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### NEW? GET CONNECTED!

#### GUEST RECEPTION

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Held after each worship service in Room A-08, 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 FOR NEWCOMERS

Room A-09, after the 11:00 service

A new Next Steps group will begin on Sun., April 3, and continue for two more Sundays. Next Steps is the place to learn more about the values and beliefs of FAC.

You can register for Next Steps at [www.myfac.org/register](http://www.myfac.org/register). If you have questions, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, [glenn@myfac.org](mailto:glenn@myfac.org), or 609-953-7333, x106.



### 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.

# WHY TRY SO HARD?



Remember God's words to the Corinthian church "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:58)

Dear Church Family,

**WHY** should we try so hard to reach more people for Jesus? Why do we send millions of dollars to local, regional, and global missions? Why is it so important to us to "make room" and build up our ministries? Why do we pay our staff and enlist hundreds of volunteers to serve tirelessly in planning, developing, promoting, and working with so many people? Why do we care? Because we are compelled by God to bring the message of hope to everyone we possibly can. (II Corinthians 5:14)

That's why we do it, but the work is hard; our efforts seem unappreciated sometimes. Every person who works in any capacity at FAC knows what it feels like to sacrifice time and even money to work in a ministry. Many at FAC just keep pressing on. They believe in the Kingdom Vision. They believe their efforts can contribute to many more people finding hope through a relationship with Jesus. This is what compels them to keep going. I recognize in many of you the urgency you feel to get more work done for the sake of the Kingdom. I feel it, too. I'm with every one of you who feels like that. I also know how hard it can be. Thank you for your commitment.

Please know that even though I may not know you personally, I appreciate what you are doing, and I am so thankful for you. Keep going. You are on the team, and your efforts matter. Thank you. Could I offer a suggestion to all of you who serve others so faithfully? First, keep

your eye on the goal of doing all that you can to help people find hope and redemption through Jesus. Second, pray and ask God to help you love people, and ask Him to continue to help you honor Him through your work and your gifts. There is so much to accomplish this year. We are at a crucial – but very exciting – point in our history. We need you! You're on the team! Remember God's words to the Corinthian church "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:58)

Remember those words — and keep going!

Love never fails,

Pastor Marty Berglund  
Senior Pastor



Stay in touch with Marty through social media:



## 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](http://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?*

### AFTER ALPHA

**Beginning April 12, 7:00 p.m. (9-week course)**

If you have already participated in Alpha, you are invited to join our After Alpha group, which meets in the Red Barn on Rt. 541, beginning on April 12. We will watch a video by Nicky Gumbel and discuss topics, such as "How to stop worrying and start living"; "How to handle anger"; "How to spot false prophets"; and others, all of which are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Snacks and desserts (no dinner) will be served. For more information, contact Rich Janiszewski, 609-413-3311, or [rajpaint@aol.com](mailto:rajpaint@aol.com).

# ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



*“Self-as-victim is the great narrative of our age. Enshrining the victim is so seductive because you have been hurt.”*

I shared last month about how Paul Miller’s book, *A Loving Life*, really caught my attention and put a finger on some very tender spots in my heart. One of the first sentences in the book talked about how — on the challenging journey toward love — it’s important not to give in to self-pity. That really got my attention because God has made me aware over these past years that self-pity is one of my besetting sins. We all have weak areas where we can easily be tempted off of God’s path, and self-pity is one of those for me.

It tends to happen during seasons when the trials are piled knee-deep. Life always has trials, but when they get particularly painful or personal, my emotional nature responds with sadness. That’s a normal reaction to pain, but, if I sit long enough in the sadness puddle, the self-pity begins to seep in around the edges. And when things really get tough, I can take the next step of throwing a “pity party.” (That’s what my dad used to call it when I felt sorry for myself as a child!) The script for the party goes something like this: Life is hard — I don’t like hard — I’m not happy — Does anybody out there feel sorry for me?! When you put the words on paper, you can recognize the theme of self-pity = “I”, “I”, “me” — which, of course, is why they call it SELF-pity.

I’ve never read much about the subject, but Miller had a lot to say about it that helped me look at it in a completely different light:

*Self-pity is compassion turned inward. Instead of reflecting on the wounds of Christ, I nurse my own wounds. Self-as-victim is the great narrative of our age. Enshrining the victim is so seductive because you*

*have been hurt. But self-pity is just another form of self-righteousness, and like all self-righteousness it isolates and elevates.*

“Self-pity is compassion turned inward.” I certainly never considered that before — that when I’m tempted to self-pity, I’m taking the compassion that God intended for me to use to love others and focusing it inward. Self-pity is just another expression of self-centeredness, which came up in Marty’s sermons on the Kingdom recently. He taught us a few weekends ago about how the Kingdom has no room for fools and that foolishness grows out of the soil of self-centeredness. Ugly stuff.

So what’s the cure for self-pity? Miller says that it’s repentance; realizing that my self-pity is really just a demand that my life have a certain shape. When I feel sorry for myself, it’s because I’m wishing that my life looked like something other than what God has chosen for me. That’s the power of the tiny little phrase in the prayer Jesus taught us: “THY Kingdom come; THY will be done.” When I surrender to the Kingdom and recognize the absolute privilege of belonging to the King, self-pity seems a mite ridiculous, doesn’t it?!

Hey, Dad — I realize now that a “pity party” is a true paradox. There is nothing to celebrate in self-pity. It’s just one more tool of the enemy to lead me to ruin. The real party is found in the freedom of Kingdom living — and I get to choose! So bring out the party hats!

*Laurie Berglund*

Laurie welcomes your comments, [laurieb@myfac.org](mailto:laurieb@myfac.org).



# NEWS & NOTES

## SAGE BUILDERS LUNCHEONS

For retirement-aged adults

April 14, 21, and 28 at 12:30

Join us for a great lunch, fun, fellowship, and a program to encourage and inspire you. Men and women are welcome to attend. No registration is needed. Lunch is held in the Sanctuary.

## SNOW DEN

April 1 & 15

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 April 1 & 15.

For more information, send an e-mail to [snowden.fac@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:facwheels@myfac.org) or 609-953-7333, x306.

## We Are Hosting the Teen Challenge NJ Men’s Choir!

Sun., May 15, 1:00 p.m.

The Serenity Support Group announces that it will be hosting the Teen Challenge NJ Men’s Choir in the Sanctuary. After the program, you will have the opportunity to meet with the men and understand how you might help in their efforts. Refreshments will be served during this time in the Chapel.

