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FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL — MEDFORD, NJ — SEPTEMBER 2017

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

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

Nurseries 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 (Grade 9 and above) and adults with special needs meets during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service in the Worship Center (children's area at the top of the steps).

New to FAC?

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

NEW? GET CONNECTED!

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Get e-mail updates from your groups, set up automatic giving, or search the church directory. Go to myfac.ccbchurch.com.



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Watch or listen to sermons, register for events, or view the church calendar. Available for Android and iPhone: *myFAC Mobile*



DEAR FAC FAMILY,

Our vision statement says, “We want people to know God’s call and follow it.” That statement is only about 20 years old, but we’ve been helping people hear God’s call in our church for 37 years now.

In 1980, Laurie and I were called by the Metropolitan District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance to start a church in Medford, NJ. I didn’t grow up in the Alliance denomination, but my wife did. At that time, her dad was a pastor in North Jersey in an Alliance church and had connected us to the effort to start a church in South Jersey. I had never been in a denomination before. But the two things I loved about this group is that they were very aggressive in planting churches and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not just in the USA, but around the world. In fact, millions more go to Alliance churches outside of the United States than go to Alliance churches in our country. Alliance missionaries are effective and very dedicated.

Also I loved that the Alliance was really big in seeking holiness. What that means is that they want people to have a deep, personal, growing relationship with God — not just believe in certain doctrine. Alliance people are passionate about loving the Lord.

When Laurie and I started FAC, we started it in our house. The garage was converted into a small chapel. We had about 17 people to begin with and within two years, we grew to 50 people. We were packed in our house so we moved to Memorial Middle School in Medford, our target area.

It is when we met in the school that we bought land and started to build our first building. Those 100 people were some of the most sacrificial givers I’ve ever known, giving up time, money, and tons of energy to get our first building up. The miracles God did to get us into our first building brought us all to tears on the first day of May 1986.

Throughout the years, God has continued to use FAC to help people hear God’s call and follow it. In fact, we were able not only to grow our church in Medford, but also to branch out and have people from FAC start churches in Pine Hill, Burlington, and Atco. FAC also trained and sent men and their families to lead churches in Mt. Laurel, Moorestown, Maine, Maryland, Delaware, Maple Shade, and even Wisconsin. God has used this church as a powerful force to influence thousands of people for Christ. I have been privileged to be a part of the movement God has created through FAC — a movement God has used to call people to Himself, to grow in their walk with Him, and to go into the world to make disciples exactly as Acts 1:8 says to do.

If you haven’t joined our movement yet, I hope you will. It is truly a God@Work movement where thousands testify to hearing God’s call on their lives and following it.

Love never fails,

Senior Pastor Marty Berglund



NIGHT OUT AT FAC

WE’RE BUILDING BRIDGES!

We want to help you build bridges into the lives of those around you, but we know that inviting them to a “church service” doesn’t always work. That’s why we’re doing something special this fall. We’re planning a fun, casual night filled with food, movie shorts, and free ice cream — all designed to give you an opportunity to help someone you know experience the family at Fellowship Alliance Chapel.

WHEN: Saturday, September 9, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT: In the Courtyard, there will be fun music; a large party tent strung with white lights; yard games; and round tables. The big screen and other activities will be seen on the stage throughout the event.

FOOD: The Café will be providing some crowd favorites for purchase: hamburgers, hot dogs, mac & cheese, salads, and full dinners!

If you and your guests will be eating dinner, please register at www.myfac.org/events so we can be sure to have plenty of food for everyone!

A **“WELCOME PROGRAM”** in the Worship Center will be different from our regular Saturday night service. The program will be geared toward helping your guests feel welcomed and invited to return for worship, classes, groups, and more special events.

THE SCHEDULE

- 4:30-5:45 — Kingdom Café is open for dinner; games outside; and fun stuff on the big screen inside
- 5:45 — A “Welcome Program” will highlight FAC as “A Place for You.”
- After the program, free, homemade ice cream will be served in the Courtyard.

So save the date and invite your friends and family to join you at “Night Out at FAC.” Look for invitations at the Information Desk.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



A couple of verses have been surfacing over and over again in my heart lately — both written by the Apostle Paul. The first is from Colossians 1:17: “He (Christ) is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” And the second is Acts 17:27-28: “God is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being.”

They both highlight the omnipotence of God. He was here before everything we know. He made everything we can see, as well as all that we can't see. And He is holding all of it together. So every breath we take — every step we make — it's all submerged in Him.

I heard a memorable sermon about this last fall at our Metro District Conference, and I've kept the notes in my journal since then. Not only was I struck by the truths of those passages, but I loved the application points the speaker shared with us. He wanted us to be set free by the truth that because Jesus is holding it all together, we don't have to! That truth should lead to these wonderful realities in my life:

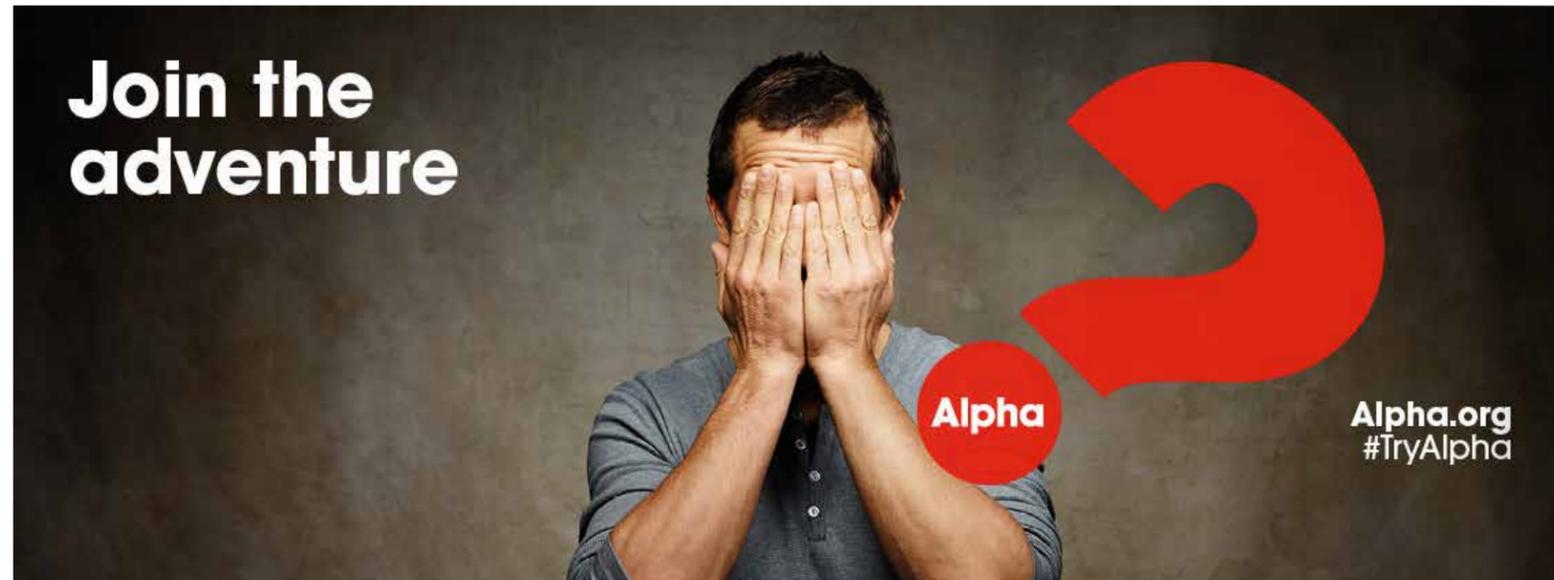
First, because He is all powerful, I can embrace my limitations. I only need to do what He has asked me to do — not everyone else's job, too. This is a hard one for me as an overly-responsible firstborn! I'm always trying to “help” — sometimes even in places where I'm not invited. I joked with a friend the other day that I was considering a tattoo for my wrist that reads, “Not my job!” I need the reminder frequently that it's Jesus who's holding it all together — not me.

