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OUR VISION

To see communities where people are engaged and equipped to lead Jesus-centered, missionally engaged, and relationally healthy lives.

OUR MISSION

To guide people into a growing relationship with Jesus developed through love, service, and community.

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WORSHIP SERVICES | SATURDAY: 6:00 P.M. | SUNDAY: 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

PRAYER LINE

If you have prayer requests, please call 609-953-7333, x308.

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

Headphones are available. Ask an usher for assistance. Sign language interpretation is available during the 11:00 a.m. service.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

The family room is open to families with young children to enjoy the service.

The nursery and classes are provided during all worship services for babies through Grade 4.

Bible study for students in grades 5-7 is held Sunday mornings during the school year. More details on page 20.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Programs for adults and children with special needs are available on Sunday mornings by appointment.

Contact snow@myfac.org to learn more.

Stay in touch with Marty through social media



JESUS — GOD’S GIFT TO THIS CRAZY WORLD

Dear Church Family,

I was recently doing something I hadn’t done for a while. I was taking some time to look through a news magazine. The articles that caught my attention were a bit frightening. The top four articles in this issue were:

1. “Stepping into the Fray” – a story of protesters in Hong Kong being beaten back for seeking freedom from a dictatorial government.
2. “A Climate of Insecurity” – Christian workers and church leaders are being deported from Turkey in an attempt to eradicate Christianity from the country.
3. “Silence of the Sheep” – This story is about how churches and Christian non-profits are being persecuted in America and forced to adopt new practices to avoid liability or devastating consequences.
4. “Fatherless and Homeless” – A sad story about how our government-run foster system is overloaded with kids who end up alone and on the streets of American cities.

I briefly skimmed the stories and was shocked by their content. We live in a time of moral decline and serious tensions. How are we, the church, supposed to live for Jesus in the midst of it all? How are we supposed to act or react? Are we to get involved in protests? Are we to fight back, or be silent? With the Christmas season quickly approaching, a Christian can’t help but wonder, “What would Jesus do?”

All of these and other issues are important with so much at stake. God will call many Christians to dig in and get deeply involved in many of them. But I believe it’s very important to remind all of us that when God came to earth in the person of Jesus, He did not involve Himself in

political activism or protests, nor did He involve Himself in becoming a Jewish zealot (which many of His followers wanted Him to do). Instead, Jesus announced an eternal kingdom, preached a Gospel of eternal salvation, and invited all people to be spiritually born again.

It’s as though, by His actions and His words, Jesus was saying all the pressing issues afflicting humankind are important, but the most important issues are spiritual—dealing with peoples’ souls—not just life here and now.

In this crazy world, you and everyone else need Jesus even more badly today. We need Christ’s moral standard, Christ’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and Christ’s salvation, which is still available to everyone in Jesus Christ alone.

I believe now more than ever, it’s up to us to give people a chance to turn to Jesus and trust Him. We, as His church, need to take on the great commission that Jesus Himself gave us: “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” (Matthew 28:19-20).

The news articles I referred to at the beginning of this letter are calls of urgency for all of us who know the truth and freedom that Jesus offers to tell it to everyone we can, while we still can. Because Jesus is the only hope for this crazy world!

Love never fails,

Senior Pastor Marty Berglund



30+ MILLION PEOPLE
worldwide have tried Alpha

GET LOST IN THE CROWD
as each session fills up the Fellowship Center with people

IT’S FREE
Sign up at www.myfac.org/alpha

ALPHA



NEXT SERIES BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

Questions? Try Alpha.

Have you ever asked yourself questions like, “Is this all there is in life,” “Where am I going,” and “How can I have faith”?

You are not alone.

At Alpha, you’ll find many people asking questions just like these. Here you’ll experience a casual environment, engaging video presentations, open discussion, and a delicious catered meal.

Explore Alpha today.

myfac.org/alpha

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series that explores the Christian faith with a new discussion topic each week. Alpha meets in the Fellowship Center on Wednesday evenings for 10 consecutive weeks beginning January 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Alpha is for adults, 18 years of age and older. It’s free, but please register online at myfac.org/events.

