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FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL — MEDFORD, NJ — MARCH 2018

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.” (Isaiah 54:10)



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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. 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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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

"I can't believe it!" I can't tell you how many times I've said those words or at least thought those words about people in our church. What I'm referring to are the hundreds and hundreds of people over a period of 37 years that I've seen develop into people I never thought (nor did they think) they could be. It's like reading through the New Testament and reading about one miracle after another and saying to yourself in astonishment, "I can't believe it!"

If I start naming names, I'm sure I would embarrass people or leave someone out. But one of the biggest benefits of staying at a church as long as I have is seeing the huge changes in people — their character, attitudes, beliefs, emotional health, marriages, parenting, love for others, and on and on. It's not normal. People don't normally change like this! I have truly seen the reality of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."

But this transformation in a person takes development over time, by God's design, and in a good church where development is encouraged, expected, nourished, and challenged. That's our church. It's what is done in worship services, small groups and classes, youth and children's ministries, and many others.

Please don't miss what I'm trying to say. It's really not our great church or programs for development that change people.

We are just doing what we are supposed to do as a church. It is God Who does the changing. As the Apostle Paul told the Philippians about their church in Philippians 2:12-13: "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. . ."

Here we are clearly taught to "work out" or seek to develop ourselves. But then it explains that when we do that in the context of a church, God releases His divine abilities into our lives to change us in ways neither we nor others ever thought we could.

This is why I and many others around FAC stand back sometimes and look at ourselves or others and say, "I can't believe it!" Then we smile a big smile because we know it was God all along, working through His church to change and develop our lives.

Love never fails,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Berglund".

Marty Berglund, Senior Pastor



Explore the Basics of Christianity

Begins April 11

Wednesday evenings (10 sessions)

More than 150 people attend FAC's Alpha each semester! 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 April 11, 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.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



As you know, the word for the year at FAC is “develop.” Marty and our leaders have been unfolding all the ways that we’re trying to intentionally develop the people God has given us at FAC. It has gotten me to think about the ways that God has developed me over the years. I’m asking myself, “What are the tools that God has used most to refine my character and shape my walk with Him?”

Without a doubt, the number one thing on the list has to be relationships. Whether it’s been my parents or my siblings or my spouse or many years worth of friendships, God has clearly shaped me in powerful ways through the relationships I’ve had in these 60+ years.

And that began with my parents. Though I didn’t have them as long as I had hoped — they’ve both been gone more than 20 years — they still were the major molding force in who I turned out to be. My parents were not perfect — I’m guessing yours weren’t either! But they loved Jesus, adored each other, took seriously their commitment to raise Godly children, and put the Kingdom above everything else. I’ll probably never even know all the ways their lives have shaped and developed me. It should sober all of us who are parents to realize that, for better or for worse, our walk with God is the major force for development in the lives of our children.

But my parents were just the beginning. My spiritual life has also been incredibly influenced by the person with whom I chose to spend my life. His faith and his passion for ministry were the things that drew me to him before I even knew him.

I knew I wanted and needed that kind of influence in my life. It’s a question I would love to ask young men and women as they search for the love of their life, “How do you see this person developing your relationship with God for the long haul?” It might not seem that important when you have stars in your eyes, but it’s a life-changer.

And then the list is long of friendships that God has used over the years to draw me closer to Him. As I look back over my journey, I’m grateful for the countless people that I’ve known and learned to love who have moved me to be more like Him. Many of you are on that list! My deepest friendships have been formed with people who were in a small group with me or who worked with me on a ministry team. If you’re not doing either of those, you’re missing out on some beautiful opportunities for development.

God’s Word tells us that “iron sharpens iron.” In other words, it takes two to be sharp. Or more! There’s not one of us who can be developed in isolation. We need relationships with people who will love us toward Jesus.

I hope this year ahead finds you investing in a small group or a ministry team, making the kinds of friends that will help you flourish and develop!

Laurie Berglund

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





The Faith & Finances Ministry Is Sponsoring

WIN WITH MONEY GOD'S WAY! ATTEND DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY.

*Want to make
a revolutionary
change in your
life? Learn what
God has to say
about money!*

Financial Peace University has helped thousands of families get out of debt, save wisely, give generously, and become the good stewards of their finances that God calls them to be.

Location: Fellowship Alliance Chapel
Dates: Saturdays, March 24 through May 19
Time: 3:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Cost: \$109 per individual/couple

Sign up at www.myfac.org/events. Registration deadline is March 18. Register early to ensure that your materials arrive before classes begin.

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



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 BUDDIES & RESOURCES

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Babies through Grade 8

Held on Sunday mornings at 11:00
in the Fellowship Center in Rooms
B-7 and B-8.

CONTACTS

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Elementary Intern
Alex Tracey
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES TEAM: JUSTIN WRIGHT, ALEX TRACEY, MEG PREIM, and KRISTI PETERSON

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Reminder

Nursery is now downstairs in the worship center rooms 101 and 102.



Memory Verse

Our memory verse for January through March is, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (ESV)



We're on Facebook!

The Kid BLAST Preschool Ministry has a Facebook group! Please request to join us at facebook.com/groups/facpreschool.



VOLUNTEER

ANN MARTINEZ

L to R: Benn Leonard, Ann Martinez, & Sophia Leonard

Ann Martinez has been serving in Children's Ministries since May of 2012. She began working with elementary-age kids.