Second, if I really believe that God is taking care of everything, I can rest. When I recognize not only that I'm not *called* to hold it all together, but that I'm not *capable* of it, that gives me permission to rest. God created rest to be part of the rhythm of our lives from the beginning of time. That's why He gave us Sabbath as a privilege and a gift. It's the place where we are able to let go of the treasured illusion of being indispensable! When I set aside a day every week to cease striving, then it gives me occasion to notice something very important: He's holding it all together without my help! Imagine that!

And third, since He is in control of it all, I can rely and trust Him — not myself and my own efforts. I read this quote recently from Jeremy Taylor, an author from the 1600s: “It is impossible for that [woman] to despair who remembers that [her] Helper is OMNIPOTENT!” I've written that on a card that is sitting on my desk now — reminding me how blessed I am to have such a Helper! And how relieved I should be that being responsible for the world is “not my job”!

Laurie Berglund

If you have comments or questions, send an e-mail to Laurie, laurieb@myfac.org. She'd love to hear from you!



Explore the basics of Christianity

Begins September 13

Wednesday Evenings (10 sessions)

Between 150 and 200 people attend FAC's Alpha sessions! Come out and see why it's packed for every session!

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series of informal classes that examine the basics of the Christian faith. It's a place where you can explore what you believe in a safe, open environment.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Alpha is for anyone who wants to investigate Christianity and find out how it relates to him/her. If you want to move past religion and explore what it means to have a real relationship with God, Alpha is a place where you can ask all your questions.

Alpha is open to all adults! Invite your friends, family members, and co-workers and attend with them! Are there people you have been praying for that you can invite?

More than 30 million people worldwide have tried Alpha!

WHAT HAPPENS AT ALPHA?

A catered dinner is served. After that, the group listens to a talk about a specific topic which is then discussed in smaller groups.

WHAT ARE THE WEEKLY TOPICS?

Here is a sample of the kinds of topics that are discussed at Alpha:

- > Is there more to life than what I have now?
- > Who is Jesus and why did He die?
- > How can I have faith?
- > Why and how should I pray?
- > Why and how should I read the Bible?
- > If God is good, why is there suffering?

WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW MUCH?

Alpha meets in the Fellowship Center on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for ten consecutive weeks.

Alpha with dinner included is FREE!

REGISTRATION

Register online at www.myfac.org/events.



For more information

Go to www.myfac.org/alpha. You can also contact Dave Shoemaker, 609-504-2745, or shoemaker23@comcast.net.



HAVE YOU BEEN TO ALPHA?

Take the Next Step: Join "After Alpha" !

Begins September 12 | 6:30 p.m. | in the Barn
Tuesday evenings for 10 sessions

Join us for the Fall 2017 edition of After Alpha! We'll be exploring "The Jesus Lifestyle," a challenging DVD series based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

After Alpha is a series of informal classes aimed at taking us beyond the basics of Christianity. It's a place where we can discuss the practical, everyday issues of living out our Christian faith in today's world.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., but feel free to come earlier for fellowship and dessert.

After Alpha meets in the Barn on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for ten consecutive sessions, ending on November 14. There is no charge to attend After Alpha.

To register, go to www.myfac.org/events.

WEEKLY TOPICS

Here is a sampling of the topics that are discussed at After Alpha:

- How to Find the Secret of Happiness
- How to Handle Ambition
- How to Respond to Difficult People
- How to Respond to Divorce
- How to Become a Generous Giver
- How to Build a Secure Future



For More Information, contact

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

Part 1 of 4 in a Series by the FAC Elders

The Ministry of Reconciliation By Matthew Miller, Psy.D.

My freshman year of college, I showed up on campus with long, curly hair and a beard (not a good look for me). Since the guys on my hall knew I was a Christian, I was quickly given the nickname "JC." As we all grew to become friends that year, these men came to respect my beliefs although they didn't necessarily share them.

"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already."

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The greatest gift God has given us is perhaps the most important to Him, "... Who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:19) God has chosen us to be a part of Him reconciling His people to Himself. It says earlier in that passage that, because of Christ, we no longer regard people from a "worldly point of view." (v.16) What this means is that everyone we meet is an eternal being with an eternal destiny.

As a result, the guys on my freshman hall were not just "good guys" like I had seen them. They were men in need of a relationship with God. At the time, their

respect was enough for me. I was new on campus just like everyone else, and I just wanted friends. Sadly, I never shared my faith with any of them.

"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others." — Augustine

I am now far removed from my college days. Since then, I have prayed for God to help me see people as He sees them, to make the most of the opportunities and the time He has given me. Over the years, through Young Life, miniChurch, as a psychologist, and now as an elder, God has graciously allowed me to be a small part of His plan to reconcile His people to Himself. These experiences have been some of the greatest of my life.

"I believe that God made me for China, but He also made me fast. When I run, I feel his pleasure." — Eric Liddell

The truth that I have realized is that when we use the gifts that God has given us to their fullest, we experience joy. So many people I have worked with, especially teenagers, never experience joy. Most are just surviving from one day to the next. Unless we use the gifts we have been given (time, money, abilities) for God for eternal significance, we will never truly experience the type of joy that Eric Liddell was talking about.

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." — J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

We all have different abilities, but we all have been given the "ministry of reconciliation." Again, God has chosen us to take part in His plan to bring people into relationship with Himself. There can be no greater honor, no better use of our time given than this. Perhaps you have a story of regret like mine from college. Perhaps you have felt the absence of joy in your life. What is great about God is that He meets us where we are. We can move from regret to rejoicing if we choose His path for us. I strongly encourage you to pray to see the people in your life the way that God does, seek to understand your gifts and abilities, and find a place to serve God at FAC or in the community. God bless. •



Elder: Matt Miller



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Your Money. Your Story. Your Life.

Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU).

FPU has helped thousands of individuals and families create a budget, get out of debt, and learn to spend and save wisely. Sign up today!

Location: Fellowship Center, A7/A9

Now offered in two separate sessions! Pick your day!

DATES

- Tuesday nights, September 19 through November 21 (No class on October 17), 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.
- Saturday mornings, September 23 through November 18, 10:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Cost: \$93 (plus shipping and handling) per individual/couple

Sign up at www.daveramsey.com. The specific class link can be found at myfac.org/events. Registration deadline is September 12. Register early to ensure that your materials arrive before class begins.

For more information, contact Chuck Riley, faithandfinances@myfac.org.



Toy & Clothing EXCHANGE

Thursday, October 5 | Fellowship Center
Drop off: 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Shopping: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All items are FREE!