Questions? Contact: **Dave Shoemaker**
shoemaker23@comcast.net, 609-504-2745



ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE JOURNEY

I've been enjoying a book this year by Jon Bloom called *Things Not Seen*. He writes short chapters about different biblical characters and their struggles to believe God's promises. I've seen my own wrestling in many of the chapters as I'm continually challenged to trust God for bigger things.

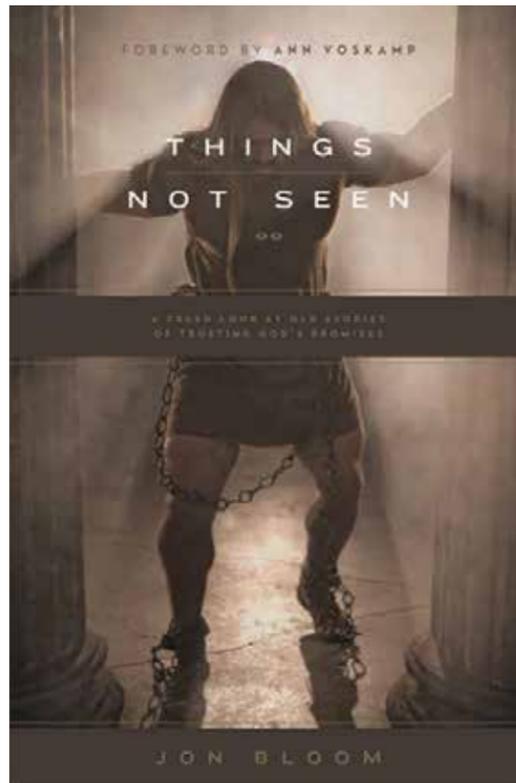
His chapter about Abraham and Sarah is one of my favorites. It starts out like this:

God is not content for us just to understand the IDEA that nothing is too hard for the Lord. He wants us to have the overwhelming joy of EXPERIENCING it. But the sometimes-agonizing period between His promise and His provision can push us to the brink of what we think we can believe, as it did for Abraham and Sarah.

Sometimes when we experience difficult circumstances, it may seem unlikely that God is going to keep His promises. Have you ever felt that? I have, for sure! When we get to the place where it seems like God's promises are unbelievable, Bloom says that just means that "God has exposed the boundaries of our faith—boundaries that He means to expand" for our own good.

Learning to rest in the promises of God happens as we wrestle with our unbelief. Bloom says that there can be "seasons, sometimes long seasons, when everything hangs on believing that God 'gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist' (Romans 4:17)." That takes a lot of faith!

He surprised me when he said, "If you're in such a season, as difficult as it feels, God is being incredibly kind to you." We don't think of struggles and wrestling as evidence of His kindness, but it's only in those kinds of circumstances "when we really learn that nothing is too hard for the Lord." When God pushes us to believe more than we thought was possible, He's doing that for the sake of our joy!



As we each struggle in whatever faith battle we're having, it's important to remember that the point of our struggle is never the winning of whatever battle it happens to be. The point of the struggle is to learn how to depend more deeply on Jesus. In whatever ways that battle leads you to do that, in that way you have won and the light has overcome the darkness because your faith has grown and your eyes have been opened more to "the things not seen." Beautiful!



Laurie Berglund

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24 | 2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 PM

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us this Christmas Eve! Bring the whole family to enjoy music, fellowship, and a message from Marty Berglund on the reason for the season. It's the perfect time of year to invite your neighbors, coworkers, and friends! Childcare will be provided for children ages 3 and under.

THE CAROLS OF Christmas



DECEMBER 5 & 6

7:00 P.M. | WORSHIP CENTER | FREE

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas at this year's choir concert, *The Carols of Christmas!* This joyous musical tradition led by the FAC Choir is a wonderful way to celebrate the newborn King with the whole family. Light refreshments will be served in the Atrium immediately following each performance.