After taking a one-year break, she learned that there was a need with the preschool-age group. Both of her children, who were in middle school at the time, were invited to serve also. She thought that would be

a good opportunity to serve together as a family.

We asked Ann what she thought was the most enjoyable part about serving: "Being able to serve with my kids is probably the most enjoyable part. I am able to encourage them and watch them as they connect with the preschoolers. I also enjoy watching them grow spiritually as they share

their love of Christ and then see how they are loved in return."

Ann encourages others to get involved with the children of FAC. She says, "Serving in Children's Ministries is a great way to show children the love of Christ either by listening to them or by giving a smile or offering words of encouragement."



ELEMENTARY NEWS



Memory Verse

In March, we are learning about the life of Jesus. Our verse is John 3:16.

Parents, we want to continue to encourage you to pray with your children, memorize Scripture as a family, and be an example of loving one another. Thank you for partnering with us!



We're on Facebook!

We're on Facebook! Go to "Elementary Ministry at Fellowship Alliance Chapel" or facebook.com/groups/elementaryFAC.



ELEMENTARY KID BLAST VOLUNTEER

SUE MOLLOY

Sue served for five years in Preschool Kid Blast and in Kids' Time-In. This past summer when Justin Wright and Alex Tracey presented the need for volunteers in the Elementary Ministry, Sue says, "God laid it on my heart to get involved as a Big Group Leader for first through fourth graders. I had never led a large group of children before, and just the idea of doing so truly

frightened me. With ongoing prayer for God to 'show up, to equip me, and to take over,' I signed up. I can affirm that God is faithful, and He was there in so many ways, giving me the courage and ability that I lacked each time."

When asked what she enjoys most about working in Kid Blast, Sue says, "I am truly overjoyed to see children growing in their knowledge and

love for God, and I am excited to be a partner with their parents to help coach them towards a deeper relationship with Christ."

If you are considering the possibility of volunteering in Children's Ministries, Sue says, "As someone who felt untrained to teach children, I can assure others who feel as I did that it is not difficult. I gained confidence and learned

so much just by watching the other volunteers. Serving in this ministry is a great way to be intentional in the spiritual training of our children. Parents/volunteers should know that they can serve as much or as little as will fit in their schedule, knowing that their impact will be great on the children they serve. If God is calling you in this area of serving, He will equip you."



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES

For Children, Youth, & Adults with Special Needs

SNOW BUDDIES & RESOURCES PROGRAM

BABIES THROUGH GRADE 8

SNOW Buddies & Resources meets on Sundays at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Center, Rooms B-7 and B-8.

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE CLASS

GRADE 9 THROUGH ADULTS

The Friendship Bible Class for teens and adults meets on Sunday mornings in the Worship Center during the 9:00 service.

SNOW DEN

FOR ADULTS

March 16, April 6

SNOW Den meets on the first and third Friday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. This is a great time for adults with special needs to connect with their friends and participate in events such as bingo, karaoke, and games.

If you have questions about the SNOW ministry, send an e-mail to SNOW@myfac.org.

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To join, go to facebook.com/groups/snowFAC.



HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE SNOW MINISTRY!

On March 28, 1998, Pastor Marty encouraged FAC’s “Lucky People.” Twenty years later, we continue to welcome, love, and support the many lucky people who have joined us through the SNOW Ministry for children, youth, and adults with special needs!

This month, we acknowledge and celebrate all who have been involved in this ministry that reminds us all that “we are fearfully and wonderfully made.” We thank the DiCaro family, Joanne Stokes, Barb Zieger, and many, many others who have invested an invaluable part of their time to this ministry.

It is our prayer that we continue the great works that God has prepared for us through SNOW.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JACKIE GAGE

Jackie has been volunteering with our SNOW Ministry for six months during our Sunday services. Ten years of attendance at FAC, kids of her own, and a church announcement later, Jackie felt as though God placed it in her heart to serve with the children at church.

She clearly felt and still feels in her heart that this is where God wants her to be.

To her, the most important aspect of serving, especially those with special needs, “isn’t about what you can give to them, but more so about what God has to share with you. Children are our future. What we provide them with is what they will carry through life. I pray that everyone sees the importance of delivering Jesus’ love to our children.”



Starting Point

Connecting at FAC

If you would like to get more involved at FAC, consider joining a Starting Point group. These groups meet in homes at various times and locations. In a Starting Point group, guides assist in finding the right areas of involvement for you.

You can either register online at www.myfac.org on the homepage or in person at a Guest Reception.