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

Items

- Children's clothing sizes: Newborn to 14/16 (sorted by size and gender, if possible)
- Maternity clothes
- Baby equipment (cribs, pack 'n-plays, high chairs, strollers, etc.)
- Children's toys (in working condition), books, DVD's

Here's how it works

- After donations are delivered between the hours of 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., you can wait in the Welcome Center until the doors open for shopping. Feel free to drop, shop, or do both!
- Bring your own shopping bags — or a truck if you are in need of large items.
- All items are FREE!
- All remaining items will be donated to charity.
- Please note: no children may attend. No exceptions! This is very important because of the large number of moms, dads, grandparents, and relatives who attend.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Babies through Grade 4

NURSERY

HELD DURING ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

- Infants (newborns through 14 months)
- Toddlers (15 through 24 months)

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

• KID BLAST CHURCH

Age 25 months through Grade 4

Held during all worship services

• KID BLAST SUNDAY NIGHT CLUB

Age 4 through Grade 4

6:00 p.m. at FAC

SNOW KIDS

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Babies through Grade 8

Held on Sunday mornings at 11:00 in the Worship Center in Rooms 101 and 102.



Preschool Kid Blast Church

BABIES THROUGH KINDERGARTNERS

Children will be learning these important truths:

- God is always with me.
- God loves me.

The verse we will be emphasizing is, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the Lord your God goes with you." Deuteronomy 31:6. (NIV)

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

Frequently ask your child, "Who loves you?" and "Who is always with you?"

Elementary Kid Blast

GRADES 1-4

For the month of September, we will be teaching about the life of Jesus:

- His lineage — Abraham to Jesus
- Jesus at the Temple
- Jesus' baptism
- How Jesus was tempted

Verses that will be used include Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 2:40-52, Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:1-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:19-34, and Matthew 4:1-22.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

Talk to your child about what he/she is learning in Kid Blast Church. Ask lots of questions. Show excitement for their lesson. Take some time during the week to review the key passages and memory verses. Pray with your child often. Help him/her find ways to apply the verses.

Kid Blast Sunday Night Clubs

Official kickoff: September 24, 6:00 p.m.

Ages 4 through Grade 4

Kid Blast is a high energy, fun night, filled with activities to help children build a strong foundation with Jesus. Bible stories, games, small-group discussions, crafts, and Bible memorization are core components of Kid Blast Clubs.

Note: Groups are based on age or grade. All activities are age-appropriate.

Register online at www.myfac.org/events.





YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: PASTOR ERIK JARVIS, PASTOR RUSS BATTEN, PAT VICKERY, AND PASTOR EDDIE JURIMAS

SPECIAL EVENTS



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September 27 | National Event

See You at the Pole is celebrated this year on September 27. See You at the Pole (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, Scripture-reading and hymn-singing before school starts. The American SYATP events occur on every fourth Wednesday of September.



HS FALL RETREAT

October 13 to 15 | Students in Grades 9-12 | \$190 | Register Online by October 3

Our high school fall retreat will be at Refreshing Mountain Camp and Adventure Center, located on 80 acres of beautiful woodlands in Lancaster County. This is a great time to make new friends, spend time with old friends, and grow in your relationship with God. Check in is 5:00 p.m. at FAC, October 13; return to FAC is approximately 1:00 p.m. on October 15.



THE MIX-MAS

December 3 | Students in Grades 5-12 | \$15 | Register Online
FAC check in 3:15 p.m.; back at 8:00 p.m.

We will be going to America's Keswick in Whiting, New Jersey. At Keswick, we will enjoy the indoor swimming pool, gym, game rooms, and have our Christmas Party with all the students.

FALL EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

LEVEL 5 & PLANET 678 MINISTRIES
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5-8

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, September 24; October 1, 8; November 5, 12, 19
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC | Free
 (No Youth Group October 15)

OCTOBER 22 – REGISTER ONLINE

Grades 5 & 6 – Bowling Night
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | Medford Lanes | \$10
 *Pick up and drop off at Medford Lanes, 665 Stokes Rd., Medford

Grades 7 & 8 - Pizza & Game Night

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | FAC | \$5
 *Pizza will be served for dinner

OCTOBER 29 – REGISTER ONLINE

Grades 5 & 6 – Pizza & Game Night
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | FAC | \$5
 *Pizza will be served for dinner

Grades 7 & 8 - Bowling Night

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | Medford Lanes | \$10
 *Pick up and drop off at Medford Lanes, 665 Stokes Rd., Medford

IMPACT MINISTRIES
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9-12

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. For more information and to find out what day and time FCA meets on your high school campus, text or call Royce Adams, 609-413-1768.

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Mondays, September 25, October 2, 9, 23, 30
 November 6, 13, 20
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at FAC | Free
 (No Youth Group October 16)

OCTOBER 13 TO 15 – FALL RETREAT

\$190 | Refreshing Mountain Camp
 Register online by October 3

NOVEMBER 17 – NIGHT GAME

8:00 to 10:00 p.m. | Free | Camp FAC
 Wear sneakers and dark clothes.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register at www.myfac.org/events.



LVL 5 & Planet:
 FACmiddleschool

Impact:
 FAChighschool

Pick up a copy of the fall calendar at FAC, or view it online at www.myfac.org/youthcalendar.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Pastor Erik Jarvis, erikj@myfac.org
 Pastor Eddie Jurimas, eddie@myfac.org
 Pastor Russ Batten, russ@myfac.org



YOUNG ADULTS



Venture

Young Adults, Ages 18 to 23

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 — particularly in the area of understanding God’s leading.

Want to find out more? Get all of our e-mail updates by requesting to join Venture on www.myfac.org. You can also follow us on Twitter (@venture1823) and on Instagram (Venture1823) for regular posts.

Contact Bryan and Lisa Russell, venture1823@myfac.org, with any questions about the program or events.

SEPTEMBER

- 9/5 --- Group Meeting | Fellowship House | 6:30 p.m.
- 9/12 --- Group Meeting | Fellowship House | 6:30 p.m.
- 9/15 --- Ice cream | Johnson's Farm | 7:00 p.m.
- 9/19 --- Group Meeting | Fellowship House | 6:30 p.m.
- 9/21 --- Trivia Night | Kingdom Café | 7:00 p.m.
- 9/26 --- Group Meeting | Fellowship House | 6:30 p.m.



The Avenue

A Monthly Fun Event for Young Adults, Ages 24 to 30s

Enjoy fellowship, snacks, and a movie! Join us!

