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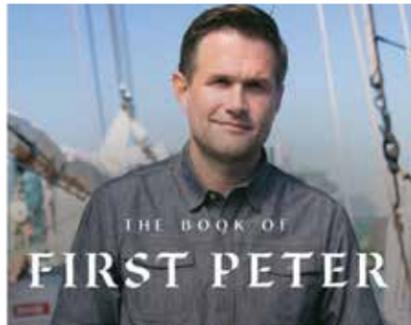
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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Nurseries and classes are provided during all worship services for babies through fourth graders. Ask a greeter for directions to classes.

Interpretation for the hearing impaired is available on Sunday morning during the 11:00 service.

### SNOW BUDDIES & RESOURCES PROGRAM

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday mornings at 11:00 in the Fellowship Center

### FRIENDSHIP BIBLE CLASS

GRADE 9 THROUGH ADULTS

This class for individuals with special needs meets on Sunday mornings in the Worship Center during the 9:00 service.

### NEW TO FAC?

Stop by the Guest Services area after worship services for coffee and to find out more about FAC.

### PRAYER LINE

Anyone who has prayer requests, please call 609-953733, x308.

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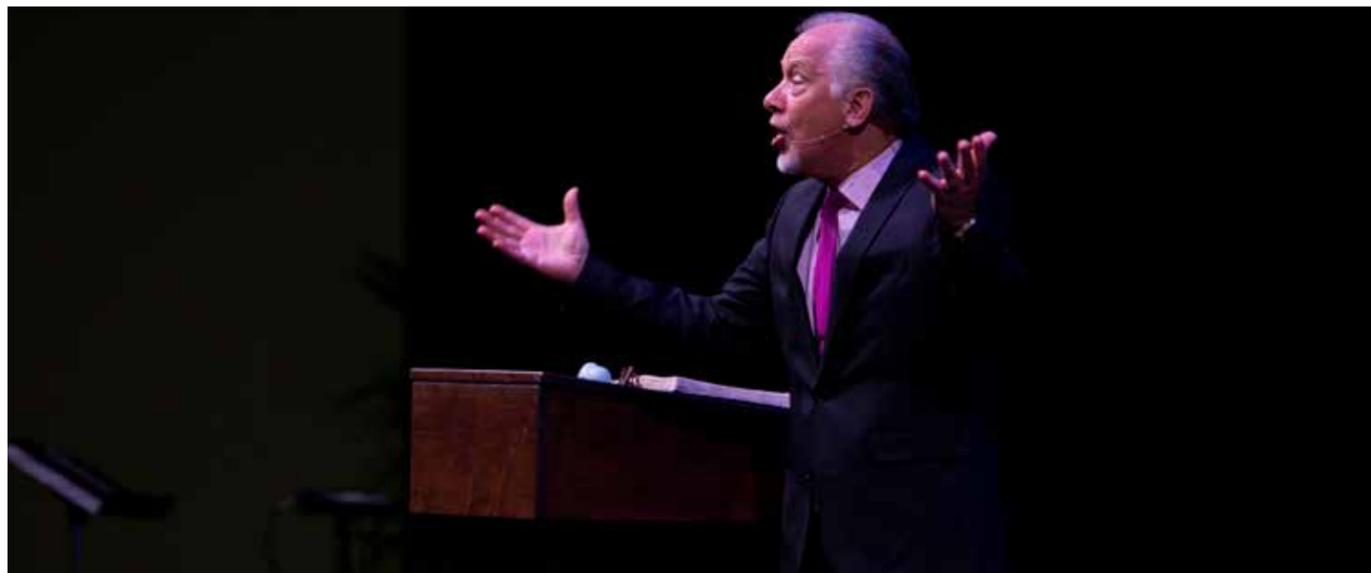
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# JESUS TRANSFORMS PEOPLE

Dear Church Family,

Even if you haven't read the Bible very much or at all, I would encourage you to read the Book of Acts in the New Testament. It's easy to read and understand. It's basically a history book of what happened to the disciples and the other followers after Jesus arose from the dead and then ascended to heaven. It's a very exciting book to read. If you haven't read it, I challenge you to make a commitment to read it.

Probably what's most amazing about the book of Acts is that many of the individuals written about in it were also written about in the Gospels. In these records, many — and at times all — of the disciples didn't stand out as great men of faith. In fact, Jesus pointed that out to them more than once. ("O you of little faith" Matthew 8:26)

Also, one of the main characters in Acts is Saul, a Jewish religious leader who was later named Paul. He was not just an unbeliever, but a persecutor of the church who then became one of the most radically committed Christians of all time.

Acts tells us why all these unbelievers and weak believers became so powerful that they performed miracles and changed the world. It tells us why they who once were afraid to talk about Jesus to others became so bold and told everyone they could despite the consequences and hardships. The answer to this transformation in these people recorded for us in the Book of Acts is that the Holy Spirit (the third Person of the Godhead) came into them and filled their minds, their hearts, and even their wills to move them to do extremely powerful things to reach thousands of people with the life-saving power of Christ.

Acts reveals to us that Jesus ascended to heaven in His body. But His Spirit now moves powerfully through those who believe in Him to totally transform them into the image of Christ, which is God's goal for the people He calls.

