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FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE CHAPEL — MEDFORD, NJ — MAY 2018

**"Put on the new self, created
after the likeness of God in true
righteousness and holiness."
(Ephesians 4:24)**





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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

Tuesday to Friday

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays – 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sundays – 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Watch or listen to sermons, register for events, or view the church calendar.

Available for Android and iPhone: myFAC Mobile



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

In every weekend service since 2018 began, we have been challenged to re-think why we are here and what we are going to do about it. To me, the answer to these big questions is simple. We are here as a church to develop.

I've been repeatedly reminding all of us that God wants us as a people going to church to do two things: (1) Put ourselves in a place of being developed; (2) Put ourselves in a place of developing others.

In May, we will be moving on to a series of messages on the book of Ephesians. But I want to make sure we never forget we are here to develop.

To me, that's exactly what Jesus tells us to do in Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Acts 1:8 says: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (ESV)

At FAC, we put ourselves in a place of development by going to worship services on weekends and getting into some type of small group, such as a teen group, college-age group, miniChurch, or men's group. We also have Alpha groups, recovery groups, a marriage group, and even grief groups. All these groups are designed to help us develop spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and relationally. All our groups are intentionally

designed for our development. Don't neglect the incredible opportunity you have to put yourself into a place where God can use His Word, new friends, and His Spirit to develop you as a follower of Christ.

But please don't stop at that. Remember Jesus said in the passages I quoted earlier that as you're being developed, you need to develop others. I've been a Believer for almost 50 years now, and I must admit that when I've been in a place of giving out to others is when I've been poured into the most by God. That's right. When we give of our time, money, and energy to others, God uses us and gives us incredible joy and develops us in numerous ways we never could have experienced without serving others.

When we reach out to actually put ourselves in a place to develop others, we bring incredible change and development into their lives. I thank God for all the men and women God has used to develop me, and I consider it an honor to be used of God to develop others. (Jesus called it "bearing fruit" in John 15.)

So in one word, I can say to you that our church is here to "develop." That's why we are here and what we are supposed to do about it: keep on developing! Join me because none of us is finished yet.

Love never fails,

Marty Berglund, Senior Pastor



WELCOME TO SUMMER AT CAMP FAC!

Did you know that FAC has a beautiful 200-acre camp facility in Marlton? Located in the pinelands, Camp FAC offers boating, fishing, hiking, gaga pits, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, and plenty of relaxation in the midst of God's glorious creation. Picnic tables, gas grills, enclosed pavilions, canoes, and paddle and row boats are available for guest use. This summer, Camp FAC offers three exciting opportunities to experience a deeper relationship with God in a natural environment.

ON WEEKDAYS, Camp FAC is available for use by all FAC ministries. Yes, your ministry can hold an event or just come on out for a day of fellowship and relaxation. It's the perfect place for a getaway, and you don't have to schedule an airline to get there! Contact Pastor Erik Jarvis for scheduling and details, erikj@myfac.org.

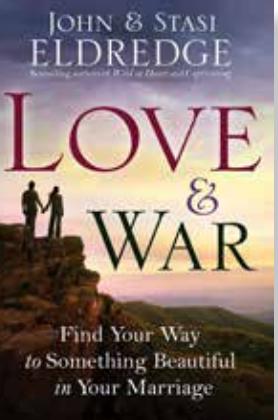
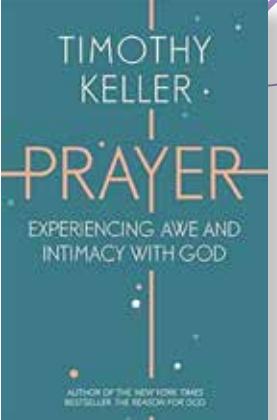
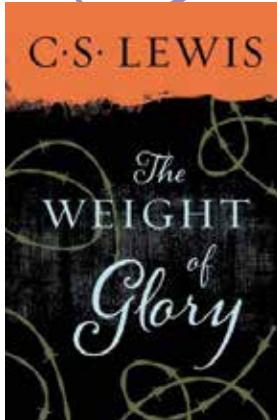
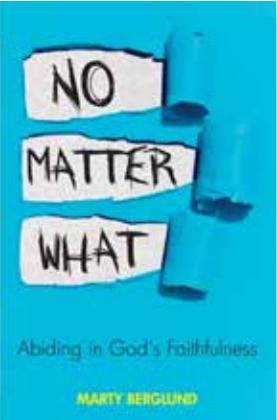
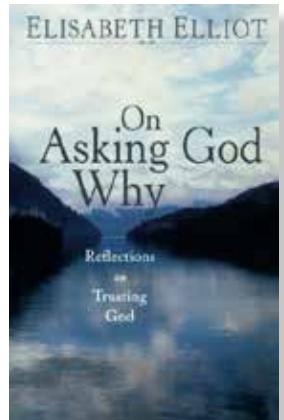
ON WEEKENDS, Camp FAC is available for use by area churches and ministries. It has become a favored and very much in demand resource for many local area church communities. You have to see for yourself the tears of joy from parents and children of inner city churches and ministries to appreciate what Camp FAC has to offer. For more information, go to campfac.org.

