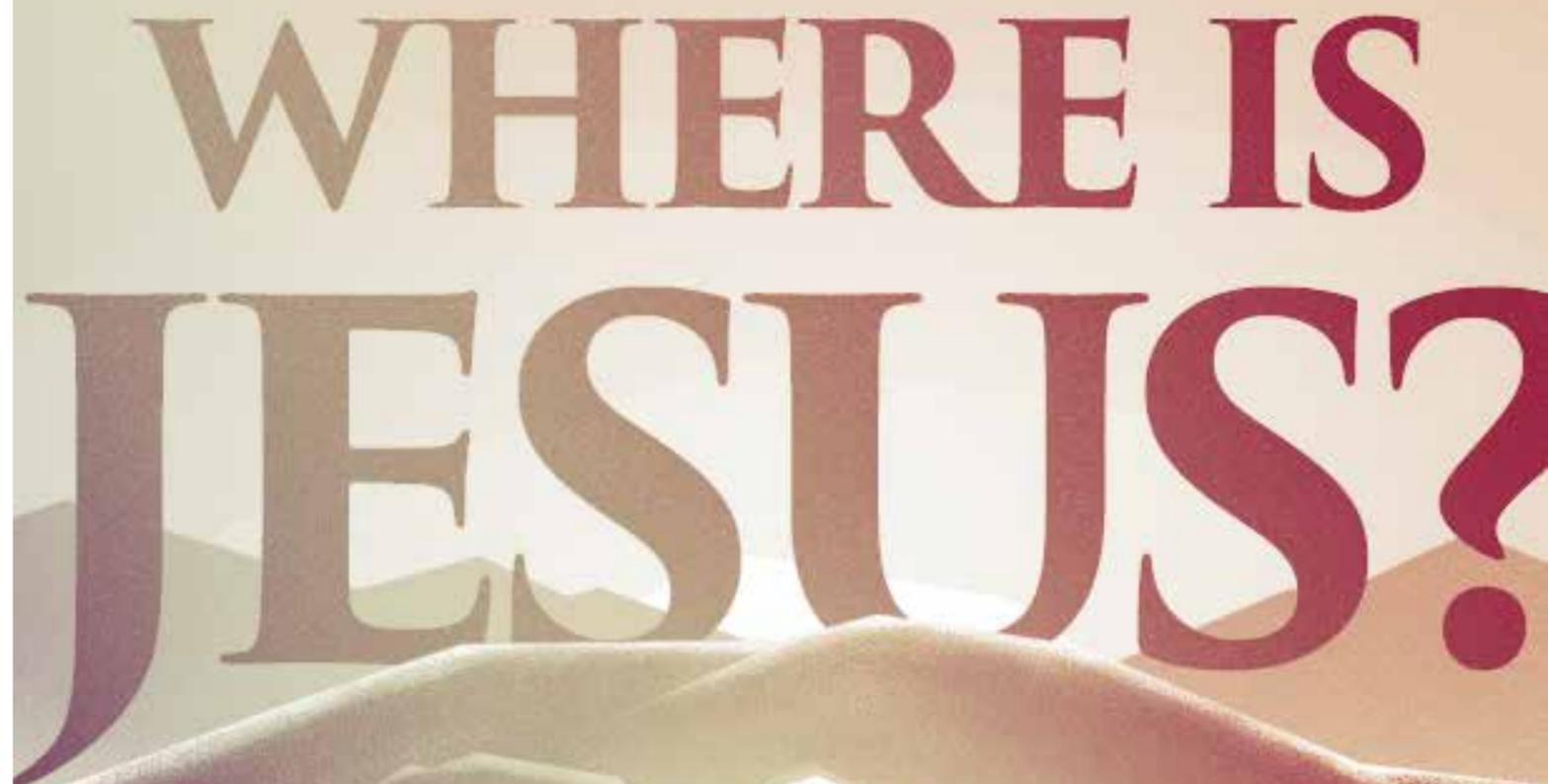
Stay in touch with Marty through social media:



Where Is Jesus?

Three days after Jesus was crucified, Mary Magdalene and other women went to the place where He had been buried. They discovered that even though guards had been standing by the tomb, Jesus’ body was gone. They began asking this question: “Where is Jesus?” Even after men whom we suspect were angels told them Jesus had risen from the dead [Luke 24], they still kept asking, “Where is Jesus?”

That question asked more than 2000 years ago is still relevant to you. Do you know where Jesus is? Join the Easter services at FAC on Mar. 26 and 27 as Pastor Marty Berglund discusses this crucial question.



EASTER SERVICES

MAR. 26: 4:30 & 6:00 P.M. | MAR. 27: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



“The great barrier to love is ego, the life of the self. In long-term suffering, if you don’t give in to self-pity, slowly, almost imperceptibly, self dies.”

We’ve just gotten through the month of February — the month where everyone talks about love — and buys cards with words about love — and yet somehow we find ourselves in a world that’s anything but loving.

If you read this column much, you’ve probably noticed that I’m always talking about things I’m learning from different books that I’m reading. That’s because, besides God’s Word, books have been one of the most important parts of my spiritual journey. And one of the most life-changing books for me from this past year has been Paul Miller’s book, *A Loving Life*. If you recognize the author’s name, maybe it’s because you remember Pastor Marty encouraging everyone to read his previous book a couple years ago, *A Praying Life*, also a life-changing read.

