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FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL — MEDFORD, NJ — APRIL 2018

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WHY DO YOU SEEK THE
LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

HE IS NOT

HERE,

BUT IS

RISEN!

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—LUKE 24:6 (KJV)



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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.

New to FAC?

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

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.

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THE HOPE OF GETTING BETTER

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

The hope of the Gospel message is that we can get better. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead — which is what we celebrate at Easter — is all about the Gospel truth that we have the real hope of our lives getting better — so much better that we actually have the promised reality of eternal life in Heaven.

But the Gospel is about far more than a promise of going to Heaven someday, as fantastic as that is! The promise of the Gospel is that you and I can actually get better now in our inner life, our relationships, our finances, and even our ability to handle difficulty and trials. The Gospel promises that we can get better and better all the way to glory.

Now don't misunderstand what the Bible promises. It does not promise that you'll be rich and famous. It does not promise that life as a Christian will get easier and easier. No, that's never promised to us in the Bible. But it is promised that we will get better as we learn to walk in faith, trusting God for each step.

Probably the most dramatic revelation of the truth that we can get better is revealed in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. When Jesus' disciples had lost all hope of their lives getting better or their nation getting better or anything else getting better, it was at that darkest, most hopeless moment that Jesus arose from the dead to prove God's promise to anyone who would believe.

What is the promise? It is the promise that no matter who you are or what you are facing, God says, "Let me in, and I will make you better." The circumstances may be the same and the healing may or may not happen, but your God promises it will get better.

So I urge you to pray to God on your own today and cry out to Him no matter what you are facing. He is our hope and strength.

Remember the promise that Jesus Himself told Martha after her brother Lazarus had died? Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26a, NIV)

Jesus is your hope for change. By faith, you need to entrust your life into His hands. He is the key to your hope and strength. He promised it by rising from the dead.

Love never fails,

Marty Berglund, Senior Pastor

WELCOME TO EASTER SERVICES

AT FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL!

WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE WITH US TO CELEBRATE THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN ALL OF HISTORY — THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28 (New Living Bible)

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

• Guest Reception

After all services this weekend, you can stop in at Guest Services for coffee and snacks and information about the ministries of our church.

• Starting Point

If you are new to FAC and would like to get involved, Starting Point is a great start. These short-term groups meet in various homes throughout the week to make it easy for you to find a location and day that is convenient for you.

In a Starting Point group, you'll learn more about FAC and how we can help you get connected in ways that fit your time schedule and interests.

To find out about the groups currently offered, go to www.myfac.org/startingpoint.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*



I'm writing this article while the ground is still covered with snow. I'm hoping that by the time you see these words on Easter weekend, it will be balmy and warm, and spring will have finally made its appearance! But whether the weather cooperates or not, Easter will be worth celebrating, because Easter is not about spring — it's about HOPE.

This is what I'm learning about HOPE these days. HOPE is not the belief that things will turn out the way I want them to. It's the belief God is working through all things, no matter how they turn out.

And I'm also learning something about JOY — the "one word" I chose for this year. I'm finding out that you can't get to JOY without choosing HOPE.

If you read this page often, then you'll remember that when I chose the one word JOY for my spiritual development this year, I was HOPING God would just pour it out on me and I wouldn't have to work for it! But so far, this year has been marked by some huge sadnesses, and choosing JOY has been a stretch.

I began the year by saying goodbye to a dear friend, burying her days shy of her next birthday. And as I write this article, my family is preparing our hearts for the grief of losing my sweet sister-in-law. So where's the JOY?

Well, it's not in the circumstances — that's for sure! But it's there — and my Bible tells me where I can find it. Psalm 16:11 says, "In Your presence is fullness of JOY." Sadness will

always be with us in this broken world. But because of the good news of Easter and the Resurrection, there is something more powerful than sadness that is with us — and that's the presence of Jesus.

These are not empty words to tell ourselves when we're under the pile. These words are truth and they are life. They are HOPE, and they are JOY. But they are also a choice. When the sadness moves in, I can choose to run to doubt and questions and fear. Or I can choose to run into His presence and tell Him about all that I'm feeling and how much I need Him. It's not my job to try and manufacture JOY out of heart-breaking things in life. My only job is to run to Him. He brings the HOPE and the JOY. I can't find them on my own. But choosing them often means giving up what I wanted and surrendering to what's given. That's where the stretch comes in!

I love these words from 1 Peter: "Though you have not seen Jesus, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious JOY." (1 Peter 1:8) Inexpressible and glorious JOY. Don't you want that?! I do! It's Easter's Resurrection that brings us the HOPE of that. So I wish you a JOYFUL and HOPEFUL Easter!