Established in 2007, Teen Challenge New Jersey is reaching, rescuing, and restoring young men and at-risk youth, ages 18 and older, from the grip of drug and alcohol addiction by the power of Jesus Christ.

Teen Challenge New Jersey is a dynamic part of Teen Challenge New England & New Jersey — one of the oldest, largest, and most successful drug recovery programs of its kind in the world.

Save the date for this inspiring program.

## 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](mailto:lynn@myfac.org). Deadline for the May newsletter is April 5. We would love to have a photo (JPG format) to accompany your announcement.

# A Glimpse of Things to Come

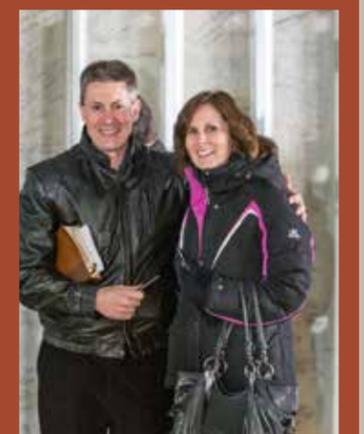
After much anticipation, we had the opportunity to see the inside of the new building! Although it will be a while before it will be open, the future suddenly became much more real.

Following the worship services on Mar. 5 and 6, tours were given of the new building, and a video was shown for anyone who didn't want to brave the cold!

Seeing the interior, we were better able to picture the possibilities of all that can be accomplished through the addition of more space. Ministries can be expanded; youth groups will no longer have to rent space; events for larger groups can be held on the property.

Hundreds of those who went on the tour wrote on the walls, asking God to bless the work, giving him full control, asking for His blessings, and quoting Bible verses of promise.

Please pray for all that still needs to be accomplished. More important, pray for those who will be added to the FAC family. Pray that they will recognize that it's not about a new building; it's about them and their relationship to Jesus. We have "made room for them" for that purpose.



# Children's Corner

Babies through Kindergartners



**For Parents of Babies, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners through Fifth Graders**

As we transition to the new building, we are switching to new, safer check-in and security systems. More details are coming in upcoming bulletins, newsletters, and other means of notification. We will also offer some times for parents to get further information. Stay tuned for more details.



Saul • B&W • Saul to Paul • April Week 1  
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**KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9**

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

**BIBLE STORY: JOSHUA AND CALEB**

- Moses sent scouts into Canaan.
- The scouts reported that the land was good, but the people living there were too strong.
- Joshua and Caleb believed God.
- The people refused to enter the promised land.
- Israel wandered for 40 years.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Do you think it was easy or hard for Joshua and Caleb to take a stand for God? Why?
- What do you have a hard time trusting God about?
- How have you seen God prove Himself to be trustworthy?

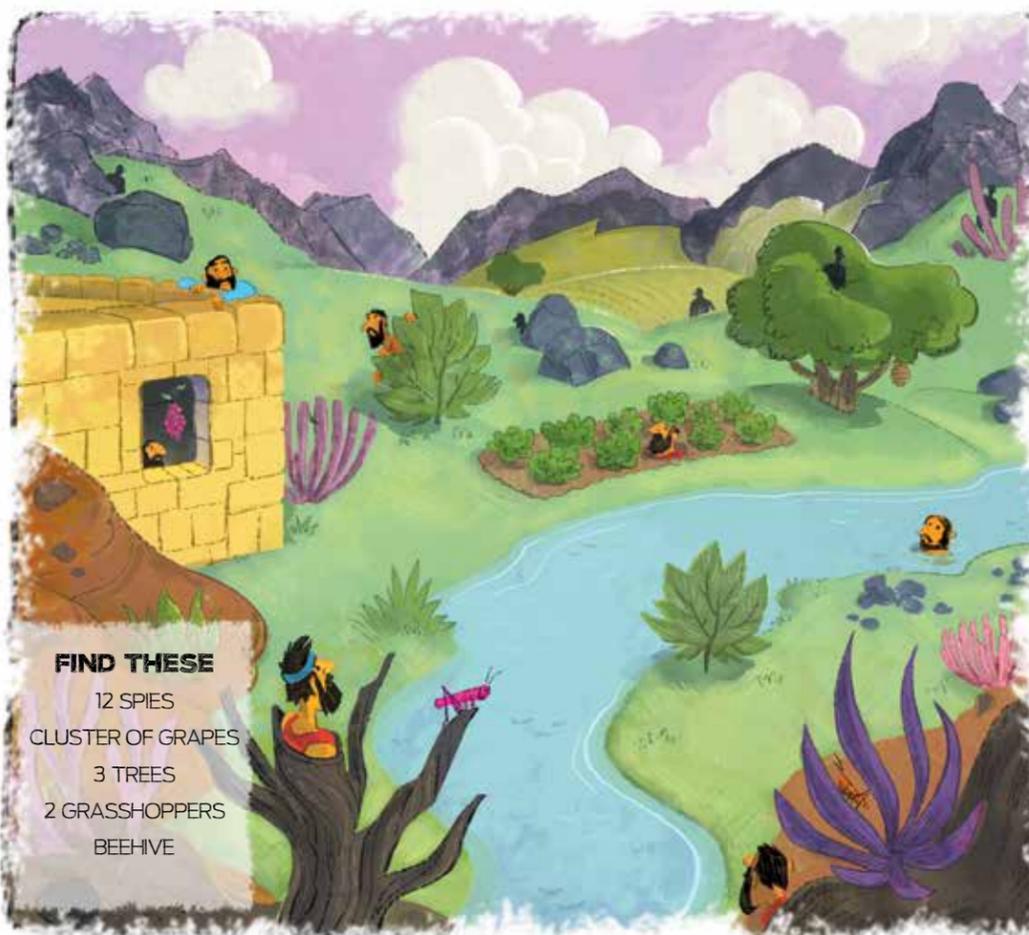
**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Walk your neighborhood to “scout it out” for people who need to trust in Jesus. Pray for ways to share with them.
- Go further: Take a step of faith as a family and commit to give above what you normally give to missions.

## Promised Land I Spy



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find the items listed below.



**FIND THESE**

- 12 SPIES
- CLUSTER OF GRAPES
- 3 TREES
- 2 GRASSHOPPERS
- BEEHIVE

Younger Kids Activity Pages  
Unit 7, Session 1

## HEY, THAT'S FUNNY!

If you have jokes, stories, or funny quotes that you would like to share, contact Warnesia, warnesiat@myfac.org.