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



Kingdom Café

Mondays – Closed

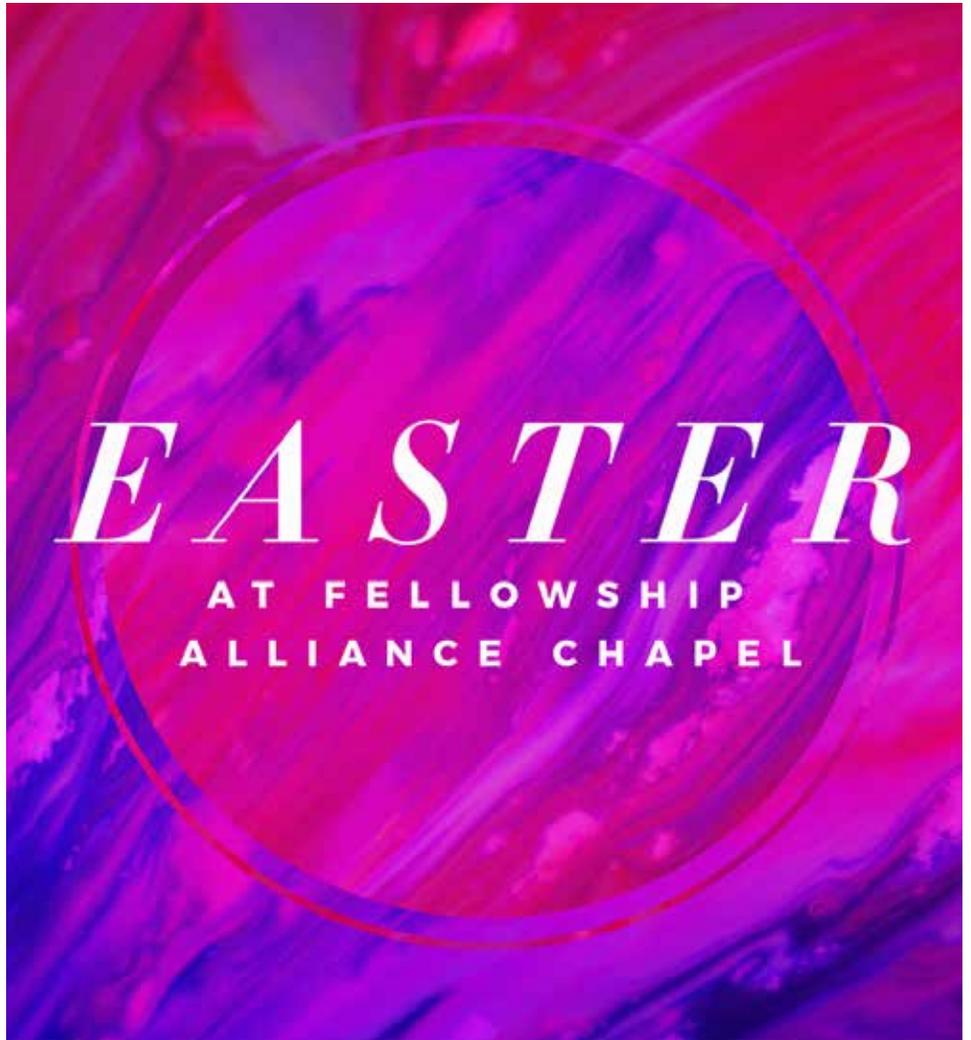
Tuesdays to Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays – 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sundays – 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bring your friends and have a delicious meal together! For all your catering needs, contact the Kingdom Café, 609-953-7333, x751. Catering menus are available at the Café.



HE IS RISEN!

Invite your family and friends and join us in celebration of our Risen King. Services will be held on:

March 31, at 6:00 p.m.

April 1 at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

Childcare and activities will be provided by Children's Ministries for babies and preschoolers, ages three and under.

GRADES
5-12

WINTER '18
SPRING '18

YOUTH EVENTS

WWW.MYFAC.ORG

SPECIAL EVENTS



GREATER IMPACT

Friday Nights through March 23 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Grades 11-12 | Pederson House | Free
Join a Bible study that challenges upperclassmen to impact their family, church, and community. Questions? Contact Chuck Pederson, charlespederson@yahoo.com.



OPERATION RISING PHOENIX

Saturday, March 10 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Grades 5-8 | Camp FAC | Register Online
Bring your friends and join us for a night around a bonfire with dinner, a message, snacks, a night game, and a free T-shirt. Drop-off and pick-up are at Camp FAC. Cost is \$10 for FAC youth group students; friends are free.



MS SPRING RETREAT

April 6-8 | Grades 5-8 | \$180 | Register Online by March 18
This retreat is the highlight for our middle school students each year! Friendships are created, memories are made, and students grow closer to Christ. We will bus students to High Point Retreat Center in Geigertown, PA.



Pastor Russ Batten, Pat Vickery, Pastor Erik Jarvis, and Pastor Eddie Jurimas

SPRING CALENDAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

March 4, 18, 25
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC | Free
(No Youth Group on March 11)

GRAPPLE, SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Grapple meets during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services in the Fellowship Center. Students in Grades 5-7 are welcome.
Eighth graders, please join your parents in the Worship Center.

MARCH 10 – OPERATION RISING PHOENIX

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Camp FAC | \$10

(More details on page 12)

APRIL 6 TO 8 – SPRING RETREAT

\$180 | High Point Retreat Center
Register online by March 18.

(More details on page 12)

HIGH SCHOOL

IMPACT MINISTRIES
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9-12

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

March 5, 12, 19, 26
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | FAC | Free

GREATER IMPACT, FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Friday nights through March 23
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Grades 11-12 | Free

(More details on page 12)



High School Winter Retreat

 **TO REGISTER**

Go to www.myfac.org/events.

 **CONNECT ON INSTAGRAM**

LVL 5 & Planet
FACmiddleschool

Impact
FAChighschool

 **CALENDAR**

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

 **CONTACT**

If you have questions about the youth groups, contact Pat Vickery, pat@myfac.org.



SINGLES & YOUNG ADULTS

SINGLES

SINGLES GROUP

March 3 and 17

The Singles Group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 7:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Anyone who is single and over the age of 21 is welcome!