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, Camp FAC offers summer outdoor worship services. The services begin June 3 at 10:00 a.m. on the north side of the lake and last throughout the summer. It's the perfect place to bring a friend and enjoy music, refreshments, fellowship, and inspiring messages from God's Word. This summer we'll be going through an exciting series on *Understanding Men and Women, Lessons from the Garden of Eden*. Shoes are optional. So come on out, dig your toes in the sand, and praise the Lord.

CAMP FAC
110 sycamore avenue
marlton, new jersey



ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE Journey



My Dad used to say, "One year from now, you'll be the same person you are today except for the books you've read and the people you've spent time with." As I think about our one word for the year at FAC — "develop" — I would say that's definitely been true in my life.

I already wrote to you about the huge value of relationships in my spiritual development. I look back and realize how much my life has been shaped by the people I have chosen to spend time with. Their impact has been priceless.

But the other big game-changer for me has been the books I've read. If you've looked at this page before, you already know that I like to read because I'm often sharing things I'm learning from the latest book I'm absorbing!

Because I understand that my reading will shape my development, I try to choose books carefully. I know many people believe they should just read everything they can get their hands on because they feel they can learn something from everyone. That might be true, and it might work well for others; but it's not how I base my choices.

My time is limited, and my desire is specific. I don't just want to gain more information and knowledge from my reading. I want my soul to be nourished. I want my relationship with Jesus to be deepened.

I spend so much time developing others, and I know I'll have nothing to offer if I'm not making sure that my own soul is being developed. So I try to choose carefully what I'm reading.

And then when I find a good book, I don't just whiz through the book for big ideas. I want a book that I can ponder — words that point me to Jesus — ideas that challenge me to grow and move forward. Sometimes I will focus on a certain author that I've really connected with, and I'll read several of their books in succession. Some of those that have ministered to me over the years are C.S. Lewis, Elisabeth Elliott, John Eldredge, Tim Keller, Henri Nouwen, Eugene Peterson, Mark Buchanan, Ann Voskamp — and, of course, Marty Berglund! I realize that in many ways, I have been discipled by books, starting with the Scripture.

I'm grateful that my dad was a lifelong learner and instilled a love for books in me. They have been a huge part of my development over the years. If you've read a particularly great book that has shaped your heart, I'd love to hear about it! I get my best recommendations from friends!

Laurie Berglund

If you have comments or questions, send an e-mail to Laurie, laurieb@myfac.org.



SNOW

For Children, Youth, and Adults with Special Needs



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KRISTIANNA DESMARAIS

Kristianna has been serving with FAC's SNOW Ministry for almost a year and has defined it as "an amazing adventure, where every day is different." She became involved after reading about a need for volunteer buddies for the Tim Tebow foundation, "Night to Shine." She explained how she left that event with a full heart that influenced her to inquire about getting more involved with the ministry.

When asked, she said, "I love that I can share the love of Jesus with those with

special needs. In a world that is cold and judgmental, they can come into a safe environment to be loved, to learn about God, and to be reminded that Jesus loves them as they are."

She also shared that she loves the ability to be used anywhere in the church; whether it's rocking a one-year-old, being a resource for Kid Blast, or a Buddy in the SNOW classrooms.



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

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.

Prayer Line

The FAC Prayer Team has a prayer line for anyone who has prayer requests. Call 609-953-7333, x308. Share this number with your family and friends who have prayer needs.



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!



Is This Your Graduate?

No? Okay, that's probably not your graduate! Every year, we feature our high school and college graduates in the June issue of this newsletter. Please send the following information to Lynn Guise, lynn@myfac.org, by May 15:

- Name of graduate
- Graduate's parents
- School from which he/she is graduating
- Plans (college, military, work, etc.)
- A high-resolution headshot

If you need to scan a photo or have questions, contact Pat Vickery in the Youth Office, 609-953-7333, x132.

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. We need your help! No experience needed!

We make every effort to ensure that team members serve only once a month. We need more volunteers in these areas:

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

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



Kingdom Café

Let us cater your next event: graduations and birthday parties, bridal showers, wedding receptions, anniversary parties, barbecues, and much more!

For more details, call 609-953-7333, x751.



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.** Every item donated is greatly appreciated!

Missions Team

Would you like to be part of the 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.



Pedal for Promise

Saturday, May 12

Urban Promise, an FAC ministry partner, is hosting a bicycle rally to raise money to continue to provide Camden teens with an innovative, safe, and quality education. Last year, there were about 50 riders from FAC! This year, we would like to see even more join us for this fun event. Four options are offered: 15 miles, 30 miles, 42 miles, or metric century. This event is for riders of all abilities and ages — from families to serious cyclists.

The ride offers stocked rest stops, SAG support, lunch at the finish, and exciting fundraising incentives.

If you can't ride, support Team FAC!