Register online to save your seat at myfac.org/events!
Questions? Contact: Pastor Doug Ingram, dougi@myfac.org

MICHAEL W. SMITH

Christmas

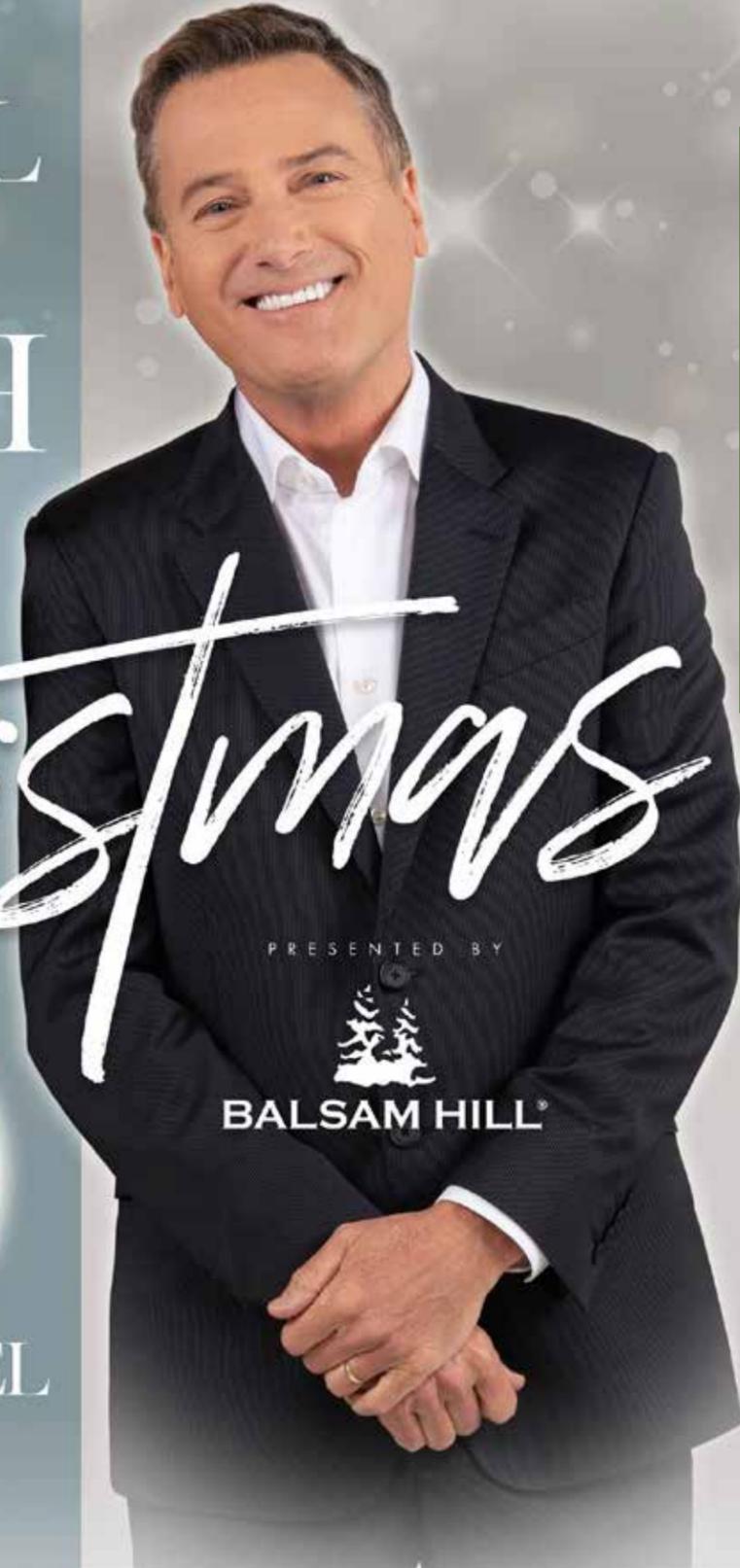
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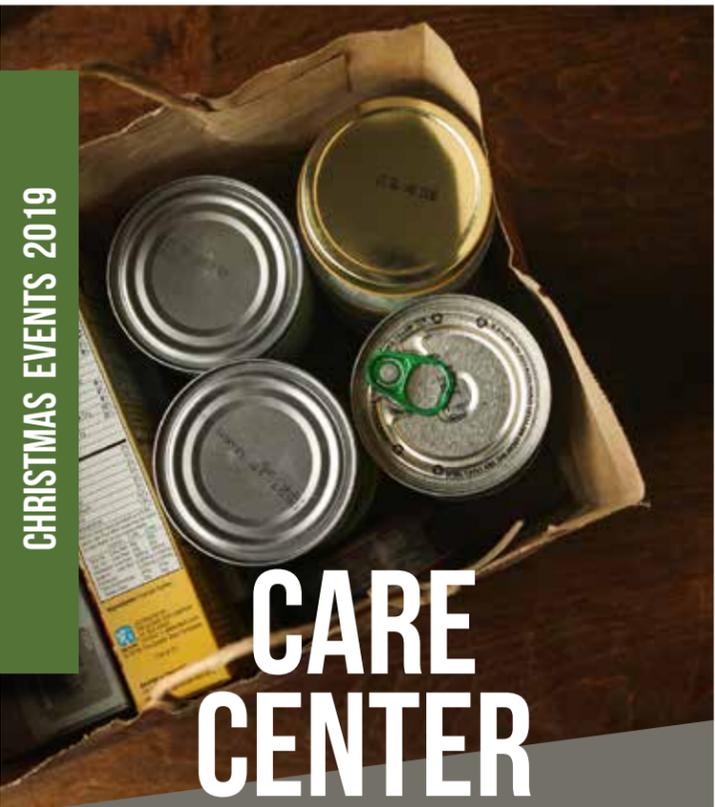