CONTACTS

Women: Amanda Buck, 856-371-3806
Men: Chuck Fox, 609-458-8909

VENTURE

YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesday nights | Fellowship House | 6:30 p.m.

Venture is a community of young men and women who are building genuine relationships, influencing one another, making decisions, and facing challenges — particularly in the area of understanding God’s leading.

To stay up to date on meetings and events, go to www.myfac.org/venture. You can also follow us on Twitter (*@venture1823*) and on Instagram (*Venture1823*) for regular posts.

CONTACT

Bryan and Lisa Russell
venture1823@myfac.org



THE AVENUE

Music, Coffee, & Convo

APRIL 6 | 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M. | KINGDOM CAFÉ

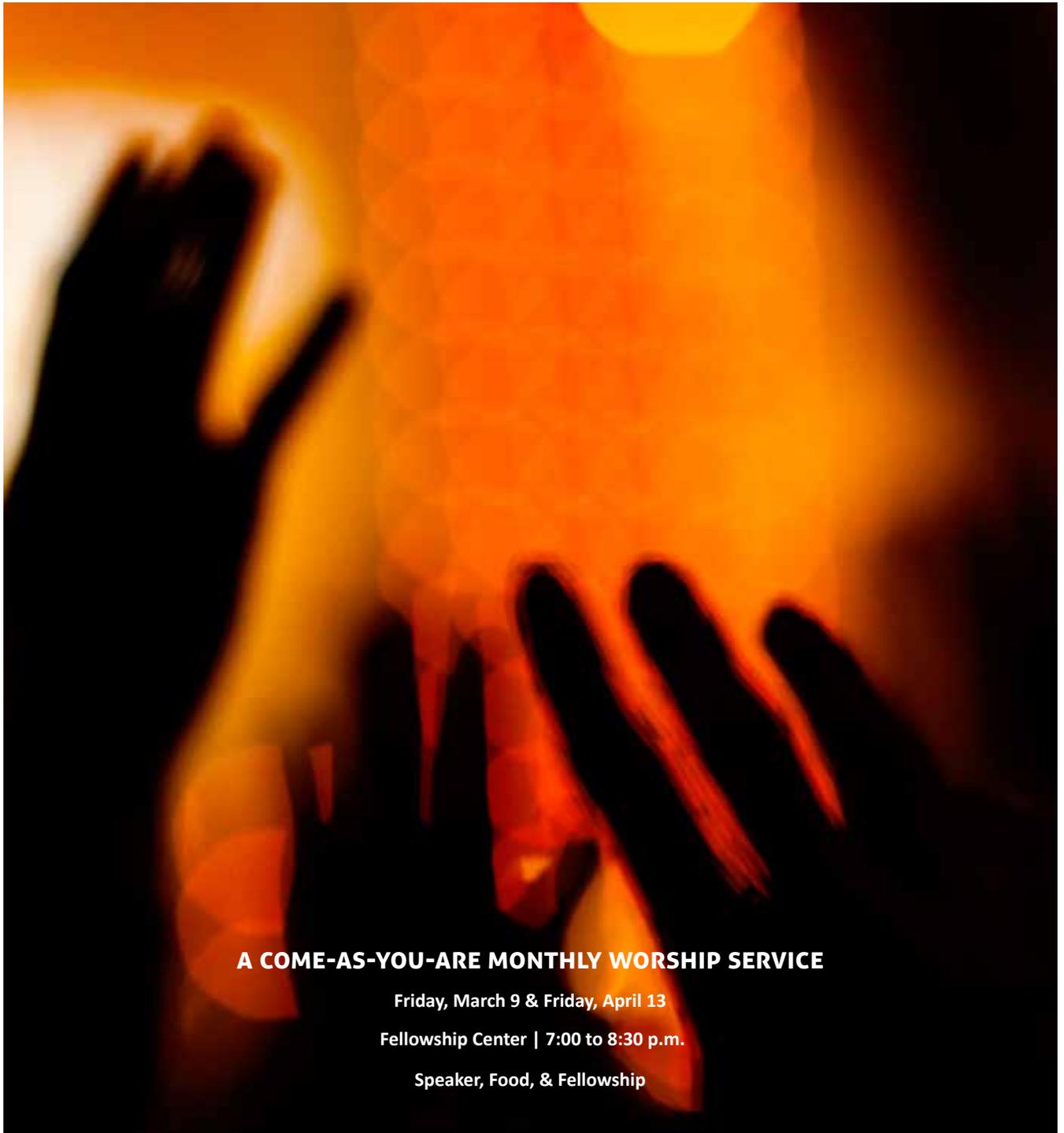
Join us for coffee, music, and games. The Avenue offers the opportunity for adults, ages 25 to 39, to join with their peers for fellowship.

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

www.myfac.org/avenue | [#ConnectCoffeeAndConvo](https://twitter.com/ConnectCoffeeAndConvo)

A NEW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

ENDEAVOR



A COME-AS-YOU-ARE MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, March 9 & Friday, April 13

Fellowship Center | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Speaker, Food, & Fellowship



Marriage Workshop

Romance...or Roommates?

How to Overcome Marriage Mediocrity

Friday, March 16 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Chapel

Whether you’ve been married for 5 or 50 years, with all of life’s distractions swirling around you, it’s easy to neglect your marriage. Before too long, mediocrity creeps up, sneaks in, and settles your marriage into a place you never intended it to be. Whether you were recently engaged, just celebrated your first anniversary, or have been married a long time, join us to learn more about your marriage and walk away challenged, and equipped with tools that will help bring back the romance!