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 at Alpha

Begins April 11

A meal. A talk. Good conversation.
More than 30 million people worldwide have tried 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 environment. No question is out-of-bounds. Open discussions are encouraged.

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?

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Alpha

Alpha is for anyone who wants to investigate Christianity. 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 your questions. Alpha is open to all adults. Invite your friends, family members, and co-workers and attend with them.

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!

HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED!

High school students are invited to attend Alpha. It's your opportunity to ask questions about faith, life, and God. You will join the larger group for a meal, followed by a video presentation. You will then break off into your own group with others who are also in high school.

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.



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.

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

PRESCHOOL NEWS: AGE 25 MONTHS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN



Reminder

The nursery is located in the Worship Center, Rooms 101 and 102.



Memory Verse

"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!

Request to follow us at facebook.com/groups/facpreschool.

LESSONS IN APRIL

- Week 1** ----- John the Baptist tells people to get ready because Jesus is coming.
- Week 2** ----- Jesus tells Andrew, Peter, John, and James to follow Him.
- Week 3** ----- Jesus tells Matthew, the tax collector, to follow Him.
- Week 4** ----- Jesus enters Jerusalem, riding on a donkey.

Parents, to follow up with the lesson, you could ask your child these questions:

Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.

What should you remember? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Children's Ministries. If you would like to find out more, contact Kristi Peterson at kristip@myfac.org.

ELEMENTARY NEWS: GRADES 1-4



Memory Verse

"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)

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!

Request to follow us at facebook.com/groups/elementaryFAC.

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING THIS MONTH

- Week 1** ----- Jesus' Arrest (Matthew 26:36-27:2)
- Week 2** ----- Jesus' Crucifixion (Matthew 27:11-66)
- Week 3** ----- Jesus' Resurrection (Matthew 28:1-15, John 20:1-18)
- Week 4** ----- The Emmaus Disciples (Luke 24:13-35)



VOLUNTEER BETH HACKETT

Beth, in which ministry do you serve? I serve in Children's Ministries in Kid BLAST Preschool Church, and in Kid BLAST Sunday Night Clubs. I am also involved on the FASA missions team and in Women's Ministries.

How long have you been serving? I have been serving in Children's Ministries since 2014 but have been serving in various capacities at FAC since about 2008.

How did you get involved in the Preschool Ministry? A trip to South Africa with FASA! In 2014, I answered God's call to go to South Africa, and God used that trip to reignite a dream of serving children. As part of the trip, we were asked to conduct "Day Rallies" at a few of the local schools. It still amazes

me that public schools in South Africa welcome us to share the hope we have in Jesus with their students. During our first day rally, we were with more than 300 children and had the privilege of sharing the Gospel message with them through Bible stories, singing, and dancing. During these rallies, God showed me His passion for children and confirmed in that moment and the days and weeks to follow that I was meant to serve children. I came home from South Africa and connected to the wonderful leaders of Children's Ministries at FAC, and I now have the opportunity to teach and help God's little people.

What do you enjoy most about serving? Frederick Buechner said, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's

deep hunger meet." It is a joy to spend time with children, talking about life and Jesus. Being able to see God through the lens of a child and worshipping with them teaches me about trusting, purity, honesty, enthusiasm, and fascination.

Grace abounds: Teaching and working with children has taught me about grace. Kids are full of grace and offer it so freely.

Knowledge: When people ask me how I remember things like all of the Ten Commandments or the Twelve Disciples or the Fruits of the Spirit, I tell them, "Serve in Children's Ministries!"



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES

For Children, Youth, & Adults with Special Needs

SNOW BUDDIES & RESOURCES PROGRAM

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 TEENS & ADULTS

April 6 & 20

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 teens and 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.

JOIN OUR GROUP ON FACEBOOK

Stay Up to Date
Stay Connected
Share Resources

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



SNOW

For Children, Youth, and Adults with Special Needs



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

TOM SIMPSON

Tom has been volunteering with our SNOW Ministry during Sunday services for the past six months. Tom was also a volunteer at the Tim Tebow "Night to Shine."

While praying at a church service about where he could be used most, a slide

about SNOW came onto the screen, stating that volunteers were needed. Since then, he has been enjoying the kids and all the leaders who run the ministry.

Tom says, "There is never a dull moment! Volunteering in SNOW is guaranteed to put a smile on your face."

Want to find out more about being a volunteer in the SNOW Ministry?