DECEMBER 21

7:00 P.M. | WORSHIP CENTER

General Admission \$39 | Gold Circle VIP \$100

Go to myfac.org/events to purchase tickets!



CARE CENTER & FOOD PANTRY

The Care Center & Food Pantry provides short-term assistance and essential items for those in need. To apply for help, call 609-975-9741, or email carecenter@myfac.org. The Care Center & Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DONATIONS NEEDED

You can help by donating non-perishable items: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato or spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, beans, tuna, soup, mashed potatoes, rice, cereal, toilet tissue, paper towels, and cleaning products.

In December, our food pantry volunteers will be putting together bags of groceries filled with additional Christmas dinner items: stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, gravy (no glass, please), and boxed breads, e.g. pumpkin, cranberry, and corn bread.

Collection bins are located in the Atrium and in the Fellowship Center Lobby. Thank you for your generosity and support!

SAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 12 | 12:30 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP CENTER | \$12

Enjoy a catered luncheon, caroling, and a sketch on C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*.



Purchase your tickets by December 5
Cash or Check only

Questions? Contact: Glenn Kantner
glenn@myfac.org, (609) 953-7333 x106



After 18 years as the editor of the FAC newsletter, Lynn Guise is retiring from the position. We asked her to write about the history of the newsletter.



Lynn Guise, 2018, in Florida
lynnguise@gmail.com

In August of 2001, I got a phone call from Pastor Brian Snyder, who at the time was FAC's Executive Pastor. He wanted to talk about a newsletter for our church. I had no idea, of course, that the conversation would lead to 18 years of working for FAC, the church my family and I had been attending since 1987.

As I look back, I can see all the ways that God prepared me to work for FAC. As an English major at The King's College and as an English teacher in Collingswood, I was well aware of the good components of writing. What I didn't know much about was publishing. In 1997, I took a job as an editor at Health Ink in Moorestown. Guess what?! They published newsletters—millions of them. So when Brian wanted a newsletter, God had prepared me for the job.

THE FIRST ISSUE

In November of 2001, the first FAC newsletter, called the *Fellowship Focus*, was distributed. It was eight pages and designed by Anthony Finuoli. I met Anthony at Health Ink. He worked for a design company in Medford, and when the top two Health Ink clients wanted a new design, Anthony was called in to do the work. After I had known him for a few years and worked with him on numerous occasions, he started attending FAC. When the time came, of course I suggested that he should be our designer. Much

to my surprise, he agreed, and we had a professional, award-winning designer for our newsletter!

The eight-page newsletter quickly grew to 12, then 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, and even 40 pages! When you look at a newsletter, it may seem like a fairly straight-forward, easy project to complete. However, countless hours go into each one, and many people play important roles. Besides the editor and designer, there are proofreaders and printers. Most importantly, there are the contributors who meet deadlines each month on a very tight schedule.

CONTRIBUTORS

Two of my strongest supporters and faithful contributors throughout the 18 years have been Pastor Marty and Laurie Berglund. From the very first issue, Marty wrote a letter to the congregation every month without fail. Laurie oversaw the God@Work stories from the beginning, and since 2013 she has also been writing a column each month entitled “Encouragement for the Journey.”