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! Register at www.myfac.org/events. Please note that there is no childcare and seats are limited.

Contacts: Steve & Julie Durdin, MarriageMatters@myfac.org



Interested in leading a small group?

Go to www.myfac.org/leaderapp and fill out the application online, or contact Pastor Dave Krilov, davek@myfac.org.



April 22 | 12:30 p.m. | The Atrium

Ever wonder what the “Be the Bridge” group is all about? Do you have a heart for diversity, racial justice, restoration, and reconciliation? Our ultimate goal is to achieve racial reconciliation as a reflection of our ministry of reconciliation in Christ.

Men and women, please join us for desserts and great discussions about God’s heart for racial unity and how we can play a part.

If you have questions about Be the Bridge, contact Lauren Brown, ladybrown629@gmail.com.



After Alpha

New Session Begins April 17 | The Barn | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All adults are invited to attend, especially those who have completed Alpha. We will be studying “Starting Point,” by Andy Stanley.

Register at www.myfac.org/events.



Fresh Hope For Single Moms

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR FRESH HOPE MOMS

Sunday, March 18 | 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

You can help support our single moms by donating winter and spring women's clothing in like-new condition to the Fresh Hope Boutique. Donations may be brought to the garage next to the 195 House in the Church Road exit lane from the front parking lot. Someone will be there to accept your donation. Please note: We can only accept women's clothing. No toys, please.

For questions or to volunteer to help, contact Kathy Foering, 609-458-9222, or kfoering@comast.net.

FRESH HOPE FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES BOUTIQUE

Sunday, March 25 | 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, March 25, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FRESH HOPE MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, March 25 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. | The Barn
Free Dinner & Program

Fresh Hope is a ministry for single moms and grandmoms who are raising children under the age of 23 and individuals with special needs under the age of 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. Childcare is provided for children ages three and younger.

Register no later than March 18 at www.myfac.org/events. If you have questions, call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. Note: No registration is required for youth meetings, Grades 5 to 8.



IF: Table

March 16 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Fellowship House

All women are invited to IF:Table on the third Friday of every month. The table is a place to gather, share a simple dinner, and share real-life stories and Christ-centered conversations. It is a time for laughter – and maybe a few tears – but time spent that leaves us with glad hearts, full hearts, and grateful hearts.

Register at www.myfac.org/events. Cost is \$5.00. Registration will close when maximum space has been reached or on Thursday, March 15.



SHE SEEKS ——— SHE BELIEVES *She is Free*

Walking in Grace Conference | May 18 / May 19



The Walking in Grace ministry will hold a two-day women's conference, "She Is Free." This year's conference will feature guest speaker Bianca Olthoff. Bianca is a writer, Bible teacher, and the founder of the organization, In the Name of Love.

Early-bird pricing is currently available for \$59.00.

Go to www.myfac.org/events for more information and to register, or contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, debbie@myfac.org.

Still not sure about attending?

Consider what these four women have to say about conferences they have attended in the past.



Patricia Bauerdorf

Unique spiritual growth can occur at conferences. It could be as simple as a reminder of who we are in Christ or the discovery that we are struggling with our identity in Him. For those who do not know Jesus or think these events are for "religious" people or even for those who dropped the whole church thing long ago, this conference can be life-changing!



Marlene Walls

As women, we are all moving constantly! Caring for our family members, our homes, laundry, carpooling, work outside the home — the list is endless. Rarely, if ever, are we able to take time for ourselves. Attending the conference is freeing. It forces us to be still, to focus on ourselves, and take a deep breath and relax! We can return to our "real world" with new energy, strength, and perspective to carry us through.



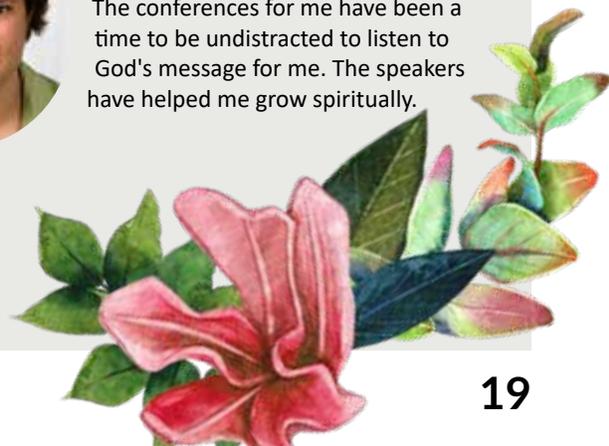
Braxton Varakin

As a mom of four young children, I haven't been able to attend a women's conference in over a decade, but in 2017, I took a weekend to go. I truly enjoy being a mom, but I have missed being alone — like really alone. That weekend gave me alone-time with my Father that was so refreshing! I'm looking forward to the 2018 conference to be alone with my Father and to spend time with other women. I hope you can join us!



Danielle Schriver

The conferences for me have been a time to be undistracted to listen to God's message for me. The speakers have helped me grow spiritually.





Catalyst 33

"A Man & His Traps"

Thursdays | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | The Fellowship Center

The next semester of Catalyst 33 is currently underway. You can still attend! **Register at www.myfac.org/events or just show up!**



Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers meets on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 to 7:45. Join us in the Fellowship Center for breakfast and a great lesson relevant to a man's life. If you want to have breakfast, the cost is \$5.00. Coffee is always free!