The location for Start/Finish is Kenneth R. Olson Middle School, 132 New Road, Tabernacle, NJ. Check-in is at 7:30 a.m.; start is 8:30 a.m.

To register, go to www.crowdrise.com/PedalforPromise2018. You will see a place to register for the FAC team.

For more information, contact Beth Bahm, beth71666@yahoo.com.



GET CONNECTED TO ALL THAT IS HAPPENING AT FAC

USING THE HUB ON THE FAC WEBSITE

Many of you have used the HUB to fill out registrations and other forms, but the HUB can also help you connect to other people and groups, stay aware of important events and meetings, manage your giving online, and much more.

- To begin using the HUB, follow the steps below to create a profile. If you have been using the HUB for a while, you may want to update it if any of your information has changed.
- Go to www.myfacHUB.org.
 - Sign up following the easy directions and complete a profile. If you are a current user, sign in and you'll find your name at the top-right corner of your browser. Click on your name and select the drop-down item "Profile." From there, you can update your contact information, add a picture, provide information about your talents and abilities, and more.
 - If you have signed up for a group(s), you can adjust the level of communication you receive. In most cases, however, using the default settings is what you will want to do so you don't miss any important updates.

If you need help using the HUB, contact Chris Rose, chrisrose@myfac.org, or 609-953-7333, x135.

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Follow Fellowship Alliance Chapel on:



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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



Memory Verse:

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



We're on Facebook!

Request to follow our page: facebook.com/groups/facpreschool.

Theme:

God has a plan for me.

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING THIS MONTH

Week 1 ----- God was with Joseph when his older brothers got mad and sent him to Egypt. (*Genesis 37; Jeremiah 1:5*)

Week 2 ----- Joseph was put in jail for something he didn't do, but he continued to trust that God had a plan for him. (*Genesis 39-40*)

Week 3 ----- Joseph told Pharaoh what his dream meant. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of helping save the food. (*Genesis 41*)

Week 4 ----- Joseph forgave his brothers when they came to Egypt looking for food. (*Genesis 42-45; Psalm 16:11*)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Missions Night

June 6 | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us for this family event for parents and children, babies through fourth graders. We will be serving together to support various missions projects.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School | Aug. 7 to 9 | 9:00 a.m. to noon

Save the date for summer Bible school for children ages three through first graders.

ELEMENTARY NEWS: GRADES 1-4



Memory Verse for the Quarter:

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



We're on Facebook!

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

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING THIS MONTH

Week 1 ----- Jesus' appearance to the disciples (*Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23*)

Week 2 ----- Jesus and the doubter (*John 20:24-29*)

Week 3 ----- Jesus forgives and restores (*John 21:1-19*)

Week 4 ----- Jesus gave the Great Commission (*Matthew 28:16-20*)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Soccer Camp

9:00 a.m. to noon | Grades 1-4 | July 9-11 (July 12, rain date) _____

If you can help, contact Justin Wright, justinw@myfac.org. _____



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

LIZZY DECAESAR

person all around. Not only is it fun to teach and care for these children, but it's another family. I've formed such amazing relationships with the parents, children, and other workers; and I've learned more than I ever could have imagined.

What would you like to tell others about serving in Children's Ministries?

Something I've learned throughout my journey is that life isn't easy. We all have a different story. I'm beyond grateful to be a part of this ministry. I've learned a lot about myself. I always believed in God but never pursued Him. Ever since starting to attend FAC, my life has changed. God has shown me that He can move mountains. If you feel God is calling you to do something — whether it's serving in church or your community — follow that feeling. The possibilities are endless when you put your all into God. This church has forever changed my life. Joining in the Children's Ministry was a blessing. I thank everyone who has helped me become the person I am today. Not only is it fun, but it's the most rewarding feeling ever.

How long have you been serving in Children's Ministries?

I've been serving for about 3 years.

How did you get involved in the Preschool Ministry?

I got involved when I started attending FAC after I moved in with my aunt and uncle during my sophomore year in high school. I've always loved being surrounded by children. When the church needed volunteers to care for children of women in #Momlife, I knew that was something I was being called to do. Ever since, I've been volunteering on Sunday mornings and am currently starting to serve again with #Momlife.

What do you enjoy most about serving?

What I enjoy most when it comes to serving in Children's Ministries is watching the children grow as people as well as watching God work in their lives. Working with children brings so much joy to my life. It fills my heart and it makes me a happier



SENIORS IN THE NEWSLETTER

We will be honoring our graduating seniors in the June edition of this newsletter. Please see page 8 for more details. The deadline for submitting is May 15!

SPRING CALENDAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**LEVEL 5 & PLANET 678 MINISTRIES
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5–8**

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at FAC | Free

May 6 is the last youth group meeting of the spring.

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.

The last Grapple meeting of the school year will be May 6.

HIGH SCHOOL

**IMPACT MINISTRIES
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9–12**

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

May 7, Senior Send-Off

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | FAC | Free

May 7 is the last youth group meeting of the spring. We will be honoring our graduating seniors. All high school students are welcome to attend.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

May 20 | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | FAC Chapel

Families are encouraged to join us as we pray for our graduates and offer encouragement to them for their next steps.