As God often does with me, He sends along just the book I need for specific areas in my life where He knows I need to grow. Last year, He allowed several challenging relationships in my life — places where I knew I needed to love, but many times I felt unsure what it was supposed to look like in those contexts. And then along comes *A Loving Life*! When I read the first paragraph of the book, I knew it was for me:

Suffering is the crucible for love. We don’t learn how to love anywhere else. Don’t misunderstand; suffering doesn’t create love, but it is a hothouse where love can emerge. Why is that? The great barrier to love is ego, the life of the self. In long-term suffering, if you don’t give in to self-pity, slowly, almost imperceptibly, self dies. This death of self offers ideal growing conditions for love.

Bam! Just one paragraph in and I’m already hooked and convicted!

It took me awhile to process just the first few sentences: “Suffering is the crucible for love” — never saw that on a Hallmark card! “The great barrier to love is ego” — ouch, that hurts! And “if you don’t give in to self-pity” — well, that just happens to be my specialty! And “death of self offers ideal growing conditions for love” — whew, that’s not the news I wanted to hear! But I knew it was all true. God had sent me some difficult love assignments to help me die to myself.

I read the whole book through while we were on sabbatical this summer, and now I’m slowly working my way back through its pages as I look for God to strengthen my “love muscles.” Miller walks the reader through the book of Ruth and the beautiful love that God lived out through that woman. As he began to unpack the story, he said:

We have much to learn about love from this story, but all we need to know at this point is this: you can’t flee the crucible. Love will not grow if you check out. We have to hang in there with the story that God has permitted in our lives. As we endure, as we keep showing up for life when it makes no sense, we learn to love and God shows up too.

Laurie Berglund

Laurie welcomes your comments, laurieb@myfac.org.



NEWS & NOTES

HIGH SCHOOL LAKE CHAMPION RETREAT

On April 8 to 10, many of our high school students will be going on a retreat. Pastor Mike Williams is requesting the following:

- Prayer that God would work in powerful ways in the lives of the students.
- Scholarships for students who would like to go but can’t afford it.

If you would like more information about donating to the scholarship fund or about joining the leadership team of the high school ministry, contact Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x108.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Behind-the-scenes Worship Teams

Pastor Nick Simpson is building his teams! If you are interested in being a part of the behind-the-scenes logistics, consider the following:

Camera Team: In the new building, there will be a new system, along with a need for additional members on this team.

Stage Crew: Help is needed with set-up and breakdown.

Creative Team: Team members are needed to help with creative stage design for the worship services.

Audio Team: People are needed who are comfortable doing studio mixing, which is a different style from the live mixing we currently use.

Lighting Team: A new lighting system will require team members with creative vision.

Training will be given as needed. If you are interested in helping on any of these teams or would like more information, contact Pastor Nick Simpson, nick@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x110.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

We’re Planning Now! Save the Dates!

Summer Soccer Camp will be held on July 11 to 14 for boys and girls entering Grades 1-8. Cost is \$35. Location will be Lenape High School, 9:00 to noon.

High school students and adults are needed to be leaders. If you can commit to any or all of the mornings, contact Pastor Eddie Jurimas, eddie@myfac.org, or Director Warnesia Travasso, warnesiat@myfac.org.

SNOW DEN

Mar. 4 & 18

SNOW Den provides a place for adults with special needs to connect to God and to their 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 Mar. 4 & 18.

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

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 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.

WHAT’S YOUR NEWS?

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, etc.

Send up to 75 words to lynn@myfac.org. Deadline for the April newsletter is Mar. 5. We would love to have a photo (JPG format) to accompany your announcement.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

LIFE IS BETTER CONNECTED



Get better connected to God, God's people, and God's work.
Find a miniChurch or small group at www.myfac.org/findagroup.



FAC Military Ministry

The FAC Military Ministry is being formed with the goal of providing a network of care and support to our local military community — both active duty and reserved.

The needs of this special community are much like the needs of others, but often the challenges faced by the military communities are unique. If you are on active duty, National Guard or Reserve status, a retiree, veteran or family member of any in these branches, please make plans to take part in this ministry!

The Military Ministry will hold fellowship events and informational and support meetings throughout the year. The meetings will be held at FAC, in local homes, and at community events.

If you would like to be involved, contact Cliff Jones, chjhooah@gmail.com.



WINGS

For families of loved ones with eating disorders

WINGS is a support group for family and friends who are affected by a loved one who is struggling with an eating disorder. Join us as we experience encouragement through prayer and claim the promises of hope and renewed strength found in Jesus.

WINGS begins on Mar. 2 and continues for the first and third Wednesdays of the subsequent months. Meetings will be held at FAC, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

There is no registration required and no fee.

If you have questions, contact Jan Letts (janletts@comcast.net or 609-458-7010) or Betsy Miller (jmiller.510@comcast.net) or Janet Worrell (janetworrell@verizon.net).



Women's Redemption Group

Monday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

The struggle for purity is not only a problem for men. Many women who wrestle with sexual and emotional temptation feel very isolated and often too ashamed to talk about it even with a close friend.

For more information and to find out about the location, contact puritywomen@myfac.org. Confidentiality is required.

KINGDOM VOICE

Ministry profile



"...inspiring them to do their best so they can grow in their walk with God and in their musical gifts."

"I have always loved music, playing the piano, and dancing from when I was a child," shared Stephanie Case, leader of Kingdom Voice. "I remember if I had been away from home and not near a piano, my hands would ache to play. The first thing that I would do upon returning home was sit at the piano and play. Then I would go practice ballet in my room."