We are studying, "Building Well: Behind the Walls." A good foundation is essential to every man; once completed, building walls that protect and insulate is essential to a thriving life.

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

Men's Golf League

Practice Begins March 12

The Men's Golf League begins again this year on March 12 at Ramblewood Country Club, located at 200 Country Club Parkway in Mt. Laurel.

Schedule

Practice: Monday nights, beginning March 12, at 4:45 p.m. nine holes with cart

Competition dates: April 9-July 9 | **Playoffs:** July 16, 23, and 30
Teams of two; maximum of 16 teams

Costs: \$20.00 per person, one-time fee (www.myfac.org/events); \$25 per week per person (*paid to Ramblewood*)

If you can't commit to the league schedule, we always need substitutes so please join us.

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





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BE COMPLETELY HUMBLE AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

Ephesians 4:2-3

50+

Monday evenings | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | The Barn

50+ is a Bible study for men and women — single or married — who are 50 years of age and older. Celebrate a meal of fellowship, including the sharing together of the Lord’s Supper, one Monday evening each month.

This month we will begin a new series entitled, “Relationship Done God’s Way.”

No registration is required. Materials will be provided free of charge.

MEETINGS FOR THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

March 5 – Note: This meeting begins at 6:30 for our “meal of fellowship,” which includes The Lord’s Supper.

March 12, 7:00 p.m.

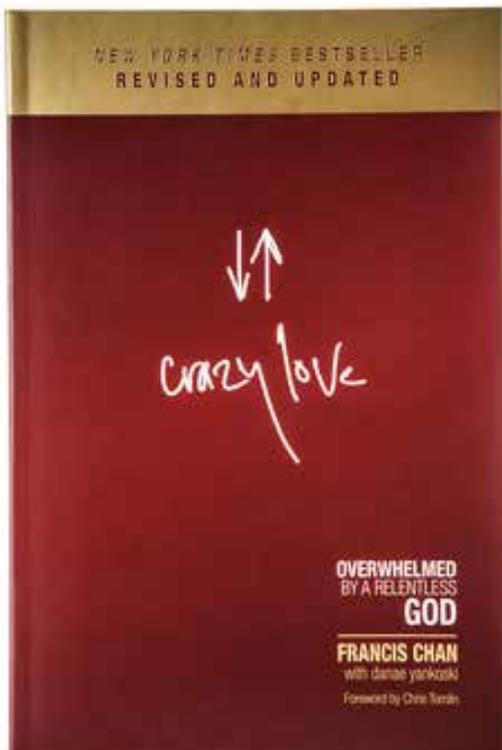
March 19, 7:00 p.m.

March 26, 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions, contact Ed Brokhoff, edb@myfac.org.



Spring **A TIME** **OF NEW GROWTH**



COME GROW WITH US!

March 8 — “When You’re In Love”

March 15 — “Your Best Life....Later”

March 22 — “Profile of the Obsessed”

April 12 — “Who Really Lives That Way?”

April 19 — “The Crux of the Matter”

Join us at 12:30 in the Fellowship Center for lunch. (Suggested donation is \$5.00.) We will watch a short video by Francis Chan, based on his book, *Crazy Love*. After the video, we will break into small groups to discuss how to apply the lesson to our daily life.

This study is open to adults of all ages.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, 609-953-7333, x106, or glenn@myfac.org. No registration is necessary.

In the event of inclement weather, call 609-953-7333, x303, for updates.



GOD@WORK...

In the Life of Noel Stavola

**I BECAME
ANXIOUS
AND RELIED
ON ALCOHOL
TO CALM
ME DOWN**

I grew up in Medford in a home that had a fair amount of fear and stress. When I was 18 years old, I did not feel welcome in my home, and I left. I was dating Frank at the time. Three months into our relationship, we got engaged. Everybody thought I was too young, but I knew Frank was the one for me. We were in love. We initially lived with his parents, and our life seemed pretty good for a while.

We started a business when our daughter was young. I worked part time for Frank in the business. That is the point where my struggle with drinking began. I hadn't dealt with hurts in my childhood and didn't have God in my life. I tried to keep pressing on through life

in my own strength. As the years passed, the business grew, my daughter got older, and I began to lose sight of who I was and why I was here. There was a sense of loneliness in me. All I ever wanted was to have a happy family and be the best mother to my child. I became anxious and relied on alcohol to calm me down before social gatherings and to feel comfortable in my own skin. Ironically, it was something I said I would never do or want in my life. I was the designated driver in years past and hadn't felt the bondage of alcohol prior to this. Depression set in, along with struggles with self-worth. The drinking momentarily numbed that, but it took over my life and was truly a poison. I hid it as long

as I could. It quickly escalated. It became obvious I had a problem.

The excessive drinking led to problems in my marriage. I was also losing respect from my daughter whom I cherished dearly and never wanted to hurt. It became unbearable. I found myself thinking that I just didn't want to live anymore.

Eventually one night, I tried to drink myself to death in hopes that I'd fall asleep and never wake up. This is still a very painful memory to think about and share. When I woke up after bingeing, my mother drove

me to the hospital. Once there, I was hooked to a lot of machines and monitors. My blood alcohol level was so high the doctors were amazed that I was still alive. Little did I know God had another plan for my life.