If you would like to be a volunteer in the SNOW ministry, contact us to receive more information about joining the team:

Text: @facsnow to 81010 | Email: snow@myfac.org | Phone: (609) 953-7333 x304

NEWS & NOTES

Prayer Line

The FAC Prayer Team has a prayer line for the use of anyone who has prayer requests. Call 609-953-7333, x308, and leave your request.



Is this your baby?

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

Volunteers Needed in Children's Ministries

Babies through Grade 4

Join our team! Contact Kristi Peterson at kristip@myfac.org for more information. Positions are available to meet your schedule!



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 make every effort to ensure that team members serve only once a month. Volunteers are needed for:

- Lighting: operating stage and house lighting
- Live Audio: mixing sound for main worship center
- Studio Audio: mixing sound for the 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
- Stage Crew: setting up and tearing down equipment; preparing people for the stage

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



Get Connected

TO ALL THAT IS HAPPENING AT FAC

Using Social Media

Follow Fellowship Alliance Chapel on:

- /FACMedford
- fac_snaps
- fellowshipalliance
- Fellowship Alliance Chapel



The Food Pantry

Non-perishables for Those Who Need Our Help

- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Canned tuna, soups, beans
- Boxes of mashed potatoes, stuffing, macaroni & cheese, pasta
- Tomato/spaghetti sauce
- Oatmeal & cereal
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Rice
- Snacks (pretzels, crackers)
- Toiletries and cleaning products

Currently In short supply are peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, tuna, and cereal. **Drop-off bins are located in the Atrium near the elevators.** Every item donated is greatly appreciated!



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

April 15, 22, 29, and May 6
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC | Free
No Youth Group on April 1 or 8

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.

No Grapple on April 1 or 8

HIGH SCHOOL

IMPACT MINISTRIES
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9-12

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | FAC | Free
No Youth Group on April 2



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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.



PHOTOS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT





INTERESTED IN LEADING AN ADULT SMALL GROUP?

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

ENDEAVOR

A COME-AS-YOU-ARE MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, April 13 & May 11
Fellowship Center | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Speaker, Food, & Fellowship

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](https://twitter.com/venture1823)) and on Instagram ([Venture1823](https://www.instagram.com/Venture1823)) for regular posts.

CONTACT

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SINGLES

APRIL 7 & 21

Saturday evening | 7:45 p.m. | Chapel

Single? Looking for the "right person"? Thinking that if you met the "right person" everything would turn out "right"? Think again.

In Andy Stanley's book, *The New Rules for Love, Sex & Dating*, he explores the challenges, assumptions, and landmines associated with dating in the 21st Century. Best of all, he offers the most practical and uncensored advice you will ever hear on this topic. Andy Stanley challenges single Christ-followers to step up and set a new standard for this generation.

The Singles Group, for men and women ages 21 and up, will meet this month on Saturday, April 7, and Saturday, April 21, at 7:45 p.m., in the Chapel.

CONTACTS

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

AFTER ALPHA

BEGINS APRIL 17

Tuesday evenings | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Upper Room (8 sessions)

Join us for the spring edition of FAC's After Alpha! We'll be exploring "Starting Point," an eight-part DVD series about faith, hosted by Andy Stanley, 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, After Alpha is a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off-limits.

After Alpha is for those who have completed the Alpha course (see page 7) and for all other adults who would like to go deeper in their walk with Jesus. Invite your friends, family members, and co-workers and attend with them!

During these eight sessions, we will:

- Reflect on central questions of faith and life
- Watch a video each week
- Discuss the topics addressed in the video

REGISTRATION

Register at www.myfac.org/events. If you have questions, contact Joe Jalkiewicz, jfjalkiewicz@gmail.com.



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



Marriage Matters at Fellowship Alliance Chapel

The mission of the Marriage Matters ministry is simple: It is our desire to offer couples hope, help, and healing. Led by Pastor Brent Brendle, we offer pre-marriage coaching, small groups for young married couples, workshops, intensives, conferences, and special events.

Please take a closer look at what we have to offer you.

HE SAID/SHE SAID

Friday, June 1 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



In the Upper Room, which is located on the second floor above the Atrium

“He spends too much time playing video games!”
 “She spends way too much money!”
 “He hangs out with his friends too much!”

Join us as we introduce a new set of workshops, “He Said/She Said.” Together, we’ll tackle the hot topics currently facing couples, and we’ll divide and conquer as husbands and wives are challenged separately with the changes they may need to make.

Register at www.myfac.org/events. Space is limited.

