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Sunday, April 16

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Nursery and classes are provided during every service for babies through fourth graders. Ask a greeter for directions to classes.

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

The Friendship Bible Class for teens and adults with special needs meets during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. Location: New Worship Center in the children's area at the top of the steps.

New to FAC?

Stop by the Guest Services area after services. Get some coffee and snacks and find out more about FAC.

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CHURCH IS A PLACE WHERE YOU BELONG

Dear Church Family,

I love to meet new people. Most people in church know that about me. I think honestly it is part of how God put me together. It is in my DNA. But I'm not sure I could say it was always like that.

When I became a Believer in Christ at age 18, I just wanted everybody to find what I had found: the way I found I could talk directly to God in prayer; the way I could hear God when I read a Bible; and the way I could relate to God in worship like I never had before. ***But probably one of the most fulfilling and satisfying parts of finding Jesus is I found friends and companionship and support and encouragement from others like I hadn't found on any team or in any group I'd ever been in before.*** I look back now and realize it was primarily because God was literally at work in my life and in the lives of my friends. In other words, we had this thing called "fellowship."

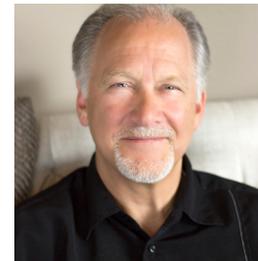
Fellowship is not only people deeply committed to the same cause, but people who are deeply committed to each other — no matter what. It is built on trust and faithfulness. So when I was doing well, fellowship was powerful in my life, and it was even more powerful when I was struggling or doubting.

Fellowship is a primary goal at FAC. We experience it on Saturdays and Sundays, but we also experience it throughout the week in small groups. I really want this for you and believe you can join us and experience this for yourself. You don't need to be sophisticated in the Bible or anything else. It starts by just wanting to belong. There are lots of ways to do this at and through our church, and the best part is that fellowship will be used by God to change your life in some really good and fulfilling ways.

Come join us and see how fellowship improves your ability to live a more fulfilling and joy-filled life.

Love never fails,

Pastor Marty Berglund
Senior Pastor



**Invite your friends to FAC
Easter Services!**

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8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

News & Notes



Starting Point

Get connected at FAC

If you are new to FAC and would like to get more involved, Starting Point groups can help you. These groups meet in homes on various nights of the week and in different areas so you can find one that is convenient for you. In these groups, you will learn more about our church and work with our guides who will help you find the right areas of involvement for you.

You can either register online at www.myfac.org/events, or register in person at a Guest Reception. Check your bulletin for dates for April Guest Receptions.

For more information, contact Director of Guest Services, Doug Bazigian, dougb@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x128.

SNOW Den

**April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19,
June 2 & 16**

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

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

Mending the Soul

For women who are victims of abuse

God delights in mending souls shattered by abuse. For ten weeks beginning on Wednesday, April 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., we'll be working through the book and workbook, *Mending the Soul*. Healing comes by fully understanding the nature and ramifications of abuse and by following a Biblical path of restoration that allows God's grace to touch deep wounds.

Cost of the book and workbook is approximately \$38. Contact Joelle Clark, joelleclark2001@aol.com, to register and to receive information about ordering the books.

Spring Meeting for HOPE Garden

Clean-up & Organizational Meeting, Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.

As the cold weather gives way to thoughts of spring, the HOPE Garden team is turning its focus to the upcoming growing season. All are welcome to join us on April 8. We will be turning the soil and cleaning up, followed by discussion of what we will plant this year. We are located near the Care Center. In 2016, the Food Pantry received from the HOPE Garden hundreds of pounds of tomatoes, green and yellow squash, peppers, lettuce, and butternut squash for those in need.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Babies through Grade 4

NURSERY

HELD DURING ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

- *Infants (birth through 14 months)*
- *Toddlers (15 through 24 months)*

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

- **KID BLAST CHURCH**
Ages 25 months through Grade 4 during all worship services

- **KID BLAST CLUBS**
Ages 4 through Grade 4 on Sunday evenings during the school year, 6:00 to 8:00, in the Tree House

Note: No Clubs on Easter, April 16

SNOW KIDS

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

For babies through Grade 5 on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:00 in the Worship Center, Rooms 101 and 102

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



“It turns out that those places of brokenness are the exact places where Jesus has showed up to redeem and transform.”

I've been reading and thinking a lot about fellowship since Marty talked to us about it in February. Not only is it the backbone of our church family, it's also what God intended to be a foundation piece of our individual spiritual growth. We don't learn to know God in a vacuum. And we don't even get to know Him just from His Word. We actually learn the most about Him and ourselves from rubbing shoulders with His people.

Last June, Jan Johnson was here to talk to us about different spiritual disciplines that we can embrace in order to grow in our walk with Jesus. In an article she wrote about this subject, she said, “I've become convinced that we learn about God best through relationship with each other. There are certain things about God we don't grasp until we see those things in another person.” I would whole-heartedly agree. I learned about God's faithfulness from watching my mom and dad. I've understood God's unconditional love from living with my husband for over 40 years. I've felt God's kindness through precious friends. I know more about God's wisdom from spending time with His saints. The list is long.

That's why fellowship is indispensable in our lives if we hope to grow in our faith, hope, and love. That's why we're always coaxing you to get in a miniChurch or other small group at FAC. It's because we know that without that kind of community, your relationship with God will be mediocre at best. We want better than that for you. I want better than that for myself.

I'm deeply grateful for all the different relationships God has placed in my life that have helped me — baby

steps at a time — to become more like Him. Whether it's a miniChurch or a soul care group or a girls' prayer gathering or visits with a mentor, these are the places where my relationship with God flourishes. But none of those relationships “just happened.” I intentionally pursue that kind of fellowship because I know how desperately I need it.

I've had numerous people tell me, “Oh, I tried that before, and I got burned — never doing that again.” I get that. I've been deeply wounded by some of the relationships I've pursued too. But here's the thing — it turns out that those places of brokenness are the exact places where Jesus has showed up to redeem and transform. So when I get burned — guess what? — I find out that Jesus is there to show Himself to me in new ways that I never knew Him before. So even “the burn” is accomplishing good things in my life.

Choosing fellowship helps us discover God, bring Him glory, and help others do the same. And that can happen whether community brings us sweetness or pain. Shying away from fellowship may make you feel like you're making your life safer, but it will be oh-so-much smaller — and so-very-stale! And you don't want to settle for that!

