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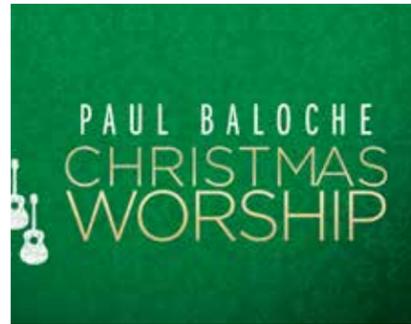
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Kingdom Café Hours

Mondays Closed	Saturdays 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesdays to Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	
Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	



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. Sunday 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.

Prayer Line

If you have prayer requests, call the Prayer Line, 609-953-7333, x308. Leave your requests and the Prayer Team will pray for you.

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The Message of Christmas is Hard to Doubt!

One of my favorite characters in the New Testament is Thomas. He is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas," and his struggle with pessimism and doubt is one of the major reasons I like him so much.

Thomas doesn't hide his doubt like Judas did. Rather he expresses it, and Jesus even confronts it. In fact, I believe that is one of the reasons Thomas gets past his crisis of faith. Not hiding his doubts had a huge impact on his life. Tradition tells us that Thomas evangelized much of India and made strong disciples for Jesus after He ascended to Heaven.

Since all of us struggle from time to time with doubt and pessimism, we all need to take a closer look at how Thomas got over his doubt and became so strong in his faith.

If we take a closer look at Thomas, as revealed in Scripture, we can see clearly that Thomas struggled after Jesus' death and resurrection until he received the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 with the other disciples. It was not until then that Thomas seemed to really understand what we call the "Gospel" or the "Good News." It is summed up well by the Apostle John, Thomas' good friend and fellow disciple in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Thomas struggled with continued doubts until he seemed to grasp the essence of how Jesus is really God who

came to earth to rescue and redeem humankind back to Himself.

One could say Thomas finally understood what we now celebrate as Christmas. The aspect of God coming for us is totally different than all the other religions of the world that teach that people must earn their way to God. No, God comes to find us!

Thomas had his doubt stripped from his mind by understanding that God came to him and the entire world in the form of a vulnerable baby who grew to be a man and died on the cross in our place to pay for our sins. Wow! Now doesn't that sound like Good News? Doesn't that cause all serious-minded seekers to doubt their doubts?

In Christian circles, we call it the grace or unmerited, unearned favor of God, and that's what Christmas is all about. God's love for us erases doubt just as it did for Thomas.

All we are asked to do is believe the truth of it. I call out to all who read this little article to believe what we celebrate at Christmas. Believe that God came for you in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Believe it for yourself.

Love never fails,

Senior Pastor Marty Berglund

THE CHRISTMAS Story

LUKE 2:1-14 (NASB)

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.

”

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



Are you ready for Christmas?

Have you figured out what gifts all your friends and family want? If you're one of the people on my list and you haven't let me know what you wanted yet, it might be too late! I'm pretty much finished with my Christmas shopping! Yes, I'm one of those annoying people who likes to get it done early.

As I was crossing things off my shopping list a couple of weeks ago, though, the thought hit me: "Why am I buying gifts for everyone else when it's JESUS's birth that we're celebrating?" I had been checking in with all my kids and grandkids to see what was on their wish list, but I hadn't even taken a minute to ask Jesus what He wanted. It is after all HIS birthday!

I know there's no point in getting Jesus any "stuff." He owns everything already. But I know He wants "heart things" — that's His love language. So I started asking myself, "What does Jesus want from me this Christmas? Is there something particular that would please Him this year?"

Does He want a faithful heart from me? I know that without faith it is impossible to please Him, and I definitely want to do that. So can I give Him a heart that is staying faithful in spite of all the challenges? Or would He rather have my loving heart? He says that's the most important commandment — to love Him and then others. So is He hoping for me to give Him a more loving heart this year?

Or what about a surrendered heart? Maybe it would make Him happy if I learned to surrender to the difficult things more often without whining or asking so many questions.

But after I pondered all of that for a few days, I realized, no, what He wants the most is just to be WITH me. That's what Christmas is all about. Immanuel = "God WITH us." God chose to come because He desperately wanted to be WITH us. Of course He would be happy to see me be more faithful and loving and surrendered. But way more than that, He just wants me. And He wants me to be WITH Him — to treasure being WITH Him — to delight in being WITH Him — not just during the holidays or special times, but every single moment — connected to Him.

So I'm trying to wrap my heart around that this Christmas season! The King of the whole universe, who owns and is in charge of absolutely everything, longs to be WITH us so much that He sent His Son whom He adored so we could all begin to understand how unbelievably smitten He is with us. Treasuring that truth is the gift I think Jesus wants from me this year. What about you?

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 January 10

Wednesday evenings (10 sessions)

Between 150 and 200 people attend FAC's Alpha sessions! Come out and see why it is 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 January 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for 10 consecutive weeks.

Alpha with dinner included is FREE!