**Knock, knock**  
*Who's there?*

**A pencil**  
*A pencil who?*

**Never mind.**  
*It's Pointless*

**Why can't a bicycle stand up by itself?**

*Because it's two-tired*

**What did zero say to eight?**

*Nice belt!*

**Where does the King keep his armies?**

*In his sleeves*

*At Kingdom Kids one night, Julie Durdin was teaching about Zacchaeus, the tax-collector. She was listing how Zacchaeus had sinned. He was a liar, a cheater, etc. Olivia turns to her small group leader, Beth Hackett, and with wide eyes says, "I didn't pay my taxes".*

# IMPACT

## Grades 9-12



### April Calendar for Impact

- MON., APRIL 4**  
**Insight**, large-group meeting in the Sanctuary, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
All teens in Grades 9-12 are invited.
- APRIL 8-10**  
**Lake Champion Retreat**
- MON., APRIL 11**  
**No group meeting**
- MON., APRIL 25**  
**Insight**, large-group meeting in the Sanctuary, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
All teens in Grades 9 through 12 are invited.

## CONNECT

Looking for ways to connect to what is happening in the high school ministry? Check out these options:

- Sign up for text updates. Go to <http://myfac.org/impact> to sign up!
- Join the Impact Facebook page! Search for "Youth Impact" and click the "like" button.



### Upcoming Impact Events

We have lots of great things to look forward to this summer, but here is one important event to put on your calendar for May:

**SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 22**

**Baccalaureate Service** for all graduating seniors and their families

*More details about summer events will be available in the May issue of this newsletter.*

# summer soccer



## Make Your Plans Now for the FAC Summer Soccer Camp

For boys and girls entering Grades 1-8

Summer Soccer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, 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. Friday, July 15 is a rain date.

### Why is FAC having Soccer Camp?

We want to see our kids have fun on the fields and to learn how to be more like Jesus as they play. We also want to give training in soccer skills.

### What does the fee include?

Cost is \$35.00 and includes a soccer ball, a camp T-shirt, and training in soccer skills — both basic and advanced. Snacks are also included.

### What will a soccer camp morning include?

Activities for each day include group games, skills training, message time, various water breaks, and scrimmaging.



### Leaders Are Needed

High school students and adults are needed to help with the FAC Soccer Camp.

If you can commit to any or all of the mornings, contact Pastor Eddie Jurimas, [eddie@myfac.org](mailto:eddie@myfac.org), or Director Warnesia Travasso, [warnesiat@myfac.org](mailto:warnesiat@myfac.org).

We need your help to make our program successful again this year!

Contact Eddie Jurimas or Warnesia Travasso for more details: [eddie@myfac.org](mailto:eddie@myfac.org) or [warnesiat@myfac.org](mailto:warnesiat@myfac.org).

Ministry Profile:

# MINICHURCH AND SMALL GROUPS

About 62 leaders are serving in FAC's miniChurch and small group ministry. "Our leaders are the engine that drives this ministry and makes it all possible," said Pastor Dave Krilov, director of miniChurch & small groups. "We want to create small group environments that result in disciples who are following Jesus, who are being transformed by Jesus, and who are making other disciples of Jesus. All this happens because of our leaders. That's why we have a network of coaches who pray for the leaders and supports them."

The role of a miniChurch or small group leader also includes leading others by creating an environment where people pursue discipleship and healthy, Christ-centered relationships. In many of the groups, Dave believes you'll find people who are sharing their lives and are open and honest with one another. In addition, you'll find people who are having fun, growing in Christ, loving one another, and are in a warm atmosphere of grace and hospitality.

Recently, a miniChurch leadership banquet was held at the church. "The purpose was

to show appreciation to the miniChurch and small group leaders at FAC for all their hard work and to share stories of transformed lives," added Dave.

God has been guiding each of the leaders and continuously showing them ways their group can develop deeper, lasting relationships with God and others. At the leadership banquet, the leaders were encouraged to write down great tips for leading a small group. Here are some wonderful things the leaders learned as they served in the miniChurch and small group ministry: ▼



## Steve & Cathy SCHWARTZ

"A box of story cards was a great way to get connected in our group. We enjoyed picking a picture out of the box and sharing how that

card represents where we each are in our spiritual journey. We also enjoyed having one person share his/her testimony each week. It really took our group to a new level. Then we found that getting together with another miniChurch for a picnic and pool party was a great way to get to know more people at church."



## Anthony & Laura WERHUN

"We've only been leading a miniChurch for a year and a half but have picked up a couple of things during our short journey. Fun ice breaker questions have been great to use

when there are new people in our group. In addition, individual letters were written to each member and read aloud during our final meeting of the 'Reproduce' series. We feel like it bonded our group and, hopefully, edified individual members. We also told everyone how they've positively affected our group and pointed to unique abilities they have that will make them successful at 'reproducing' in the world. It was a powerful experience and something we hope to reinvent in the future."



## Dodd & Ami TERRY

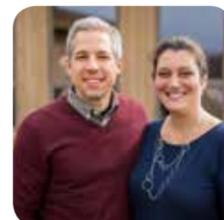
"Having separate fun events for men and women throughout the year is great. We've done hikes, breakfasts, and even an overnight retreat."



## Rob & Toni HACKER

"We have a prayer night, and it's really powerful. We play worship music, share prayer requests, and take time to pray for one another.

We make sure everyone has a chance to pray for someone in our group."



## Toby & Robin MARTIN

"In our group we give out a schedule for the semester.

We love doing a monthly social activity, such as dinner and game night. We also connect through text and on Facebook."

## Rob & Michele FLECKENSTEIN

"We believe if you don't make miniChurch a priority as a leader, the people in the group won't either. Do your best not to cancel a meeting even if only a few other people are coming. We have also seen relationships grow closer when time is spent together outside of the miniChurch parameters. It's truly about living life together and showing others that they are worth taking the time for. A great way to grow closer relationships between the people within the miniChurch is to find opportunities to serve others as a group, whether whole or in part. While we should be serving each other within the miniChurch, serving others outside of the miniChurch together can help to develop very special bonds as we unite under the banner of following Christ."



## George & Wanda STEIN

"To help prepare our group for the weekend services,

an outline for the sermon is given to them each Thursday. Then we enjoy meeting after church on Sundays to discuss the sermon. Attendance is taken at each meeting, and that helps members make a commitment to come. Prayer requests are mentioned at the end of the meeting and then sent through email so everyone can pray for one another throughout the week."