In 2 Corinthians 3:18, the Apostle Paul tries to summarize this for us in one verse: "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." Transformation is how God still works in people today. He does it when we believe in Jesus and trust His promises for our life. This work is a very spiritual work God begins in us the moment we trust in Jesus, and He will use the Holy Spirit to literally change our lives.

At FAC, we love highlighting the transforming work of God in people's lives so much that we video and write "God@Work stories." Our hope is that by seeing and reading these stories, you will gain new hope and faith that God can transform you, too.

God's transforming power is beautiful and much more powerful than education, hard work, determination, or giftedness can do in your life.

How can you begin to be transformed? Trust Jesus. Then dig into His Word (read the book of Acts!) and fellowship with others who also trust Jesus (at church, in groups) and watch what God can do with you. The Christian life is dynamic and exciting — just like the book of Acts.

Love never fails,  
Senior Pastor Marty Berglund

## NEWS & NOTES

### SNOW DEN

SNOW Den for teens and adults with special needs will meet this month on Fri., May 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. For more information, contact Rob and Becca Eiler, snow@myfac.org, or leave a message at 609-953-7333, x304.

### SNOW BUDDIES

Do you have experience in the special needs community or just an abundance of love to share? The SNOW Buddies and Resources ministry is currently looking for volunteers to serve a few times a month during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service. If you have questions, contact snow@myfac.org. To volunteer, sign up at the Information Desk.

### CARE CENTER & FOOD PANTRY

The Care Center and Food Pantry exist to help those in need with short-term assistance and food. Contact the Care Center for information about how to apply, 609-975-9741, or carecenter@myfac.org. The Center and Pantry are open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You can help by donating non-perishable items: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato or spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, beans, tuna, soup, stuffing or mashed potatoes, rice, cereal, toilet tissue, paper towels, and cleaning products. Collection bins are located in the Atrium and in the Welcome Center.

### HOPE GARDEN

Ground Preparation Day is May 11

Vegetables given out to those in need through the FAC Food Pantry are grown in the FAC HOPE Garden located next to the Care Center! Last year, more than 1500 pounds of fresh produce was distributed. We need volunteers to help prepare the ground for planting. If you can help, sign up on the HUB or contact Frank Mandy at frankrmandy@gmail.com.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Ministry, Babies through Grade 4

Our Children's Ministry would like you to consider joining the team! Leaders, assistants, greeters, and administrative assistance are needed. There are so many ways to connect and serve, and we will work with your schedule. Perhaps you can help out this summer when many of our volunteers will be taking a break.

To discuss your interests and availability, contact Kristi Peterson, kristip@myfac.org, or Pastor Justin Wright, justinw@myfac.org.



Sponsored by the FAC Serenity Support Group

## TEEN CHALLENGE MEN'S CHOIR

When: Sun., June 9, 2:00 p.m. | Where: Fellowship Center

Teen Challenge New Jersey will be singing uplifting songs of encouragement and giving testimonies of how God has changed their lives and situation.

The men of the Teen Challenge choir say they have been dramatically changed by the power of God's grace. "Mercy is our theme, and our message shares God's ability to free and to heal those addicted to drugs, alcohol, crime, depression, and other life-controlling problems. We look forward to seeing you there!"

"For nothing is impossible with God!" (Luke 1:37).

For more information, contact Joyce Gilmore, 609-953-7333, x314 (leave a message), or serenitiesupport@myfac.org.



Fixing my eyes on Him

# ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE *Journey*

In the pursuit of fixing my mind and heart constantly on Jesus, I read the most beautiful devotional the other day. One of my friends from church recently gave me a daily devotional book that her sister wrote, *Making God Smile*, by Kim Taylor Henry, and I am really enjoying it. This particular reading was so timely that I wanted to share the whole thing with you:

"I spent a lot of time talking with Jesus today. Not concentrated prayer time so much as an ongoing conversation. I thanked Him often. I sought His guidance. I worshipped Him in my heart. I tried to do everything I felt He was telling me to do.

"Otherwise, today was just a normal day. But focusing on Jesus made it so much more. I felt peaceful, content, and filled with a quiet joy — not because of anything that happened, but because I was walking with Him.

"Too often I wait until something goes wrong to turn to God. But turning to Him only when I don't know where else to turn isn't faithfulness.

"Jesus said, 'Now you are My friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me' (John 15:15). Suppose a friend said, 'I want to spend some time with you. Let's take a walk

together every day.' So you show up faithfully. But your friend only shows up when they're going through a crisis. Or when they do show up, they ignore you. Would you call them a faithful friend?

"Jesus shows up every day to walk with us and talk with us. We need only take His outstretched hand and follow."

I particularly loved her reference to the kind of friend who only shows up to talk when they need something. Have you ever had one of those?! I don't want to be that kind of friend or daughter to Jesus. Fixing my eyes on Him means including Him in all the ordinary dailyness of my life — and frankly, it's amazing to me that the Lord of the universe would want to be part of that! That's love, for sure!

— Laurie Berglund



Laurie loves to receive comments!  
Send her an e-mail at [laurieb@myfac.org](mailto:laurieb@myfac.org).