Stephanie Case's passion for the performing arts continued as she got older, and God led her to use her experiences to inspire the next generation. In high school, she worked with children at a summer camp and at a special needs camp, and she even started teaching piano her senior year. Today as a wife and mother, she continues to follow God's call by teaching piano and voice privately and at a music school.

The call to combine music with leading children in worship at FAC came to her unexpectedly. "Our daughter Gabrielle had asked me and my husband Mark to help out Ms. Julie Durdin, FAC's Kingdom Kids' coordinator, by teaching Kids' Bible Study (KBS). Mark and I didn't really feel equipped to be teaching KBS, but Gabrielle felt very strongly about the fact that we should be helping."

Stephanie and her husband decided to move forward with volunteering at KBS.



Then it was about six months later that God presented another opportunity. During a Saturday night service, it was mentioned that help was needed with the music for the kids."

Hearing what was shared was literally moments after Stephanie had turned to her husband and said she could help with the music. She felt it was definitely the Holy Spirit tugging at her heart to serve.

As a result, Stephanie along with her husband and two kids all began serving in the children's ministry on a worship team

called Kingdom Rhythms. "Looking back at the situation and how the worship team started and grew quickly to include other student musicians and vocalists, it was out of each and every one of us hearing God's call and following it," Stephanie said.



Stephanie Case

As time passed, many of the student musicians in Kingdom Rhythms had gone off to college, and it became increasingly difficult to form a full team. "It was then that I felt God saying it was time to look for another place to serve," explained Stephanie. "I decided to reach out to Julie Durdin and inquire if she needed help with the children's choir. It turns out that she did."

Stephanie started helping Julie during weekly practices and working with the small group ensemble in the children's choir. Then this past year, a decision was made to provide a new middle school choir for students in Grades 5-8. Stephanie gained the opportunity to continue serving with the choir ministry by becoming the choir leader for the new ministry called Kingdom Voice.

Stephanie currently enjoys volunteering in Kingdom Voice. She added, "My role is to facilitate the vocalists as a group in singing and growing together as we minister. Even the group name was discussed and prayed about together as a group. We decided on the name of Kingdom Voice because we represent the Kingdom of God by singing together as a unified body of Christ."



Stephanie views her role as having to do whatever needs to be done to serve the vocalists. This includes inspiring them to do their best so they can grow in their walk with God and in their musical gifts.

"It is vital that they have a chance to use the gifts that God gave to them," said Stephanie. "This is God's choir. So, I continually pray for the vocalists and for the songs that they sing, staying open to what God puts on my heart through prayer, devotions, and music selection."

The middle school vocalists in Kingdom Voice appreciate their choir leader, Miss Stephanie, and they enjoy being in the ministry. Adam Connor shared, "Kingdom Voice is a way for me to express my love for God in song. It's fun to work with Miss Stephanie and my friends. The ministry is important because it gives kids who are in middle school a choir that's just for us."

Skye Taylor, said, "I love that I can do one of my favorite things, singing and praising God at the same time. I think Kingdom Voice is an important ministry because it proves that no matter what age you are you can serve God and worship Him!"

Avery Street, shared, "I love singing. I'm constantly singing throughout my house. I even enjoy singing at my school and being in musicals in local theater companies. Kingdom Voice is special to me because I get the chance to worship God and inspire others."

The parents of the vocalists love the ministry, too. Judi Shoemaker, one of the mothers, said, "There are few things that make me happier than seeing my daughter stand in front of our wonderful church and sing songs that point everyone to Jesus. I enjoy watching all the children grow up together as a young group of Christians who love to worship God. What more could a mom ask for! I love seeing the young people in our church doing anything! These kids are our future leaders. Getting them involved with Kingdom Voice is a way for them to worship God and feel that they are part of a bigger plan as our church grows. It's exciting!"

Judi's daughter, Ellie Shoemaker, added, "I love that we can get on stage and sing together as a group. It's fun for me and entertaining for the people who come to church. It helps to make good Christian friends. When young kids see us sing, they

might want to sing, too. Then they can feel involved."

The entire group of vocalists in Kingdom Voice normally rehearses on Sunday mornings between the services at 10:20 a.m. in Room C-06, which is near the Chapel. They begin with group prayer time. Practice begins with vocal warm-ups and working on current material. Then the vocalists are dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

This past December, the group was thrilled to sing one weekend for all three of the worship services. Now they look forward to more opportunities to worship and perform. Stephanie is open to whatever God has planned for the ministry. She believes music is a freestanding form, but it's also been created by God to support other art forms.

Stephanie is thankful for everyone who has helped with the Kingdom Voice ministry. "There are many ways in which others help," she said. "First and foremost, I thank the parents, without whom none of this would be possible. I'm so thankful that they allow their child to participate. Also, when we minister, I appreciate the support provided by the technology team, facilities team, worship team, and the adult choir."

Stephanie welcomes anyone to contact her if they are interested in serving in Kingdom Voice. She also would love for more vocalists to join the group. "The 'requirement' is if you like to sing and have a heart to serve," she explained. "So, if you are always singing in the car or singing in your bedroom or if you are just always singing, come sing with us for Him!"



Contact Stephanie Case at 609-502-5458 or islandzumba@comcast.net.