### God is doing amazing things in FAC's miniChurch and small group ministry. Here are some powerful facts:

- **20** Plug-in Groups started in September (includes 2 men's groups and 2 women's groups).
- **11** Plug-in Groups became miniChurches in December.
- **2** Plug-in Groups became a singles small group and a young adult small group in December.
- **4** new miniChurches started in 2015 that did not start as a Plug-in Group.
- 2015 groups included **17** new groups.
- Total members of FAC in a miniChurch or small group was 837 (**18% increase** in participation from last year)
- **98%** of miniChurches and small groups used the September 2015 study, "Reproduce" and participated in service projects
- Currently, there are **59** miniChurch leaders, **1** singles small group leader, **1** young adults small group leader, and **1** Plug-in Group leader.
- Countless transformed lives!
- Countless disciples are being transformed by Jesus and making other disciples of Jesus!

In this ministry, miniChurches are the primary vehicle promoted, but there are other key vehicles that are small groups. Dave added, "Plug-in Groups are our short-term groups. Think of them as "try-before-you-buy" groups as they let people get a taste of what a miniChurch is like. Plug-in Groups are offered in the fall and spring."

Plug-in Groups for those who are not yet in a miniChurch are always open for anyone to join at any time. To learn more, go to [www.myfac.org/groups](http://www.myfac.org/groups).



### More Information

- If you would like to get in a miniChurch or small group, go to [www.myfac.org/findagroup](http://www.myfac.org/findagroup). If you have any questions, send an e-mail to [smallgroups@myfac.org](mailto:smallgroups@myfac.org).
- If you are interested in learning how to become a miniChurch leader, go to [www.myfac.org/leadmc](http://www.myfac.org/leadmc).

# STEWARDSHIP: AN OVERLOOKED, BUT POWERFUL ACT OF WORSHIP

When you hear the word “worship,” what’s the first thing that comes to mind? Probably a favorite song from 106.9-FM K-Love. Prayer perhaps. Maybe serving.

How about paying off your mortgage?

That’s right. Worship is an outward expression to God of our love for Him, and of our faith that all He says and does is good, right, and true. And there is perhaps no form of worship more overlooked — or more powerful — than following the principles that God has spelled out in the Bible for wisely managing money.

## More than Tithing

As Christians, we are trustees of the financial resources that God provides. After all, He owns everything (Haggai 2:8, Psalm 50:10), and He calls on us to be good stewards — wise and faithful managers of those resources. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

So what is “good stewardship”? Your first response may be, “Well, regular tithing of course!” That’s just part of it. A good steward is also:

- A diligent earner — One who produces with diligence and purpose and is content and grateful for what he/she has. (Colossians 3:23)
- A wise saver — One who builds, preserves, and invests with discernment. (Proverbs 6:8, 21:20)
- A prudent consumer — One who enjoys the fruits of his/her labor yet guards against materialism. (Luke 12:15, Proverbs 30:8-9)
- A cautious debtor — One who avoids entering into debt, is careful and strategic when incurring debt, and always repays debt. (Proverbs 22:7)
- A generous giver — One who gives with an obedient will, a joyful attitude, and a compassionate heart. (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)

From that perspective, saving for retirement, getting out of debt, tithing, and curbing spending habits are no longer just about improving our financial pictures. They are acts of worship — outward expressions of our love and faith in God in perhaps the single biggest area of our life that rivals Him. (Mark 10:22-23)

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Because every financial decision  
is a spiritual decision.

## More Than a Song

So how are you doing when it comes to your stewardship of His resources? Do you have peace when it comes to money? Are you on track with your retirement savings or to becoming debt-free? Are you a “cheerful giver”?

If you answered “No” (or maybe “You’ve got to be kidding!”) to any of these questions, consider taking a deeper look at this part of your life. Study what the Bible says about each of the five principles above and begin applying them to your situation.

Worship draws us closer to God, helping us experience the joy and peace that comes from having a deep, loving relationship with Him. You’ll find that experience especially true when you commit yourself to becoming a good steward of the money that He’s placed in your hands — even more so than singing your favorite worship song. Your financial life and your spiritual life will never be the same.

Learn how to apply God’s principles of stewardship to your finances with FAC’s Good Sense ministry. For more information, contact Chuck Riley at [goodsense@myfac.org](mailto:goodsense@myfac.org) or 609-953-7333 x302. •



**An FAC Annual Event to  
Support Urban Promise  
Sat. May 14**

## What's It All About?

We support the mission of UrbanPromise: to equip Camden children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, and spiritual growth. One of the ways in which we support this ministry is through our annual participation in Pedal for Promise for all levels of cyclists (including families). Trip lengths are 15 miles, 30 miles, 42 miles, or metric century.

Each course begins and ends at Kenneth R. Olson Middle School in Tabernacle and loops through scenic Burlington County. The ride offers stocked rest stops, SAG support, an event jersey (for those that have registered prior to April 27), lunch at the finish, and exciting fundraising incentives.

We ask every rider to commit to a fundraising goal to support that mission. Your donation and participation will help UrbanPromise to reach its goal of \$150,000.

UrbanPromise, a community-based nonprofit in Camden, serves 600 children and teens through after-school programs, summer camps, two private schools, teen job training, and experiential learning.

To read more about the rides and to register, go to <http://urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal>. Register under the FAC team.

If you have any questions, contact John Bahm, 609-410-1912, or Tom Calisterio, 856-229-1216. •

# THE BENEVOLENCE CENTER

(PART 2)



**T**he Benevolence Center recently celebrated its third anniversary. The ministry has expanded to the point where additional volunteers are needed. This article is Part 2 in which Tracy Cossabone asked volunteers to talk about what the Center means to them. We are happy to report that after reading last month's article ([www.myfac.org/resources](http://www.myfac.org/resources)) enough people volunteered so that another evening could be added!

More workers are still needed. The Benevolence Center could be the place for you to "Connect to God's Work."

**How have you seen God work in you and/or change you since volunteering at the Ben Center?**

**Jocelyn Stainback** — I've seen God move in very powerful ways at the Ben Center and even in my own heart through the experience. I think it can be easy to idealize the counseling field when in reality it requires a lot of patience and grace to work with people who continue to fall back into the same trap financially, emotionally, etc. It's been eye-opening for me to see the pain and hurt that people right here in our community actually face. From abuse, to addiction, to losing a spouse, to

rehab, to finding themselves homeless, volunteering at the Ben Center has been a blessing for me as I've seen God use the beautiful volunteers I work with to speak with, pray for, and tangibly help the broken people who come into the Center!