September 9 | 7:30 p.m. | in Medford Park

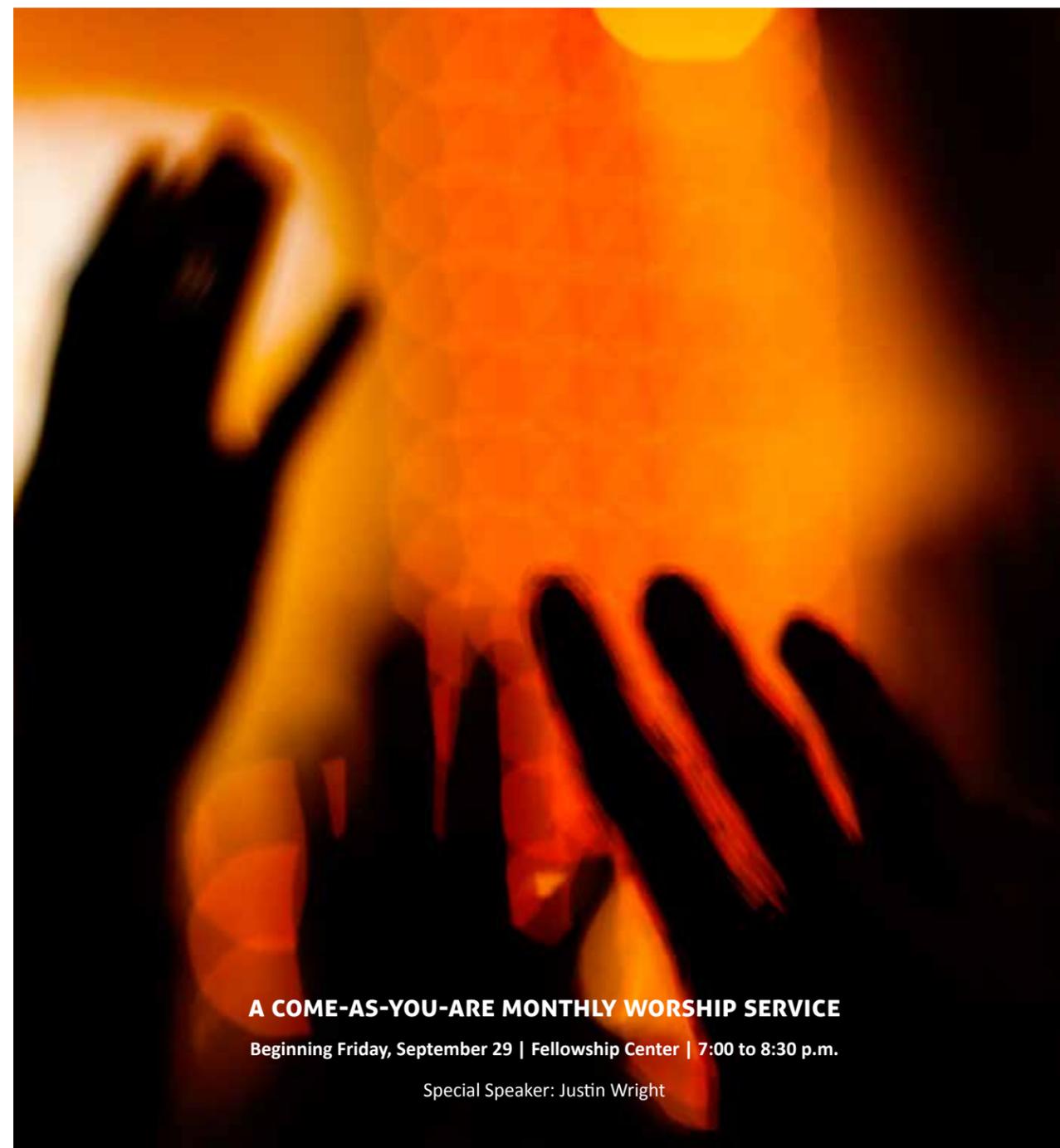
The Avenue is a monthly event for young adults who live in the South Jersey and greater Philadelphia area. Each month, we meet for fun events in a casual atmosphere for the opportunity to connect with people who are in the same season of life.

Times and locations vary so follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for updates.

Invite your friends! See you there!



A NEW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG ADULTS:
ENDEAVOR



A COME-AS-YOU-ARE MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Beginning Friday, September 29 | Fellowship Center | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Special Speaker: Justin Wright

GROUPS

For All Adults For Men For Women

Making a big church like FAC feel like a small, close-knit community starts in our Groups. These small group environments allow you to experience friendship, care, and walk together in your journey with Jesus.

The best way to get into a Group is by coming out to GroupLink that will be held on Friday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Atrium.

REGISTER AT WWW.MYFAC.ORG/GROUPLINK.

Representatives from the following small groups will be at GroupLink to help you meet people who share the same season of life as you whether it's a mixed group of adults or a group for men or women.

FOR ALL ADULTS

Groups called miniChurches are held in homes on various days of the week. They are mostly composed of both men and women and are hosted by married couples.

FOR MEN

Men's Groups are designed to offer encouragement and guidance through the study of God's Word and through interaction with other men facing the same challenges.

FOR WOMEN

Women's Groups are designed to help women connect to God and His plan for their life. Through prayer, sharing, and studying God's Word, women develop close, encouraging relationships.

You can sign up for Groups for all adults, just men, or just women at GroupLink!



#Momlife

Begins September 14 | 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. | Fellowship Center
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 5

All women with children, babies through high schoolers, are invited to attend. The dates for the fall semester are Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 12, 26; Nov. 2, 16, 30.

The cost to attend #Momlife is \$55, and childcare is provided through the Children's Ministry program, Kids' Time In, for babies through kindergartners.

To register, go to www.myfac.org/events.

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

Fresh Hope Fall Semester

Begins September 24 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. | in the Barn

Single moms and grandmoms raising children under the age of 23 (28 for children with special needs) are invited to Fresh Hope meetings to experience a great meal, friendships, encouragement, and fun.

After dinner, children and youth can attend the FAC Sunday night programs — Kid Blast Clubs, Level 5, and Planet 678. Childcare will be provided for children who are three years old and younger. In order to receive childcare, children must be registered one week prior to the meeting. Please note: If you have a child with special needs, indicate that when you register. Someone from Children's Ministries will contact you to discuss specific needs.

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

aWAKEN IF:Table

Begins September 15 | 7:00 to 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, 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. Space is limited so register as soon as possible at www.myfac.org/events. Registration will close once maximum space has been reached or on Thursday, September 14.

Connecting

September 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21, and 27 & 28
Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship House

The purpose for the Connecting ministry is to help women connect to God, to one another, and to our church as they take the next steps in their spiritual life. Our 90-minute format includes reviewing the weekly sermon, discussions, prayer, and upcoming activities.

Feel free to come only once or often! No registration is required; just stop by.

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

FALL BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

Short-term and Long-term Classes

The aWAKEN ministry invites all women to the fall semester of classes. Each class includes teaching, interaction, and small group discussions.

Classes are held:

- Tuesdays, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., beginning September 26 | Free childcare for babies through kindergartners
- Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 26 | Free childcare for babies through kindergartners | \$30 per child in Grades 1-5, or \$50 per family
- Long-term groups — meeting on various days and times | No childcare available

Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 19.

To register, go to www.myfac.org/events. To find out about scholarships, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125.

Short-term Groups

PROPEL WOMEN: GROWTH (AM & PM)

This six-session study features conversations from inspiring contributors who offer Scripture-focused content. Hear from Christine Caine, Lisa Harper, Bianca Juarez Olthoff, Lisa Bevere, and Rosilyn Houston. In Growth, some of the things discussed are how to build more room into our life; how to enlarge the space for God to work; how to lengthen your impact; and how to be strengthened for the long haul.

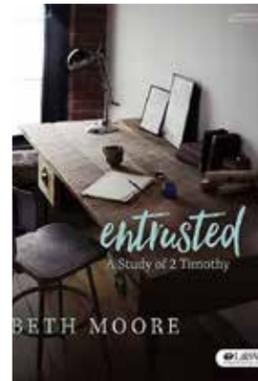
Homework: Conversation challenges
Cost: \$35



ENTRUSTED: A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY (PM)

We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great gift of the Gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves. In this study, Beth Moore will encourage us to guard what God has entrusted to us and to further His Kingdom by sharing Christ with others. In this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness.