CONNECT ON INSTAGRAM

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CALENDAR

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

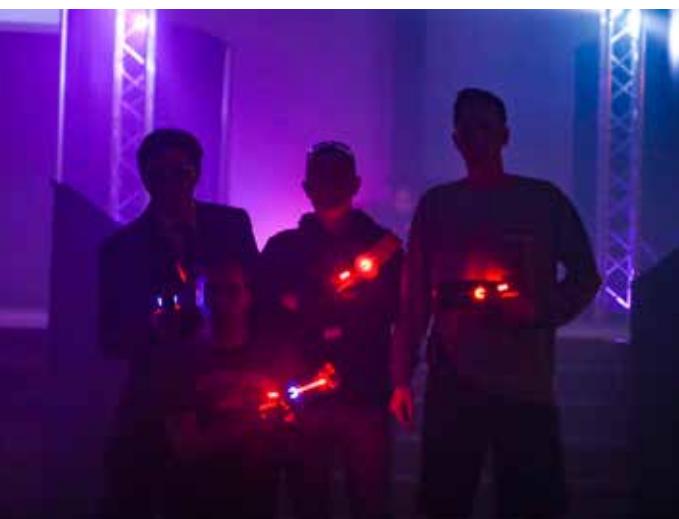
CONTACT

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



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

PHOTOS FROM OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS





SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Interested in joining a Group?



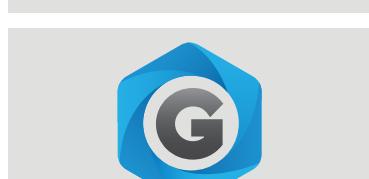
GROUPLINK

GroupLink is the best way to join a small group. GroupLink is a two-hour event held twice a year in September and February where you can find the group that works best for you. The next Group Link date is Friday, September 14.



MINICHURCHES

You can find miniChurches that are open to new members by using the online Group Finder Tool. Go to www.myfac.org/findagroup.



MEN'S GROUPS

Attend a Band of Brothers Breakfast on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. to experience our men's groups. If you have questions, contact Pastor Erik Rebstock, 609-953-7333, x116, or erikr@myfac.org.