**Lorraine Girdali** — God has opened my heart to treat every person who walks through the Ben Center door with love

and compassion. Many people come to us broken and ashamed. Every volunteer can relate to them on some level. Either we have walked in their shoes or have family members in the same circumstances. Many clients are at the lowest point in their life. Yes, they need financial assistance, but more importantly they need Jesus. He is with them in the dark as well as the light. It is our job to help them understand this.



**Heather Costomiris** — The ability to serve others in a way that I had never served before has truly blessed me. People are truly blessed by the gifts they receive from the Ben Center, and that is a blessing to me. But more importantly, I have a front row seat to see God at work in their lives.

**Julie Berry** — Since I have begun volunteering, God has grown me in sharing the Gospel and praying with people. This was way out of my comfort zone when I started, but God has given me the words to say and has allowed me to be His vessel.

**Anne Simms** — My heart has been filled with love. I literally feel the Holy Spirit shine through — sounds crazy, but it's so true. No one's life is perfect, and we all have valleys. We all need help sometimes. We serve so many people with all different life stories. To be able to sit and listen and help people is what God wants us all to do. But the most amazing part is to be able to talk with clients about God and how much He loves them. Sometimes in the midst of their hardships, they forget that. To pray with people, hold their hands, and give them hope is a very humbling experience for me. Seeing a client come to a service after visiting the Ben Center is the best part of all. Serving here has changed me profoundly and strengthened my walk with Christ.

**Why would you recommend others get involved at the Benevolence Center?**

**Lorraine Girdali** — I would recommend volunteering at the Ben Center because the best reward is when a client connects with God. We try our best to invite them to services and the various ministries. When word reaches us they attended a weekend service or one of the ministries, our team is beyond happy. If we could shoot up fireworks, we would! There is no greater joy than helping to bring someone to Christ.

**Heather Costomiris** — I would recommend volunteering at the Ben Center because it will change you and stretch you in ways that you never knew were even possible.

**Julie Berry** — I would recommend getting involved at the Ben Center because it gives God the opportunity to work in your life as well as the opportunity for you to work in someone else's life.

**Anne Simms** — I would recommend volunteering at the Ben Center because it's a blessing to serve others. You truly get to put our FAC Vision, Mission, and Core Values to work every time you are there. The Ben Center is the hands and feet of Jesus in action! I love volunteering at the Center.



**If God is calling you to be the hands and feet of Christ, please consider joining us. No experience is needed.**

Applications are online at [www.myfac.org](http://www.myfac.org); Benevolence, or send an e-mail to Tracy Cossabone at [tracyc@myfac.org](mailto:tracyc@myfac.org) or speak to one of our volunteers: Julie Berry, Lynne Braatz, Heather Costomiris, Lorraine Girdali, Sue Leedom, Dave Leedom, Anne Simms, Noel Stavola, Jocelyn Stainback, Sally Brinkerhoff, Anne Doorly, Janice Johnson, Liz Froba, Sally Bosquette, Carol Keane, Ruth Wright, Bill Toy, Camilla Toy.

# TEAM PHILIPPINES

A Report on Their Short-term Missions Trip



*"They were the most friendly people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I am a changed man today because of spending time with them."*

**U**pon the team's arrival at the New Tribes Mission guest house, Ed Jurimas inquired about his helper and friend, Nick. He was told that Nick's brother (age 56) had passed away two days previously. Our first morning in Manila after greeting many of those the Jurimas had worked within Manila, the team was off to pay respects at the viewing location, which was about a 15-minute walk that required traffic crossing skills, dodging low-hanging signs, wires, and tree branches. Team members were careful not to step into a hole or a pipe sticking out of the ground. They then walked through what was similar to walking through people's houses because life was happening outside the little homes. They entered the community center, which is the outdoor basketball court. This is where the viewing was taking place for almost a week.

## Reflection from the Team after Being in the Philippines for only Two Days

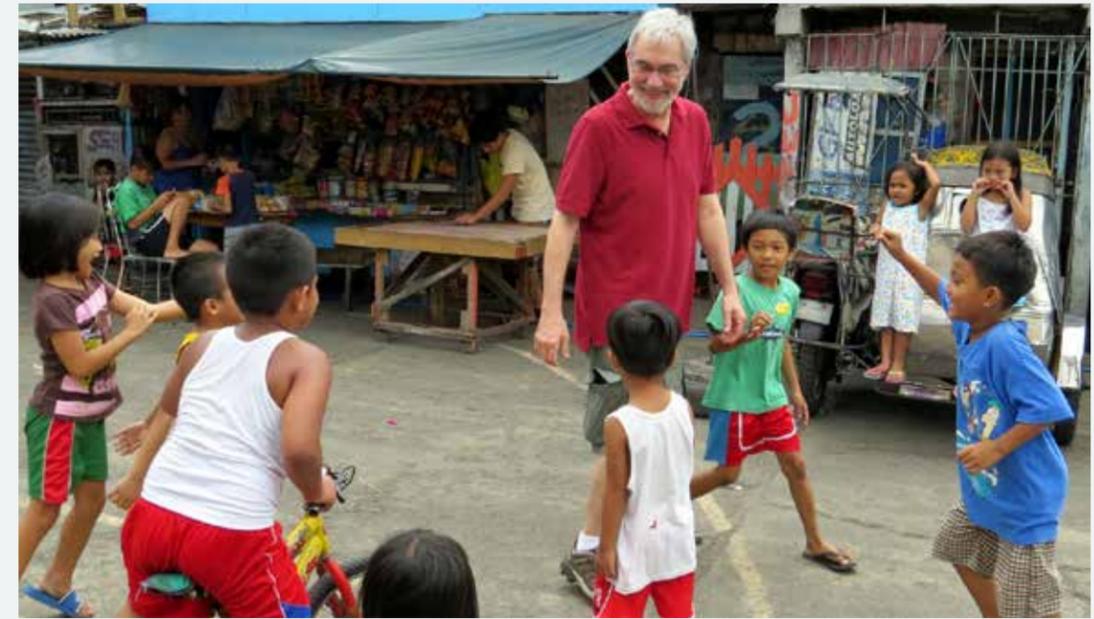
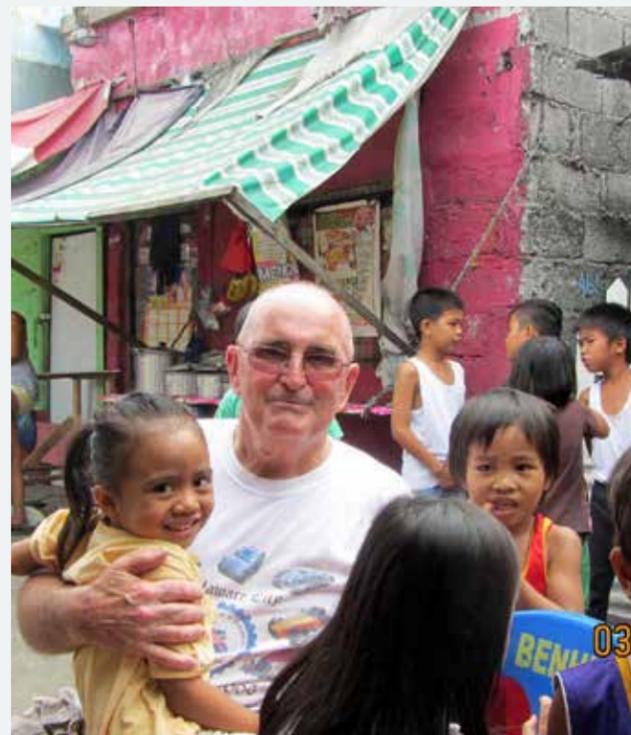
**Joe:** "Today the Lord took us to a place, to show us what we should be doing for our fellow man. We spent part of our day with people that have little or almost nothing. They were the friendliest people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I am a changed man today because of spending time with them. I will be praying for these people and asking God to help and protect them. This trip has been the best thing that has ever happened to me. I can't thank God enough and FAC for the opportunity."