Laurie Berglund

— Laurie Berglund

Laurie loves to receive your comments. Send her a message at laurieb@myfac.org.





**Begin the Greatest Adventure
of your life.**

Beginning April 19,

Discover Alpha

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a nine-week course on the basic questions of life and faith. Every evening includes a catered family-style dinner and a chance to discuss honest questions about faith in a casual and welcoming environment.

Alpha is for Everyone!

The unique beauty of Alpha is that it welcomes people at all stages of faith and life. If you're curious about Christianity or just want a friendly place to get your questions answered, Alpha is for you.

Sample discussion topics include, "Is there more to life than this?" "How can I have faith?" and "Why is there suffering?"

Want to try Alpha?

HERE ARE THE SPECIFICS:

- » When: Alpha begins on Wednesday, April 19, and continues for nine Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30
- » Where: Alpha meets in the Fellowship Center at FAC
- » How much: Alpha is free. Bring your friends and family, high school age and up. We would love for you to be our guest.
- » Registration: Go to www.myfac.org/events.

**More than 29 million people worldwide have tried Alpha.
Now it's your turn to find out why.**



JESUS IS THE BEST

Color the picture below using the color guide. Have mom or dad help you memorize the verse listed underneath the name of the one who is the best.

<p>1 = yellow 6 = pink 2 = black 7 = blue 3 = red 8 = light blue 4 = white 5 = green</p>	<p>God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16</p>



PARENTS

J-E-S-U-S! We love Jesus. He is the best! That is what your child will be hearing this month. Thousands of years ago, Jesus died for each and every one of us. That means He died for you, too. In the midst of all the fun that revolves around Easter, try to take some time to read the Easter story in Matthew 26 through 28. Read there about how much Jesus loves you.

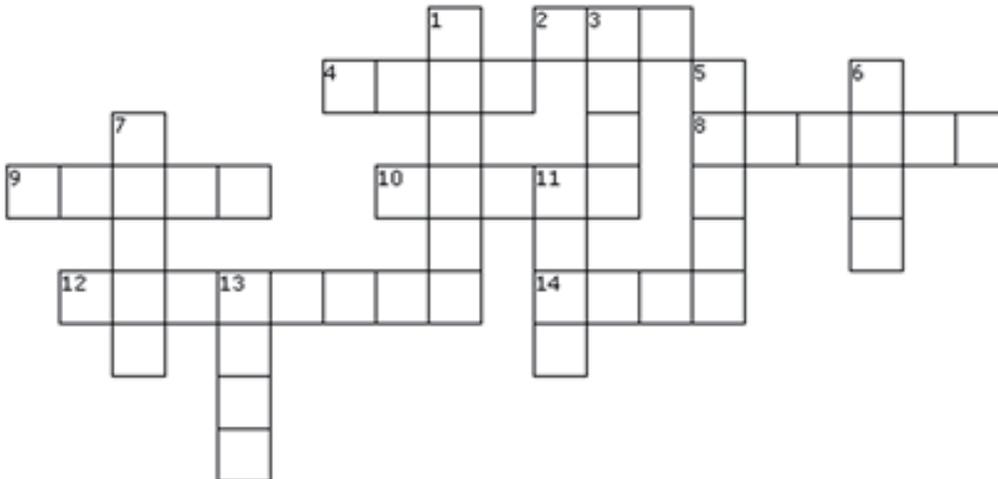
Our verse this month from the Good News Translation is John 3:16, "God loved the world

so much that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life."

Why not print these words out for your child and encourage him/her to decorate around the words using heart and spring stickers? Place this on your dinner table or somewhere you can be reminded to help your family memorize these words and hide them in your hearts.

HE IS NOT HERE. HE HAS RISEN!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



Words Used	
early	cry
week	gardener
dark	Mary
stone	tomb
angels	father
white	rise
woman	dead

ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. Heavenly beings
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for a grave
- 13. The opposite of light

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN OWL THAT DOES MAGIC TRICKS?



HOODINI

WHAT DO YOU CALL A HAPPY COWBOY?

A jolly rancher

WHAT HAS ONE HEAD, ONE FOOT, AND FOUR LEGS?

A bed

WHY DID THE FARMER RIDE HIS HORSE TO TOWN?

It was too heavy to carry!



YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 5-8

 Follow us on Instagram!
@Level5youth | @planet678youth



Pictures from last month's Neon Night!



GRAPPLE

Grades 5-7

Grapple meets during the 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday morning services in the Fellowship Center. Students in Grades 5 through 7 are welcome.

Grapple will not meet on April 9 or 16.

Grapple is a worship service geared toward the needs and interests of middle school students.

SPRING CALENDAR

APRIL 2 — MS YOUTH GROUP

Planet & Level 5 meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC. No cost; no registration

APRIL 7 TO 9

Spring Retreat

APRIL 23 — MS YOUTH GROUP

Planet & Level 5 meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC. No cost; no registration

APRIL 30 — MS YOUTH GROUP

Crazy Hair Night

Planet & Level 5 meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC. No cost; no registration

MAY 7 — MS YOUTH GROUP

Planet & Level 5 meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC. No cost; no registration



If you have questions, contact Pastor Eddie Jurimas, 609-953-7333, x104, eddie@myfac.org, or Russ Batten, 609-953-7333, x134, russ@myfac.org.



SENIORS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE NEWSLETTER

We will be honoring our graduating seniors in the June edition of the Connection newsletter and would like to include all of our graduating seniors. Please help us with this big project!

Here is what we need:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Your parents' names
- ✓ The school from which you are graduating

- ✓ Your plans (college, military, work, etc.)
- ✓ A high resolution headshot

If you do not have a scanner, you can contact Pat Vickery in the Youth Office, 609-953-7333, x132, for assistance.

Send your picture and the above information to Lynn Guise, lynn@myfac.org, by May 5. If your information is received after May 5, we will put it into the July issue.

If you have questions, contact Pat Vickery in the Youth Office, 609-953-7333, x132. Only submit the requested information please.

SPRING CALENDAR

MONDAY NIGHT INSIGHT

Join us on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 for Insight, our regular high school ministry meeting at FAC.

At Insight, we hang out, have some fun, and enjoy some worship music and a message from God's Word.

Don't miss this chance to spend time with high schoolers from FAC and from all around the area!