THRIVE IN FIVE

We are passionate about helping pre-marrieds and newlyweds get off to the right start. In the very near future, we will be launching a second “Thrive in Five” group designed to help young couples meet, connect, and grow together.

Thrive in Five is for couples ages 35 and under, who will be married within a year through approaching their fifth anniversary. We will be limiting the group to 12 couples.

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



JOIN OUR TEAM!

As Marriage Matters continues to grow, we invite you to become a part of the team! Do you like to decorate? Do you dabble in photography? Are you artistic? Perhaps sound and technology is your thing? We have needs in these areas and more!

Whether you sign up for something specific or aren’t sure what you’d like to do yet, let us add your name to the team, and we’ll figure it out together. Your level of involvement is completely up to you. No long-term commitments are required! Sign up at www.myfac.org/marriagematters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions, send an e-mail to Steve and Julie Durdin at MarriageMatters@myfac.org. They would love to hear from you!



Find us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/marriagemattersFAC.



Toy & Clothing EXCHANGE

Thursday, May 3 | Fellowship Center
 Drop off: 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
 Shopping: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All items are FREE!
 Questions? Contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125; debbie@myfac.org.

Items

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

Here's how it works -

- Drop off your donations any time during the day of the event up until 7:00 p.m. You don't have to donate to shop!
- Shop from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your own shopping bags — or a truck if you are in need of large items.
- All items are FREE!
- All remaining items will be donated to charity.

This is a "kid-free" event. No exceptions, please.



A New Ministry for Caregivers

ARK OF COMFORT

PRELIMINARY MEETING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To learn more about this new ministry, join us in the Atrium of the new building on April 14 and 15 after each church service.

Women who are the primary caregivers for a loved one with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia know that some days can be really difficult to navigate. It's hard to watch loved ones lose more and more of themselves with each passing day.

It's often also hard to care for them. It's a heavy responsibility — especially for those doing it mostly alone.

If you would like a safe place to share your caregiver's journey, Ark of Comfort provides that opportunity. You can leave the place where you give care and come to a place where you can receive care.

The group will meet at FAC on the first Thursday evening of each month, starting May 3, from 7:00 to 9:00. We will talk together, pray together, cry together, and perhaps even laugh together.

If you are interested in joining the group, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, or debbie@myfac.org.



Fresh Hope For Single Moms

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR FRESH HOPE MOMS

Sunday, April 8 | 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 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@comcast.net.

FRESH HOPE FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES BOUTIQUE

Sunday, April 15 | 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, April 15, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FRESH HOPE MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, April 15 | 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 this month for the moms and their children will be provided in the Kingdom Café.

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 April 8 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

April 20 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Fellowship House

The aWAKEN ministry invites you 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, April 19.



Walking In Grace

May 18 & 19

Seek - Believe - Be Free

All women are invited to join our two-day women's conference at FAC, featuring Bianca Olthoff, a writer, Bible teacher, and the founder of the organization, In the Name of Love.

Cost is \$79.00.

Register by May 7 at www.myfac.org/sheisfree.

BE the BRIDGE

MOVING TOWARD
RACIAL RECONCILIATION



Be the Bridge

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 as individuals and as a church can play a part.

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



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. Cost for breakfast is \$5.00. Just want coffee? It's free!

We are studying, "Building Well: Behind the Walls," learning how a good foundation is essential for a thriving life.

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



SAGE Builders (Daytime)

Spring | A Time of New Growth

Come grow with us! Join us for these dates and topics in April:

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 break into small groups to discuss the video and how to apply the principles to daily life.

This study is open to adults of all ages.

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.

SAGE Builders (Evening)

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

The evening SAGE Builders group is a Bible study for men and women — single or married — who are 50 years of age and older. No registration is required. Materials are provided free of charge.

Meetings for this month will be held on the following dates:

April 2 — 7:00 p.m.

April 9 — 7:00 p.m.