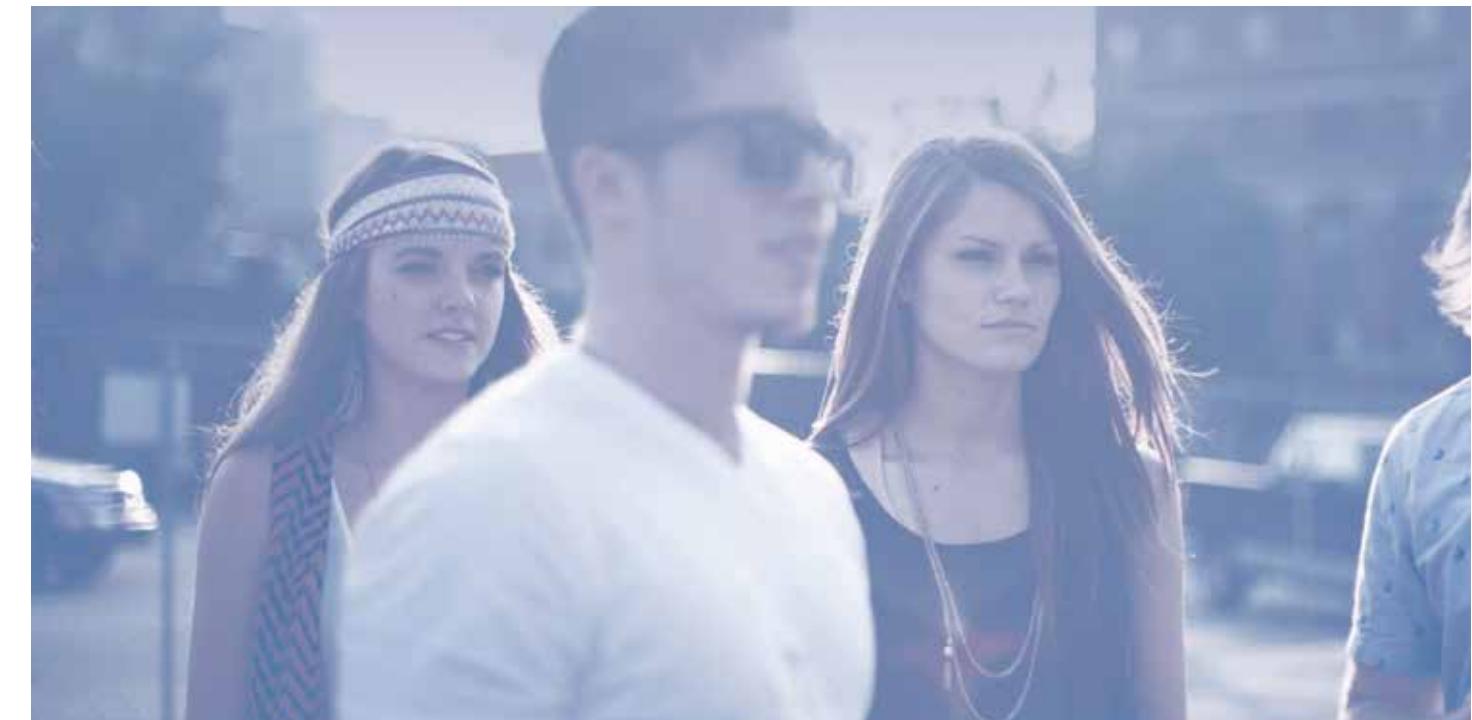


WOMEN'S GROUPS

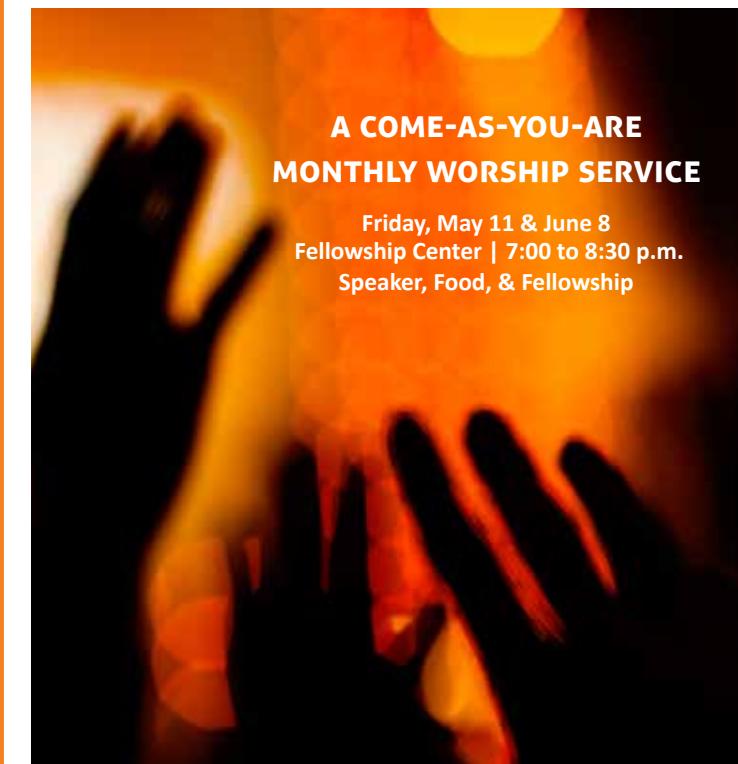
Attend IF:Table on June 15 at FAC to experience our women's small groups. Contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, or debbie@myfac.org for further information.

INTERESTED IN LEADING A MINICHURCH?

Go to www.myfac.org/leaderapp to get started and fill out an application online.



ENDEAVOR



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



Singles

For Men and Women, Ages 21 and up

Sat., May 5 & 19 | 7:45 p.m. | The Chapel

This month, we begin a new study, *Discovering God*, by Philip Graham Ryken.

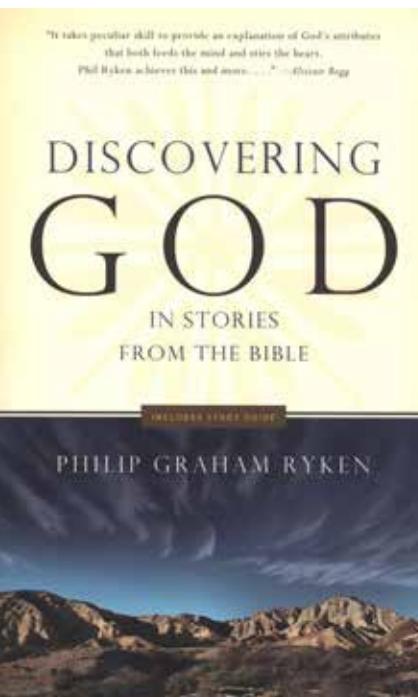
To truly love someone, we must know him/her. To truly love God, we must know Him, too — not just know that He exists, but know who He is and what He is like. This exploration of God's unchanging character as revealed in thirteen stories from the Bible offers us the opportunity to get to know God better and love Him more. Each chapter focuses on a different attribute of God and helps us apply it to our daily life.

This study of God's character will help us discover — or rediscover — the God who is infinite, holy, all-knowing, and all-powerful. As we draw nearer to Him, we'll find that there is no endeavor more rewarding.

Join us! No registration is necessary.

CONTACTS

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



BBQ & Campfire

CAMP FAC

THE AVENUE

JUNE 15 | 7:00 TO 9:00 PM | CAMP FAC

All adults, ages 25-39

When: Fri., June 15, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Camp FAC, 110 Sycamore Ave, Evesham, NJ 08053

Come and hang out while The Avenue team grills up some food! If you have a favorite side dish or dessert that you want to share, bring it over with you. See you there!