APRIL 10— INSIGHT

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at FAC

APRIL 24 — INSIGHT

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at FAC

MAY 1 — INSIGHT

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at FAC

MAY 8 — INSIGHT

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at FAC

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

On May 21, we will commission the graduating seniors. Family and friends are encouraged to join us as we pray for and encourage our graduates. Save this important date!



If you have questions, contact Pastor Mike Williams, 609-953-7333, x108, mike@myfac.org.

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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Facebook: Youth Impact: Fellowship Alliance Chapel

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

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VENTURE

MAKING DECISIONS

FACING CHALLENGES

LEARNING HOW TO KNOW WHERE GOD
FITS INTO ALL THAT UNCERTAINTY

A New Ministry for Young Adults

Those of you between the ages of 18-23 are within one of the most exciting periods of your entire life. Yet each unfamiliar turn can be a big challenge when living it for the first time. The truth is, you will always find incredible value in facing those challenges in a community of friends and peers.

More than just people going through the same things at the same time, they become an extension of your family.

This is exactly what Venture 18//23 is all about. Venture 18//23 is a community of young men and women “doing life” together: building genuine relationships, influencing one another, making decisions, and facing challenges.

Most important, you grow to understand where God leads in all that uncertainty.

Regular meetings take place on Tuesdays each week in the FAC Fellowship House (219 House). There will also be regular “community nights” on alternating days throughout the month designed for fun and friendship-building.

Want to find out more? Get all of our e-mail updates by requesting to join our group on The Hub on the homepage of the church website, www.myfac.org. You are also encouraged to follow us on Twitter (@venture1823) and on Instagram (Venture1823) for regular posts.

Feel free to contact Bryan and Lisa Russell at venture1823@myfac.org with any questions you may have.

April

- 4 – Group Study, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship House
- 6 – Game Night, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship House
- 11 – Group Study, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship House
- 18 – Group Study, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship House
- 22 – Game Night, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship House
- 25 – Group Study, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship House
- 28 – Nerf Night, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Center

For more information and to sign up for regular updates, contact Bryan and Lisa Russell at venture1823@myfac.org.



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LIFE IS BETTER CONNECTED



Would you like to join a Small Group?

Check out www.myfac.org/groups. It's easy! Use the Group Finder at www.myfac.org/groups. Then go to the search box and type in what you are interested in knowing more about. For example, if you want to find a miniChurch in Marlton, type in "Marlton." If you want to find a women's group, type in "Women."

If you have questions about finding the right small group for you, contact Pastor Dave Krilov, davek@myfac.org. If you would like to join a short-term Starting Point group, contact Pastor Doug Bazigian, doughb@myfac.org.

Already been through the Alpha course?

JOIN AFTER ALPHA



The next session of After Alpha begins on April 18. To register, go to www.myfac.org/events.



After Alpha is exploring the Jesus lifestyle as expressed in "The Sermon on The Mount" in Matthew. Each week we will view a DVD by Nicky Gumbel, followed by a group discussion on the topic of the evening.

Our next session of After Alpha begins on Tuesday evening, April 18, and continues for eight consecutive Tuesdays.

After Alpha meets in The Barn at 7:00 p.m. We serve refreshments and have fellowship before and after our session.

Topics are:

- Week 1** — How to handle ambition
- Week 2** — How to stop worrying and start living
- Week 3** — How to deal with criticism
- Week 4** — How to respond to the most challenging words ever spoken
- Week 5** — How to make the big decision
- Week 6** — How to spot false prophets
- Week 7** — How to build a secure future
- Week 8** — How to find the secret to happiness

To register, go to www.myfac.org/events, or contact Rich Janiszewski, rajpaint@aol.com, or 609-413-3311.



Rich Janiszewski and Debi Swiecicki



Have you been married for five years or less and starting to feel like the honeymoon glow has already faded a little?

Come to our newly married workshop, and together we'll discuss the reality of marriage and how God wants it to be a blessing to your life every day. We'll revisit your dreams and expectations, teach you how to navigate life's twists and turns, and equip you with some skills that will help keep your marriage full of bliss.

Reignite the honeymoon light!

DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 27

TIME: 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

LOCATION: CHAPEL

REGISTRATION: WWW.MYFAC.ORG/EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE:

- Childcare will not be provided for this event.
- You do not need to attend FAC to participate.
- This workshop is not intended for those who are engaged and is limited to those who have been married for five years or less.

If you have any questions, contact MarriageMatters@myfac.org, or leave a message at 609-953-7333, x315.

WOMEN



In the Wildflowers

In the Wildflowers is a group for women whose objectives are —

- To offer victims of sexual abuse hope for their own healing through the visual storytelling of Julie Woodley and the personal journeys of five other women.
- To eliminate feelings of isolation and to create a safe environment for healing, by allowing the viewer to witness a similar community working toward healing.
- To lead the viewer to the Biblical understanding and acceptance of God's total and unconditional love and forgiveness.

The format of In the Wildflowers includes a DVD curriculum, along with a workbook for each participant. Each video will feature Christian counseling professionals who will focus on a particular stage in the healing process.

There will be an informational session for any woman who is interested in finding out more about In the Wildflowers on Thursday evening, May 25, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship House. You must attend the informational meeting in order to participate in the group.

In the Wildflowers begins on Thursday, June 8, and will meet for 11 weeks. The class is limited to 10 participants. Cost is \$20.

To register for the informational session, e-mail confidentially to sjwildflowers@gmail.com or call Pam Comer, 609-923-0487 (cell).

Confidentiality will be protected during all aspects of In the Wildflowers."

aWAKEN IF:Table

Friday, April 21, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Fellowship House

The aWAKEN ministry invites you to IF:Table on the third Friday of every month. We believe the table is a place to gather women, share a simple dinner, and experience real-life stories and Christ-centered conversations. IF:Tables are a time for a whole lot of laughter — and maybe a few tears — but time spent that leaves us with glad hearts, full hearts, and grateful hearts.

Cost is \$5.00. Register at www.myfac.org/events. Space is limited so sign up as soon as possible. Registration will close once maximum space has been reached and/or on Thursday, April 20.

Connecting

New to FAC? Join us!

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., or
Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. (Identical meetings)

Place: Fellowship House

When you are new to FAC, navigating through all of the programs, groups, and service opportunities can feel overwhelming. A new ministry called Connecting has been created to help women connect to one another and to FAC. Connecting is the place to be for conversation, fellowship, and encouragement.

Feel free to come once or often. No registration is required. Just stop by. Our 90-minute format will include reviewing the week's sermon, discussing questions and ideas, sharing FAC ministries and upcoming activities, and prayer.