**Doug:** "Wow, visiting the local neighborhood was like Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The children in the square treated us like we were celebrities. They were so happy and respectful, yet, by our American standards, they had nothing. From there, we also witnessed the other side of Manila when we went to the mega mall, which seemed very much like our

American society."

**Gail:** "We arrived in Manila at 1:00 a.m. It surely is a city that doesn't sleep. There were people everywhere — walking and riding bicycles and motorcycles. It's also a city of great diversity — the "have's" and the "have not's." This morning we visited the "have not's" in Squatters Square. But what I saw was that the "have not's" do have such a great sense of community! Inspiring!"

**Dave:** "As I reflect on yesterday in "Squatters' Square," I



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think about my feeling of insignificance. How could I make any difference? Then, I think, it's only by being God's hands and feet will that change. He's the only one who can make a difference. Things have a way of becoming important to us. Yesterday, I saw how much of a distraction things really are. Things don't make us happy."

**Kirk:** "I am thankful for the opportunity to be in the Philippines. The Lord, in just the first few days, has opened our eyes through the children — so that we may clearly see Him."

**Debbie Jurimas:** "I am rejoicing that we all made it to Manila with no mishaps! What a great time of reconnecting with many of our friends and former co-workers. Wow, at times I felt like I never left, yet it has been fun taking the team to familiar places and experiencing things that only the Lord can show us."

## Sharing Our Stories!

Join us to meet the team and to hear all about our trip on Thurs., April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

All are welcome to attend to hear how God led us and worked through us in the Philippines.



# FRIENDS OF FASA MEETING

Sun., April 17, 12:30

At the next FASA meeting in April, team members who participated in the short-term trip to Southern Africa will talk about their experiences and how God worked during the March Day Camp. If you are interested in what is happening with FASA and perhaps want to know about the possibilities of taking a missions trip yourself, attend this informal, insightful meeting.

You may also be interested in being a part of the work of FASA that takes place at home. No need to pack a suitcase or fly 15 hours on a plane. Just join Friends of FASA!

Friends of FASA is many things to many people — a venue to see how God is working in other countries, a place to explore short-term trip options, an opportunity to be part of a community who cares for each other and people around the world.

Friends of FASA has a dynamic team that works diligently to create an awesome experience each month. Here is what Annie DeVaro said about being a part of the team:

I was taking an H2H class that was being taught by FASA's own Jenn Dallow, and she spoke about the ministry and one of her trips. She spoke with such excitement about the ministry, the people in Africa, and everyone involved in the ministry. Her excitement was contagious! I had to go and check it out.

After attending a Friends of FASA (FOF) gathering, I was so inspired by the love of this ministry that I couldn't help but get involved. I would not only attend, but I'd arrive early to help set up and stay late to help clean up afterwards. I wasn't feeling led to go on a trip, but I wanted to help any way I possibly could.

What would I tell someone who was thinking about going to an FOF gathering? I would tell them that the love of Christ for our brothers and sisters here and abroad is palpable. I would also tell them that they are going to love the food served there!

Through Friends of FASA, the Lord has blessed me with new friends, new growth in my walk with Him, and a renewed heart to serve others so they may know the love of Christ.



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# PASTORAL CARE GROUPS



Our Pastoral Care groups are for people who want to overcome hurt, heartaches, negative habits, and hang-ups. These groups seek to assist people in making choices that are God-directed toward Biblical wholeness, healing, forgiveness, and growth.

Pastoral Care Groups currently offered are as follows. If you are planning to attend a group for the first time, please contact the leader.

## HELPING HAND GRIEF SUPPORT

For adults who need support in their grieving

Meetings are held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Contacts: Wanda and George Stein, 609-953-7333, x129

## LAY COUNSELING

If you would like to meet with a lay counselor, call 609-953-7333. (Leave a message.)

## LIVING THROUGH SUICIDE

For those grieving the loss of a loved one through suicide

Meetings are held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Contacts: Wanda and George Stein, 609-953-7333, x129

## MARRIAGE MINISTRY

• Marriage Coaches  
Coaching and education for moving and improving marriages in all different stages

Contacts: Steve and Julie Durdin, [marriagematters@myfac.org](mailto:marriagematters@myfac.org), or 609-953-7333, x315. (Leave a message.)

• Pre-Marriage Groups  
Giving marriages a healthy start

Contacts: Mike and Tammy Mosier, 609-953-7333, x315. (Leave a message.)

**MEN'S RECOVERY** For help towards God and sobriety

Meetings are held in the Red Barn in RB-04 on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Dave Botti, [recoverymen@myfac.org](mailto:recoverymen@myfac.org), or 609-953-7333, x313 (Leave a message.)

## PATH TO PURITY

For men struggling with sexual sin

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. Call for location.

For more information, send an e-mail to [purity@myfac.org](mailto:purity@myfac.org), or call 609-953-7333, x311. (Leave a message.)

## RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY

For men and women who are going through separation and/or divorce and for those continuing to recover.

For further information, leave a message for Susan at 609-953-7333, x316, or send an e-mail to [relationshiprecovery@myfac.org](mailto:relationshiprecovery@myfac.org).