April 16 — 6:30 p.m. — “Meal of Fellowship,” which includes The Lord’s Supper

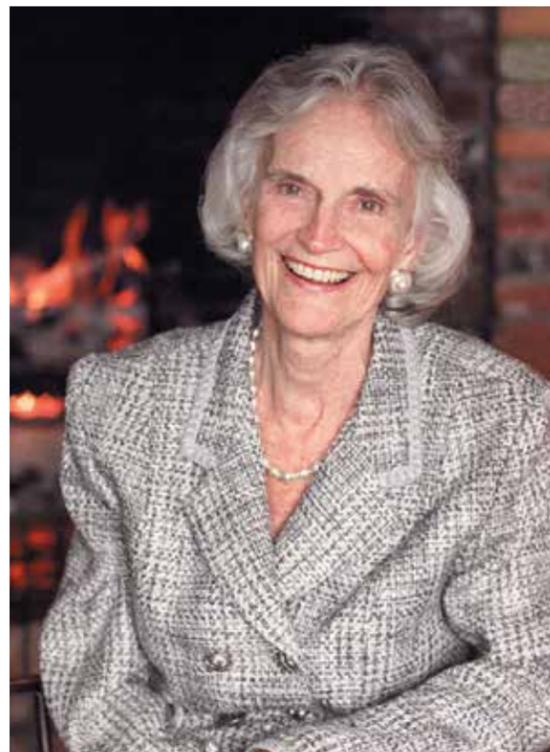
April 23 — 7:00 p.m.

April 30 — 7:00 p.m.

Meet Ruth Graham

On Sunday, April 29, we have an opportunity to meet Ruth Graham and her daughter at the Sheraton in King of Prussia for a fundraising event.

Tickets are \$35.00. Contact Ed Brokhoff, edb@myfac.org, if you would like to attend.



Ruth Graham



FASA LOVES ITS LEARNERS!

Learner Spotlight: Sam Setlhare

I met Sam at the first week of camp in South Africa in July 2017. The first thing I noticed was his character. He was always willing to help others around him. He helped from beginning to end without stopping. Although I had met Sam the first week, I didn't truly get to know him until the second week when I was overjoyed to hear that he was going to co-lead my group with me! The week before I had trouble speaking to the children because of the language barrier, but because of Sam, there was no problem for the second week. He would talk to the children when I couldn't. I'll never forget looking over my group and seeing all of their eyes attached to his. He has an amazing gift for working with children. When the kids were coloring independently, we would talk about different things. He told me about South Africa and about himself. On the last day, I didn't want to say goodbye. Sam is someone who has a serving heart who works for the Lord. — Cassie Jarvis

Sam lives with his mom and older brother in Marapong, an overcrowded, primarily impoverished township outside of Lephalale, SA. He's in the tenth grade. When Sam was in eighth grade, he was one of the few learners chosen from his school, Phegelele High School, to attend the International Leadership Academy (ILA) hosted at the FASA Lodge and Conference Center. One of the high school administrators invited FASA to be involved with ministry at Sam's school, and that's when Jody and Kathy Adams, FASA's Field Directors, started to get to know Sam.

After attending the ILA, Sam returned home and later prayed to receive Christ as his Savior. He prayed, saying that he knew he was a sinner and needed Jesus as his Savior. Sam not only understands this for himself, but also feels driven to share this

with others around him! Sam started serving with FASA in 2017 at a children's home in Modimolle. Having served in children's homes and at the FASA Lodge & Conference Center, Sam has a huge desire to bring Bible camps to Marapong and to be able to share the love of Jesus with children in his own community, because he sees how the children need Jesus.

Want to meet Sam and serve in South Africa with Him and a team from FAC?

You can! FASA has four more missions adventures planned for 2018 in June, July, and October! It's not too late to apply — but it almost is so don't wait! All the information and an application can be found at www.myfasa.org/trips.

Trip Dates

Day Camp: June 21 to July 2

Day Camp: June 28 to July 9

Youth Camp: July 5 to July 15

International Leadership Academy: Sept. 27 to Oct. 9

FASA DAY CAMP TEAM SHARING TIME

SUNDAY, MAY 6 | 1:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Hear all about the most recent FASA Day Camp!

CONNECT WITH US! www.myfasa.org

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Join a Missions Team Going to West Virginia

JULY 8 TO 13

Since 2010, FAC has partnered with World Vision to assist people of the Appalachian region in West Virginia. In 2014, we sent a team of 18 people; in 2015, 21 people; in 2016, 42 people. Team members have helped to repair homes, community centers, and local churches. They have also run Vacation Bible Schools for children of all ages. Building projects have ranged from sheet rocking, painting, roof repair, electrical work, floor repair, bathroom tub replacement, deck repair, sliding glass door replacement, and front door repair.

No special skills are required for this missions trip! Families, including individuals with special needs, are encouraged to join! You can make a difference — and it's only 6.5 hours away! Get your hands dirty and share the Gospel this summer on an FAC missions team going to Philippi, WV!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 7:** Trip sign up, 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., outside the Family Room near the Kingdom Café.*
- **April 8:** Trip sign up, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., outside the Family Room near the Kingdom Café.*
- **April 14:** Trip sign up, 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., outside the Family Room near the Kingdom Café.*
- **April 15:** Last day to sign up, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm, outside the Family Room near the Kingdom Café.*
- **April 22:** Meeting to discuss trip details, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in The Barn
- **May 15:** 50% deposit is due.