If you have questions, contact Betty Ann German, 856-296-7998.



Fresh Hope for Single Moms

Sunday, April 23 | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Fresh Hope is an FAC ministry for single moms and grandmoms who are raising children under the age of 23, including individuals with special needs up to age 28.

The ministry connects single moms to God's love through friendships, encouragement, and support. Fresh Hope invites you to join them for their annual "Fun Ice Cream Social" that will be held on April 23 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Children are invited to attend with their moms since no childcare will be provided for them. This is a chance to socialize and network and to meet other moms' children in a relaxed atmosphere. [Note: Sunday evening children's and youth programs will be held as usual, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.]

All children must be registered for children's programs one week before the Fresh Hope meeting. No registration is required for youth meetings, Grades 5-8. To register your children, call Heather, 609-953-7333, x115.

To register for Fresh Hope, go to www.myfac.org/events. If you have questions, call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. There is no cost to attend Fresh Hope.

Deepening Groups

A Deepening Group provides a covenant community to maturing Christians where you can experience:

- **Communion** – a deeper intimacy with the Trinity and personal intentionality in spiritual formation
- **Community** – being part of a Christian community that will encourage and challenge participants in the isolating society of our time
- **Ministry** – supporting and serving others as participants pursue their place and purpose in the Kingdom of God

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

Joining a Deepening Group

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

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued to extend faithful love to you.” –Jeremiah 31:3

Created for



Walking in Grace Women's Conference
May 19 & 20 in the Worship Center



Our hearts long to be loved with an everlasting love because that's how God created us. But as we look back at what we've done, how we've treated ourselves and others, and how we've treated God, we can only wonder how this kind of love is even possible. The truth is that God loves us unconditionally. He wants us to know Him personally, love Him deeply, and love His people.

You are invited to join us at our two-day women's conference at FAC with our speaker, Lisa Harper, as she explores this kind of love and shares with us how we were *Created for Love*.

Cost is \$79.00 per person. For groups of eight or more, contact Heather Costomiris, 609-953-7333, x115, or heatherc@myfac.org.

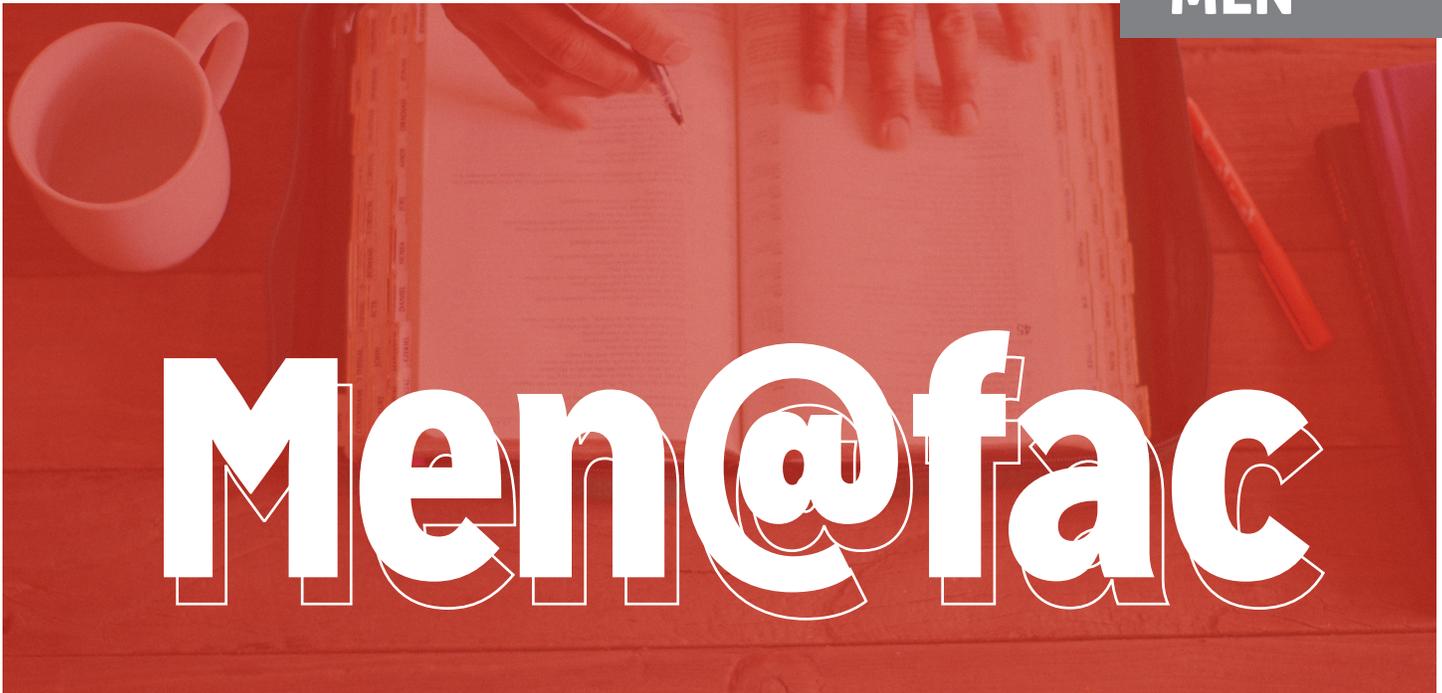
Fees include all materials, dessert on Friday night, and lunch on Saturday. Payments must be made in full with registrations. **Registration deadline is May 1.**

If you have questions, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, or debbie@myfac.org.

GUEST SPEAKER, LISA HARPER

Rarely are the terms hilarious storyteller and theological scholar used to describe the same person, but Lisa Harper is anything but stereotypical! She combines sound Scriptural exposition with relatable anecdotes and comedic wit. Lisa Harper is also a well-known author of many books, including her latest study, *The Gospel of Mark*.

REGISTER ONLINE
www.myfac.org/events



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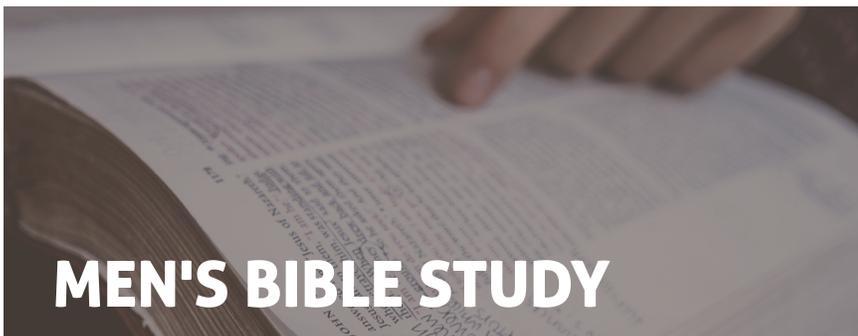
MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Location: Ramblewood

The Men's Golf League competition begins on April 3 and continues to June 26. Teams consist of two players. Playoffs will be held on July 10, 17, and 24.