I woke up in the middle of the night and was very angry that I was alive. Moments later, I had an experience that forever changed the trajectory of my life. I heard a voice, yet when I looked around, no one was there. There was a palpable, powerful presence in the dark hospital room. I actually saw a figure. It began talking to

me. It was unmistakable, and I knew I was in the holy presence of God or one of His angels. I heard a voice repeatedly say, "Go to church. Go to church"! In that moment, I was overcome by His presence and fully surrendered.

I was discharged after five days and asked Frank if could I return home. Thankfully, he offered me grace, and we began a new journey together. When I got home, I asked him to go to church with me, and he agreed. Our walk with the Lord was beginning. We attended FAC the following Sunday and have been coming ever since!

Pastor Marty's messages were life-changing for both of us. Each week, I'd return to church and quietly soak in the Word. It was as if I could hear God's voice speaking to me through Pastor Marty. Philippians 4:13 became a verse I grew to love and rely upon: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." During those early days of recovery, I needed strength to change habits, join support groups, and remove myself from situations that tempted me to drink.

Eventually, we believed FAC was the right place for us and wanted to get more involved. We chose Alpha as our first group to join, and it was amazing! We really loved Alpha and made true friendships there. At Alpha, we had meaningful conversations and would then break up into small groups for discussion and prayer. It was intimidating at first. I was a little afraid to pray out loud, and I often passed the baton indicating that I didn't want to pray. I've come a long way since that time. I've definitely grown more comfortable praying with others.

When Alpha was over, I knew God had more for me. During services, I'd pray and ask God to show me where I could help. The monthly newsletter, "The Connection," had so many opportunities. I wanted to get more involved with the church, all the while continuing on my own healing journey. There are countless ways to plug in and serve in our church. The Fresh Hope ministry for single moms piqued my interest. The Care Center and the Food Pantry intrigued me as well. When I was growing up, there were times when there



Noel with her husband, Frank

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”



Noel and Frank being baptized



was very little food in the house. From time to time, we could have leaned on a place like this.

Ultimately, I was clearly led to plug into the Care Center. I've been volunteering there for three years. It's such a special place. It is where my heart is. We're able to help others and at the same time work with other beautiful women with the same heart for God. Only God could have placed me there.

My life was spared. I am so thankful to be able to live it in a way that glorifies God and blesses others. What we have now is so wonderful. Yes, there are trials, but God has dramatically changed how Frank and I live and love.

Here is a link of my personal testimony on video, created by the God@Work video team: <https://vimeo.com/249558426>. The video was shown for FAC's Christmas Eve services.

A PERSONAL POST-VIDEO UPDATE

It was really difficult to be vulnerable, especially in the church located in the town where I had grown up. I had moments of fear of offending my family. I had to revisit memories I'd pushed away. I'm thankful I surrendered and followed God's prompting, despite it being difficult. I got to walk through it with Jesus and the love of my husband and faithful friends.

If I could leave you with something, it would be to talk to someone about the hidden wounds in your life. Suppression leads to destruction if we don't take a leap of faith and share our hurts with God and those who love us. Open your heart to Jesus's healing and goodness. It takes trust and courage, but there's unspeakable, beautiful joy in the face of surrender. •

Alpha

Noel said in her video, "Eventually, we believed FAC was the right place for us and wanted to get more involved. We chose Alpha as our first group to join, and it was amazing! We really loved Alpha and made true friendships there."

If you have questions about what you believe, Alpha is a safe place where no question is off-limits.

A new session begins on April 11. Whether you are new to FAC, have been attending for a while, or don't even attend the church, this is your opportunity for a life-changing experience.

(See more information on page 5.)



Local Missions

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN MOUNT HOLLY

For more than 200 years, Mount Holly has been the county seat. It is a town with great potential for economic and spiritual growth. However, today the reality is that it is a conduit of increased family services, transitional housing, government-support systems, and economic upheaval.

Mount Holly has the beauty of a historic New Jersey suburb, coupled with the strife of inner-city-like hardships. Roughly 60% of the students qualify for free or reduced meals.

Currently, Mount Holly is under redevelopment. Local agencies and churches are being called upon to be part of a community transformation.

God has given us the unique privilege to be one of the local churches invited to participate in this transformational partnership. What better way to begin this partnership than to lead an evening of prayer and dedication along with a few other churches!

Please participate in this celebration of a partnership of a public-school community with local churches.



Event: TENEBRAE (Evening of Prayer, Reflection, & Dedication)

Date: Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Location: F.W. Holbein Middle School, 333 Levis Drive, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

NEXT STEPS: ATTEND A MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to serve in this partnership. Please join us for discussions about how we can positively impact the Mount Holly school community, including the children, families, and the staff.

Everyone is welcome! If you are willing to serve, there is a place for you!

Discussions on the following dates will be facilitated by Mr. Jim DiDonato, superintendent of the Mt. Holly School District:

- March 13, 6:00 p.m., FAC Family Room
- March 15, 6:00 p.m., FAC Family Room

For more information, contact Pastor Suresh Thomas, suresh@myfac.org.

Regional Missions

A DEEPENING PARTNERSHIP WITH URBAN PROMISE

God has given FAC a unique privilege to engage in a deeper ministry partnership with Urban Promise in Camden. The mission of Urban Promise is to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. More than 700 children and youth in Camden are served by Urban Promise.