2016 KICK-OFF OF CHILDRENS & YOUTH MINISTRIES



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 Mar. 27

- 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 Mar. 27

SNOW Kids

For Children with Special Needs

- Babies through fifth graders
- Provides one-on-one "SNOW buddies"
- 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. during Sunday morning worship services in Room B-02

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



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 5-8

March Events for Level 5 and Planet 678

Grapple Sunday morning lessons for Grades 5-7
Sundays, Mar. 6, 13, 20; 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Red Barn

Rock Solid Bible studies, Grades 6-8
Every Tuesday in March, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Pastor Eddie's house, 229 Country Lane, Mt. Laurel

Level 5 & Planet 678 Sunday Evening Meetings
Mar. 6, 13, and 20; 6:00 to 8:00
Medford Memorial Middle School (55 Mill St., Medford)

Upcoming April Events

Party Skate Night, Grades 5-8
April 3, 4:15 to 8:00 (Check in and pick up at FAC)

Register online as soon as possible, www.myfac.org/register. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza and drink, skate rentals, photo booth pictures, and transportation.

Spring Retreat at High Point Camp, Geigertown, PA | Apr. 8-10
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.

Grades 6-12

Planet 678 & Impact
Teen "Showdown" Tournaments
Mar. 11, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. | Marlton Field House, 785 E. Main Street, Marlton

Teams for the tournament will consist of 10-on-10 dodgeball, 3-on-3 basketball, and 8-on-8 Ultimate Frisbee. All teens in Grades 6-12 are invited! No fees and no registration. Just form a team and show up! You need transportation to and from the Field House.

Grades 9-12

Impact

- Mar. 7:** Insight, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at FAC
- Mar. 14:** insight, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at FAC
- Mar. 14:** Lake Champion Retreat registration deadline (*Go to www.myfac.org/register.*)
- Mar. 21:** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at FAC
- Mar. 28:** No Insight

Upcoming April Event

April 8 to 10: Lake Champion Retreat



For More Information

Pick up a Youth Ministry calendar in the Welcome Center or check us out at www.myfac.org/youth. **High School** Pastor Mike Williams, mike@myfac.org
Middle School Pastor Eddie Jurimas, Eddie@myfac.org and Russ Batten, Russ@myfac.org



You Have Questions, ALPHA HAS ANSWERS!

Begins April 6 and runs for 10 consecutive Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30, at FAC

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. It's a place where you can explore what you believe in a safe, open environment. Weekly topics include questions such as:

- Is there more to life than this?
- Who is Jesus and why did He die?
- How can I have faith?
- Why and how should I pray?
- Why is there suffering?

There is no cost to attend Alpha. A free, catered dinner is served. Small group discussions follow the video.

IS ALPHA FOR ME?

Are you always busy but wonder where "this" is all going? Do you feel you had faith when you were younger but are unsure of what you believe now? Do you think there may be more to connecting with God than traditions?

If you are asking these questions or have other questions about God, join us at Alpha.

INVITE OTHERS TO ALPHA

Join the adventure of bringing a guest to Alpha. Pick up invitations in the Welcome Center and pray about inviting friends, neighbors, and family members.

CHILDCARE

A children's program is offered for ages three (potty trained) through fifth graders. Register your children when you register. Space is limited for childcare.

REGISTER

Look for an Alpha team member at the Welcome Desk after services or register online, www.myfac.org/ALPHA.

If God is so good, why is there so much suffering in the world?



Where was God when our son got hit by a car?



How can I really know God even exists?



Christians say the Bible is the Word of God and that Jesus rose from the dead, but how do I know it's not all just a bunch of myths and legends handed down through the ages?

Marriage Matters The Marriage Matters ministry is hosting another Heartbeats workshop.

Fri., Mar. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Location: Chapel

This workshop is for the church family, their friends, and neighbors. All are welcome! Please register early as space is limited. Childcare is not provided. To register, go to www.myfac.org/register. If you have questions, contact Steve Durdin, spdurdin@comcast.net, 609-868-3920.



SAGE BUILDERS

For retirement-aged adults

You are invited to join us for some special days at Sage Builders this month:

- **Mar. 10: Game Day**
Lunch will be served at 12:30, followed by special activities and games.
- **Mar. 17**
Lunch will be served at 12:30.
- **Mar. 24: Maundy Thursday**
Lunch will be served at 12:30, followed by a time of singing, an Easter devotional, and communion.

For more information, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, glenn@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333 X106.



GOOD \$ENSE

The stock market may let you down. Good thing that God never does.

Worried about money? There's a better way. Learn God's principles for managing money and how to apply them to your situation with Good \$ense.

Trained counselors can help you find the peace and freedom in your financial life that God promises.

To set up one-time or ongoing counseling, contact Chuck Riley at goodsense@myfac.org.

CATALYST MEN'S GROUPS

You still have a few days to join a Catalyst group! All studies are held on both Mondays and Saturdays. Register online at www.myfac.org/formen. If you have questions, contact Pastor Erik Rebstock, 609-953-7333, x116, or erikr@myfac.org.

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

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

Being a part of Catalyst Men's Groups (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 (LEVEL 4) & INFLUENCE

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 practice.

Book: *The Book on Leadership*, John MacArthur

Prerequisite: Level 3

Cost: \$25.00



BAND OF BROTHERS

New Series: "Five Keys: Unlocking Leadership"

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

Band of Brothers is beginning a new series on leadership on March 30. No registration is necessary. Just come out for breakfast and discussion on a topic of great importance about how to improve your leadership skills.

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.