Costs: \$20 one-time fee; pay at www.myfac.org/events
\$25 per week paid weekly at Ramblewood

If you have questions, contact George Bradley, george.bradley@yahoo.com.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday mornings, 7:30 a.m., in the Chapel

We are studying the book of James (*Matt Chandler video series*).
No registration is required.

Guys' Night Out

Thursday evenings, April 20 to May 18
Location: The Fellowship Center
Time: 7:30 p.m.

No registration needed

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



CHRISTIAN MISSION



The sending of the church to neighborhoods and workplaces for their transformation.

Many of us have been raised in a Christian culture symbolized by traditions, beliefs, customs, and even artifacts. These elements have deeply impressed within us a distinct way of life. However, we are all aware of the changing cultural trends that are creating a vacuum in the soul of the emerging generation. Human progress, often differentiated by a proliferation of goods and increasing speed of technology, is hazardous to the health and well-being of our soul. It tends to create isolation and loneliness in a seemingly increasingly connected world. Contrastingly, spiritual growth is marked by a relatively slower process of transformation from within. God speed, in contrast to the speed of our lives, is a pace proportional to our willingness to submit and align to His will and plan for us.

The past several weeks, we have been studying the nature and work of the Church of Jesus Christ from the Scriptures. The Church of Jesus Christ, often described as the people of God, is the most tangible impression of God's redeeming work on earth. The Church is a product of God's mission rooted in the very nature and essence of the Triune God we serve. God's mission can be best understood in the process of how God relates to His people on earth. It may be worthwhile for us to briefly understand the nature of God's mission.

THE TRINITARIAN NATURE OF MISSION

Traditionally, missions within a local church were a set of programs that motivated people to give and to go to reach people in cultures that needed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1932, Karl Barth, a Christian theologian, rejected the Protestant idea of missions as merely an ecclesiological enterprise. He clarified that mission is the effort of connecting with a sending God who is already at work in all cultures. He emphasized, "God engages in mission by sending God's self in the mission of the Son and the Spirit." God sent His Son to redeem the world. The Son, on the other hand, sends His Spirit to form the church. The Son and the Spirit sends the church to continue God's mission

of redemption of the world. Lesslie Newbigin, a Methodist Bishop and missionary to India said:

It seems to me to be of great importance to insist that mission is not first an action of ours. It is an action of God, the triune God of God the Father who is ceaselessly at work in all creation and in the hearts and minds of all human beings whether they acknowledge him or not, graciously guiding history towards its true end; and of God, the Son who has become part of this created history in the incarnation; and of God the Holy Spirit who is given as a foretaste of the end to empower and teach the church and to convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment.

Many Christian scholars today agree that a careful study of both the Gospels and the Book of Acts reveal that each person of the Trinity is distinctly involved in different aspects of mission. To gain a fresh perspective on God's self in the mission of the church, I would like to highlight the idea of personhood of the Triune God in their being. The glory of God is a self-revelation of the intimate and perfect love-relationship between the three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Their joyful intimacy, mutual submission, and essential equality (John 14-16) as an eternal community reveal their true inner self. The code of eternal life is this other-centered, irrevocable, and unbreakable bond of love seen in their co-existence.

Human love, on the other hand, is conditional, fleeting, and self-centered. Love is not truly love until it is other-directed. It is not true unless it is given. This is real love — not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. (1 John 4:10) God's mission extends to us the bond of love they share in their true self. They invite us into that very circle of love so that our souls may find healing and deep satisfaction. God then calls us to join Him in the ongoing work of spreading this circle of love by inviting others into this uncommon community. To this end, He sends you and me to be His ambassadors in this wonderful labor of love in our neighborhoods and workplaces so that many will come to belong to Him. Will you then obey His call? •

— By Pastor Suresh Thomas



Outreach & Missions

FABULOUS FASA HAPPENINGS!



L to R: Bernice Hall; Rockie, Abby, & Shawn Mosher; Jane & Ron Beebe; Peter and Beth Hackett (Not pictured, Joyce Slingerland)

WHY DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SOUTH AFRICA?

Beth: The April trip will be my fifth FASA missions adventure. My passions are Jesus and children. God uses FASA to have an impact on children for Christ. The call is clear: "Go!"

Jane: Because of my love for children, I want to take this opportunity to share the love Christ has given me with others. I hope to bring His light into the darkness and offer those we encounter the hope that only He can give. I want to be a testimony that He alone is mighty to save and offer the gift of salvation so others might come to know Him as their Lord and Savior.

Bernice: God has been tugging at my heart for many months to return to SA for a third time especially since I was not on a trip in 2016. I felt He was telling me to go again to especially share the Gospel with the children.

Abby: I believe God desires for us to be available and to get uncomfortable. So I simply said, "Yes."

Joyce: I have a heart for children to learn about Jesus and the light and life He brings to life, especially to those children who feel a sense of hopelessness in their lives. I want to share the joy I have in the Lord and to share the love I have for others, especially children. I want them to know they are never alone in any circumstance they may face and to know the promises of God shared through His Word. I believe God has purposed for me to be used for such a time as this.

Rockie: I feel called because I know we need to spread God's love around the world. It can't just stay in America.

Shawn: I believe God is calling me to lead my family in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. My family and I currently lead and

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Last month, FASA's pilot Plug-In team served in South Africa! Their goal? Not only to "plug in" to the FASA ministries already happening in and around Lephalale, but also to help hone and refine the Plug-In trip experience for future teams! You can learn more about Plug-In trips and read the blog posts of their experiences at www.myfasa.org.

Coming up next, at the crack of dawn of April 7, a FASA team [see photo] will embark on the first Day Camp trip of 2017. This team will work with children of Marapong during a day camp at the FASA Lodge & Conference Center and then host the children from The Fold for a special Easter weekend retreat. Needless to say, the team is excited about this missions adventure! Here's what they have to say...