May 17&18 | [myfac.org/fearless](http://myfac.org/fearless)



# F E A R L E S S

## CONFERENCE | 2019

Women everywhere move across life's stage in their homes, at their jobs, and during their times of leisure. In each of these spheres of influence, women need courage and resilience to perform at peak, sustain healthy relationships, and carry out unique responsibilities.

God alone can empower you with this courage and cut the fear that holds you back. Your stage is a world filled with opportunities.

So as the curtains open, boldly step into the light. God is your Director. Follow His script and let each

step of courage take you into a new adventure of fearless faith.

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."* Winston Churchill

Journey with us toward courageous faith.

Keynote Speakers — Annie F. Downs, Kelly Minter, and Dr. Amy Davis

Register online, [www.myfac.org/events](http://www.myfac.org/events).

Cost is \$89.00.

#FEARLESSFAC



# 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.

## CONTACT

Children's Ministry Director  
Justin Wright  
justinw@myfac.org



# PRESCHOOL

NURSERY THROUGH PRE-KINDERGARTEN



### Memory Verse

"Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8 (NIV)

## PRESCHOOL LESSONS

**May 4/5** — Wait with a happy heart. (Genesis 12:1-8)

**May 11/12** — Be happy with what you have. (Genesis 13)

**May 18/19** — Be kind to others. (Luke 22:39-51)

**May 25/26** — Love forgives. (John 21:1-17)

# ELEMENTARY

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 4



### Memory Verses

"Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIRV)

## ELEMENTARY LESSONS

**May 4/5** — Love is patient and kind. (Genesis 12:1-8)

**May 11/12** — Love does not want what belongs to others. (Genesis 13)

**May 18/19** — Love is not rude. (1 Samuel 25:2-39)

**May 25/26** — Love does not keep track of wrongs. (Matthew 18:21-35)



Children's Ministry Team: Meg Preim, Kristi Peterson, Pastor Justin Wright, and Alex Tracey

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# RICH DOPPLER



[l to r] Olivia, Amy, Molly, Rick, and Ricky

### In which ministry do you serve?

Children's Ministry: Elementary

### How long have you been serving?

12 years

### How did you get involved in the Ministry?

I followed my three children through the program.

### What do you enjoy most about serving?

I enjoy seeing the children sing and dance while worshiping God. I enjoy when the children get a concept from the Bible and explain how they can relate it to their lives. I love when the Holy Spirit comes whooshing through, having a total feeling of joy and peace on a Sunday morning.

### What would you like to tell others about serving in the Children's Ministry?

It will be a great experience serving in the Children's Ministry whether you just try it one time or stick around for a while.



## SENIORS IN THE CONNECTION

We will be honoring our graduating seniors in the June edition of the Connection. We would like to include all the graduating seniors, but we need your help.

**Please submit:**

- Name of graduate
- Parents' names
- The school from which he/she is graduating
- His/her plans after graduation (e.g., college, military, work)
- A high-resolution headshot (If you do not have a scanner, contact Pat Vickery in the Youth Office, 609-953-7333, x132, for assistance. Please e-mail the headshot and information to Lynn Guise, [lynn@myfac.org](mailto:lynn@myfac.org), by May 5. If you have questions, contact Pat Vickery in the Youth Office, 609-953-7333, x132.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 5-8

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | FAC | Free

**Sun., May 5**  
Last youth group of the spring. Summer youth group begins at the end of June.

**GRAPPLE BIBLE STUDY**

**Sundays through May 5 | Grades 5-7**  
Grapple meets at 9:00 and 11:00 in the Fellowship Center during the Sunday morning worship services. The last Grapple Bible study for the spring will be held on May 5. (Resumes in September)

### HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12

**MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | FAC | Free

**Mon., May 6**  
Last youth group of the spring; graduating seniors will be honored. All high school students are welcome. Summer youth group begins at the end of June.

**Sun., May 19**  
**Senior Dinner | Chapel | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
A celebration will be held for our high school graduates and their immediate family. Business/casual attire. RSVP by May 15, [myfac.org/events](http://myfac.org/events).



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FACHighschool



If you have questions about the youth groups, contact Pat Vickery, [pat@myfac.org](mailto:pat@myfac.org).



For Young Adults, Ages 18 to 25

To stay up to date with Venture, go to [www.myfac.org/venture](http://www.myfac.org/venture). You can also follow us on Twitter (@venture1823) and on Instagram (Venture1823).

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.

We meet every Tuesday night in the Fellowship House from 6:30 to 9:30. On May 14, we will have a night of worship.

### SERVICE PROJECT AT URBAN PROMISE

May 9

### SUMMER KICK-OFF

June 4 | Camp FAC | 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Join the group for food, worship, swimming, and games.



# GROUUPS

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

Thank you to all the miniChurch leaders and members for a great winter/spring semester of miniChurches!

## INTERESTED IN JOINING A MINICHURCH?

By joining a miniChurch, you can grow closer to Jesus and others.

You can find groups that are accepting new members by going online to [www.myfac.org/findagroup](http://www.myfac.org/findagroup). Next, send an e-mail to Pastor Dave Krilov at [davek@myfac.org](mailto:davek@myfac.org) to help you find the best miniChurch for you.