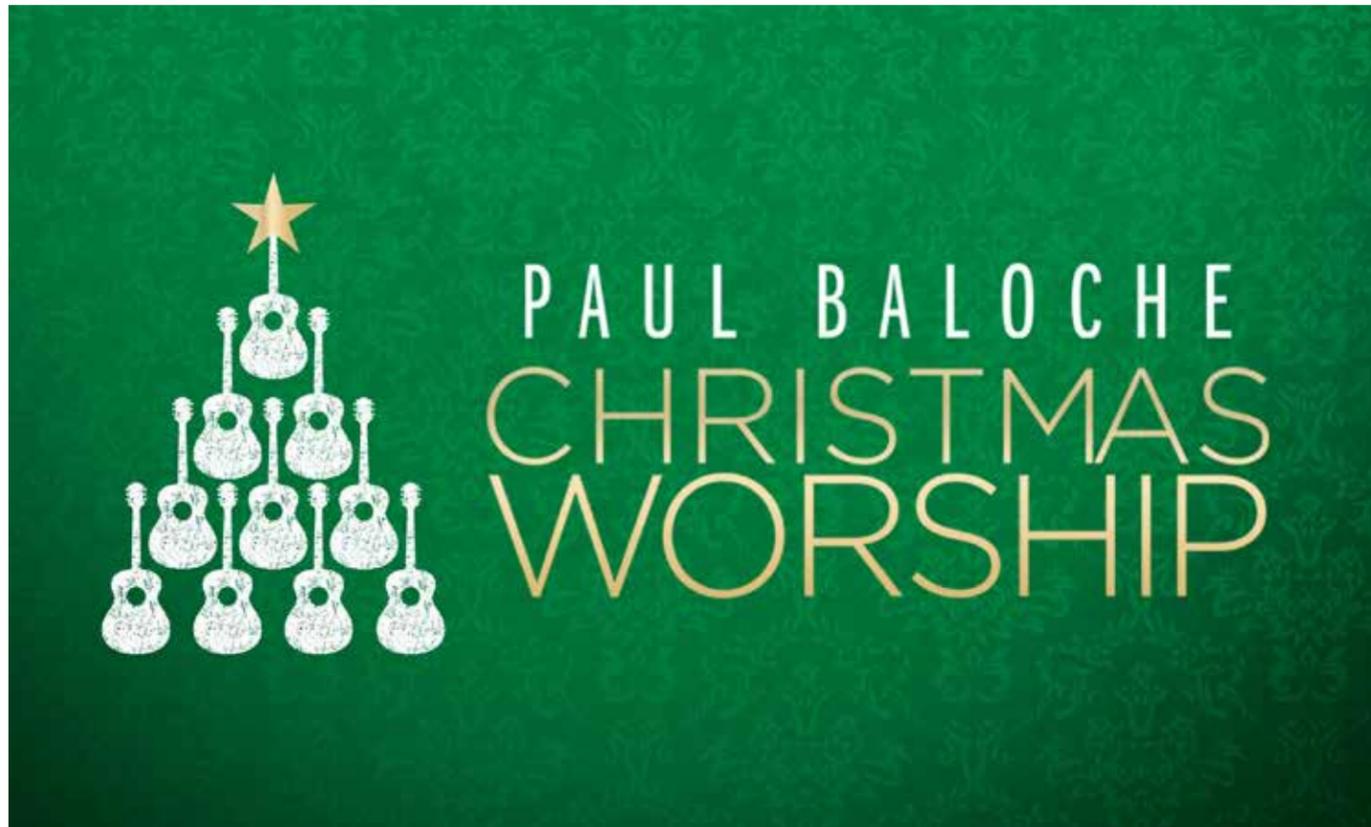
REGISTRATION

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.



Christmas Concert with Paul Baloche Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a concert by Paul Baloche to worship the King of kings and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Paul Baloche is from Maple Shade, NJ. He has achieved world-wide fame with songs he has written, such as "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Hosanna," "Your Name," "Today Is the Day," and "Above All." He is the recipient of numerous Dove Awards.

Paul says this about his ministry, "Our goal is to provide authentic worship songs and practical resources for worship leaders and teams throughout the world."

Tickets are available through our website, www.myfac.org/Christmas. The cost per ticket is \$15.00.



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. 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 to 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.

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



Engagement of Allison Foering

Jeff and Kathy Foering proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Allison to Matthew Antonio. A June 2018 wedding is planned.

The A/V Ministry Continuing to grow and expand

It takes an army of volunteers who love to serve behind the scenes to operate and manage weekend services in our new building. We need your help! No experience needed!

We need more volunteers in these areas:

- Lighting: operating stage and house lighting
- Live Audio: mixing sound for main worship center
- Studio Audio: mixing sound for our live stream and building feed
- ProPresenter: preparing slides and videos
- Camera Operator: operating cameras for the service and live stream
- Technical Director: controls video output and oversees A/V cues for service
- Stage Crew: setting up and tearing down equipment; preparing people for the stage

For more information, contact Pastor Nick Simpson, nick@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x110.