If you have questions, contact Pastor Dave Krilov,
davek@myfac.org.



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.



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/mariagematters.

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/mariagemattersFAC.



Toy & Clothing EXCHANGE

Thursday, May 3 | Fellowship Center
Drop off: Anytime on May 3, up until 7:00 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.



Fresh Hope For Single Moms

FRESH HOPE FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES BOUTIQUE

Sunday, May 6 | 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 May 6.

FRESH HOPE MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, May 6 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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.

Moms meet in The Barn; children meet in the atrium of the Worship Center. Dinner will be served at 5:00. At 6:00, children's and youth programs are available, including Kid BLAST Clubs, Level 5, and Planet 678.

Register no later than April 30 at www.myfac.org/events. If you have questions, call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125. There is no charge for Fresh Hope meetings and dinners.

Note: No registration is required for youth meetings for Grades 5 to 8.

Ark of Comfort

May 3 & June 7 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Fellowship House

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 a loved one lose more and more of him/herself with each passing day.

It's often also hard to care for your loved one. 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. 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.

Deepening Groups

A Deepening Group provides a covenant community for maturing Christians to experience:

Communion — a deeper intimacy with the Trinity and personal intentionality in spiritual formation

Community — a Christian community that will encourage and challenge participants in the isolating society of our time

Ministry – the opportunity to support and serve others as they pursue their place and purpose in the Kingdom of God

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

JOINING A DEEPENING GROUP

Go to www.myfac.org/Women. Complete the Deepening Group Participant Interest Form.

If you have questions after reading the information provided on the website, contact Jennifer Green at jenniferg12@verizon.net.

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**THEN YOU
WILL KNOW
the Truth
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SET YOU
Free**
 ”

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

Walking in Grace
 Women's Conference
May 18 / May 19

Registration deadline is coming soon! Register before May 7 to join us for this special event!
May 18, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The women of the Walking in Grace Ministry are so excited to be hosting our two-day women's conference at FAC. The theme is *She is Free*. Bianca Olthoff will be speaking at all three general sessions.
 We have planned a wonderful conference just for you! Register at www.myfac.org/events. The cost is \$79 per person.
If you have questions, contact Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125, or debbie@myfac.org.





Men

Band of Brothers Men's Breakfast

Wednesday mornings | 6:30 to 7:45 | Fellowship Center

We are beginning a new study entitled, "Closing Well: Be Ready!" Like a well-built home, a man's life needs a solid foundation, strong walls, insulation, and regular inspections. Join us to learn the skills and trust necessary to live a great life in Christ.

Coffee is free. If you want to have breakfast, the cost is \$5.00.

Contact Michael More' for more information,
bandofbrothers@myfac.org.

Thursday Night Fight Night

Every Thursday in May | 7:30 p.m. | Upper Room

Men, don't miss Thursday nights in May as we take on the challenge to ***fight!***

The format will be a video, followed by small group discussions. You buy your own copy of the book, *Fight: Winning the Battles That Matter Most*, by Craig Groeschel, and we'll make the coffee.

Register at www.myfac.org/events. For further information, contact Erik Rebstock, erikr@myfac.org.



FAC Wild Men's Summer Outdoor Adventure

Ohiopyle, PA | Aug. 3 to 5

For all men and young men, ages 12 and older, this will be an awesome trip! There will be camping, rafting, ziplining, rock climbing, hiking, fishing, and swimming. It's a great opportunity for a father-son adventure!

Further information regarding costs and registration will be printed in the June issue of this newsletter.

Sage Builders

SAGE Builders, Daytime

SAGE Builders invites you to join us for a study of the Book of James!

We're building SAGES — wise people who can share their wisdom with those who come after them. Wisdom is the understanding that enables us to face trials. It's an attitude that determines how we live.

Filled with practical wisdom and written in to-the-point style, James has been often called the "Proverbs" of the New Testament. The Gospel isn't just a truth to be believed. It's a truth to be lived. The Gospel changes everything. It changes the way we think, feel, talk, and act. It changes the way we see ourselves, others, the world, and everything that happens to us. The Gospel is a world view, the way we see the world and live in it.



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE STUDY

May 10
May 17
May 24

June 14
June 21
June 28

We meet at 12:30 in the Fellowship Center for fellowship and lunch. (Suggested donation for lunch is \$5.00.) We then watch a short video and break into small groups to discuss living out the Book of James.

This group is open to adults of all ages.

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

SAGE Builders, Evenings

Mondays | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | The Upper Room (above the Café)

SAGE Builders, Evenings, is a Bible study and fellowship group 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:

May 7 | 7:00 p.m.

May 14 | 7:00 p.m.

May 15 | 8:00 a.m.

May 21 | 6:30 p.m. — "Meal of Fellowship," which includes The Lord's Supper

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION CHOIR

May 26 | Keswick, NJ | 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Ed Brokhoff, edb@myfac.org.