## INTERESTED IN LEADING A MINICHURCH?

Sometimes, we think leading a group is for the "super-spiritual," but it's easier than you think! Go to [www.myfac.org/leaderapp](http://www.myfac.org/leaderapp) to get started, or contact Pastor Dave Krilov if you have questions at [davek@myfac.org](mailto:davek@myfac.org).



## THE UNTALENT SHOW!

Saturday, May 4 (revised date) | 7:45 p.m. | Chapel

Time again for our third annual Untalent Show. By popular demand, we welcome the return of Untalent Guy as host of the show. We invite all to share their talents or lack thereof. In the past, we have had a variety of acts from ukulele players to comics and singers.

We hope you join in and share! The Untalent Show is open to the congregation, as well as the general public.

## CONTACTS

**Women:** Dawn Slaton, 856-882-6797 (text)

**Men:** Charles Fox, 609-458-8909





## FRESH HOPE CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

The Clothing Boutique in the basement of the Care Center will be open to all single moms on Sun., May 5, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.



## FRESH HOPE FOR SINGLE MOMS

Sun., May 5 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Fresh Hope is a ministry for single moms and grandmothers who are raising children under the age of 23. Fresh Hope connects single moms to God's love through friendships and support.

Dinner is provided for the moms and their children. FAC Children's and 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 at [www.myfac.org/events](http://www.myfac.org/events). If you have questions, call Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125.**



## ARK OF COMFORT

May 2 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Fellowship House

Ark of Comfort is a safe place for women to share their journey as the primary caregiver for a loved one with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia.

Contacts

**Debby Pagano, 609-413-4497; [debbypagano55@gmail.com](mailto:debbypagano55@gmail.com)  
Debbie Schneck, 609-953-7333, x125; [debbie@myfac.org](mailto:debbie@myfac.org)**

# MEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

For 12 years, as pastor of Men's Ministry at Fellowship Alliance Chapel, one of Erik Rebstock's personal objectives was to train many men to take leadership in the church and, in the process, work himself out of a job.

Well, that's effectively what's happened! In January, the Elder Board announced that they had selected Erik Rebstock to become the next Executive Pastor — a great step for leadership at FAC!

So now what happens to the role Erik had as Men's Pastor? Who assumes leadership of this ministry, which literally touches the lives of hundreds of men on a weekly basis?

For quite a few years, Erik has called a small group of lay leaders to work closely with him to move this ministry forward for counsel, accountability, and encouragement. That team was known as the Men's Executive Team and often worked behind the scenes, deeply supporting this ministry.

With Erik's reassignment and the direction of the elders, the leadership of Men's Ministry is moving to a new model. Six guys who serve on the recently renamed Men's Leadership Team (MLT) will take responsibility to lead and direct this ministry. These men include Gene Pargas, Michael Bolognone, Brian Potter, Stan

Schroeder, Michael More', and Dave Stow. Each of these men is deeply involved in various aspects of Men's Ministry. Gene will serve as the primary interface with Pastor Dave Krilov, who coordinates the Adult Ministries Team. As this new model takes hold and moves this ministry forward, not to forget, Erik didn't relocate so his consultation can be called upon as needed.

Moving from FAC staff-level leadership to lay-led ministry team leadership will require a lot of prayer, work, and communication. Your MLT meets on a weekly basis for Bible Study, prayer, discussion and decisions. Feel free to reach out to any of these guys as needed to discuss the FAC Men's Ministry.

# 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. There is no cost for breakfast! Free will offering only.

Band of Brothers offers the opportunity for men who are seeking God to join other men to be fed both physically and spiritually. There is a reason why God spoke more in the Bible about money than about heaven and hell. Have you and I been attentive? "Come and see!"

**If you have questions about Band of Brothers, contact Michael More', [bandofbrothers@myfac.org](mailto:bandofbrothers@myfac.org).**