## SERENITY SUPPORT

For those with loved ones with substance abuse issues

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Barn on Rt. 541.

For more information, contact Joyce at [serenitysupport@myfac.org](mailto:serenitysupport@myfac.org). or leave a message at 609-953-7333, x314.

## WINGS (WALKING IN GOD'S STRENGTH)

For families of loved ones with eating disorders

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Suite 219, the Fellowship House.

For more information, send an e-mail to [janletts@comcast.net](mailto:janletts@comcast.net); [jmiller.510@comcast.net](mailto:jmiller.510@comcast.net); or [janetworrell@verizon.net](mailto:janetworrell@verizon.net).

## WOMEN'S REDEMPTION

For women who struggle with sexual purity

Meetings are confidential. For times and location, contact [puritywomen@myfac.org](mailto:puritywomen@myfac.org), or leave a message at 609-953-7333, x317.

## WOMEN'S RECOVERY

For help towards God and sobriety

Meetings are held in the room above the Chapel on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Christine Botti, 609-953-7333, x313 (Leave a message.); or [recoverywomen@myfac.org](mailto:recoverywomen@myfac.org)

# GOD@WORK

## IN THE LIFE OF LAUREN BROWN



*“There were plenty of weak moments and outright attacks. But God ... the things He did were unbelievable.”*

### “But God . . .”

Lauren Brown is the administrative assistant in Suite 197. That means she works for Pastors Marty, Don, Jim, Erik R., Nick, Dave, Glenn, and Brent! As she completes her second year in that position, Lauren wants everyone to know how very deeply God is at work in her life.

“I grew up in ministry. My grandfather and my dad were both pastors. We had a church in Lambertville, NJ, for many years. As a pastor’s kid, you knew Jesus; you loved Jesus. But a lot of what we did was because someone told us to do it. I was baptized at six or seven years of age. I don’t think you really understand what that means at such a young age, but I still knew I loved the Lord. So I began with a very sure foundation.

“When I was married and living in California, I found myself lost. I wasn’t in church. But God . . . laid it on my heart to find a church, and I just started driving. I came to a church, and they were in the middle of choir practice! Well, that’s me. I live in worship (worship is my passion), always have sung in the choir and led a worship team. I just stood outside the door watching. I knew I would be coming to this church the next Sunday.”

It was at this church that Lauren began to understand the need for a personal relationship with Jesus. “I was just coasting along, and that’s where my real sense of a relationship with the Lord happened. I was older; I was spiritually in need; I was groping. That church was so different from anything I had known. I grew up ‘Old Baptist.’ At this church, there

was such freedom to love and worship. I went from doing what someone told me to do to a true relationship with Jesus. The world changed. While I had always loved Him, now it was personal, and I began to depend on Him for everything.”

Lauren’s husband Rick is also a pastor — and he has been a member of the military for almost 21 years. Lauren and Rick moved back East and started a new church. Unfortunately, Rick was sent to Iraq, and the new church fizzled. They were attending a church in Camden when their world fell apart.

“In 2011, I was diagnosed with very aggressive breast cancer. Life changed dramatically. But God . . . had it discovered early, and I had a mastectomy followed by a lot of chemotherapy. I had never

‘expected’ breast cancer or cancer of any kind. It doesn’t run in my family. I was the first. But God . . . was there through the whole thing. He was beside me every step of the way.

“I never lost my faith, but there were plenty of weak moments and outright attacks. But God ... the things He did were unbelievable.”

While it is hard for us to imagine that God can use aggressive breast cancer for our good, that is exactly what He did for Lauren.

“He brought His word to action right in front of my face! It was like my foundation in Him had planted weapons of warfare all around me. All I had to do was reach for a weapon, and it was there. I was able to live off of every deposit of worship and praise that was in my soul. He promised to never leave me nor forsake me, and He didn’t. He placed so many people in my life to encourage and comfort me.

“I had dreams where I could see people’s faces so clearly — and they were praying for me. My Jewish doctor at Virtua would come in and fuss over me, fluffing pillows, straightening bedding. He would say, ‘Don’t worry. You will get through this.’ One day I asked him to pray with me. He said, ‘Yes, you lead the prayer.’ He held my hands, and we prayed. At the end of the prayer, I said ‘in Jesus’ name,’ and he said ‘yes, in Jesus’ name.’ Now that does not just happen! I knew that was God. That was the Lord. That just doesn’t happen, right?”

Technicians would just randomly say that they sensed the Holy Spirit in Lauren. “The pastor’s wife was coming from the beauty salon and felt a strong urge to come to the hospital. What she didn’t know was that I was having a horrible reaction to my medication and was going into shock. What she couldn’t know was that my family was visiting and my daughter Sapphire and son Daniel needed comfort in that moment. But God . . . He knew and redirected her path.

“A nurse walked into my room late one night and said, ‘I’m here just to pray with you, nothing else, just pray.’ Does that just happen? When I was so sick because of the chemo, a song of worship would

come to mind. Does that just happen? But God . . . brought me people, songs, words of encouragement, and Scripture exactly when I needed them.”

Then, the reconstructive tissue just died. It began to disappear and left an enormous open wound. This setback needed to be treated 24 hours a day with saline and water and gauze — 24 hours a day for months! Lauren’s husband Rick became a full-time nurse.

“I never lost my faith, but I certainly had moments of weakness. I still believed that God was healing and that He was in the process, but there were days I felt like I wanted to quit. Chemotherapy coursing through your body will make you want to do that. But God . . . kept me holding on.”

When she finally healed, Lauren continued working in the very stressful environment of the mortgage industry. Then a friend invited her to attend FAC. After a little resistance, she came, and there in the bulletin was an answer from God.

“At FAC, I experienced the most amazing worship of my life. It was a huge difference from what I was used to, but it was a good difference! I felt I was at a standstill and God had brought me to FAC. I told Him I would give it an honest try and consistently come until I got an answer from Him. Then, there it was in a bulletin — an administrative assistant position. I applied that night.

“The pastor at my old church had prophesied over me that I would learn what love is. I would learn what true love was, and that I would use it for ministry. I came to FAC and was genuinely loved. I was prayed for and never judged. They didn’t know me. They had never seen me before. Yet they loved me. We went through a challenge last year with my teenage daughter. Deb Schneck was there to pray for me whenever I needed it. Pastor Don has prayed for the situation. Carol Batten has prayed all over the place. No if’s, and’s, or but’s. They are praying. God knew that He was sending me here to be covered. If I was still working at the mortgage company — well. I always like to say that FAC is like the Bible in action — the way it is supposed to be in ministry. And I am learning what true God-type love is from the very best.”