- **May 20:** Meeting to discuss trip details, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in The Barn
- **June 1:** Final payment is due.
- **June 10:** Meeting to discuss trip details, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in The Barn
- **July 8 to 13:** Missions Trip to Philippi/Southern Barbour, West Virginia

* Previous team members will be available to answer questions.

The cost of the trip is \$390 for ages 11 and up and \$300 for ages 5 to 10. The fee covers:

- All meals during your stay
- Housing, which may be in a college dorm, a 4-H camp, a community center, or a public school
- Devotional and training materials

For more information, contact Shawn Mosher, familytrip@myfac.org, or 229-630-3220.



Building Relationships



Father and son framing a deck



Lynne's children and grandchildren: Jerry Braatz, Jr., Logan, Kirsten, and Zach; Courtney Braatz Thomas, Tessa, and Adam; Violet, Sophia, Monique, and Jason Braatz



GOD@WORK...

In the Life of Lynne Braatz

WE GREW UP SINGING AND PRAYING TOGETHER

My life had barely begun when I came to know and love Jesus. You see, I was born a preacher's kid. I am daughter number two of six siblings—five girls and a baby brother. My parents weren't perfect, but they were the most amazing examples of what it looked like to love Jesus above everything else. I watched commitment, sacrifice, over-the-top hospitality, generosity, and tithing play themselves out before my very eyes. I learned the character traits of honoring others first and living with kindness and respect. We grew up singing and praying together. All these things became natural to me. To this very day, I cannot remember a single time when I did not want to love Jesus.

Daddy was a builder of churches. He never made much money, but that wasn't what drove him. God did! There were times when both he and Mother sensed God moving them out from a particular assignment. Confident they had accomplished all they could, they would move on to where they were needed next. Most of the time, he had an idea where they were to head but not always.

One time in particular, my parents felt a call to leave our church in Toronto, Ontario. My father's work was done, but the next steps were totally unclear. Daddy always said he would never stay in a place for a parsonage

and a paycheck, and he never did. So with family and household belongings packed up in a borrowed truck, we set out to a place yet unknown. I remember it as an adventure in faith, hair blowing in the wind, in the back of an old truck.

In a newspaper, my mother found the address of an affordable house to rent. It was available immediately. We pulled up to the most modern home we had ever lived in! It seemed like a dream. Dad went back to work as a tree surgeon with Davey Tree Specialists, and there in Richmond Hill, Ontario, I entered sixth

grade and the most memorable year of my growing up! Indeed, God was faithful, and He was good!

Ours was a very legalistic doctrine, however. When we moved to the USA, my teen years were especially hard as I tried to be a witness for Jesus, but school was embarrassing and lonely because of our goofy convictions about how we should live. Despite all my efforts, I struggled with doubts, guilt, and growing disappointment with my parents. I was always repenting, asking for God's forgiveness, and "trying so hard" to be holy.

It was in my senior year of high school that I met Jerry. He attended our church in Trenton, NJ, while stationed at McGuire AFB. He easily fit into our family, and two years later in 1968, we were married.