## MAY SCHEDULE

**May 1** — "Financial Faithfulness"

**May 8** — "Where Is Your Treasure?"

**May 15** — "To Whom Are You Indebted?"

**May 22** — "Generosity: Money Is Not Evil"

**May 29** — "Life Story: Everyone Has One"; hear how God changed a sinner to a saint

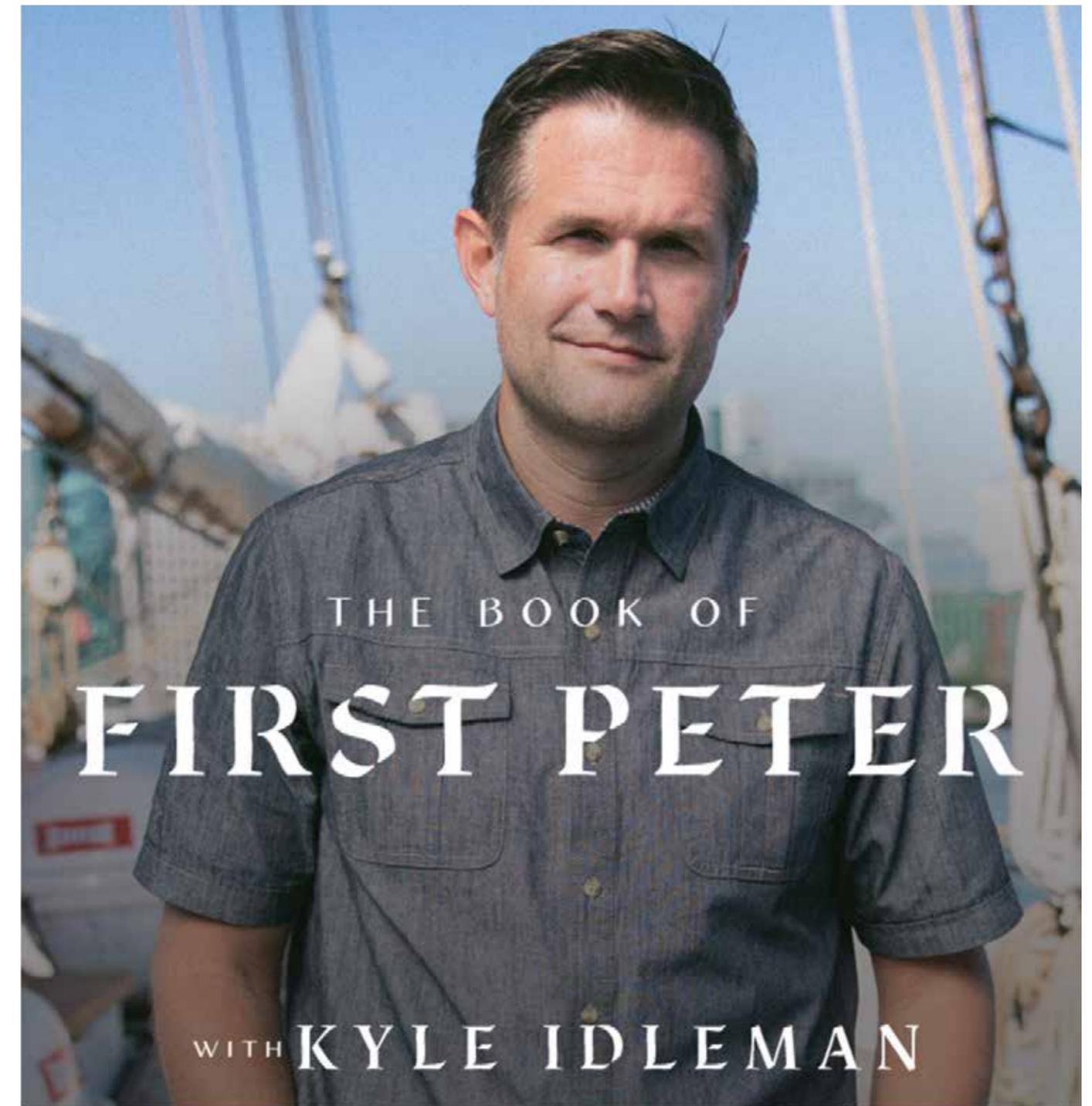
# Living on a Prayer

## WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 23 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | The Upper Room

We're often so quick to gripe and complain, throw our hands up in the air and walk away, or even to write things off as hopeless that we forget, or perhaps have never even known, the power of prayer and just how much God wants to be a part of our struggles. God created marriage! Join us as we discuss the power of prayer and guide you into a better way to pray for yourself, your spouse, and your marriage.

**Register now at [www.myfac.org/events](http://www.myfac.org/events). This workshop is free. Invite your family and friends. (No nursery provided)**



**SAGE Builders, Daytime**

### STUDY OF 1 PETER BY KYLE IDLEMAN

**It's not too late to join! All adults are invited!**

We would all love a trouble-free life, but everyone goes through difficult times. We may face broken relationships, discrimination, accidents, or bad health.

How do we live a life full of hope when we may feel like a juicebox that has all the air being sucked out of it?

The Apostle Peter guides us into a life of hope and purpose without bitterness. We can learn from Peter about how to have great faith that will carry us through life's ups and downs.

We will have lunch at 12:30 in the Fellowship Center (suggested donation \$5.00). Then we will see a 10-minute video

and break into small discussion groups.

**For more information, contact Pastor Glenn Kantner, 609-953-7333, x106, or [glenn@myfac.org](mailto:glenn@myfac.org).**

### DATES FOR MAY

On Thurs., May 2, at 1:00 p.m., we will have a hymnsing and an ice cream dessert.

On Thurs., May 9, 16, & 23, at 12:30, we will have lunch and discuss 1 Peter.



# LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE? CHECK FAC'S REGIONAL & GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

## REGIONAL

Several opportunities exist in nearby Camden for you to serve others as well as enrich your own life and walk with God.

### SEEDS OF HOPE

Host a Saturday breakfast for the homeless  
Contact Amy Hill at amyhill@comcast.net.

- May 4, 9:00
- June 8, 9:00
- July 6, 9:00

### SOUP TO SOUL

Serve in Camden at 6:00 p.m. on

- May 11 & 25
- June 8 & 22
- July 13 & 27

Contact Brooks Garrison at brookswg65@gmail.com, or Scott Alexander at scottalexander@comcast.net.