Homework: 45 minutes, 5 days per week
Cost: \$35



PROVEN: WHERE CHRIST'S ABUNDANCE MEETS OUR GREAT NEED (AM & PM)

Too many of us walk through life feeling as if we don't measure up. We think if we could only work harder or be better we could be enough. But the truth is we will never be enough. And thankfully, we don't have to be. In this eight-session study by Jennie Allen, we will study the Book of John to demonstrate how only Jesus is enough. We don't have to prove anything because Jesus has already proven everything.

Homework: 30 minutes, 5 days per week
Cost: \$35

WE SAVED YOU A SEAT: FINDING AND KEEPING LASTING FRIENDSHIPS (AM & PM)

In today's busy world, we're wired to appear "fine," warding off authenticity and shielding ourselves from judgment. We hide behind busyness to escape intimate friendships with the women God has placed in our lives. But we do yearn for authentic relationships with people who cheer for us. In this

seven-session study by Lisa-Jo Baker, we will explore our relationship with Jesus as the ultimate model for authentic friendships. So, instead of chasing perfection, overcome your fear of being known and find the courage to connect.

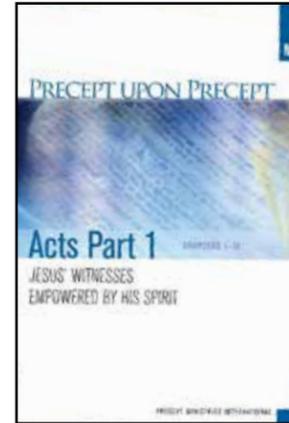
Homework: 30 minutes, 3 days per week
Cost: \$35



ACTS, PART 1: JESUS' WITNESSES, EMPOWERED BY HIS SPIRIT (AM & PM)

In this study by Precepts Ministries, we will learn how God spread the Gospel through witnesses of Jesus' death and resurrection. We will learn from their examples about how we, too, can witness to others. We can embrace His power and be encouraged by the results of faithful servants holding forth truth in a dark world.

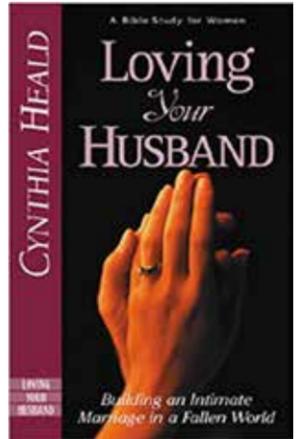
Homework: 45 minutes, 5 days per week
Cost: \$35



LOVING YOUR HUSBAND (AM)

Women today are faced with a myriad of choices, and those choices can greatly affect their relationships with God and with their husbands. How is it possible to be a Godly woman and wife in the context of an imperfect world? How is God's Word relevant to the challenges and temptations of every day? This study based on a book by Cynthia Heald offers encouragement and practical application of Biblical truths to the personal joys and struggles of marriage.

Homework: 30 minutes, 5 days a week
Cost: \$35



Long-term Groups



IF: EQUIP (PM)

18 Months, Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

IF:Equip is a daily study in which women read the Bible, hear from leaders, and converse about how the studies apply to them. Throughout the 18 months, we study what we believe as Christians, our church history, how to study the Bible, spiritual disciplines, and how to tell our story.

The first study is entitled "I Believe: A Study of the Nicene Creed." In this IF:Equip study, we'll explore the language of the creed and how we can use Scripture paired with the history of our faith to better understand who God is.

Cost: First study is \$40. Subsequent studies range from \$10 to \$30, due at launch of each study. *Note: Internet and/or a smartphone is required for participation in this group.*

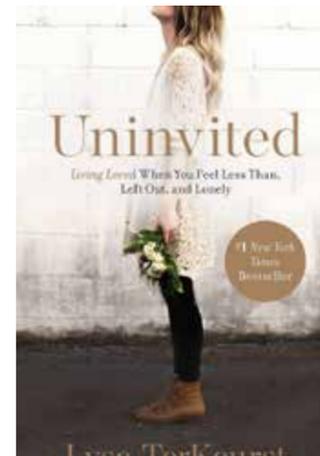
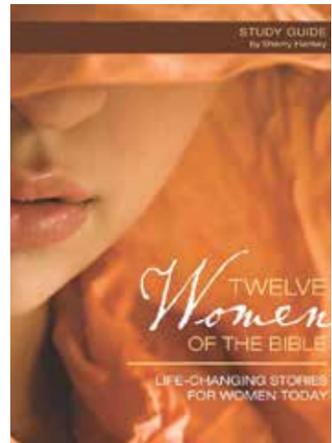
FOREVER CHANGED SERIES (PM)

24 Months (with breaks), Monday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00

Based on the theme of spiritual maturity and living out our faith, this series is by Lysa TerKeurst, Jennie Allen, and Beth Moore.

Weekly Readings: 15-20 minutes (average), 5 to 6 days per week

Cost: First study (Twelve Women of the Bible by Lisa TerKeurst) is \$35, due with current registration. Subsequent five studies by Jennie Allen and Beth Moore range from \$10 to \$25, due at launch of each study.



FAITHFULLY FIT (AM)

8 Months, Tuesday Mornings, 9:15 to 11:15

Faithfully Fit encompasses total health — physical, emotional, mental and spiritual — with Jesus at the center. Join us for a six-session video Bible study, Uninvited, by Lysa TerKeurst. The study will help us identify the roots of rejection, overcome the damage past hurts can inflict on our current relationships, and fully grasp what it looks like to "live loved."

Cost: First study is \$35. January study is \$25, due at launch.



Deepening Groups

A Deepening Group provides a covenant community for maturing Christians. Our hope in Deepening Groups is that participants follow Christ in loving obedience and lead a lifestyle of continual spiritual transformation and growth through the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

To join a Deepening Group, go to www.myfac.org/Women. There is a description of Deepening Groups, along with the Deepening Group Participant Interest Form.

If you have questions, contact Carol Batten at carol@myfac.org or Jennifer Green at jenniferg12@verizon.net.

His Picture...Both Big & Small

A Deepening Group Workshop

When: November 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
November 4, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Chapel



Spiritual Circle Journaling

Fresh...Simple...Fun

Connect with God in the time you do have!

A journal is defined as a record of occurrences, experiences, or observations. The Spiritual Circle Journal does those things and so much more! Its unique format helps you see what God is trying to do in and through

your daily life so you can recognize Him more in your moments. It gives you a structure for examining your life and heart once a week and noticing God's movement, teaching, and guidance. The result is a more Spirit-led life that leads to becoming who God made you to be and doing what He created you to do.

God guides. God speaks. But we have to ask for His help daily and learn to be better listeners.

Join us for an interactive workshop that will help you combine your daily choices with God's bigger picture. Liz Lassa will teach us using two life-changing and tangible prayer tools that make this simple. Come join us as we use these tools to discern His

purpose and His calling. You won't want to miss His picture for your life!

SESSION 1: "ANTENNAS UP! TUNING INTO THE SPIRIT"

Liz will teach us to listen for God's leadings with the help of the Spiritual Circle Journal.