MISSIONS



serve on the West Virginia missions trip every summer. It's a true blessing and honor, but it's time to get uncomfortable for Christ and South Africa is a great way to start.

WHAT EXCITES YOU MOST ABOUT THIS MISSIONS ADVENTURE?

Beth: I cherish that we often get to minister to some of the same children. Their faces when they see you have come back to see them again are priceless! Not only does this "fill my cup to overflowing," but our message, the good news of Jesus, becomes more and more credible as we continue to show up and share truth.

Joyce: I taught school for 26 years in Paterson, NJ, and Mount Holly, NJ. I was blessed to teach children of many different races. I have never worked with children in a different culture, and I am looking forward to learn about their culture and to be obedient to the Great Commission to bring the Good News of Jesus wherever God chooses for me to go. I am excited to learn from the children I will be serving, to understand their struggles, to know their needs, and to share how Jesus can meet their needs.

Abby: After learning more about the differences between our cultures, I am super excited about spending time in a collectivistic culture. I am also super excited about spreading hope, speaking truth into the lives I encounter, and making the children smile and feel important.

Shawn: I'm excited to see what God has in store for my family and me.

Jane: I am excited about being called by Him and used by Him for such a time as this; about being a part of bringing His Good News to others who need to hear; about seeing the wonder of His mighty works in our lives and the lives of others; and about experiencing the wonder of His creation in new and amazing ways.

Rockie: I am excited about spending time with the kids in Africa, getting to know them, and being in a culture that isn't so focused on personal space. We will get along well because I love to be in people's space.

Bernice: I am excited to be able to spend all the time focusing on the children since my previous two trips were focused more on training sessions with adults and only a few opportunities to interact with the children who touched my heart so much. When I talked with Jody and Kathy on Christmas Eve and I found out the children from The Fold would be spending two days and waking up on Easter Sunday at camp, I immediately knew I wanted to go on this trip!

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Join the FASA group on The Hub (www.myfac.ccbchurch.com)!



WHAT DO YOU EXPECT GOD TO DO?

Jane: I expect God to draw each of us closer to Him as we depend completely on Him as He meets all our needs and accomplishes all that He has set before us. I expect to experience Him in ways we never have before and to come to know Him more as we watch with anticipation the works He will bring to pass. I expect Him to give me an appreciation for this new people and culture we are being exposed to.

Bernice: I expect Him to make it possible for 120 children to attend the Day Camp and have them eager to learn about Jesus, the Bible, and salvation. I expect him to equip me to know how I may best share the love of God and Jesus with the children. I expect Him to develop relationships with the South African adults who will be helping us serve the children.

Beth: God will open minds and hearts to His truth and lives will be changed. He will heal broken hearts. He will love the orphans. He will give hope to the hopeless. He will break the chains that bind. He will offer His Son and give eternal life!

Abby: I expect lives and perspectives to be forever altered.

Rockie: I expect Him to help me bring joy to the kids who don't feel like they are needed in this world.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Abby: Please pray that our team will be unified and we will be victorious over all of the fiery darts that will come at us during our preparation, our time on mission, and life after we return.

Joyce: Pray for physical stamina and that the love I have for my

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A MISSIONS REPORT FROM JON AND ALLY LAMPE



During our time in South Asia, the Lord revealed to us more of His heart for His people around the world. We'd like to share with you a few areas where we saw the Lord at work:

Our Church, Bible Bhavan

The Church we partnered with was a great way to learn about how Christians in South Asia operated. Ally was able to teach and choreograph a dance at the summer camp which was performed for the whole congregation to an amazing reception. Jon was able to assist in leading worship at the summer camp. He also counseled students in their spiritual walk and saw several turn to the Lord for the first time! We will never forget the people we worked with at this church. We learned a lot about the global church and about ourselves.

House of Prayer

We met weekly for nights of worship and prayer with other missionaries from different companies living in our city. It was so life-giving to worship non-stop for hours and intercede for the nation. Praising the Lord on the rooftop in a very traditional Muslim community surrounded by thousands of South Asians for miles in very hot and crowded conditions was an experience we will not soon forget. We have no doubt that our prayers and breakthroughs will lay the groundwork for future workers and the fruit of future generations.

Tourism

Because we were in the country on a tourist visa, we were able to do some traveling during our time there. We were able to visit the Taj Mahal, go to the mountains of Mussoorie (over 7,000 feet above sea level) and the quiet beaches of Goa on the coast of the Indian Ocean. These trips were so rewarding because of the people we connected with at each place. One trip for a visa run to Thailand saw us connect with several missionaries from China, several families vacationing from the UK and Germany, and one family from Germany and France who were living in Bangkok for work. The Lord revealed a lot to us through these conversations, and we were immensely blessed by our friends.

We truly saw the Lord work in amazing ways while in South Asia. We could tell story after story for hours but wanted to give you a brief snapshot into how the Lord is working in South Asia. He is truly at work! We were so grateful to be a part of it.

Thank you for your prayers and support and thank you for changing lives in South Asia. •

Lord and for these children will be so evident that God is glorified in all I do and say. Pray for God to use me to impact the children I will be serving.



Rockie: Pray that I can be selfless.

Beth: Please pray for endurance for the team and that God will orchestrate a supernatural connection between me and someone whom I will be able to continue to share life with after the trip.

Bernice: Pray that I will be filled with the love of Jesus so that I may give some of that love to all those we encounter before, during, and after our time in South Africa. Pray for good health and stamina so I will have plenty of energy to minister to all of the children.

Shawn: Please pray that I submit to God's will and be a warrior for Christ.

Jane: Pray for eyes to see others as He sees them. Pray for adaptability. Pray that I would connect with those He puts in my path and that I would use every opportunity to bring Christ's love into all I say and do. Also, pray that I would be aware of the work He is doing and will do. Most of all, pray that God would be glorified and His name lifted high in all that is accomplished. •

Everyday Life

We lived in a third floor flat overlooking a neighborhood park and made some great friends with neighbors. We befriended one Muslim mom and her 11-year-old daughter who loved our son Luke. We got to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Eid with them and connected with them daily, truly forming a lasting friendship that will echo into the future.

Language Learning

Learning the local language was our full-time job and was incredibly challenging. We formed special bonds with our tutors and were able to pray with them multiple times and explain the reason we had come to live in South Asia. Our tutors truly saw the testimony of our lives day in and day out and saw the sacrifices we made to live in South Asia. We look forward to using our language skills among South Asians living in the US and making our tutors proud. "Aap kесе ho?"