A Message from Erik

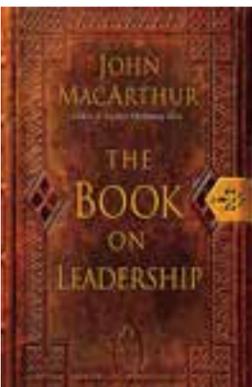
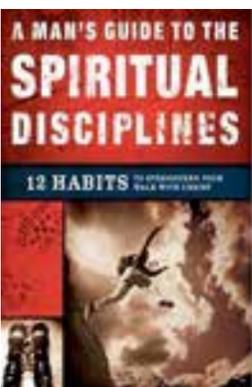
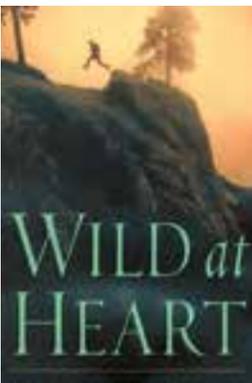
Thank you to all the more than 60 men and women who made this year's men's conference a giant success. May God bless you richly for your servants' heart.

— Pastor Erik Rebstock



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.



Moms' Time Out

Toy & Clothing Exchange

Mon., Apr. 11 | Sanctuary
Drop off: 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Shopping: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Items

- Children's clothing sizes newborn to 14/16
- Maternity clothes
- Baby equipment such as cribs, pack 'n-plays, high chairs, strollers
- Children's toys, books, DVD's

Here's how it works:

- Donations of children's clothing, equipment, or toys can be dropped off between 5:30 and 7:15 p.m. Note: It is very helpful if donations are sorted by size and gender.
- After donations are delivered, you can wait in the Welcome Center until the doors open for shopping. (Drop, shop, or do both!)
- Bring your own shopping bags — or a truck if you are in need of large items.
- All remaining items will be donated to charity.
- Children are not permitted to attend

All items are FREE!

Questions? Contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125; debbie@myfac.org.



Fresh Hope

FOR SINGLE MOMS

Next meeting: Sun., Mar. 20

The women of Fresh Hope would like to invite all single moms to join them at their next meeting on Mar. 20 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. For more information, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. Walk-ins are always welcome!



Clothing Donations for Fresh Hope

Drop-off: Mar. 13

You can support our single moms by donating seasonal women's clothing in like-new condition for the Fresh Hope boutique. On Mar. 13, 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.



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

To join a 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.

THE BENEVOLENCE CENTER



The FAC Benevolence Center recently celebrated its third anniversary! The ministry has expanded to the point that additional volunteers are needed. To give you more of an idea of what it's like to be a Ben Center volunteer, Coordinator Tracy Cossabone asked volunteers some questions. Their answers are below, and more will be included in the April issue of this newsletter.

WHERE WERE YOU BEFORE YOU STARTED VOLUNTEERING AT THE BEN CENTER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?

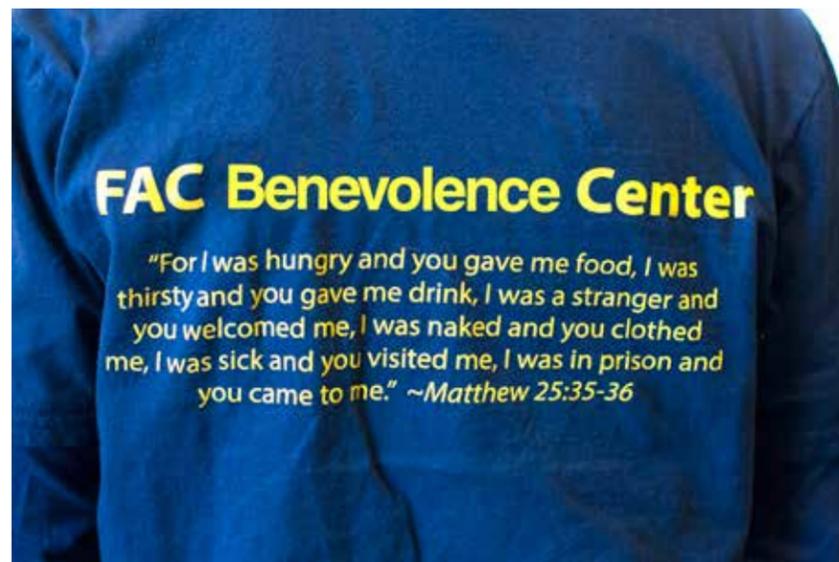
Lorraine Girdali — I understood that Christ wants us to help others. The problem was that I just did not know exactly what to do. I think many Christians feel the same way. They truly want to volunteer but feel intimidated, under-qualified, or just too busy.

Julie Berry — Before I started volunteering at the Ben Center three years ago, I was coming out of a depression while dealing with past trauma. As I was healing, I wanted to take away my self-focus and put the focus on God. Serving others at the

Center helped me heal and grow closer to God. When I heard the concept for the Ben Center, I knew it was where God wanted me to be. From the initial meeting to the present, I feel as though I have grown closer to God by serving our clients.

Anne Simms — My mom passed away six months before I became an intake representative. Pastor Don did her

eulogy and told my family about FAC. We attended the next Sunday and have been at the church ever since. I had a pretty incredible "born again" moment about three months after my mom's death. After hearing about the Ben Center, God just really put it on my heart, and the feeling would not go away. So I went. I didn't know anyone or anything about the actual work done there. I was met with love and



kindness from the other volunteers. Serving others helped enormously in dealing with the grief of my mom's passing.