SNOW Den

Next Meetings: January 5 & 19

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, and so much more!

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

Christmas Eve Services

11:00 a.m. | 1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m. Note: There will not be a regular Saturday evening worship service on December 23.

Holiday Blues

Don't let this be a blue Christmas for you! If the holiday season is hard, please let us help you. Let's meet and talk about how we can help. Your church family loves you!

Contact Pastor Brent Brendle, brentb@myfac.org, or 609-714-4037.

An Adoption & Foster Care Workshop

Save the Date
January 20, 9:00 a.m. to noon

There are thousands of children who need homes in New Jersey and around the globe. If you have been considering adoption or foster care, this workshop will be helpful. If you are an adoptive or foster care parent, information will be available about help for you.



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 CLUBS
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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM: JUSTIN WRIGHT, MEG PREIM, KRISTI PETERSON, AND ALEX TRACEY

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM!

Our Children's Ministry is looking for more volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and stages in their faith journey. We would love to have you serve on our team. We have opportunities on Saturday nights, Sunday mornings, and Sunday nights. Our team supports, loves, and creates a fun environment for our children.

Lead Teacher

Provides a fun, caring classroom environment for children; leads lessons; responsible for flow of classroom time

Assistant

Provides support to teachers and coordinators

Nursery Caregiver

Provides caring, nurturing environment for children under the age of two

Greeting/Check-In

Responsible for operation of check-in experience; provides friendly, welcoming atmosphere for families checking in and picking up

Large Group Leader / Worship Leader

Facilitates large group worship time and teaching of Bible story

A / V

Oversees technical and audio/visual operations

For more information about helping in Children's Ministries, contact:

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PRESCHOOL NEWS



Preschoolers are now grouped by ages. They move to the next class the weekend following their birthday. We celebrate their birthday weekend with a birthday balloon, birthday crown, and birthday favor!



We will be using a new check-out procedure in which your tags will be checked at the exit doors. Hold onto your security code tags.



Please put your phones on silent (not off) during services. We rely on text messages to contact parents.

ELEMENTARY KID BLAST CHURCH

For December, we will be focusing on the Christmas season and the birth of Jesus Christ. We will teach the children that Jesus was the ultimate gift of all time to be shared with everyone.



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We love our teachers and assistants!





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



- > HS Youth Group is on break for December and will start again January 22.
- > Grapple is on break for December and will start again January 21.
- > MS Youth Group is on break for December and will start again January 21.

RETREATS

HIGH SCHOOL

IMPACT
GRADES 9-12

FEBRUARY 23-25
WINTER RETREAT
Spruce Lake, PA | Grades 9-12 | \$150

This retreat will be completely different than anything we've ever done! We have rented three cabins on the Spruce Lake property and we will be focusing on what it means to *Live Like Christ*.

Register online. Deadline is February 5. Register as soon as possible. Only 3 spots for girls remain; 10 for guys.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

LEVEL 5 & PLANET 678
GRADES 5-8

APRIL 6-8
SPRING RETREAT
High Point Camp, PA | Grades 5-8 | \$180

This retreat is the highlight for our middle school students each year! It is a place where friendships are created, memories are made, and students grow in their relationship with Christ!

Register online. Deadline is March 25. Student limit: 60

TO REGISTER
Go to
www.myfac.org/events.



LVL 5 & Planet
FACmiddleschool

Impact
FACHighschool

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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.

We will meet on December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship House.

Find upcoming events at www.myfac.org/youngadults. You can also follow us on Twitter (@venture1823) and on Instagram (Venture1823) for regular posts.

Look for the Venture calendar of events at www.myfac.org; Connect.

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



The Avenue

For Young Adults, Ages 24 to 30s

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

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to find out about our plans for 2018!



FAC SINGLES GROUP

Ages 30 & Up

Gather with the FAC Singles Group on the first and third Saturdays of every month at 7:45 p.m. in the Chapel for Bible study and fellowship! Bring your Bible and join us as we build authentic relationships and grow closer to God and one another.