## URBANPROMISE

**Street Leaders**  
The vision of UrbanPromise includes involving local teens, known as Street Leaders, in the tutoring, mentoring, and coaching of younger children in the community. FAC miniChurches, men's, and

women's groups are encouraged to minister to these Street Leaders by listening to their amazing journey, serving a meal to them (25+), guiding them to make good decisions, and discipling them in their growth as Christ-followers.

Available dates are May 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 24, 28 & 30.

Contact Jennifer Giordano, 856-382-1864, jgiordano@urbanpromiseusa.org, for more details and to coordinate a date and time.

### Work Groups on Saturdays and Weekdays throughout the Year

Projects usually include indoor and outdoor maintenance, yard work, cleaning, painting, and light construction.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Pamela Foxx, pfoxx@urbanpromiseusa.org, 856-382-1860,

- A youth night with an at-risk youth program, mentoring 14- to 16-year-olds from disadvantaged families in English and leadership development

## UKRAINE

### Trip One: June 23 to 30 (Kiev)

- Serve Internally Displaced Ukrainians (IDP's) through teaching English
- Assist with adult Bible teaching seminars
- Distribute and serve food for the IDP's

### Trip 2: Second week of September (Lviv)

- Serve within public schools through teaching English
- Help in youth clubs
- Help with soccer and music club outreaches

## MISSIONS TRIPS

### JORDAN

#### September/October 2019

Here are some possible ministries for you to consider:

- A 4- to 6-week children's camp for ages 5 through 8
- A 6-week adult English course (evenings)



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

# PROPHECY

SAGE Builders, Evening | Mondays | 7:00 p.m.

## UPPER ROOM AT FAC

All adults are invited to join us as we study the Bible and what it has to say about prophecy, particularly in the light of current events. We will also explore ways in which we can respond with Christ's love to the spirit of the anti-Christ all around us.

Each month, we have a Fellowship Dinner, which begins with a celebration of the Last Supper.

## MAY

Studies are on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the Upper Room.

- May 6: Prophecy Study
- May 13: Prophecy Study
- May 20: Fellowship Dinner

For more information, contact Ed Brokhoff, 609-200-2019, edantbro@gmail.com.



## FEEDING 5000 SLEEP OUT

May 4 to 5

Feeding 5000 is bringing awareness to homelessness and hunger through a special event by sleeping out under the stars.

**Location:** New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 240 Creek Rd., Mt. Laurel

**Time:** May 4, 7:00 p.m., to May 5, 7:00 a.m.

All proceeds benefit Feeding 5000, a non-profit ministry that provides assistance to the needy and homeless.

*For more information, go to [www.Feeding5000.us/sleepout](http://www.Feeding5000.us/sleepout).*

## THE ACABA LIFE CENTER IN JORDAN

Last week, we finished hosting registration for a two-year leadership development and English program for at-risk youth from lower-income families. We expected at least two hundred families to apply throughout the three registration days. We were surprised by 490 applicants. Our new grant only allows us to accept 80 students. We are thrilled by the community's desire for this program but are sad to have to turn down 83% of our applicants.

As we prayed for discernment for our teachers on whom to select, we looked for students who not only will be influenced by this program, but will influence others with what they learn.

— Submitted by Paul & Julie Lerews



## NEW COVENANT MINISTRIES

Each Saturday, New Covenant Ministries serves the poor and homeless on the streets of Camden. We are looking for individuals, families or mini-churches to serve with us.

Our mission is to “feed them, clothe them, and love them to Jesus,” and that’s exactly what we do. We set up a food court from which we serve beverages and hot food. We provide a dozen tables with donated clothing, shoes, small household goods, and children’s toys and books.

While it’s wonderful to help meet people’s physical needs, we know that their greatest need is spiritual. We build relationships and share God’s love with people who desperately need to come to Him.

*For more information, contact Doug and Karen Dinkler, [kdinkler0104@verizon.net](mailto:kdinkler0104@verizon.net), or 856-985-0976.*

## BACKPACKS FOR THE REZ

Collecting through July 26

Tiyospaye Ministry is partnering with FAC to provide backpacks for the students on the Pine Ridge reservation. Our goal is to provide 300 backpacks. A donation of \$112.00 will provide 12 backpacks. You can donate at [www.tiyospayeministries.org/bright-stars](http://www.tiyospayeministries.org/bright-stars).

*For more information, contact Tim Vibbert, 605-646-2513, or [tim@tiyospayeministries.org](mailto:tim@tiyospayeministries.org).*



## FAMILY EVENT TO SUPPORT URBANPROMISE

2019 Pedal for Promise  
Saturday, May 11

Pedal for Promise is for cyclists of all abilities and ages — from families to serious cyclists. Three options are offered: 12 miles; 30 miles; or metric century, 62 miles. Each course begins and ends at Valenzano Family Winery in Shamong and loops through Burlington County. The ride offers stocked rest stops, SAG support, lunch, lawn games, and exciting fundraising incentives.

We ask every rider to commit to a fundraising goal to help us reach our total goal of \$150,000. The goal for FAC is 50 riders or more and \$5,000.