SESSION 2: "MY LIFE NOW"

Liz will do an exercise called "Picture Me." She will share her inspiring story of how God answered her prayers and made her a better listener. She loves teaching women that God has a plan for their lives and that they must be listening for His daily guidance in the small stuff to see His bigger picture. She is the creator of the Spiritual Circle Journals (kids and adult versions), a retreat leader, Christian life purpose mentor, and a past MOPS Coordinator. She lives in the Chicagoland area with her husband of 22 years and their three children.

For more information about Liz, go to www.spiritualcirclejournal.com.

Please Note:

- Childcare will not be provided for this event.
- You do not need to attend FAC to participate.

Cost is \$60.00 per person, which includes all materials, dessert on Friday night, and lunch on Saturday. Payments must be made in full with registrations. Registration deadline is October 15. To register, go to www.myfac.org/events.

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



A JOURNEY TO AUTHENTIC MANHOOD™

as modeled by Jesus in his 33 years on earth.



Introducing a New Group for Men, Catalyst 33: Become the Man God Is Calling You To Be

Begins September 28

Catalyst 33 is new; it's sharp; and it's hard-hitting. It's an adventure for men.

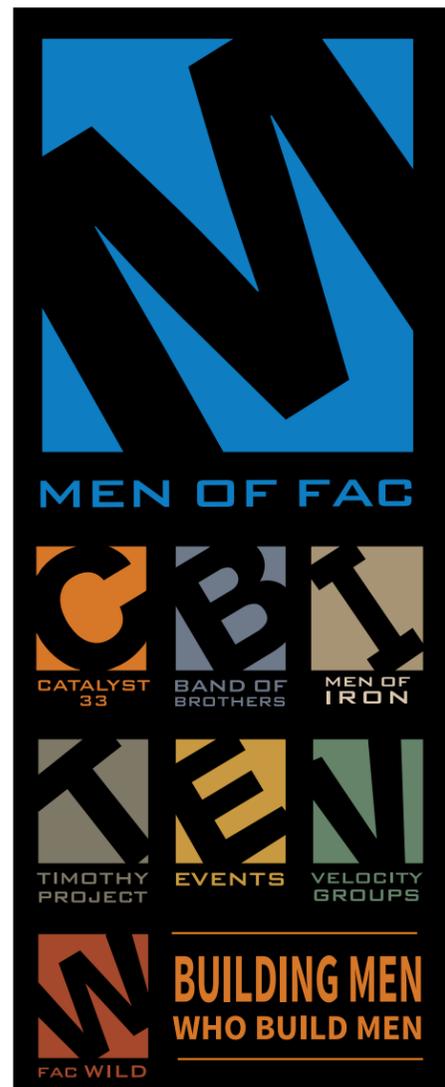
The Catalyst Men's Group re-build has been under construction for a number of months. On September 28, Catalyst 33 will be unveiled!

With a new night (Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:00), a new process (six-week mini-segments), a new format (live-streaming, service opportunities, and small groups), and sharp leaders, Catalyst 33 is a dynamic new feature for the men of FAC.

Jump into the fall, winter, and spring segments as we tackle heavy-hitting subjects like a man's design, his story, his traps, and his work. There are so many voices telling us what it means to be a man. Discover God's design through a clear definition and inspiring vision of authentic manhood.

Want to know more? Check out this trailer at www.myfac.org/c33.

Cost: \$20 for each six-week session
Register: www.myfac.org/events



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

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

Band of Brothers

Restarts September 13

Band of Brothers is starting a new series entitled "Foundations." The speakers will be pastors and elders of our church.

Band of Brothers is held on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Center from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m.

Band of Brothers is free. Invite your friends. (Guys only!) Breakfast is available through the Kingdom Café. Cost is \$5.00, and the coffee is always free.

If you have questions about Band of Brothers, contact Michael More', bandofbrothers@myfac.org.

Velocity

Begins September 15

All men are invited to join Velocity. We will be studying the Book of Hebrews.

We meet at the Medport Diner on Fridays at 6:45 a.m. See you there!



Psalm 120
*I look up at the vast size of the mountains—
 from where will my help come in times of trouble?*

2 The Eternal Creator of heaven and earth and these mountains
will send the help I need.

3 He holds you firmly in place;
He will not let you fall.

He who keeps you will never take His eyes off you and never drift off to sleep.

4 What a relief! The One who watches over Israel
never leaves for rest or sleep.

5 The Eternal keeps you safe,
so close to Him that His shadow is a cooling shade to you.

6 Neither bright light of sun
nor dim light of moon will harm you.

7 The Eternal will keep you safe
from all of life's evils,

8 From your first breath to the last breath you breathe,
from this day and forever.

September Calendar

September 11 — Psalm 120

September 18 — Dinner & a Psalm

September 25 — Psalm 122

Bible Study and Fellowship for Ages 50 and Up

MONDAY NIGHTS, 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M., IN THE BARN

Join us this fall as we follow up the weekend study of the Psalms. We will be concentrating on the Psalms of Ascents: What were they? (Psalms 120-134) When were they used? How do these ancient Psalms speak to us in real ways today?

Learn how the Psalms of Ascent speak of peace in the face of insults and lies.

If you have questions, contact Ed Brokhoff, 609-200-2019, or edantbro@gmail.com.



Randy Alcorn

SEPTEMBER 21 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Join us beginning Thursday, September 21, at 12:30 in the Fellowship Center for lunch and a seven-week study by Randy Alcorn on the topic of heaven.

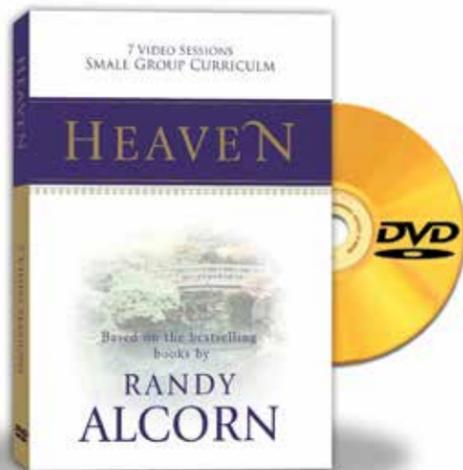
What comes to mind when you think of heaven? Clouds? Harps? Angels? Singing? Now, honestly, does that really sound like a great way to spend eternity? The good news is that is not what heaven is like. When you discover what really awaits you there, it will radically change the way you live now.

This view of your future and of heaven will bring hope, peace, and excitement for God and what He has prepared for Believers. You'll learn what our heavenly home will be like, what we'll do there, and what we'll experience there.

SAGE Builders for people who are retired is hosting this study on heaven; however adults of all ages are invited to attend this study held on Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 12, 19, 26; and Nov. 9 and 16.

Please register at www.myfac.org/events. Suggested donation for lunch is \$5.00.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, glenn@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x106.



NEWS & NOTES



Starting Point

Connecting 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 in person at a Guest Reception. Check your bulletin for dates.

For more information, contact Pastor Doug Bazigian, dougb@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x128.



The Kingdom Café Has New Hours

Mondays
Closed

Tuesdays to Fridays
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays
5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sundays
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bring your friends and have a delicious meal together!



Is This Your Baby?

No? Okay, that's probably not your baby! But if you've recently had a baby, would you let us know? We'd love to introduce him or her to the FAC family! Are you engaged? Getting married? Send an e-mail and photo to lynn@myfac.org.