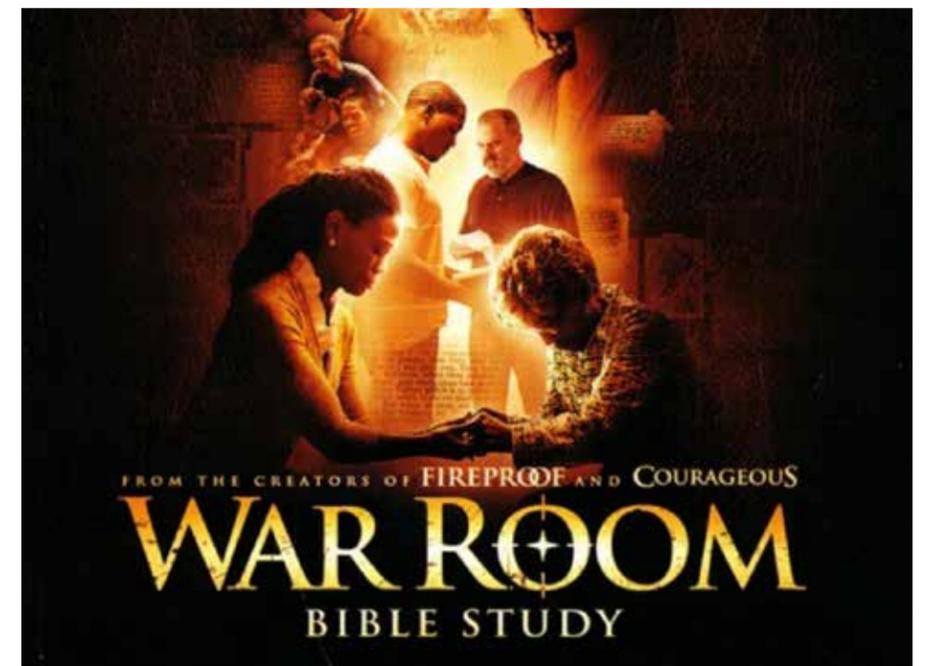
We're continuing our study of the Scripture that inspired the movie, *War Room*. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to come check it out!

This group is open to any single adult, 30 years of age and older.

MORE INFORMATION

Men, contact Steve Scarduzio, 856-571-0208.

Women, contact Joelle Clark, 609-531-3924.





You're Invited to a Christmas Celebration!

Date: December 14

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Center

Join us for a delicious catered lunch, followed by a time of celebrating Christmas with the Chamber Singers from Cairn University. This event is a wonderful opportunity for community outreach in an enjoyable holiday environment. So, invite your friends and neighbors!

Sponsored by SAGE Builders, this event is open to everyone. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Tickets must be purchased by December 7 and can be picked up at the next SAGE Builders meeting or in the Adult Ministries Office (Suite 197), Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you need more information, contact Pastor Glenn, glenn@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x106.



WANT TO BE IN LOVE?

A Study for Adults of All Ages

Everyone loves to be in love. There is no sensation like it. Even people who tell you that they have given up on love would still have to admit that they desire it. They just believe it is unattainable, unpredictable, or not worth the risk.

We can feel that way about our relationship with God. Often we have a “daisy” kind of relationship with God: “He loves me; He loves me not.” When we sense His nearness or He answers a desperate prayer, we think, “He loves me.” When things go wrong — maybe with our finances or our health or other unanswered prayer — we aren’t so sure.

There’s a better way to live. How can we throw out the uncertainty? How can we have the security of undoubted love? After all, that is what God says He has for us. That is what God desires from us — love from our hearts, our souls, and our minds. So, if God and we both want it, why don’t we always have it? How can we get it?

For answers, come to SAGE Builders, beginning on Thursday, January 11, at 12:30 p.m. We’ll have a meal together, watch a short thought-provoking video by Francis Chan, and then move into small groups to discuss the video. We’ll end each week at 2:30. We meet the second, third, and fourth Thursdays of each month for the 10-week study. It is open to adults of all ages.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, 609-953-7333, x106, or glenn@myfac.org.



GROUPOUP

INTENSIVES

 FOR ALL ADULTS  FOR MEN  FOR WOMEN

TOPICAL, SHORT-TERM GROUPS FOR ADULTS, AGES 18 AND UP

FOUR TO SIX WEEKS | THURSDAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 11, AT FAC | 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

To register, go to www.myfac.org/events. When you register, you will see a link for ordering resources is applicable.

If you have younger children and would like to apply for financial help to cover the cost of babysitting, contact Debbie Schneck, debbie@myfac.org.

For more information, go to www.myfac.org/groups.

ALL ADULTS

GRACE-BASED PARENTING

Summary: Most parents wonder if they are equipping and preparing their kids for life. Grace-based Parenting is not another manual full of impossible standards; rather it is a new map for learning to see ourselves and our children through God's limitless tenderness — to raise our kids the way God raises us.

Dr. Tim Kimmel offers a revolutionary concept that focuses on the model and guidance provided by God the Father — the ultimate child and family expert. This thoughtful, profound and compassionate message presents a truly liberating way to nurture a healthy family. As we embrace the grace God offers, we begin to give it, creating a sound foundation for raising morally strong and spiritually motivated children.

Book to purchase: *Grace-based Parenting*, by Dr. Tim Kimmel

THE LIES COUPLES BELIEVE

Summary: Is your relationship built on faulty beliefs? If you are experiencing conflict, anger, or hurt in your marriage, you don't need positive thinking or an escape clause. You need to replace the lies you believe with God's transforming truths so that your relationship can become all that it was meant to be.

Whether you are dating, engaged, newly married, or celebrating the birth of your grandchildren, this workshop is for you. You will learn about the 10 most common lies couples believe. Whether you come in an effort to avoid them, tweak a few of them, or if your relationship is on the rocks and needs a complete overhaul, we know you will walk away enlightened, empowered, and excited!