Lauren will be five years cancer free in October. She sees life as a celebration. “Every time I see my daughter on that basketball court (a senior at Lenape High School); every time I see my son (a senior at Seton Hall University) make the Dean’s list; every time I get to witness something, I remember that it is possible that I could have not been here at all. But I am!

“There are ministry experiences that are yet to come, and I am excited that they are coming. I’m here at FAC learning what true love is — the way the Lord wants us to love. And I know without a doubt, I’ll use it for ministry.” •



Moms' Time Out

# Toy & Clothing Exchange

Mon., April 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](mailto:debbie@myfac.org).



## Fresh Hope

FOR SINGLE MOMS

Sun., April 3 & Sun., May 1  
5:00-8:00 p.m.

All single moms are invited to attend Fresh Hope at FAC for dinner, teaching, encouragement, and fun. Dinner is provided for the moms and their children. There will be children's and youth programs available through the church, including Kingdom Clubs, Level 5, and Planet 678. Childcare will be provided for children too young to participate in the FAC programs. Please register your children prior to the meetings. There is no cost to attend Fresh Hope, and walk-ins are always welcome!

More information is on the website, [www.myfac.org/freshhope](http://www.myfac.org/freshhope), where you can also register.

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



## Clothing Donations for Fresh Hope

Drop-off: April 24

Support our single moms by donating seasonal women's clothing in like-new condition to the Fresh Hope boutique. On the fourth Sunday of the month, April 24, clothing donations may be brought to the garage next to Suite 195 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 men's or children's and no toys. For questions or to volunteer to help, contact Kathy Foering, 609-458-9222, or [kfoering@comcast.net](mailto:kfoering@comcast.net).



## Join a Deepening Group

Deepening Groups provide *covenant communities* for maturing Christians where 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

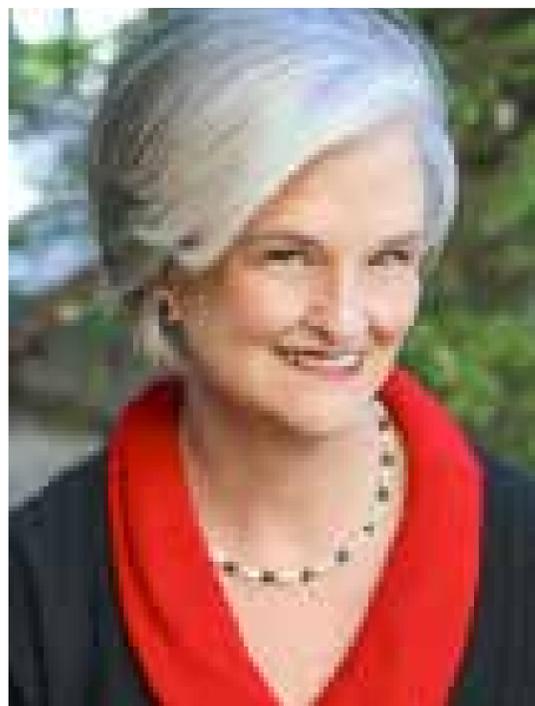
Our hope in Deepening Groups is that you follow Christ in loving obedience and lead a lifestyle of continual spiritual transformation and growth through intentional cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

### How to Join

If you would like to connect with others who are devoted to a growing love for God and one another, go to [www.myfac.org/women](http://www.myfac.org/women). Complete the Deepening Group Participant Interest Form.

If you have questions after reading the information on the website, contact Carol Batten at [carol@myfac.org](mailto:carol@myfac.org) or Jennifer Green at [jenniferg12@verizon.net](mailto:jenniferg12@verizon.net).

# “EXPLORING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES” A TWO-DAY EVENT SPONSORED BY THE DEEPENING GROUPS MINISTRY



Guest speaker, Jan Johnson

**June 10, 2016: 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**June 11, 2016: 7:45 a.m. to noon**

**FAC Sanctuary**

An interactive life with God invites us to connect with God in intentional ways so that we open space in our lives for the worship of God. These ways are often called spiritual disciplines or exercises. They are not harsh, but grace-filled ways of responding to the presence of Christ with our lives and bodies. The purpose of the spiritual disciplines is not to produce super-Christians, but to foster intimacy with God. This two-day event will be an opportunity to hear a gifted speaker and teacher help us explore our life In Christ.

Our speaker will be Jan Johnson, the author of seventeen books and many magazine articles. Everything she writes flows out of three areas: spiritual formation, partnering with God to care for the voiceless, and living with purposeful intentionality. [<http://janjohnson.org>]

Cost is \$25.00. To register for this event, go to [myfac.org/register](http://myfac.org/register).



For more information, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, or [debbie@myfac.org](mailto:debbie@myfac.org).

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
<b>General Fund</b>				
	2.7	\$ 69,615	\$ 55,532	\$ ( 14,083)
	2.14	\$ 69,615	\$ 56,235	\$ ( 13,380)
	2.21	\$ 69,615	\$ 57,443	\$ ( 12,172)
	2.28	\$ 69,615	\$ 60,443	\$ ( 9,172)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 278,460</b>	<b>\$ 229,653</b>	<b>\$ ( 48,807)</b>
Year-to-Date		\$ 626,535	\$ 483,261	\$ ( 143,274)
<b>Missions Fund</b>				
	2.7	\$ 4,808	\$ 5,583	\$ 1,045
	2.14	\$ 4,808	\$ 6,150	\$ 1,342
	2.21	\$ 4,808	\$ 6,585	\$ 1,777
	2.28	\$ 4,808	\$ 6,365	\$ 1,557
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 19,232</b>	<b>\$ 24,953</b>	<b>\$ 5,721</b>
Year-to-Date		\$ 43,272	\$ 54,718	\$ 11,446
<b>Benevolence Fund</b>				
	2.7		\$ 3,005	
	2.14		\$ 2,571	
	2.21		\$ 2,423	
	2.28		\$ 2,910	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 10,909</b>	
Year-to-Date			\$ 26,201	
<b>Kingdom Vision Fund</b>				
	2.7		\$ 24,629	
	2.14		\$ 19,199	
	2.21		\$ 16,055	
	2.28		\$ 27,879	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 87,762</b>	
Year-to-Date			\$ 226,291	

DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
2.7	1924	109	404	2437
2.14	1629	83	322	2034
2.21	1866	167	361	2394
2.28	1691	87	387	2165

*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