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God@Work ... in the Life of Carol Adams

Carol (center) and her sisters



Carol Adams

AS a child, I attended church because my grandmother insisted upon it. She loved the Lord with all her heart and mind. She would take me with her. As I got older, I didn't want to go any longer. I was very strong willed and I think the adults gave up. At some period in my high school years, I was again pushed to going to church. I must have gotten in some kind of trouble and my parents probably tried that as a last ditch effort. I was walking in the opposite direction of God and had no heart connection to Him at all. But God didn't give up. He was very faithful to my Grandmother who spent many hours a day praying for us all.

To say I was searching for something is an understatement. At 19, I was married; by 22, I had two miscarriages; and at 23 was divorced. From that time through my 30's I was determined to be in charge of my own destiny. I worked hard so I wouldn't need to depend on anyone else. I partied when I wasn't working and did things that were destructive to my well being — drinking, smoking, and many broken relationships to name a few.

What I didn't realize was how hardened I was becoming. My communication with others could be described as "caustic sarcasm." If things didn't go the way I thought they should, I would do all I could to change it. I was very quick with my degrading comments that I thought were just

funny. How we fool ourselves! I had no idea how much harm I was causing others or how hurtful I could be. I heard over and over that I was very intimidating. I would say I was direct and people just couldn't handle that. During these years I would go to church from time to time, but I just never got it. And those visits wouldn't last long.

But God was always there. I just didn't know it. I knew something had to change because I was very unhappy, tired of being alone, and I didn't want to go to bars anymore. One of my friends told me I was angry all the time. Although I laughed a lot and wasn't always outwardly angry, her words struck a chord.

I decided to go to counseling to sort it all out. The counseling started to help me see some of the reasons I was having relationship issues. I became aware that my behavior was rooted in trying to control my circumstances.

Around the same time, my coworker Charlene started talking to me about Jesus and her church. She invited me to a Christmas concert at Shawnee Baptist, and I attended. Months later, I mentioned to Charlene that I was going to try out FAC's Saturday night service. My initial motive for going to church was to find a nice man, and I hit the Jackpot — I fell in love with Jesus!

I will always remember that Saturday night. I was the first car to arrive in the FAC lot that Saturday evening. I felt nervous. Then a second car pulled in. It was my friend Charlene and her husband.

They came to keep me company. Amazing how God works. He truly loves us through others, but, of course, I didn't know that then.

I instantly felt that the pastor was speaking to me. I came every week alone. I didn't get to know many people because it seemed everyone knew one another and they would stand in groups and catch up. But I kept coming back. God was in full motion now. Marty talked about miniChurch — over and over and over. I ultimately joined a miniChurch because he was so passionate about it. I attended a large informational meeting and before I knew it, I was in a group. That's where I learned about God — how He loves us. I learned about caring for others and allowing others to care for me, and yet there was an underlying desire to be in control. If I didn't feel as if I were, the sarcasm was released, and on many occasions I caused hurt feelings.

But God just kept working through me by teaching me new ideas. I was learning I needed to renew my mind. How does that happen? First God prompted me to serve in the church. Over the years, I have helped with youth groups, table leading in women's groups, teaching a couple of classes, the Feeding 5000 ministry, Deepening Groups, and greeting before services. I don't mention these to say, "Look what I've done"; instead, to tell you these are the places where God taught me how to love others. These groups didn't need me. I needed them.

All of the people I have met while serving taught me not to judge but love; not to covet but realize how rich and full my life is; not to be upset with the person driving so slowly in front of me making me late for work, realizing everyone possesses different driving skills; and, oh yeah, I should leave my house earlier. I learned that I needed to be responsible for my own actions and stop blaming others for my short comings. The people in my first miniChurch taught me the most about love. They showered it on me. Today I know I could call on any one of them, and they would extend a hand.

Recently I have become part of a miniChurch that is full of people who are on fire for the Lord. Their passion for sharing

the Gospel matches my own. My excitement has been rekindled. Jesus came to show us how to live right. The Bible is full of how to live right instructions. Reading and studying the Bible is key. Through learning about God, He has transformed my mind and the condition of my heart. We can try to be good, but only a changed heart will allow us to do good. The goodness will come from our hearts. And I learned this from the people God put in my life.

Today I am free! That's how I feel every day. I do not harbor resentment towards others; I don't feel revengeful; I don't feel burdened with wanting everything my way. It's hard to describe; it's just plain old "freedom." My personality hasn't really changed, just a lot of the way I use it. I'm still direct — but I don't hear the words, "You are so intimidating" like I used to.

Today, Jesus is my master. He is my friend, my provider, and protector. He helps me find my keys in the morning when I'm late. He reminds me to back away from the car going so slowly in front of me. The biggest challenge is helping me hold my tongue when the sarcasm builds up. Sometimes it just comes flying out, but I have seen a change in the tone. I am noticing it doesn't sound as mean so I'm making some progress. The Holy Spirit uses my Christian friends to help me in this area. When I cross

the line with an unacceptable outburst, they simply say with a loving, but convicting tone, "CAROL." That's all they need to do, and I stop immediately. I laugh at myself. I'm still learning the lesson.

I still have struggles, and sometimes people are just plain annoying. When I feel anger, I just call out to Jesus, and the anger dissipates. I see people from a different view. I am very aware that if they don't know Jesus, they cannot stop how they behave. So, usually I just tell them what I do when I get upset, and the situation becomes a platform to share the Gospel.

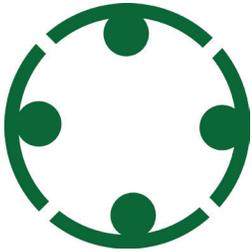
Jesus said, "Come follow me and make disciples." Teaching this to others opened my heart to all people. Everyone needs to know who Jesus is, and telling all I meet about Jesus is my purpose. I wait for the Lord, and I see opportunities all day long. Now at work, instead of people running the other direction, they come to my office to tell me their story. I just point them to God. I could never have gotten to this place without His people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you out there for what you taught me by the way you live your lives. Yes, I mean you. •



Carol and her grandmother

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTORY



Our Pastoral Care groups offer financial, physical, and emotional support. If you need assistance, contact the Care Center, 609-975-9741, or use the contact information below.