MISSIONS: Local

A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

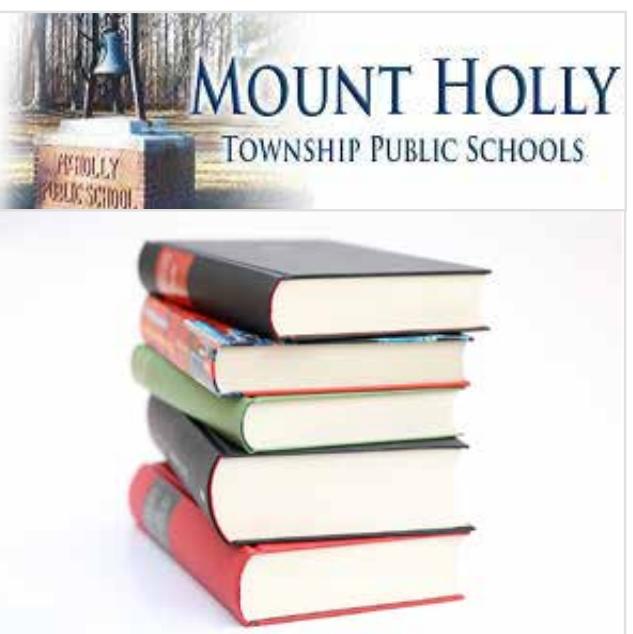
The goal of this local mission is to deploy a volunteer outreach program into the Mount Holly Township Public School District to impact lives through education and to build sustainable relationships with families.

We have planned for three distinct programs in partnership with Mount Holly Schools:

- Student Mentoring Program (*during the school day*)
- Student Activities Program (*after school programs*)
- Adult Mentoring Program (*employment education*)

SUMMER PARTNERSHIP PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, May 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Atrium



NEXT STEPS: PROJECT SUMMER READ

Our first project is to launch the FAC Book Drive to promote literacy and reading during the summer. We will show our love for children and our passion to close the achievement gap by placing 10 or more books in the hands of each Mount Holly student who faces challenges within their families.



MISSIONS: Regional

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP



PINE RIDGE LAKOTA SIOUX RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA

JULY 14 TO 27

Planning Meeting: May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Tiyospaye Ministries is a non-profit organization serving the Native American community.

The mission of Tiyospaye Ministries is to build relationships through love and trust in order to restore hope for a brighter future for Native American people.

Tiyospaye Ministries offers programs that help with the immediate needs of those living on some of the poorest reservations in the U.S. In partnership with FAC, the ministry sends service teams each summer to the reservations to work with a local partner agency to help native people improve their lives by sharing the love of Christ with them and helping to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

This summer's trip is to the Dream Center on the Pine Ridge Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Some of the activities during the trip will include participating and serving at a children's camp and distributing 220 backpacks at a community cookout.

To register, download the application at www.tiyospayeministries.org/join-a-trip. Join us for a planning meeting on May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Room C-8.



If you have questions, contact Tim Vibbert, tim@tiyospayeministries.org, or send an e-mail to info@tiyospayeministries.org.



GOD@WORK...

In the Life of Michelle Van Parys

BRAVE
STR-
ONG
BLESSED

If you ask Michelle Van Parys how she's doing today, she might say, "I'm BSB. Brave, strong, blessed."

Of course, Michelle didn't always feel very brave, strong, or blessed. There was a time when she felt afraid, unable to face the future, and angry with God.

It all began on April 5, 2015. Michelle returned home from a wonderful Easter Sunday celebration—along with her husband, Chris, and their two children—anticipating a peaceful night of rest. That night of rest never came. It would be quite a while before Michelle rested peacefully again.

Her son, who was ten years old at the time, suddenly didn't feel well. He told Michelle he felt nauseous and had a headache. Then, his symptoms progressed. There was a ringing in his ears, he said, and the room was going dark. He became very confused and disoriented.

Terrified, Michelle and Chris rushed their son to the local emergency room. They lived in the D.C. area at the time. He was admitted to the hospital, where doctors were puzzled by his condition. He was transported to Georgetown and then to Johns Hopkins.

As doctors struggled to find answers, Michelle felt helpless watching her son's health continue to decline. He even lost the ability to walk.

Michelle had put her faith in Jesus early on in her married life. She was baptized in Hawaii in 2003. Now, her faith faltered. She once looked forward to an incredibly bright future for her son, who became a member of Mensa International at the age of four and was full of boundless energy. Now, she feared for his life. Michelle admits she became angry with God during this time.

"I was confused," she says. "If God was for me, then why were these bad things happening?"

Eventually, Michelle's son was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation, a condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal. It occurs when part of the skull is abnormally small or misshapen, pressing on the brain and pushing it downward. In the case of Michelle's son, the Chiari led to a build-up of spinal fluid, known as a syrinx, which covered most of his spine. As the syrinx widened, it compressed and injured nerve fibers carrying information from his brain to his extremities.

Doctors caught the condition just in time. If left undiagnosed much longer, the condition would have resulted in paralysis.