HOW DID YOU KNOW GOD WAS CALLING YOU TO THIS MINISTRY?

Jocelyn Stainback — I've had a heart to be in the counseling field for the last few years. After learning about the power of addictions through some personal family circumstances, God continued to pull my heart toward this type of career field and helped shape my decision to pursue

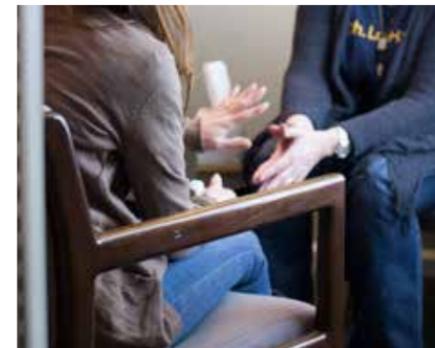
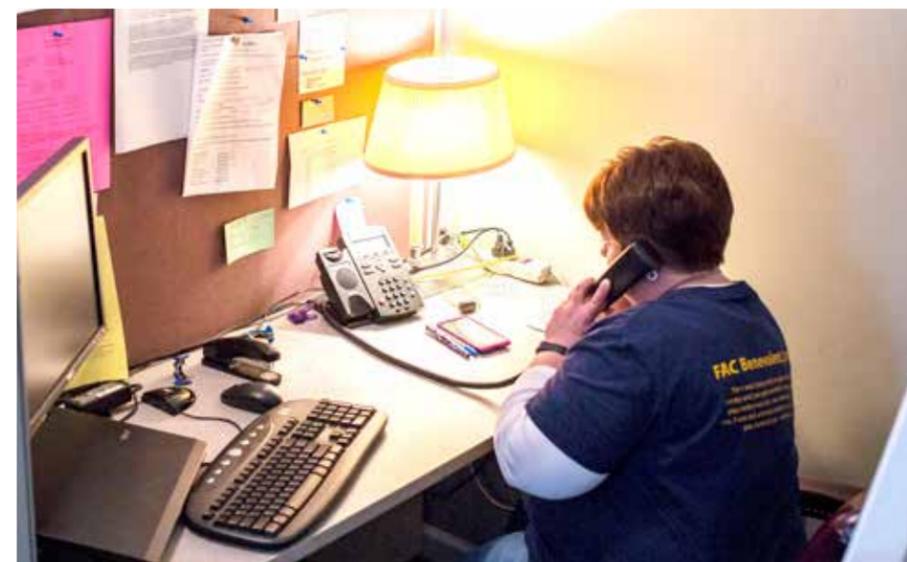
a degree in Psychology for Addiction & Recovery. After I graduated, I heard about the Ben Center, and I knew God was calling me to it!

Lorraine Girdali — I felt a nudging from God to volunteer as an intake representative. Newly diagnosed with severe knee arthritis, I started making excuses not to sign up. "Coincidentally" the James 5 service was held the following week. Coming from a different religious background, the thought of elders praying over me was very strange, but their prayers gave me confidence. As

an act of faith, I immediately went to the Welcome Center and signed up. During our first meeting, I found myself in the company of teachers, therapists, and social workers. I felt like a fish out of water. I had zero experience. After the meeting, I apologized to Tracy Cossabone, explaining that I had made a mistake. She patiently listened to my concerns and asked why I had originally volunteered. She told me, "You absolutely belong here. This is where God wants you to be." Well, that was three years ago, and she was right. More important, God was right! My advice would be if you feel even the tiniest nudge, listen to Him. He will make a way.

Heather Costomiris — Having done extensive work in the Women's Ministries, I was feeling an increasing nudge from God to work with both men and women who were struggling. I put it off for a year, and during that year, the Ben Center was continually being brought to my attention in one way or another. God was still nudging me. I had to go.

Julie Berry — I know God has called me to this ministry because the pieces fell so easily into place. My degree is in Social Work so I knew I had the training. My job allowed me to be off on Wednesdays. I asked God to open this door if it was His will. He opened the door so I knew it was where He wanted me. •



THE CENTER IS EXPANDING ITS HOURS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The Ben Center will be expanding its hours, adding Mondays and at least one more evening. If God is calling you to help others through the work of the Ben Center, consider joining us. No experience is needed.

To receive an application to volunteer, send an e-mail Tracy Cossabone, tracyc@myfac.org.

#FACLOVES

PRAY
GIVE
GO!

ANOTHER FASA TEAM LEAVES THIS MONTH

We asked the team participants to tell us what they are most excited about regarding their missions trip to Southern Africa.

• DAVE WIRTH IS TAKING HIS THIRD TRIP WITH FASA.

"I am excited to see exactly how the Lord is going to stretch me in my faith! So far in four missions trips, He has dispelled four of my major fears about the trips: finances, long plane trips, sleeping arrangements, and public speaking!"

• SUE SAGER IS TAKING HER FIRST FASA TRIP.

"What excites me about being part of the FASA team is knowing that God has put me with a group of people who are going on this missions trip to serve Him in so many different areas. I am excited that this team will be working with a children's day camp. It is not so much about what I can do on my own but what God is willing and able to do through me to show His love to these little ones, as well as what God going to show me and teach me through the children."

• MARYELLEN DIERKES IS TAKING HER FIRST FASA TRIP.