I have loved having the privilege of working with the ministry leaders. They have been so faithful in meeting deadlines and providing the information needed to keep the congregation informed. Two

faithful contributors who were here from the very first issue are Pastor Glenn Kantner and Debbie Schneck.

I also appreciate the volunteers so much. God calls them to help out in certain ministries, and many of them have had the job of contributing articles to the newsletter. Most volunteers have regular jobs too, so writing articles has been on top of a lot of other responsibilities. There is no way they could know the value of what they have done and what they have contributed. They are my heroes!

DESIGNERS

Since Anthony, our designers have been Laura Dlug, Nick Simpson, and currently Tess Jurimas. Each one has been a great pleasure to work with and has done professional, superior work.

PROOFREADERS

Proofreaders play a critical role. Each month before the newsletter goes to print, at least three people read it for errors and information that may have changed. You might find it interesting to know that they all find things that the others did not—every time! Yes, I am so thankful for the proofers. In particular, I am grateful for the proofing work of Mari Lynne Snyder, Joanne Horner, Debbie Jurimas,

and Lorraine Scaffidi, who have all given countless hours to the process.

As the head of the Communications Team, our Administrative Director, Chris Rose, also takes the time to proofread, interact with ministry leaders about their articles, and give guidance to the process. Whenever I was unable to get information I needed, it was always Chris to the rescue!

Then there are the office workers who print all the copies and replenish as needed.

ENDINGS

It is hard for me to believe that this is, in all likelihood, the last thing I will ever write for FAC. It has been a great privilege to work for my church. Leaving is hard, but I am grateful for so many things. I am grateful to Marty and Brian for their leadership. I am grateful for every person who has helped with the newsletter, especially all who have encouraged me along the way. Most of all, I am grateful to God for all He has done for me through the work for FAC.

Lynn Guise
Former Editor of the Connection

REFLECTIONS FROM FAC LEADERS



PASTOR MARTY BERGLUND

The Bible teaches us in Romans 13:7 that we should “give honor to whom honor is due.” So, I’d like to just take a moment to give honor to Lynn Guise, the editor of our *Connection* magazine for many years. It was Lynn who really built the *Connection* up to be such a useful tool. She even stayed on as our editor after she had to move out of state because of her husband’s transfer. In fact, she even faithfully kept leading us as she fought off cancer in 2013.

Lynn has been a faithful friend and a loyal part of our FAC team. Lynn has just retired from FAC, but I wanted to honor her as our amazing editor for many years and honor her for all she was able to accomplish for the Lord through leading us so very well.

We love and honor you Lynn, our faithful follower and servant of Christ.

LAURIE BERGLUND

I love the *Connection* because I love communication! FAC is my church family, and I know that you don’t have a healthy family unless you have good ways to communicate. We’re able to do some communication from the platform during the weekend service, but that just covers the briefest of details. For 18 years, our church newsletter has given us a way to keep in touch with each other. It’s beautiful to look at, it’s well-written, it’s thoughtfully arranged, and it does a great job of conveying who we are as a church family and what we have to offer those inside and outside of the family. I’m grateful to Lynn Guise and her team for using their gifts to give us such a wonderful communication tool for so many years!

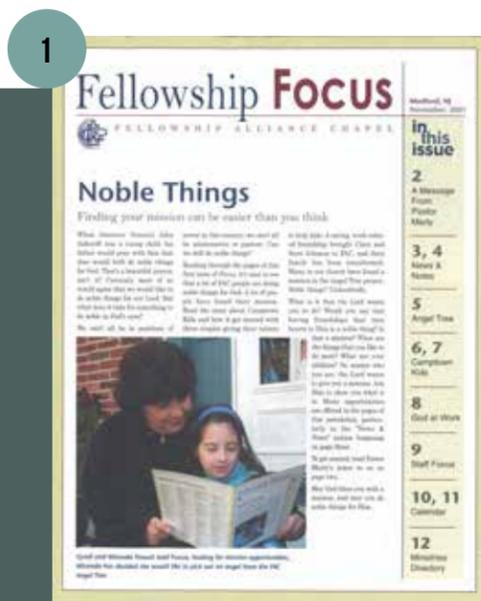


PASTOR BRIAN SNYDER

Former Executive Pastor of FAC

In 2001, the need for a better means of communicating to the congregation was clear. With the growing number of ministries, we needed a way to inform everyone of what God was doing and how they could be involved. I decided to start a monthly newsletter, but I wanted it to be a great newsletter with professional, high quality writing. I knew Lynn Guise, who was a member of our church, had the experience we needed. We hired her, and she developed a team of professionals who made the newsletter the tool that we needed.