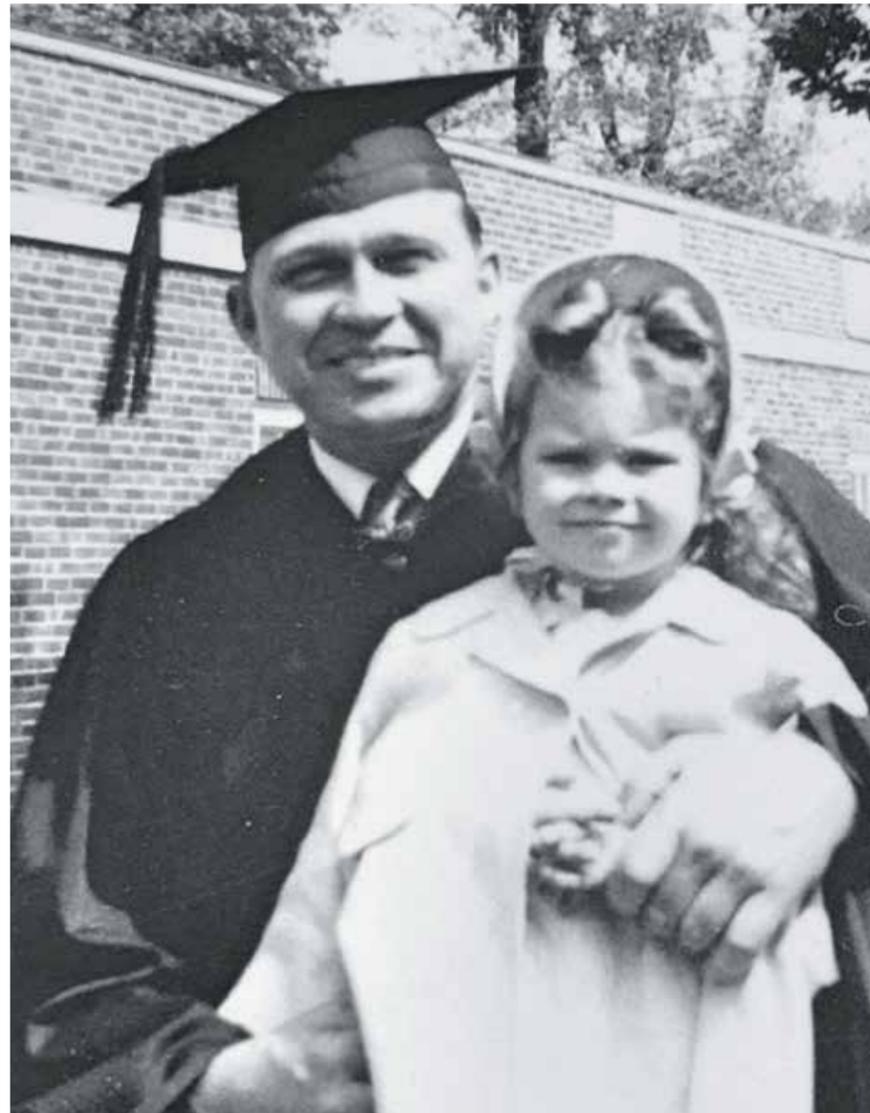
Early in our marriage, I had to face a decision that would pit my father's wishes against my new husband's. God's Word loudly spoke truth to me in this incident, and for the very first time, I clearly understood that my father's will was not necessarily God's will for me. This was a huge turning point in my journey to being truly set free.

As with new eyes, I seriously got into reading and studying God's Word for myself, using the Living Bible Translation. I began to feel God's Spirit rising in me. His Word was becoming alive to me! My heart began to ache for the lost, and I knew it was God pouring His heart into mine. I began to feel a passion that day that motivates me still.

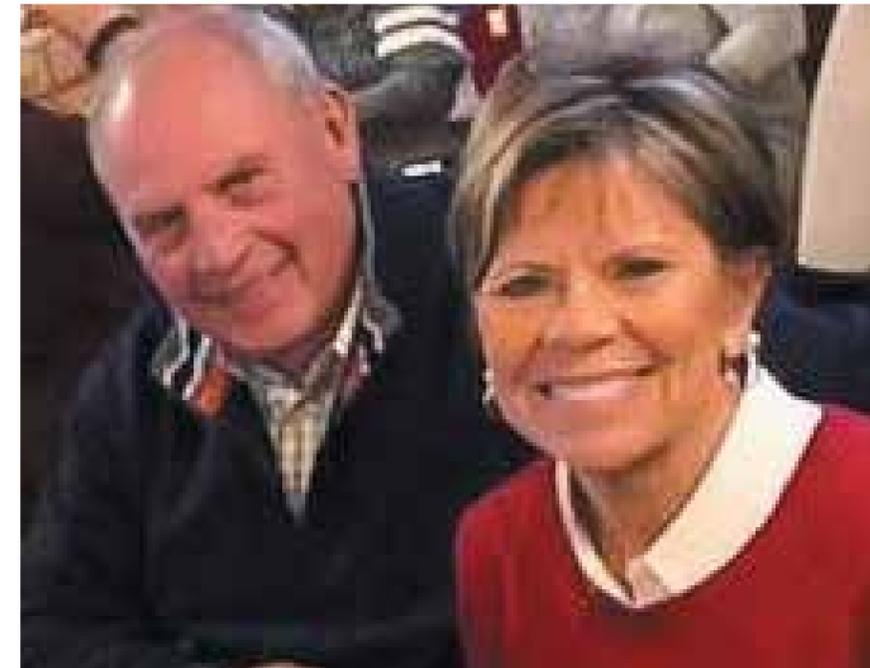
From the very beginning, Jerry and I wanted to honor and serve the Lord with our lives. Applying the principles and habits we had both learned at an early age worked well for us. God provided, guided, and gave us three healthy, beautiful children. He gave us a business that flourished and enabled me to be a stay-at-home mom. Our work in the church was fruitful. We looked kind of perfect.