Prayer Line

The FAC Prayer Team has a prayer line! Call 609-953-7333, x308, and leave your request.

LOOKING AHEAD!



Trunked Treats

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

This is a great opportunity for miniChurches and other groups to hang out and serve our children and community! Start planning now!



**Behind-the-scenes Help
Wanted for Worship Services**

Join the Audio/Visual Team!

It takes an army of volunteers who love to serve behind the scenes to operate and manage our weekend services. Pastor Nick Simpson and his team need additional help with lighting, audio, slides/video preparation, and cameras. There is also a need for technical directors and stage crew members. Training is provided.

In most cases, you will serve only once a month, which includes a rehearsal on Thursday nights and before the worship services. (Rehearsal is only for the weekends when you are serving.)

Pastor Nick Simpson says, "It is exciting to meet as a team before services to pray for all who will attend — not only in-person, but also online around the world! Consider joining our team to help us do our best to serve God with excellence."

We make every effort to ensure that team members serve only once a month. In order to make that happen consistently, we need more volunteers in these areas:

Lighting: operating stage and house lighting

Live Audio: mixes sound for the Worship Center

Studio Audio: mixes sound for our live stream and building feed

ProPresenter: prepares slides and videos

Camera Operator: operates cameras for the service and live stream

Technical Director: controls video output and oversees A/V cues

Stage Crew: sets up/tears down equipment; prepares presenters

THE COMMITMENT

Thursday night rehearsal

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.*

Saturday rehearsal and service

4:00 to 7:30 p.m.*

Sunday rehearsal and service

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

** Only for the weeks you are serving*

It is exciting to meet as a team before services to pray for all who will attend, not only in-person, but also online around the world!

If you are interested in joining the A/V team, contact Pastor Nick Simpson, nick@myfac.org.



God@Work ... in the Life of Julia Pearson

“
**With Him,
we were
stronger
than we ever
thought we
could be.**
”

Sometimes God calls you to obedience and the miracles are as instant as Aaron’s staff turning to a serpent — the evidence of a powerful God instantly before your eyes. Sometimes God calls you to a path that winds and hurts and feels very much like a dizzying roller coaster, one you are hanging onto by your sheer white knuckled grip alone. As you rocket up and plummet down time after time, your vision begins to blur, your head spins, and you may even begin to question if the ride will ever end and what the purpose in this much turmoil could ever be. These kind of paths have me thinking of Israelites and Moses.

God worked a big, crazy miracle in our lives this past year, and he is our new son, Crosby Moses Pearson.

About five years ago after having our two older biological children, Ruby and Grady, Jeff and I set out on the adoption journey. We had long dreamed of growing our family through adoption but worried that we would never feel ready enough, financially stable enough, or frankly, brave enough. God used pain in our lives to show us that with Him we were stronger than we ever thought we could be. We set out on a two-year adventure and emotional wait and ended up bringing our Davey home. The miracle of adoption and the profound beauty of how the Father loves His children struck us so hard that we could not wait to adopt again and felt God strongly leading us in that direction. Two and a half years ago, we set out again on what we knew would be a hard, but incredibly worthy, journey.

In the past two plus years, the roller coaster has been more intense than I could ever imagine summing up on paper. Through different agencies, friends,

attorneys, and social workers, we were connected with seven different children who needed homes and needed us. Seven times we climbed to the heights of excitement and expectation through the hard work of prayer and discernment, only to fall down a brutal, bumpy mountain. This past January, we even brought home a baby boy whose mother we had come to love. We had him for a short time, only to have to return him to his mother who was deeply stuck in a life of drugs and prostitution. Our souls were left weary and torn and our hearts questioning where God's mercy was for this baby boy, and, honestly, for our family.

Late one night, this past spring, we got a call from the attorney we had used with our older son, Davey. There was a four-month-old baby boy who needed a home. The birth mom had chosen an adoptive family months ago, but because of this baby's fragile circumstances and medical complications, the other adoptive

family chose to back out at the very last minute. The attorney was elated because since she had met this baby's birth mom, she had felt that we would be the right parents for this sweet boy. She tempered her excitement with caution because she wanted to make sure we took the time to look into his situation and ask experts for help to evaluate if we could care for his potential needs. This baby would need to be placed in seven days.

At a time when my faith felt more fragile and tested than ever before, God was directly challenging me to walk towards Him on water. The fear was enormous and dizzied our heads, as we questioned how we could say yes when we had three other children to care for and this baby may need more than we could give. Just as we felt all of our reasoning on this side, we questioned how we could ever say no to a baby that desperately needed to be unconditionally loved. More than anything, we begged for mercy from our God whom

we felt confused by, but held tightly to, insisting on His faithfulness. We prayed, consulted, talked, questioned, and prayed and prayed some more, and decided that we would say yes to this child. We would bring him home in three days to be ours forever — with so many medical questions unanswered but a sureness in our hearts that this was what God was calling us to do.

The baby's birth mom asked that we re-name him. We decided we would name him Crosby, which means dweller at the cross, and his middle name would be Moses. God had given me a song that got me through the past several months that constantly reminded me of my God who could make a "Red Sea Road" when you have chariots chasing behind you and a wild sea in front of you. We held his name close to our hearts and told no one.

The next morning we got the call that the baby had been admitted to the hospital



for dehydration and weight loss. He was struggling, and I was invited to spend the day with him there along with his birth mom and birth grandmother. As I sat holding this struggling little boy that I was told would be mine forever in a few days, I felt overwhelmed, listening as the birth grandma told the story of his life so far. I felt afraid of the risks involved and burdened by all the unknowns not just medically, but legally and emotionally. I looked down at his sweet face and felt the Lord speak to my heart so clearly saying, "Julia, this baby is not just Moses because I am parting the seas for you to be together. He is Moses because I am hiding him in the reeds and keeping him safe just like baby Moses was protected by my hand." My heart filled with peace.

At that moment I looked up to see his birth grandmother looking at me, and she asked if she could tell me a story. She said, "When God brought this baby here into the world, He told me that we do not need to worry about him. God will protect him and hide him in the reeds just like baby Moses."

In my overwhelmingly joyful tears, I told Crosby's birth mom and birth grandma that this was in fact the name that we were giving him. In that sweet moment from the Lord that He knew I needed so desperately, every fear and concern was washed away, and I looked down at the sweet baby boy I was holding and knew that without a doubt he was our boy.

Crosby Moses was our boy no matter his history, his disabilities, his potential, or his delays. I was his mama and he was my precious son.

In the short months that we have had Crosby home, we have seen God heal him in incredible ways through unconditional love and attentive care. I am reminded daily in a new way that I do not understand our God and His ways all the time, but I know that He is good, and that He can redeem things beyond what we can imagine.

JULIA & JEFF PEARSON SERVE WITH YOUNG LIFE

Young Life Montgomery County has been growing and changing in so many exciting ways, and it is a joy to share with you! In the past three years since starting this Young Life area, Jeff and I have seen God move in order to get the news of Jesus Christ in front of kids who might otherwise never hear it.

When we first moved to Montco to build a Young Life area, we had four volunteer committee members who were barely hanging onto enthusiasm and three semi-trained volunteer leaders. We have seen God fill our family room with 23 committee members and a dozen leaders who are running hard alongside of us, working to build ministries in schools that need the Gospel.