"I was excited to even start praying about the trip! I am really looking forward to meeting, serving, and loving our Southern African brothers and sisters in the name of our Almighty Lord, especially through the type of work we are planning to do. To work with children of such a different culture — playing games, creating art, and teaching them Scriptural truths — is a dream come true and makes my heart so glad. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a trip photographer and will be praying hard that I can capture the enormity of God's work through FASA."

• DAVE LEEDOM IS TAKING HIS FIRST FASA TRIP.

"I first tried to serve in Southern Africa when this ministry was started as "Camp South Africa." At that time, I didn't have the necessary skills to qualify for the work being done. Three years later, I was asked to join this FASA team, which just goes to prove that God doesn't call the qualified, but qualifies those He calls."

• ALISON FUNK IS TAKING HER SECOND TRIP.

"This is such a great opportunity for me to return to Southern Africa to invest in and love the beautiful children there. I also look forward to seeing how God is continuing to work through FASA, changing lives there for Him."



FASA—March team

• RACHEL YEE IS TAKING HER FIRST TRIP WITH FASA.

"I wanted to go to Camp South Africa back when I was in high school but never had time to go. I'm so glad God made me wait because he clearly knew I had some maturing to do before I went to serve. God has benched me from my own plans as I am currently on a Gap Year from Princeton. In changing my plans, He has also opened a door for me to serve Him in Southern Africa with FASA. This only points to how amazing and how much better His plan for my life is than anything I could ever have wanted for myself. I can really feel God working on my heart through preparing me to serve. It has been very encouraging to hear the testimonies of my team members, and I can't wait to get to know them better!"



Jenn Dallow Returns to Southern Africa with FASA

WHY ARE YOU GOING BACK TO SOUTHERN AFRICA?

This is an easy answer, the kids! During my three months there last year, God showed me over and over that there are endless opportunities to make an eternal impact in the lives of the children and youth. Just to paint a picture: On many Friday mornings, I went to a public high school to share the Word of God during morning assemblies where I would address roughly 700 students! There are another 20+ schools in the area that I wasn't able to visit because of time constraints. When you do some simple math, you see we have an open door into the lives of thousands of students. I never really liked math, but those numbers are motivating!

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT RETURNING TO LEPHALE?

Not to sound redundant but the kids! The thought of getting back into the schools and seeing the students' familiar faces makes me smile. I am also looking forward to having a braai (a South African BBQ) with friends I made. And since it is about 18 degrees outside and gray as I type, the thought of getting back to sunshine and warmth is pretty exciting as well!

HOW CAN THE FAC FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR YOU?

To know that people were praying is truly what carried me through some tough times during my last trip. So I truly covet your continued prayers! First, I need prayer for my walk with the Lord: that I would remain close, hear His voice, sense His presence, follow His lead, and be in step with the Holy Spirit. I also need people who will walk with me on this journey — people on both sides of the ocean who will reach out to me, encourage me, keep me accountable, and stay in touch with me through texts, e-mails, and FaceTime. Please pray also for my health. I guess I am not used to the bugs and viruses of the Southern Africa cold and flu seasons because on my previous trip, I ended up with bronchitis three times. Pray, too, for my father and my extended family and my doggy that I leave behind.

GOD@WORK

IN THE LIFE OF RODNEY SAGER



“Things got worse before they got better. I actually locked her out of our motorhome. We were divorced 18 months later.”

When God wanted my attention, He threw me off a building. Sounds kind of harsh for a loving and kind God, doesn't it? That's not really how I see it from my side of this. My God is a warrior, and He will fight for me. That is just what He did when He allowed me to fall from that roof in 1996. You see, I am a bit stubborn and hard-headed when I'm away from God. He called me several times throughout my life, but I ignored Him. He loved me so much that He continued to pursue me until I was crushed physically, which led to financial and emotional brokenness and to a place where I had to depend on Him completely.

I was married at 20 years of age, and three years later we had a son, Jason. I tried to be a good husband and father, but I still wanted to have freedom. When Jason was

one, my wife asked me for a divorce. I was blown away. Things got worse before they got better. I actually locked her out of our motorhome. We were divorced 18 months later.

On the weekends, I would drop Jason with my parents so I could go out. I'd be hung over the next day and eventually spent less time with him. I got into drugs, worked in bars and treated girls horribly. Ultimately, something snapped inside me. I cried out, "God I can't take this anymore. Please take this away." I entered into and completed three weeks of rehabilitation.

I dated a lot of women after this time. Nothing seemed to work. I prayed often, asking God to provide a wife. I bought my dad's business and worked constantly to build it up. I had a deep desire to finish

something. The business grew, people trusted me again, and I started to feel "important." Then came the fall.

I fell 25 feet and was airlifted to Cooper, where I spent eight days in ICU with

shattered vertebrae, a dislocated wrist, a deflated lung, and head contusions. I woke two days later with tubes, IV's, and people all around me. One of them was Milt Worrell. I found out later why he spent so

much time at my bedside. Milt didn't want me to die not knowing the Lord.

I had worked with Milt most of my life, and he had witnessed to me many times. I recall racing to be first on the job to set up the radio so we didn't have to listen to his Christian station. Milt invited me to church after my accident, and thankfully I accepted the invitation. Within a short time, I asked Jesus into my heart. Life changed dramatically. Much joy and pain awaited me in the following years, but a relationship with the Lord and a community of Christian brothers and sisters got me through. I wish there was room to thank each of them personally. They've spoken volumes into my life and my heart.

Within a year, I met the woman who would become my wife. Our kids went to school together. The work God was doing in me to prepare me for her is clear. She is the perfect gift from God. I thank Him every day for Sue.