*You can register at [www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal-under-team-fac](http://www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal-under-team-fac).*

*If you have questions, contact John Bahm, 609-410-1912.*



# FASA NEEDS YOU!

**Have you ever considered serving outside of the United States?**

Has God ever whispered to you about stretching you outside of your comfort zone? Read how one family, the Shoemakers, followed God’s call to take a missions trip recently.

**What made you decide to take a missions trip?**

Our oldest daughter Jessica has taken trips before and always returned remarking that when you see different cultures seeking and worshiping God, you begin to understand how big our God really is. I imagined that I would gain a bigger perspective of our world, but I was surprised that it impacted me as much as it did. As I contemplated our summer vacation as a family, God brought me to consider some “what if’s.” What if we were to go on a missions adventure together versus just a vacation? What would my hindsight be if we spent time together for a week or two at the shore or in South Africa? What if we could

make an eternal difference in the lives of some children at a children’s camp or a youth camp?

**Did you feel qualified to go?**

Not really, the only qualification I had was a willing heart and a desire to love the children and people God had prepared in advance for me to connect with. The leaders of FASA really know how to organize every detail of the trip, from leaving the church property to arriving safely home. The teams and events are organized to the point where you basically just have to show up.

**What was your favorite aspect of the trip?**

For all of us, we fell in love with the children and teens in South Africa. They were clearly longing for attention, love, and support. To be able to offer that to them in the name of Jesus was such a privilege. I was continually amazed at how open they were. Honestly, I had so much fun with these little guys and girls. It was a blast! I will tell you they love to laugh, sing, and dance! Having the



opportunity to be part of doing something so significant — and absolutely love doing it — was such a blessing.

**What surprised you the most about your trip?**

The people of South Africa are very different than I expected. They gave us a window to see more clearly how God created us. They are highly relational and seek spiritual things much more than most people in America. In our country, there is a cloud of materialism that affects almost everything we do. When we diligently seek to follow Jesus in our culture, we have to push hard through the veil of materialism. Most people in South Africa do not have much in the way of “stuff,” and they are far less concerned

about the accumulation of things. Relationships are valued far above anything else. Their openness to spiritual things and the focus on relationships opens the door to freely share Jesus with them.

**Is there really a need for people to go?**

Yes! For some reason, I had this idea that since I had heard about FASA around the halls of FAC, I assumed they had all the help and support they needed. This could not be further from the truth. The FASA leadership has scheduled camps, outreaches, and construction trips with great faith — waiting for many, many people to step forward to participate in what God is doing.

**What would you say to someone who is considering going on a FASA trip?**

Go! Whether you are young, old, single, married, have a family — just go! You are needed! Many are needed to fill the trips planned for children’s camps, youth camps, construction trips, youth mentoring, and other outreaches. You will absolutely feel blessed and be grateful for having the opportunity to be part of this significant outreach that is bringing many, many people to Jesus!

— David Shoemaker

*For more information about FASA, go to [www.myfasa.org](http://www.myfasa.org).*



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**GOD@WORK...**  
In the Life of Amy Croll

grew up going to church, but we went because it was what “good people” do. Our church had one Bible, and it was read out loud after we communally said prayers and creeds. The Bible, to me, was distant and difficult to understand. I was told I was forgiven because I said the prayer everyone else did, but I never felt forgiven.

My family stopped going to church when my uncle died during the AIDS epidemic of the 80’s. Because of that, I assumed God was a judgmental, condemning, and angry God. Church was just a lot of rules to stop you from having fun. As soon as I wasn’t told I had to go, I stopped going.

I was raised to believe that “you get out what you put in” and “pull yourself up from your bootstraps.” I believed I was the maker of my own destiny. When things got rough, however, I still prayed what people might call foxhole prayers: “Please fix this; please get me out of that.” When I knew I had done wrong, I whispered, “Please forgive me.” The truth was, though, that I had turned my back on God.

For a long time my sin didn’t have any real consequences, or if it did, I would run away from it — from a job, a friendship, or difficult situation. As I got older, it all started to weigh on my conscience. I got married, had children, and got divorced within seven years. I was beginning a slow slide into a very dark place. That was the worst part. The road down was slow and gradual, but when I hit the bottom, I looked up and had no hope.

I had gotten remarried in that time and had two stepchildren whose mother and grandmother had raised them to know the Lord. I would watch my stepson talk to Jesus as if He was right next to him. He'd ask Him what he should have to eat, thank Him and me before and after every meal, and knew Bible verses by heart. It was both baffling and intriguing to me.

The situation between my husband, his ex-wife, the kids, and me was difficult and contemptuous at best. According to everything I had ever known and experienced, she and her mother should hate me. So when they invited me into their home one day, something in my heart began to crack. How do you fight someone who wants to hug you?

Things in my life were on a full downward spiral when a friend of my family invited me to FAC one Saturday night. I don't know why, but I said yes. Me in church on a Saturday night, what?! I sat in the chair next to the door at the very last row in case anyone turned around and said, "You don't belong here!" But no one did. I continued to go.