As time has gone on, the newsletter has changed according to the needs of the church. The purpose, however, has continued—to invite people to ministries and events and to inform them about opportunities to get involved and to serve. Times change, and the newsletter is now quarterly, but I believe it has been an effective tool for advancing the Kingdom by providing important, consistently clear information about the work of FAC.



1-NOVEMBER 2001

The first FAC newsletter, called the *Fellowship Focus*. It was 8 pages, designed by Anthony Finuoli.

2-SEPTEMBER 2019

The first quarterly newsletter, now called the *Connection*. It was 32 pages, designed by Tess Jurimas.



CHRIS ROSE

It has been such a great privilege to work with Lynn on many projects, especially our *Connection* newsletter. Since its inception, Lynn has worked to make the *Connection* consistently relevant and informative to help people inside and outside FAC discover how to become more involved at our church, which is no small task when you look through the pages and see the variety and

volume of ministries and events that are covered in each edition.

As editor, Lynn's standard for professional-quality writing and design and her heart to tell God's story at FAC have made the *Connection* what it is today! I want to personally thank Lynn for her years of helping people become a part of God's story at FAC through the *Connection*!



PASTOR GLENN KANTNER

The *Connection* has been a valuable publication for me through the years. As a pastor, I have consistently referred to it with people as I interact with them. Whether counseling, orienting new people to our church, or inviting people who don't attend any church, the *Connection* has been an attractive, quality publication that I have used over and over to help people move forward to the next step in their relationship with God. I have appreciated the way Lynn was always able to take the raw information we staff people sent her and transform it into an effective tool month after month.



DEBBIE SCHNECK

The *Connection* remains the most important way the Women's Ministry at FAC presents meaningful opportunities offered to women. Whether it's a big event or an ongoing ministry, the *Connection* gets the word out! Its impact over the years is impossible to measure.

Working with Lynn over the years has been a joy. How the myriad of articles in the *Connection* always fit so beautifully together was a result of Lynn's gift of keeping the spirit and wording of the articles unified. This made it easy for me to trust that whatever I sent to Lynn would be edited to express the facts and the heart of the information in the best way possible. What a comfort that was! Thank you, Lynn!

STAFF UPDATES



KIMBERLY HUNTER

Communications Coordinator

Kimberly Hunter joined the communications team in October. She works on all FAC's communication platforms: social media, the website, bulletins, and the *Connection*. Kimberly has attended FAC since birth after her parents, Tim and Donna Hunter, moved to Lumberton, New Jersey in 1994. She graduated in 2017 from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Rhetoric. Through her position, Kimberly hopes to serve the church diligently by fostering unity and understanding and to proclaim the name of Jesus in FAC's communications.



Glenn being honored at the District Conference

GLENN KANTNER

Help us congratulate Pastor Glenn!

Pastor Glenn was recently honored for 25 years of faithful service with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Well done, Pastor Glenn! We are so privileged to have your wisdom and care here in our FAC family!



NEW TO OUR FACILITIES TEAM

The FAC Facilities team welcomes Justin Brown, Eli Padden, and Rick Horner.



ADULTS

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS FOR MEN, WOMEN, YOUNG ADULTS, SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS, AND SENIORS.



EVENTS

REGISTER ONLINE AT [MYFAC.ORG/EVENTS](https://myfac.org/events)

ALL

SHAKING THE WINTER BLUES

January 28 | 7 to 9 p.m. | Fellowship Center Auditorium
Free | Register online

It's January. The holidays are done, the presents are unwrapped, and the heating bills have arrived. Many of us stay at home because it's dark, cold, and depressing. When the seasons change, how do you weather seasonal depression?

Shaking the Winter Blues will cover godly ways to thrive in the midst of the winter sadness and fear and how to identify anxiety and depression in adults, children, and teenagers. There will also be breakout sessions on parenting, and self-care.

God gives us seasons of triumph and adversity, but He doesn't want us bound by fear or sadness that keeps us from sharing the Gospel.