Book to purchase: *Lies Couples Believe*, by Dr. Chris Thurman

THE KING REVEALED: MATTHEW, CHAPTERS 1 TO 4

Summary: The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of Jesus as a continuation and fulfillment of the whole Biblical story of God and Israel. The first four chapters show how Jesus descends from the line of David, making Him a King, not only of Israel, but of the entire world of humanity.

Join us as we learn how Jesus proves that He's the authoritative King and worth following with our whole life and being.

SOUL CARE

Summary: At times, we can feel stuck in our spiritual journey or in our relationship with God. There are times for most of us when although we know that God loves us and has forgiven us, we just don't feel that way.

This group will explore seven areas of "soul care" that can free us to move forward in our relationship with God and become all that He intends us to become.

FOR MEN

CATALYST 33 GROUPS

Summary: Catalyst 33 is new; it's sharp; and it's hard-hitting. It's an adventure for men. Join the Men of FAC in 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 winter segment as we tackle the heavy-hitting subject of "A Man and His Story." 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.

Book: Will be provided upon registering

Cost: \$20.00 for the six-week session

FOR WOMEN

A TASTE OF IF:GATHERING

Summary: IF exists to gather, equip, and unleash the next generation of women to live out their purpose. Join us for four weeks as we sample the teachings from IF:GATHERING 2017.

Learn from Jennie Allen, Jill Briscoe, Bianca Olthoff, Jo Saxton, and many more as they teach about life-on-life discipleship in the local church based on Matthew 28:18-20 and the Book of Acts.

Book: No book but bring a journal or notepad and a pen

A TASTE OF DEEPENING GROUPS

Summary: A Taste of Deepening is a sampling of the Deepening experience that will help you to explore intentional ways to foster intimacy with God. Come and share an introduction to *The Good and Beautiful God*, a group spiritual discipline, three-way listening, and an experiential that will leave you hungry to connect with others for this journey.

No book or resource

FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS (MEN & WOMEN)

SMALL GROUP LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Summary: Everyone has a different life story and background. Caring for people and encouraging them to follow Jesus can be challenging. This intensive, for all small-group leaders, will train you to provide a grace-filled environment for participants to share their story, receive truth in love, and take their next step into freedom.



Fresh Hope Food Pantry and Clothes Boutique

Open Sunday, December 3 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The FAC Food Pantry and the Fresh Hope Clothes Boutique in the basement of the Care Center will be open to all single moms on Sunday, December 3, and Sunday, January 28, from 12:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Fresh Hope Monthly Meeting

Sunday, January 28 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. | in the Barn

Fresh Hope is a ministry for single moms and grandmoms who are raising children under the age of 23 (special needs, up to age 28). Fresh Hope connects single moms who share a common life experience to God's love through friendships, encouragement, and support.

Dinner is provided for the moms and their children. Children's/Youth programs are available at 6:00 p.m., including Kid BLAST Clubs, Level 5, and Planet 678. (Check the calendar to be sure of Clubs and Youth meetings.) Childcare is provided for children ages three and younger who are registered one week before the Fresh Hope meeting. (Note: No registration is required for youth meetings, Grades 5 to 8.)

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

IF:Table

Friday, December 15 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | in the Fellowship House

The aWAKEN ministry invites you to IF:Table. The table is a place to gather, share a simple dinner, and dive deep with people over real stories and Christ-centered conversations. It is a time for a whole lot of laughter – and maybe a few tears – but time spent that leaves us with Glad hearts, Full hearts, Grateful hearts.

Register at www.myfac.org/events. Registration will close when maximum space has been reached or on Thursday, December 14. Cost is \$5.00.

Connecting

Wednesdays: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Place: Fellowship House

Upcoming Dates: January 3/4 and 10/11

The Connecting ministry helps women connect to God, to one another, and to our church. Our 90-minute format includes reviewing the week's sermon, discussing questions and ideas, sharing FAC ministries and upcoming activities, prayer, and good coffee or tea. No registration; no fee.

Feel free to come once or often. Connecting is free, and no registration is required.

If you have questions, contact Susan Bartholomew, 609-321-0708.

#Momlife

Begins Thursday, January 25
Registration Deadline: January 16

Ever feel like you are doing the "mom" thing all on your own? #Momlife is for mothers, led by mothers. It is a place for fun, sharing, friendships, and spiritual and emotional enrichment. All women with children, babies through high school seniors, are invited to attend. Dates are January 25, February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26, and May 10.

Cost is \$60; childcare is provided for infants through kindergartners.

To register, go to www.myfac.org/events. If you have questions, call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, or debbie@myfac.org.