The first service I clearly remember was a sermon Pastor Marty gave entitled, "How the Lost are Found." I remember wanting to jump up and yell, "You found me. I am here." My heart finally broke.

After the service, the prayer team was up front, and I got in line to pray. In my head, I had my usual "Christmas List" of things I wanted God to do for me, but as I neared the front of the line, I realized my stepson's grandmother was going to be my prayer partner! And I couldn't run! There were people everywhere. I walked up, truly not under my own power, and asked that we pray for healing, for me to know God, and for our children. She told me she had been praying for me. I was shocked! I would have understood if she had been praying for me to be hit by a bus or struck with lightning, but she was praying for me for my salvation. I had never met anyone like her.

She followed up with a call a week or so later and asked how I was. Now, no one in my life really called me to see how I was. They might call to see how I was making out paying back the money I owed them or where we were going drinking that night, but no one wanted to know how I truly was.

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My life began to unravel. All the things I had thought were so important began to fall away, but I had a peace that I couldn't understand. I prayed daily to do God's will and help others. I was also reading the Bible, a Bible I could now understand. I found KLOVE on the radio with music that made me smile all day. I went to the women's conference and got baptized. Deby DiPascale did the dunking! She then talked me into joining a long-term discipleship class. This class changed everything for me. It taught me the Bible. It taught me how to talk to others about my faith and salvation and how to read and relate it not just to my life, but to my heart.

I was once a totally selfish and self-centered person. If there wasn't anything in it for me, there was no reason for me to put my time into it. I realized that God had never turned His back on me; I had run away from Him. I used to identify myself by the labels I knew the world gave me, but now I know I am a child of the One True King. Yes, me, the bottom of the barrel, I am royalty!

*See page 25 to find out about Amy's ministry at FAC.*



## WOMEN'S REDEMPTION

We are pleased to announce that Amy Croll will be leading the FAC Women's Redemption Group.

This group is for women who are seeking help with sobriety and who want to trust God to lead them.

The first meeting under Amy's leadership will be held on Tues., May 7, at 7:00 p.m., in Room C-12. Strict confidentiality is maintained.

If you have questions, send an e-mail to [recoverywomen@myfac.org](mailto:recoverywomen@myfac.org), or leave a message at 609-953-7333, x312.

DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	
<b>General Fund</b>				
3.3	\$ 61,558	\$ 79,602	\$ 18,044	
3.10	\$ 61,558	\$ 68,308	\$ 6,750	
3.17	\$ 61,558	\$ 71,384	\$ 9,826	
3.24	\$ 61,558	\$ 56,061	\$ ( 5,498)	
3.31	\$ 61,558	\$ 80,953	\$ 19,395	
<b>Total Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 307,790</b>	<b>\$ 356,307</b>	<b>\$ 48,517</b>	
	\$ 800,254	\$ 860,324	\$ 60,070	
<b>Missions Fund</b>				
3.3	\$ 4,808	\$ 5,593	\$ 785	
3.10	\$ 4,808	\$ 5,052	\$ 244	
3.17	\$ 4,808	\$ 6,265	\$ 1,457	
3.24	\$ 4,808	\$ 4,704	\$ ( 104)	
3.31	\$ 4,808	\$ 7,246	\$ 2,438	
<b>Total Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 24,040</b>	<b>\$ 28,860</b>	<b>\$ 4,820</b>	
	\$ 62,504	\$ 68,204	\$ 5,700	
<b>Benevolence Fund</b>				
3.3		\$ 3,624		
3.10		\$ 2,624		
3.17		\$ 1,790		
3.24		\$ 1,672		
3.31		\$ 3,592		
<b>Total Year-to-Date</b>		<b>\$ 13,303</b>		
		\$ 30,339		
<b>Kingdom Vision Fund</b>				
3.3		\$ 17,917		
3.10		\$ 12,068		
3.17		\$ 13,752		
3.24		\$ 9,523		
3.31		\$ 14,546		
<b>Total Year-to-Date</b>		<b>\$ 67,807</b>		
		\$ 172,617		
DATE	ADULTS	WORKERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
3.3	1567	71	295	1933
3.10	1329	123	215	1667
3.17	1755	55	268	2078
3.24	1583	80	268	1931
3.31	1619	63	282	1964

*This report is based on a 12-month, evenly distributed budget. Actual expenses fluctuate throughout the budget year. Regular reviews determine the need for adjustments*

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### Addiction Recovery

For help towards God and sobriety

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#### • FOR WOMEN

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### Grief Recovery

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• **Helping Hand Grief Support**  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

### • Living through Suicide Loss

Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

### • Bereavement Support for Loss Due to Substance Addiction

Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

## Path to Purity

For those struggling with sexual sins

#### • MEN

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## Relationship Recovery

For men and women who are going through separation or divorce

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## Serenity Support

For those with loved ones with substance abuse issues

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### Connect with us!



## 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 want to guide people into a growing relationship with Jesus developed through love, service, and community. 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 principles, 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.

### LOVE

Putting another's needs ahead of our own, as Christ gave Himself up for us.

### SERVICE

Participating in God's work by giving our time, resources, and abilities to serve the church and the lost.

### COMMUNITY

Living alongside other believers, encouraging one another to be like Christ.