EVERY MAN'S BATTLE

Support for men struggling with sexual sins

Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contacts: Ed Brokhoff (Call for location.)
609-200-2019 or edb@myfac.org

HELPING HAND GRIEF SUPPORT

Support for adults who are grieving

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

Contacts: Wanda and George Stein,
609-953-7333, x309

LAY COUNSELING

To see a lay counselor, call Toni Mendillo,
609-953-7333, 329. (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, x309

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

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

Contacts: Steve and Julie Durdin,
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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 Barn in TB-04 on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Contacts: Dan Mignogna and Ben Glatz,
recoverymen@myfac.org, or
609-953-7333, x312 (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, 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.

Contact: Susan, 609-953-7333, x316, or
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 Barn.

Contact: Joyce, serenitysupport@myfac.org,
or 609-953-7333, x314 (Leave a message.)

WINGS (WALKING IN GOD'S STRENGTH)

For families of loved ones with eating disorders

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

For more information, send an e-mail to
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janetworrell@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S REDEMPTION

For women who struggle with sexual purity

For times and location, contact
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WOMEN'S RECOVERY

For help towards God and sobriety

Meetings are held in C-06 on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contacts: Christine Botti and Jodi Warner,
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609-953-7333, x313 (Leave a message.)

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund				
	2.5	\$ 68,750	\$ 62,183	\$ (6,567)
	2.12	\$ 68,750	\$ 54,103	\$ (14,647)
	2.19	\$ 68,750	\$ 50,377	\$ (18,373)
	2.26	\$ 68,750	\$ 65,060	\$ (3,690)
		\$		
Total		\$ 275,000	\$ 231,723	\$ (43,277)
Year-to-Date		\$ 618,750	\$ 483,421	\$ (135,329)
Missions Fund				
	2.5	\$ 5,096	\$ 6,195	\$ 1,099
	2.12	\$ 5,096	\$ 5,669	\$ 573
	2.19	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,224	\$ (872)
	2.26	\$ 5,096	\$ 5,350	\$ 254
		\$ 5,234		
Total		\$ 20,384	\$ 21,438	\$ 1,054
Year-to-Date		\$ 45,864	\$ 44,516	\$ (1,348)
Benevolence Fund				
	2.5		\$ 2,485	
	2.12		\$ 1,944	
	2.19		\$ 1,508	
	2.26		\$ 2,312	
Total			\$ 8,249	
Year-to-Date			\$ 20,391	
Kingdom Vision Fund				
	2.5		\$ 17,074	
	2.12		\$ 18,319	
	2.19		\$ 23,929	
	2.26		\$ 19,691	
Total			\$ 79,013	
Year-to-Date			\$ 225,316	

DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
2.5	1932	66	342	2340
2.12	2145	55	365	2565
2.19	1807	150	302	2259
2.26	1733	65	354	2152

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.



FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL

Worship Center

- L1 - Worship Center
- L1 - Atrium
- L1 - Café
- L1 - Guest Services
- L1 - Family Room
- L2 - Tree House
- L2 - Nursery

Fellowship Center

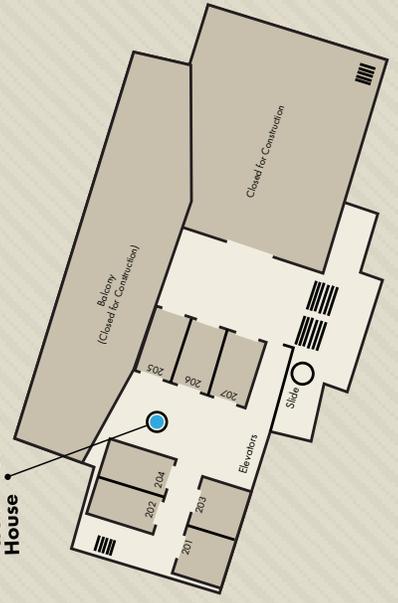
- Fellowship Center
- Chapel
- A Wing
- B Wing
- C Wing



Level 1



Tree House



Level 2

FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL

 Future Expansion
 Parking

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The Barn

Food Pantry

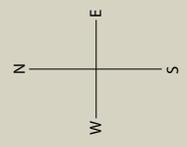
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Worship Center

- Worship Center
- Kingdom Cafe
- Tree House (Preschool Wing)

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Care Center



MAIN ENTRANCE

Rt. 541

MAIN PARKING

COURTYARD

CHURCH ROAD

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Fellowship Center

- Fellowship Center
- Chapel & C Wing
- A & B Wing

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Adult Ministries Offices

195

Administrative Offices

184

Children & Youth Offices

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Our Foundation: Salvation

Perhaps the most well-known verse in the Bible is John 3:16. In a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, a teacher in Israel, Jesus told him that a new birth and faith in Him were required for entrance into heaven. He told him the plan of salvation: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

In this one sentence is all the information you need to understand salvation. Christianity is based on the Bible as a whole, but that one sentence from Jesus is considered a summary of all that is contained in the Bible. The Old Testament contains prophecies about it, and all of the New Testament is built on it. Through His death on a cross, Jesus offers the forgiveness of sins, making a bridge to a Holy God.

When we choose to believe the words of John 3:16, ask forgiveness for our sins, and accept the free gift of salvation, Jesus says that we have eternal life in heaven. In this life, Jesus wants to have a relationship with us. He wants to help us live a righteous, blessed life. That does not mean that we will be perfect or that we will have everything we want. It does mean that He will be with us every day and in every situation until we meet Him in heaven.

At FAC, salvation is the foundation for everything we believe, every decision we make, and every ministry we have.

What you believe about salvation is the most important decision you will ever make. Ask any of our leaders to pray or talk with you about salvation.

Our Mission

Accepting the gift of salvation is just the beginning of life with Jesus. At FAC, we emphasize the importance of connecting to God, His people, and His work. Ephesians 2: 8-9, says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." These connections, then, are not for our own merit; rather, they are a recognition of what we owe to Jesus coupled with a desire to grow in an understanding of who He is and what He wants us to do.

CONNECT TO GOD

Read the Bible regularly; start with the first four Books of the New Testament. Take time to pray. Attend worship services.

CONNECT TO GOD'S PEOPLE

Choose to participate in a Bible study at FAC. We offer groups for all ages and life situations.

CONNECT TO GOD'S WORK

Find ways to actively serve Him: work with children or youth; get involved in missions; participate in caring for people in need; be a greeter. Ask Him to show you the right area for your service. There are many opportunities to serve right at FAC.

These are the majors at FAC. Salvation is our central focus; it's foundational. We pray that you will make it your foundation and that you will join us in our mission.