While relieved to have a diagnosis, Michelle knew the road ahead would be unimaginably difficult. Her son's first brain surgery was on May 6, 2015, and it was not deemed successful. He had a second surgery on August 31, 2015. This time, the surgery was a success.

During all the difficulty and uncertainty, Michelle was amazed, but not surprised, to see her son remain strong and hopeful. "He's had Jesus in his heart from the get-go," she says. "He's always been a kid of faith."

Meanwhile, Michelle was barely hanging on, going through the motions of faith

but growing more and more distant from God. On the outside, she was holding it all together. On the inside, she became increasingly angry and confused.

Michelle remained strong and steadfast during her son's hospitalization and recovery, but in the aftermath she faced debilitating depression and anxiety. After her son received a good report at his follow-up appointment in December of 2015, Michelle finally let herself fall apart. The ordeal had taken a toll on her physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Michelle sought and received professional help. While she did find some relief, nothing seemed to fully resolve the burning questions in her soul. She remained angry with God, and she didn't know how to give a voice to her crisis of faith.

Then, things changed for the Van Parys family. Through his job in the military, Chris—an accomplished Air Force mechanic who worked on Air Force One for many years—was relocated to South Jersey. In August of 2017, the family attended Fellowship Alliance Chapel for the first time. Being new to the area, Michelle and Chris were looking for a place to get connected in a small group setting. They made the decision to participate in Alpha. It was a decision that would change Michelle's life.

Michelle credits Alpha with turning her toward Jesus in the midst of her pain and questioning. "Being able to question without judgment was very freeing to me," she says. "It was a safe place to announce that God had made me mad. It was also a safe place to make peace with God."

"Even though I was so angry with God, I still fell on my knees and prayed when they took my son back for surgery," Michelle remembers. "I used to demand answers from God. I wanted to know why this happened to our family. I'm not looking for a reason anymore. I do know that being at Alpha and being honest about my struggle turned my life around

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We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

and

HOPE
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us to shame.

Romans 5:3-5

completely. I don't think I'd be this close to Jesus without having that experience. That's enough for me. **Jesus is enough for me.**"

Michelle's son showed a tremendous amount of resilience throughout his recovery. Today—while he continues to suffer from dizziness, blackouts, and headaches—he doesn't let the struggles of his new normal define him or defeat him. Instead, he chooses to place his hope in the Lord. Despite having endured multiple brain surgeries, he has not lost an ounce of his brainpower or his ultimate trust in the goodness of God.

As a result of her son's diagnosis, Michelle knows what it's like to suffer from severe anxiety, and yet she also knows what it looks like to be brave. The courage she witnessed in her son, coupled with her renewed zeal for serving the Lord, have inspired

Michelle to go to Southern Africa on an upcoming short-term missions trip with FASA. She leaves on June 21.

"I always wanted to go on a missions trip, but I was never brave enough," she says. "My son's bravery inspired me to do this."

Michelle finds great comfort in Romans 5:3-5: "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." †



CARE MINISTRIES

SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE

ADDICTION RECOVERY

For help towards God and sobriety

- FOR MEN

Wednesdays, Room C-12, 7:00 p.m.
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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

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PATH TO PURITY

For those struggling with sexual sins

- MEN

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- WOMEN

Contact: puritywomen@myfac.org or
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RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY

For men and women who are going
through separation or divorce

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SERENITY SUPPORT

For those with loved ones with substance
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Meetings are held on Tuesdays at
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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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For appointments, call
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(*Leave a message.*)

	DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	
General Fund					
	3.4	\$ 66,731	\$ 72,418	\$ 5,687	
	3.11	\$ 66,731	\$ 72,971	\$ 6,240	
	3.18	\$ 66,731	\$ 65,783	\$(948)	
	3.25	\$ 66,731	\$ 72,014	\$ 5,283	
Total		\$ 266,924	\$ 283,186	\$ 16,262	
Year-to-Date		\$ 800,772	\$ 782,266	\$(18,506)	
Missions Fund					
	3.4	\$ 4,646	\$ 5,941	\$ 1,295	
	3.11	\$ 4,646	\$ 6,163	\$ 1,517	
	3.18	\$ 4,646	\$ 5,841	\$ 1,195	
	3.25	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,348	\$(298)	
Total		\$ 18,584	\$ 22,293	\$ 3,709	
Year-to-Date		\$ 55,752	\$ 72,998	\$ 17,246	
Benevolence Fund					
	3.4		\$ 3,736		
	3.11		\$ 3,415		
	3.18		\$ 4,701		
	3.25		\$ 1,995		
Total			\$ 13,847		
Year-to-Date			\$ 38,898		
Kingdom Vision Fund					
	3.4		\$ 28,865		
	3.11		\$ 22,167		
	3.18		\$ 19,004		
	3.25		\$ 13,260		
Total			\$ 83,296		
Year-to-Date			\$ 241,139		
	DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
	3.4	1797	70	358	2225
	3.11	1568	70	271	1909
	3.18	1654	131	312	2097
	3.25	1772	81	321	2174

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 prophesies 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.