However, mid-life crisis hit us hard in 1987. Inwardly, we were growing weary, and we found ourselves separated. How could this be happening to us? To me?! I truly lost all hope for any marriage if ours couldn't survive. I would have rather that one of us had died than to live this humiliation. What did this even say about our witness for Christ?

One day, I heard God say, "That pretty little journal still sitting empty on your shelf—start writing everything down. I am taking you on an adventure, and you don't want to miss a moment of it." I began that day to be accountable before God with every thought — good,



Lynne & Her Dad



Jerry & Lynne Braatz

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Lynne Braatz

bad, ugly, or raw. All my fears and wonderings, anxieties and questions, prayers and my tears — all went into those pages. Since on page one, I had asked Jesus to protect this little book from eyes that shouldn't see it, I was never afraid to be gut-real and completely vulnerable.

I found that when I was emptied of words and God had it all, He would pour His sweet peace all over me. I could then bask in His presence as He would reveal things to me in Scripture or through the words of an old song: "Morning by morning new mercies I did see." My situation may not have changed, but I was changing. Intimacy with Jesus became more real to me than that of any earthly friend. Those times with Jesus were never rushed nor quick. To this very day, my times with Him are never less than one hour. See, real intimacy simply cannot be rushed.

We made our move to Tabernacle in 1987 and happened upon FAC. The children immediately got involved with the youth. It was just the medicine we needed. Since God always seemed to talk to me through Pastor Marty, I went to church one Sunday in particular, asking and expecting God for specific direction. I needed it immediately! How disappointed I was to find him talking about tithing. Yuck! We'd been practicing that our whole life. But then Marty made the challenge to double tithe. It was then the tears began to flow, and I recognized God's voice.

I accepted that challenge. Within one month, in February 1988, our lives positively began to change. At FAC, we found a hospital of sorts, a place to rest, heal, and find "grace." Together we were discovering Christ in a fresh and more vibrant way. God has given us a marriage more beautiful than we could have

imagined. "What Satan intended for evil, God meant for good."

Jesus has been everything to me since I was a young child. The challenges I have faced have but proven to me that He is faithful; He loves me; and He is very good!

I know your challenges are different from mine, but I can tell you that Jesus is the answer to your struggles too—family problems, finances, depression, addiction, health concerns? Whatever it is, trust Jesus!

If you haven't started your journey with Him yet, take Him at His Word. Believe Him. Receive Him. Start walking with Him. He will be faithful to lead you, be your peace, turn your sorrow into joy, and be your "ever present help in time of trouble." †



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,
609-953-7333, x309

PATH TO PURITY

For those struggling with sexual sins

• **MEN**
Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Contact: puritymen@myfac.org or
609-953-7333, x311. (Request location,
times, dates; leave a message.)

• **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

Contact: Jim Mather,
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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.

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

First and third Wednesdays
7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Fellowship House
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LAY COUNSELING

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PASTORAL COUNSELING

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

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Fund				
	2.4	\$ 66,731	\$ 55,024	\$ (11,707)
	2.11	\$ 66,731	\$ 58,624	\$ (8,107)
	2.18	\$ 66,731	\$ 68,463	\$ 1,732
	2.25	\$ 66,731	\$ 56,021	\$ (10,710)
Total		\$ 266,924	\$ 238,132	\$ (28,792)
Year-to-Date		\$ 533,848	\$ 499,080	\$ (34,768)
Missions Fund				
	2.4	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,978	\$ 332
	2.11	\$ 4,646	\$ 5,258	\$ 612
	2.18	\$ 4,646	\$ 16,549	\$ 11,903
	2.25	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,213	\$ (433)
Total		\$ 18,584	\$ 30,998	\$ 12,414
Year-to-Date		\$ 37,168	\$ 50,705	\$ 13,537
Benevolence Fund				
	2.4		\$ 2,774	
	2.11		\$ 2,046	
	2.18		\$ 2,594	
	2.25		\$ 5,974	
Total			\$ 13,388	
Year-to-Date			\$ 25,051	
Kingdom Vision Fund				
	2.4		\$ 14,393	
	2.11		\$ 16,628	
	2.18		\$ 24,832	
	2.25		\$ 16,994	
Total			\$ 72,847	
Year-to-Date			\$ 157,843	

DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
2.4	1737	61	305	2103
2.11	1558	68	279	1905
2.18	1589	134	269	1992
2.25	1522	67	294	1883

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.