AWAKEN BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

TUESDAYS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 27 | MORNINGS — 9:15 TO 11:15 | EVENINGS — 7:00 TO 9:00

aWAKEN invites all women to the spring semester of classes that are designed to equip and empower women as they aWAKEN to how God has gifted them to serve in His Kingdom. All the studies include teaching, interaction, and small-group discussions. Service opportunities are also available throughout the semester.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 20. To receive \$10 off the listed price, use the Early Bird Discount code EARLYBIRD when you register. The discount code will be accepted through January 31st.

Free childcare for the morning classes is available for babies through kindergartners. Childcare for the evening classes for babies through kindergartners is free. For first through fifth graders, the cost is \$30 per child or \$50 per family.

Registration and all class details are available on the FAC website. Scholarships are available. Contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, with questions and/or to request a scholarship.

Short-term Groups



IF:REDEEMED

Tuesday Mornings & Evenings
Cost: \$40

Do you want God to use you to communicate His love to those around you? One of the most powerful ways you can do this is through sharing your story of God's redemption in your own life. Together, we will practice communicating that story with others. You don't want to miss this experience!



PLAY WITH FIRE

Tuesday Mornings & Evenings
Cost: \$35

In this video-based Bible study, Bianca Olthoff delivers a message that will bring new insight into God's character. We will discover the personal and powerful nature of the Holy Spirit and grow to understand the unique fire God places in each of us, helping us to fulfill our God-given calling. God has huge dreams for you — dreams that are far greater than any you have for yourself.



WE SAVED YOU A SEAT

For Mothers & Their Daughters (ages 12 to 17)
Tuesday evenings
Cost: \$35

Note: Mothers and daughters need to register individually; cost is per person.

In a culture where friendship is measured in follows, likes, mentions, and snaps; and being "unfriended" is a very real worry, girls often think they need to have it all together. The pressure for perfection creates distance instead of real, authentic relationships. We Saved You a Seat takes mothers and daughters deeper into Scripture to learn how to create, invest in, and keep up lifelong friendships.

Long-term Group (No childcare provided)



SHE READS TRUTH

Tuesday Mornings every other week at FAC
Thursday Evenings every other week at a home in Medford
Cost: \$45 (first book; subsequent books, \$2.99 to \$40)

She Reads Truth started as a small group of strangers on the Internet who wanted to be more intentional about reading God's Word. What began as a casual conversation is now an entire community of women all over the world who are in pursuit of Jesus.

God's Word is a gift, and reading it is a privilege. We will open the living and active Word of God daily to find the Gospel of Jesus Christ on every page.

*Internet Service or a smartphone is required for this class, which meets for 18 months.



AFTER ALPHA

Take your walk with Jesus to the next level!

Beginning January 16

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. (8 sessions)

Everything has a starting point — your life, your relationships, your education, your career.

Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. For some of us, our faith journey began in childhood as a set of beliefs handed to us by a parent, teacher, or pastor. Maybe you developed a framework of faith based on personal experience. Or maybe you had no faith at all.

But what if you could find a new starting point for faith?

Join us for the Winter 2018 edition of FAC's After Alpha! We'll be exploring "Starting Point," an eight-part DVD series about faith, hosted by Andy Stanley, the senior pastor of North Point Ministries in Atlanta, GA.

Whether you're new to faith, curious about God, or coming back to church after some time away, this session of After Alpha promises to offer a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off limits.

WHAT?

In each meeting, we will:

- Discuss central questions of faith and life
- Watch a video each week as part of the discussion
- Explore and share what we're learning in a small-group conversational environment

Come as you are and build relationships with others as you discover your starting point!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Designed to be a follow-up to the Alpha course, After Alpha is for those who have completed Alpha and for anyone else who would like to go deeper in his/her walk with Jesus. After Alpha is open to all adults. Invite your friends, family members, and co-workers and attend with them. Pray about people you can invite!

WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW MUCH?

After Alpha meets in the Barn on Tuesday evenings, beginning January 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., for eight consecutive sessions. After Alpha, including refreshments and dessert, is FREE!

REGISTRATION

Register online at www.myfac.org/events.

If you have questions, contact Joe Jalkiewicz, 609-760-3001, or jfjalkiewicz@gmail.com.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

BAND OF BROTHERS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

In the Fellowship Center from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m.
There's no cost to attend, but breakfast is \$5.00.
The coffee is always free.

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

Please note: Band of Brothers will not be meeting on Dec. 20 or 27.



GOD @ WORK...

In the Life of Chris Rose



Baby Mia

A brand new baby girl. A firstborn entering the world. Mia.

With the indescribable joy and awe of a new father, Chris asked the delivery nurse if she could stamp Mia's tiny foot into a pristine new baby book. But with a quick shake of the head, the nurse replied, "Sorry. She's fighting for her life." A helmet-like contraption was placed on Mia's head, making her look like a minuscule scuba diver, as doctors worked to fix her collapsed lung.

In an instant, celebration turned to confusion and concern. Both Chris and Tracey began to pray for their daughter. It just so happened that Pastor Marty and Laurie were at the same hospital, at the same time, awaiting the arrival

of their grandchild, Jimmy, thus allowing them to pray with Chris and Tracey. This seeming coincidence was yet another example to Chris of how God works in the details of his life.