This past year, it has been a blessing to watch our newly started club in Fort Washington flourish and for kids to come to know the Lord and grow in their relationship with Him! We have been encouraged to see leaders invest in kids' lives and to meet them where they are and show them through relationships how God's love for them transforms everything.

This past year has also been one of brand new growth as we have had several surrounding communities rally and reach out saying, "We need kids in our high schools to hear about Christ! How can we do this?" We love that question! We have started up three new sender teams in neighboring communities who are meeting monthly to pray for their schools and make plans of action with Young Life Montco on how to build a team of volunteer leaders and get ministries started in those new schools!

We are also excited to be bringing our first Staff Associate into our area. Matt McGonigle is a recent graduate from West Chester University. He will be joining our staff this fall to reach more kids for Christ!

Growing up at FAC certainly was a huge part of forming my heart for the lost, and we are so grateful that my home church has had such a beautiful and vital role in supporting our ministry. •



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

GRIEF MINISTRY

- A Closer Walk with God through Grief For all adults experiencing grief
- Helping Hand Grief Support For adults who are grieving due to a physical loss

- Living through Suicide

For those who are grieving because of a loss due to suicide

- Substance Abuse Deaths (SAD) For those who have suffered a loss due to substance abuse

All grief support 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 Joelle Clark, 609-953-7333, x329. (Leave a message.)



MARRIAGE MATTERS

Coaching, workshops, conferences, and small group studies designed to help all marriages move and improve

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

Contact: Dan Mignogna, 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: Jim Mathers, 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, serenity@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 janletts@comcast.net; jmiller.510@comcast.net; or janetworrell@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S RECOVERY

For help towards God and sobriety (Starting in September)

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

Contacts: Collete Scott, recoverywomen@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x313 (Leave a message.)

WOMEN'S REDEMPTION

For women who struggle with sexual purity

For times and location, contact puritywomen@myfac.org.



New Military Ministry

Second Sunday of each Month, beginning September 10

Held in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m.

God has placed our church close to the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, one of the largest installations on the East Coast. The goal of the new Military Ministry is to provide a network of support and care to our local military community and their families. To begin, we are going to be meeting together to pray for members of our military and for direction in how we can be more involved. The needs of this special community are much like the needs of others, but often the challenges faced by the military communities are unique.

If you are on active duty, National Guard or Reserve, a retiree, prior military veteran, and/or a family member of any in these branches, please make plans to take part in this ministry!

Prayer requests:

-Please pray for Joe Moffa and John Downing as they will be leading the Military Ministry.

-Please pray as we have been invited to present trainings for the Comprehensive Airman Fitness Day on the base on September 14

A Closer Walk with God through Grief

Starting September 19

A new course has been added to the Helping Hand Grief Support ministry. A Closer Walk with God through Grief is a Christ-centered program that will begin on Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in Room B-10.

The evening will consist of the viewing of a DVD, followed by a discussion with grief facilitators.

The cost is \$10.00 for the book and materials.



Women's Redemption Group

Starting September 25

Many women who wrestle with physical and emotional temptation feel very isolated and often too ashamed to talk about it — even with a close friend. 1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light, as he [God] is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (ESV)

In a new session of the Women's Redemption Group, we will be using a 10-week series entitled "Breaking Free," by Beth Moore. Join us! You are not alone. Let's walk in the light together and move toward forgiveness and cleansing in Christ.

For more information, including place and time, please contact puritywomen@myfac.org. Confidentiality is protected.

MISSIONS



In July, eight team members traveled to Lephalale, South Africa, to work with Jody and Kathy Adams and many South African leaders to implement two-day camp programs and a weekend retreat.

The photos on this page were taken by team members: Alison Funk, Michele Fleckenstein, Jade Fleckenstein, Joy Jarvis, Sandy Knox, Patrice Farquharson, Liz Murphy, and Cassie Jarvis.

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FACTS & FIGURES

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund				
	7.2	\$ 68,750	\$ 70,252	\$ 1,502
	7.9	\$ 68,750	\$ 68,063	\$ (687)
	7.16	\$ 68,750	\$ 70,112	\$ 1,362
	7.23	\$ 68,750	\$ 62,645	\$ (6,105)
	7.30	\$ 68,750	\$ 65,218	\$ (3,532)
Total		\$ 343,750	\$ 336,290	\$ (7,460)
Year-to-Date		\$ 2,131,250	\$ 1,841,358	\$ (289,892)
Missions Fund				
	7.2	\$ 5,096	\$ 5,263	\$ 167
	7.9	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,702	\$ (394)
	7.16	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,897	\$ (199)
	7.23	\$ 5,096	\$ 3,921	\$ (1,175)
	7.30	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,961	\$ (135)
Total		\$ 25,480	\$ 23,744	\$ (1,736)
Year-to-Date		\$ 157,976	\$ 160,840	\$ 2,864
Benevolence Fund				
	7.2		\$ 2,820	
	7.9		\$ 2,017	
	7.16		\$ 2,675	
	7.23		\$ 1,555	
	7.30		\$ 2,891	
Total			\$ 9,067	
Year-to-Date			\$ 86,534	
Kingdom Vision Fund				
	7.2		\$ 27,322	
	7.9		\$ 18,953	
	7.16		\$ 24,531	
	7.23		\$ 20,659	
	7.30		\$ 67,357	
Total			\$ 158,822	
Year-to-Date			\$ 748,197	

DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
7.2	1475	37	173	1685
7.9	1735	31	222	1988
7.16	1601	35	186	1822
7.23	1467	42	226	1735
7.30	1589	29	215	1833

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

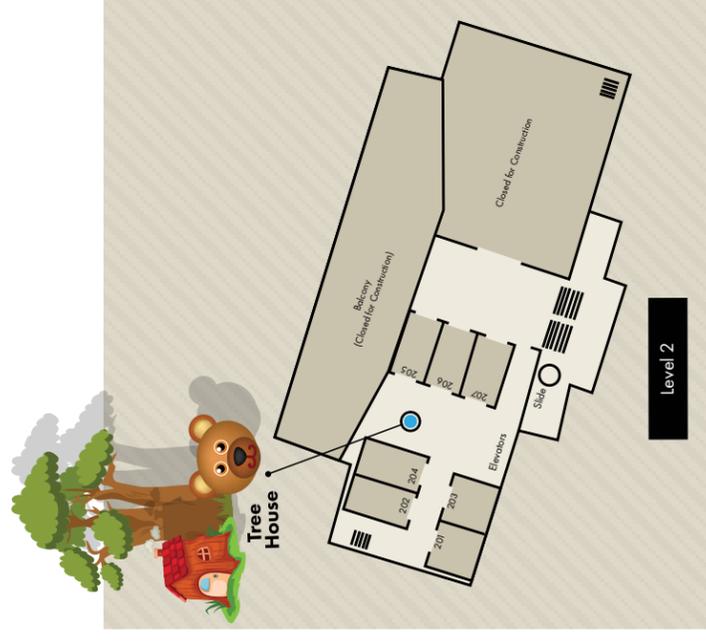
- L1 - Worship Center
- L1 - Atrium
- L1 - Café
- L1 - Guest Services
- L1 - Family Room
- L2 - Tree House
- L2 - Nursery

Fellowship Center

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



Level 1



Level 2

FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL

- Future Expansion
- Parking



219 Fellowship House

215 The Barn

Food Pantry

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

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

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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.