The months prior to our wedding were agonizing. I wrestled with heavy business and health decisions. I was a Christian but wasn't running my business like one. I needed change and help. To God be the glory for placing me with Jerry Braatz, Jim Walter, Sr., and Pastor Mike Mercurio during a James 5 healing service. With the prayers of my brothers and many tears, I closed the business and trusted God with my finances, family, and future. Sue was making \$7.00 an hour, and I soon underwent major surgery. I remained in the hospital for a week after surgery, then two weeks in a rehab center, and five months in rehab. It was a time of testing.

We continued with wedding plans for June with no income. The love of God was ever-present in the friendships, love, and support at that time. Early in our relationship, Sue had also asked Jesus into her life, and we were baptized together at our rehearsal dinner. It meant the world to us. Our families witnessed our commitment to the Lord and each other. Pastor Peter Daley married us at FAC. Our friends provided and served food. Our flowers were a gift from my sister-in-law. God truly blessed us and provided.



Sue and Rodney Sager

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“That’s my challenge to you — live life in Christ and live it to the full.”

I began to heal and business picked up. God would soon have me working with Erik Rebstock before he followed his call into ministry. At one time, we considered going into business together. We laugh about it now since we’ve been in business together for God for years.

While there were family and financial struggles, we continued to get more involved at FAC. We joined and eventually led a miniChurch. The relationships in that group are special. I really needed work and another brother in Christ, Randy Holberg, helped me to win a large job. I’m so grateful because that was the platform God used to jumpstart a business. I serve Him as He allows me to witness to customers, vendors, subcontractors, employees, and anybody else who will listen! He uses me in ministry because I can schedule my time accordingly for meetings, church services, and missions trips.

Today, God is the center of my business. I pray over every proposal and job. Each year, it gets better, and I am so grateful to Him for his provision. Despite residual physical issues, I know I am fortunate to be alive and could be a lot worse. God allowed me to live because He had a plan to use me. He made this very clear on a powerful retreat experience. He put “leader of men” on my heart. I knew for certain this was God’s will for me. This is the reason I am so committed to men and seeing them grow in Christ. He changes their lives, which then changes the world.

Presently I’m blessed to be co-leading the Timothy Project and serving on the Men’s Executive Team with Erik Rebstock and five other men. This past August, I was able to speak at a men’s conference in South Africa — yet another blessed experience from God! You may also spot me helping to oversee communion. It’s both humbling and a privilege.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not a result of works, so that

no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

God continues to be present in my personal and business relationships. I do regret that I missed much of my son’s first 10 years. As he’s grown older and I have become more mature in Christ, we have come closer together. I respect him as a man and trust him with everything I have. Since I cannot change the past, I focus on what God has in front of me. Maybe the time I missed with him is why I want to spend so much time with my grandkids. I enjoy them immensely.

There is nothing that I did or could have done to get me here. There is no room for me to say how I accomplished anything because I know I can’t do it right all the time now, let alone before I had God in my life. I know that God created me, and I know that He created me with a purpose and to live a full life. He has allowed things to happen in my life so that I can come help others and serve them as they move forward in their relationship with God. The Bible says in John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

That’s my challenge to you — live life in Christ and live it to the full. God promises to be a lamp unto my feet, but if I don’t move my feet, I will never reflect His light. I still fall short when I stray from God. I sometimes look around and wonder where did God go; He was here just a minute ago. I look and realize I have moved away, and I head back towards Him. I find God right where I left Him — the same as He was before and the same as I go forward with Him. •



Left to Right: Jeff Foering, Erik Rebstock, Rodney Sager, Jim Walter Jr, Dave Wirth, Michael Bolognone

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund				
	1.3	\$ 69,615	\$ 69,706	\$ 91
	1.10	\$ 69,615	\$ 51,314	\$(18,301)
	1.17	\$ 69,615	\$ 51,982	\$(17,633)
	1.24	\$ 69,615	\$ 16,222	\$(53,393)
	1.31	\$ 69,615	\$ 64,384	\$(5,231)
Total		\$ 348,075	\$ 253,608	\$(94,467)
Year-to-Date		\$ 348,075	\$ 253,608	\$(94,467)
Missions Fund				
	1.3	\$ 4,808	\$ 6,163	\$ 1,355
	1.10	\$ 4,808	\$ 5,654	\$ 846
	1.17	\$ 4,808	\$ 7,709	\$ 2,901
	1.24	4,808	\$ 3,091	\$(1,717)
	1.31	\$ 4,808	\$ 7,148	\$ 2,340
Total		\$ 24,040	\$ 29,765	\$ 5,725
Year-to-Date		\$ 24,040	\$ 29,765	\$ 5,725
Benevolence Fund				
	1.3		\$ 6,230	
	1.10		\$ 1,801	
	1.17		\$ 2,190	
	1.24		\$ 1,144	
	1.31		\$ 3,927	
Total			\$ 15,292	
Year-to-Date			\$ 15,292	
Kingdom Vision Fund				
	1.3		\$ 22,795	
	1.10		\$ 39,866	
	1.17		\$ 18,439	
	1.24		\$ 34,038	
	1.31		\$ 23,391	
Total			\$ 138,529	
Year-to-Date			\$ 138,529	

DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
1.3	2071	80	290	2441
1.10	2157	91	355	2603
1.17	1840	93	310	2243
1.24	347	26	44	417
1.31	1802	88	353	2243

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