Growing up, Chris was "a total nonbeliever." Raised by his mom, he never knew his father until the age of sixteen,

when out of curiosity, he searched for him. After they met, curiosity satisfied, Chris decided he didn't want much to do with his dad. As a young man, like many, Chris drank, did some drugs, and dated a lot of women. In the fall of 2001, when the terror of 9/11 struck, he just happened to be dating Tracey, a young gal with a Christian background who had wandered

away from the Lord for several years. That event shook up both of them.

"We felt we were wasting our lives. I realized that the belief that I was in control of my own life was false, and I needed to change my life before my life ended."

After 9/11, Chris and Tracey returned to church. Chris began reading the Bible; they joined a small group. Chris asked Jesus into his heart and knew his life had been changed. "In one year, my life moved from zero to ten in the faith, from no belief in God to full time ministry at a homeless shelter in Philadelphia, and from single life to committed, married life with Tracey.

Mia survived her time in the neonatal unit, but at the age of three, catastrophe struck the family. Late one night, Tracey just happened to walk into Mia's bedroom. She saw that her daughter had turned blue, eyes staring open, surrounded by vomit. When Chris picked her up, Mia's head fell back, she let out a slight gurgle and her body went limp.

Looking down at her small frame, "I knew she was dead." In that moment, "I felt shattered. It surprised me how deeply I loved her, how inadequate I felt as a father. I had accepted the Lord. I believed He existed. I knew of His grace, but my life still clung to self-reliance and, in all honesty, was still pretty self-focused." Chris had to put all of his trust in his heavenly father once more. "That night, God deepened my heart and shifted my way of seeing the world, to become more focused on others."

Two paramedics arrived that night, one from outside the township, which is not unusual but not frequent, either. That paramedic overruled the other one who was trying to decide what medical dosage to give a small child. Later, Chris was told that the "outside" paramedic probably saved his daughter's life. In the details, God was showing Chris that not only does God exist, but He cares for his own.

One of Chris' favorite verses is Jeremiah 29:11: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper



Mia competing in a 4-H jumping event



Cali, Mia, and Easton Rose

you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Before Mia’s unexpected seizure, the family, including new daughter, Cali, had moved from their small home in Lumberton to a larger, rental home in Maple Shade. Chris and Tracey had just put an offer on a home in Cherry Hill when Mia’s startling condition postponed any house decisions. Mia was sent home with medication and a monitoring device, but periodically, episodes flared up where Mia would sweat profusely, soaking the bed, turning pale, going limp and then having a seizure. No one could give them answers about the cause or prognosis. Months later, they were about to purchase another home, but again, on the night of the proposed offer, Mia had another seizure.

“Maybe we should stay put,” Chris and Tracey thought. “We were in a holding pattern for about a year, renting month to month.” Packed boxes lined some of the rooms in the house. Chris often felt that Tracey was consumed with fear for her daughter; Tracey often felt that Chris was rather naïve, ignoring the situation. These different approaches to childcare could have pulled them apart, but through prayer and support, the two learned to help each other instead and to respect their strengths as parents. Chris believes God was teaching him to honor a mother’s intuition and to become a better father.

When the family moved to Medford, both Chris and Tracey prayed, “Lord, we don’t want any more seizures!” Yet, another one hit Mia, now four years old. After Pastor Marty preached a sermon from Philippians 4, “Be anxious for nothing . . . present your requests to God,” Chris and Tracey asked him again to pray with them for Mia’s health. Mia has had no more seizures since. None. Two years later, doctors discovered she had SVT, a heart condition where an electrical pulse is firing out of sync. The doctor speculated that the earlier seizures could well have been caused by the heart problem, which was remedied after laser surgery.

Then, it just so happened that a farmhouse was on the market, a fixer-upper in Tabernacle, a house which would have been out of their financial reach earlier. Tracey loves horses so the opportunity to own a farm was a thrill. When they bought the house, the yard was strewn with beer cans, garbage, and drug paraphernalia.

“That’s how God probably saw me—a mess that needed to be cleaned up. God redeemed me. God redeems us. He sees our value.” Chris was reminded of a job interview years earlier, where the prospective employer told him he would

have to work on Sundays. Chris said he would not work on Sunday as that was a day for worshiping God. The interviewer replied, “Then tell God to pay your bills.” Chris believed God would, and God has.

Today, Chris works as an administrative director at FAC, assisting Brian Snyder in operations, finances, and human resources at the church. Tracey runs the farm. Mia, Cali, and son Easton get to ride horses and help with the chickens and goats. Chris now has a good relationship with his earthly father, but even more so, he knows that God, his Heavenly Father, is a good, good Father. God has surely been in the details of his life.

“God took me from believing He is, to believing He rewards those who seek Him. His promise in Jeremiah has come to pass for me.” Chris knows that his life, while not perfect, is fuller and richer because God is working and God cares for him and his family.