MEN

MEN'S CONFERENCE 2020

February 28 | Save the Date

Men, save this date! On Friday, February 28, we will have our annual men's conference for all men of FAC. You don't want to miss this night!

MEN'S GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Starting March | Dates and times TBA

Get lessons from a Professional Golfers' Association Instructor along with a time of fellowship in God's Word.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

LIFE IS BETTER CONNECTED

Small groups at FAC foster life-changing, long-lasting relationships. These close communities enable all participants to follow God's call, study His Word, pray for one another, help each other in practical ways, and engage in service.

We have groups for everyone: young adults, young married couples, couples with kids, men, women, and older adults. Stop by the Information Desk in the Atrium during a weekend service or go to myfac.org/findagroup to find the group that's right for you!

Questions? Contact: Pastor Dave Krilov, davek@myfac.org



Thank you Johnson's Corner Farm in Medford for supplying all the pumpkins for our SNOW Den Costume Party! October 18, 2019

MINISTRIES

REGISTER ONLINE AT MYFAC.ORG/EVENTS

Large group presentations and small group discussions that will encourage and challenge you no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

ALL

SAGE BUILDERS

January 9, 16, 23 | February 13, 20, 27 | March 12, 19, 26
12:30 p.m. | Fellowship Center | \$5 suggested donation

SAGE (Spiritually Advancing Godly Example) Builders is a group for adults of any age. Enjoy a catered lunch, watch a short video, and then break into small groups to discuss what we've heard and how we can apply it our lives.

You are invited on a journey through The Gospel of Mark! This 11-week series by Francis Chan will lead us in the footsteps of Jesus as He walked the road from Galilee to Jerusalem. The study will culminate with an Easter celebration!

If you have not regularly attended Sage Builders, please let us know you plan on attending by sending an e-mail to Pastor Glenn. In case of inclement weather, please call our weather hotline (609-953-7333 x303) to see if we are meeting.

CONTACT: Glenn Kantner, glenn@myfac.org, 609-953-7333 x106

WOMEN

FRESH HOPE

January 26 & February 23 | 5 to 8 p.m. | FAC Barn | Free
Register online for childcare

Develop a new outlook—a realization that God knows, He cares, and He is working through difficult and what sometimes seem to be impossible circumstances. Fresh Hope is a ministry for single moms and grandmas raising children under the age of 23 (special needs children to age 28). We meet once a month over dinner that is provided for you and your children.

After dinner, childcare will be provided for children age 3 and younger from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children and youth programs are available during Fresh Hope in the Fellowship Center. All children must be registered one week prior to receive care.

FRESH HOPE CLOTHES BOUTIQUE

January 26 & February 23 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. | Care Center

The Fresh Hope Clothing Boutique is for single moms to select lovely, like-new clothing and accessories at no cost. Please stop in and visit!

CONTACT: Debbie Schneck, debbie@myfac.org, 609-953-7333 x125

#MOMLIFE

February 6, 20 | March 5, 19 | 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. | \$60
Register online by January 30

#Momlife is for all women with children from birth to Grade 12. #Kidlife is a childcare program during #Momlife provided for children from birth through kindergarten.

CONTACT: Courtney Gager, courtney.gager@gmail.com

Serve as a childcare worker for #Kidlife!

CONTACT: Cathy Kamps, clkprov356@verizon.net, 856-596-8408

MENTOR MOMS

Tuesdays starting February 25 | 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. OR
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | \$25 | Childcare available in mornings only
Register online

Mentor Moms is a discipleship group of experienced moms mentoring younger moms. Using God's Word as the compass, we are committed to growing our relationships with our husbands and children by supporting, encouraging, and validating each other through all that comes with being a wife and mother.

CONTACT: Karen Cariss, kjcariss@aol.com

MEN

BAND OF BROTHERS

Wednesdays starting January 8 | 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.
Upper Room | Free will offering | No registration

Band of Brothers is a weekly meeting over breakfast with lessons relevant to a man's life. This is a great chance for men to pray for each other and draw closer to Jesus!

"Jesus: Rock of My Salvation" is our theme for the next three months with three new series: "Building on The Rock," "Leaning on The Rock," and "Following The Rock."