FAC Groups and miniChurches are encouraged to identify a service idea and take part in one of the following opportunities this spring:

•Lunch Buddy: (Any weekday)

Join the students of Camden Forward School or the high school students at Urban Promise Academy for lunch in their cafeteria. Sit with the students to get to know them better. Be the favorite person in the room by bringing Twizzlers or a snack to share after they have eaten their healthy food!

K-4th:	10:40 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
5th-8th:	11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
UPA High School	11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



• **Adopt-a-Classroom**
Any Weekday

Think "Room Parent." Urban Promise has the K-8th Grade Camden Forward School. A small group can adopt a class and visit monthly or seasonally to read to them, create a special holiday party, have a collection for a need (like a set of novels the class can read together), and send encouraging cards and notes.

Time: To be scheduled with the class teacher

• **Street-Leader Mentoring**
Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Street-Leader Teens meet on campus about two to three times a week for SAT college prep classes, tutoring, small groups, and youth group. You can provide a meal, serve, and eat with the students. Or you can simply deliver a meal to the campus.

Time: Monday small group, Tuesday SAT prep, Thursday youth group

• **Saturday Service Project (Any Saturday)**

Bring your small group for a service day one Saturday each month at Urban Promise. The projects may include landscaping, cleaning, painting, etc.

• **School Volunteers (Any Weekday)**

Volunteers are needed in the library and classrooms to assist with various projects.

• **Care for Interns**
Any Time during the Week

UP has college-aged missionary interns who live on the campus and help in after-school activities and summer camps. You can help:

- Cook a meal at your home or on campus. Include a Bible Study or a time of singing and playing games.
- Create "Care Boxes." Include fun snacks, movie passes, and notes of encouragement.
- Donate Health Baskets for winter illnesses or summer colds. Include Advil, cold medicine, tissues, Vitamin C, etc.
- Become a support for the interns. Invite them for a holiday meal, provide airline points so they can get home, drive them to the train station, etc.

Contact: Jennifer Giordano, Church Relations, Urban Promise, at j.giordano@urbanpromiseusa.org

STEPS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SPRING MISSION-EX

Groups and miniChurches

- First, pray as a group as to where and how your group could be involved in FAC local, regional, and global Mission-Ex.
- Select one or two people to steer the Spring Mission-Ex engagement efforts.

• Next, check the FAC website missions pages to collectively determine what Mission-Ex opportunities you as a group would like to pursue this spring.

• The volunteer leader should contact the Ministry Resource Person for the agency you have chosen to discuss and determine mutual thoughts and plans.

• Determine the date, time, and opportunity that your group will pursue and communicate with the whole group as quickly as possible for full participation.

• The volunteer leader will communicate with the FAC Missions Director about the group's spring engagement as soon as possible.

• Keep your commitment with the partner agency and create a log of participation along with stories your group would like to share with the church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a part of the Missions team, several men and women are needed to serve as liaisons between FAC and our ministry partners.

For more information, contact Pastor Suresh Thomas, suresht@myfac.org.



SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE

ADDICTION RECOVERY

For help towards God and sobriety

- **FOR MEN**

Wednesdays, Room C-12, 7:00 p.m.
 recoverymen@myfac.org
 609-953-7333, x312 *(Leave a message.)*

- **FOR WOMEN**

Contact Deborah Ryder for location,
 times, and dates.
 609-304-5417

GRIEF RECOVERY

- **A Closer Walk with God through Grief**

For adults experiencing grief
 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 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

Contacts: Wanda and George Stein,
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PATH TO PURITY

For those struggling with sexual sins

- **MEN**

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 Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
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 609-953-7333, x311. *(Request location,
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- **WOMEN**

Contact: puritywomen@myfac.org or
 609-953-7333, x316. *(Request location,
 times, dates; leave a message.)*

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.

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WINGS (Walking in God's Strength)

For families of loved ones with eating
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First and third Wednesdays
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For appointments, call
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	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund				
	1.7	\$ 66,731	\$ 91,920	\$ 25,189
	1.14	\$ 66,731	\$ 46,458	\$ (20,273)
	1.21	\$ 66,731	\$ 62,371	\$ (4,360)
	1.28	\$ 66,731	\$ 60,199	\$ (6,532)
Total		\$ 266,924	\$ 260,948	\$ (5,976)
Year-to-Date		\$ 266,924	\$ 260,948	\$ (5,976)
Missions Fund				
	1.7	\$ 4,646	\$ 5,757	\$ 1,111
	1.14	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,289	\$ (357)
	1.21	\$ 4,646	\$ 5,637	\$ 991
	1.28	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,024	\$ (622)
Total		\$ 18,584	\$ 19,707	\$ 1,123
Year-to-Date		\$ 18,584	\$ 19,707	\$ 1,123
Benevolence Fund				
	1.7		\$ 5,453	
	1.14		\$ 1,877	
	1.21		\$ 1,894	
	1.28		\$ 2,439	
Total			\$ 11,663	
Year-to-Date			\$ 11,663	
Kingdom Vision Fund				
	1.7		\$ 36,990	
	1.14		\$ 11,074	
	1.21		\$ 14,784	
	1.28		\$ 22,148	
Total			\$ 84,996	
Year-to-Date			\$ 84,996	

DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
1.7	1644	47	244	1935
1.14	1691	40	230	1961
1.21	1809	116	329	2254
1.28	1659	77	290	2026

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.