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Hebrews 11: 6). •

“ Be anxious for nothing . . . present your requests to God ”



Pray for Ben & Kristy Williams

MISSIONARIES WITH JOSIAH VENTURES IN THE UKRAINE

Their Local Ministry

The Department of Education in Lviv has given us access to four more schools for preventive lecture programs. The Department has also given us the opportunity to teach English lessons in 42 schools this year and wants to partner officially with our national organization.

Pray for Marta and many campers who are in our community, trying to figure out life with Jesus - Kyril, Severyn, Alla, Alina, Nastya, the triplets, Roksolana, Khrystyia, Sophia, Max, Diana. Pray that we as leaders would be faithful to walk with them from unbelief to maturity in Christ.

This past summer, Ben and Kristy’s team held 12 camps with churches, and 122 campers entered a relationship with Christ. There were more than 700 young people and leaders in attendance. Pray for our team of 22 as we commit to training and equipping local churches to love youth and share Christ.



Fellowship Alliance South Africa (FASA)

As 2017 comes to a close, what better time to reflect on the great things God has been doing with the FASA ministry!

Our new Field Directors, Jody and Kathy Adams (pictured), hit the ground running when they returned to South Africa permanently in February. In the months that followed, Jody and Kathy hosted multiple weeks of day camps, youth camps, youth services, leadership conferences, retreats, and teams from the US at the FASA Lodge and Conference Center.

One of the ministries that has seen incredible growth is the school ministry. FASA is ministering with student leaders in five public schools, reaching about 600 learners each week!

This is just a tiny glimpse of what God is doing in South Africa through FASA. Connect with us to learn more about the many aspects of the FASA ministry and how you can be involved.

CONNECT TO FASA www.myfasa.org

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Join the adventure with the vlog on www.myfasa.org and the FASA group on The Hub (www.myfac.ccbchurch.com)





SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE

ADDICTION RECOVERY

For help towards God and sobriety

• FOR MEN

Meetings are held on Wednesdays in Room C-12 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact recoverymen@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x312 (Leave a message.)

• FOR WOMEN

For more information, contact Pastor Brent Brendle, recoverywomen@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x313. (Leave a message.)

GRIEF RECOVERY

• A Closer Walk with God through Grief

For adults experiencing grief
Tuesdays, 6:15, Room A-1 & A-3

• Helping Hand Grief Support

For adults who are grieving due to a loss
Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

• Living through Suicide

For those who are grieving because of a loss due to suicide
Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

• Bereavement Support for Substance Addiction

For those who have suffered a loss due to substance abuse
Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

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MARRIAGE COACHING

To be a coach or to obtain a coach, contact marriagematters@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x315. (Leave a message.)

PATH TO PURITY

For those struggling with sexual sins

• MEN

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Call for location.

For more information, contact purity@myfac.org, or call 609-953-7333, x311. (Leave a message.)

• WOMEN

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RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY

For men and women who are going through separation or divorce

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SERENITY SUPPORT

For those with loved ones with substance abuse issues

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

For more information, contact 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.

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For appointments, call 609-953-7333, x129. (Leave a message.)

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	
General Fund					
	10.1	\$ 68,750	\$ 70,206	\$ 1,456	
	10.8	\$ 68,750	\$ 59,140	\$ (9,610)	
	10.15	\$ 68,750	\$ 66,452	\$ (2,298)	
	10.22	\$ 68,750	\$ 64,106	\$ (4,644)	
	10.29	\$ 68,750	\$ 53,093	\$ (15,657)	
Total		\$ 343,750	\$ 312,997	\$ (30,753)	
Year-to-Date		\$ 3,025,000	\$ 2,627,249	\$ (397,751)	
Missions Fund					
	10.1	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,825	\$ (271)	
	10.8	\$ 5,096	\$ 6,213	\$ 1,117	
	10.15	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,793	\$ (303)	
	10.22	\$ 5,096	\$ 4,469	\$ (627)	
	10.29	\$ 5,096	\$ 3,895	\$ (1,201)	
Total		\$ 25,480	\$ 24,195	\$ (1,285)	
Year-to-Date		\$ 224,224	\$ 221,981	\$ (2,243)	
Benevolence Fund					
	10.1		\$ 2,808		
	10.8		\$ 4,244		
	10.15		\$ 2,832		
	10.22		\$ 2,726		
	10.29		\$ 2,822		
Total			\$ 15,432		
Year-to-Date			\$ 119,327		
Kingdom Vision Fund					
	10.1		\$ 19,196		
	10.8		\$ 25,421		
	10.15		\$ 12,961		
	10.22		\$ 18,025		
	10.29		\$ 17,806		
Total			\$ 93,409		
Year-to-Date			\$ 988,737		
	DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
	10.1	1588	46	311	1945
	10.8	1648	61	248	1957
	10.15	1575	96	288	1959
	10.22	1564	75	277	1916
	10.29	1539	47	237	1823

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

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Our 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.