CONTACT: Michael Moré, bandofbrothers@myfac.org

SPECIAL NEEDS

SNOW DEN

January 11, 25 | February 8, 22 | March 14, 28
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Center | Free

SNOW Den is a ministry that provides a place for adults with special needs to connect with God and to connect with friends. Adults participate in events such as bingo, karaoke, summer barbecues, bowling, pizza, and so much more! Starting January 2020, we are changing our meeting nights to the second and fourth Saturdays of the month so that parents and caregivers can find spiritual respite in our church service at 6 p.m.

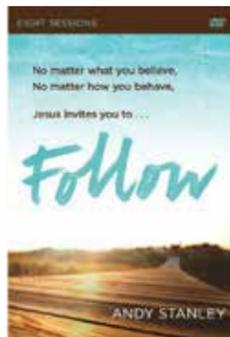
CONTACT: Becca Eiler, snow@myfac.org



STUDIES

REGISTER ONLINE AT MYFAC.ORG/EVENTS

ALL



"FOLLOW" JESUS THIS WINTER WITH AFTER ALPHA!

8 weeks | Tuesdays | January 7
7 to 9 p.m. | Upper Room | Free

Explore Pastor Andy Stanley's "Follow" series. In this eight-part DVD series, we'll discover and discuss what Jesus meant when he said, "Follow me."

After Alpha is for all adults who want to take their walk with Jesus to the next level along with fellow believers in a small-group discussion format. This is a perfect study for anyone who has completed the Alpha course. Light refreshments will be served!

CONTACT: Joe Jalkiewicz, jfjalkiewicz@gmail.com.



BE THE BRIDGE

12 weeks | Tuesdays | January 7
7 p.m. | \$25

How can we, as Christians, become credible witnesses for Christ in the face of racial division?

Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation by Latasha Morrison

CONTACT: Lauren Brown, ladybrown629@gmail.com

WOMEN



THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL GOD

Group 1 | Mondays | February 3
7 to 9 p.m. | Free

Group 2 | Tuesdays | February 4
7 to 9 p.m. | Free

The Good and Beautiful God focuses on the character of God and how we can move into a life of intimacy with Him. What we believe about God is of huge importance to our lives. The path to spiritual transformation begins here. Each chapter uncovers the narratives by which Jesus lived and includes a soul-training exercise to help embed this narrative into our minds, bodies, and souls.

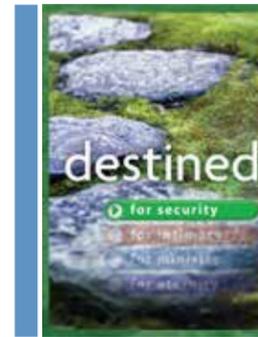
CONTACT: Carol Batten, carol@myfac.org



JOSHUA: THE BATTLE BEGINS

Tuesdays | February 25
9:15 to 11:15 a.m. OR 7 to 9 p.m.
\$30 | Register online by February 18

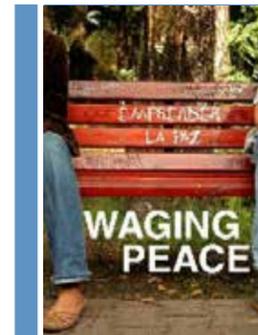
The Book of Joshua tells the story of one man who was strong and courageous—a man singled out by God to lead his generation to victory and holiness in the midst of struggles and oppositions. What did he know about God that gave him the strength and courage he needed to be victorious? You, too, can know Joshua's God!



GETTING TO KNOW JESUS MORE

Tuesdays | February 25 | 7 to 9 p.m.
\$25 | Register online by February 18

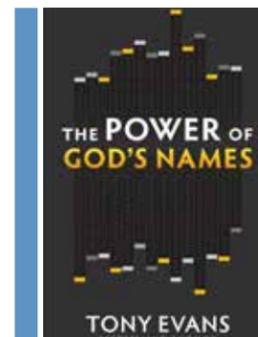
Do you desire deeper security in your relationship with God? Do you ever wonder if who you are or what you do is enough? Do you grapple with questions of assurance in your faith? This study will explore God's promise to us that our relationship with Him is secure and unchangeable regardless of our emotions, experience, or performance as His followers.



WAGING PEACE

Tuesdays | February 25 | 7 to 9 p.m.
\$25 | Register online by February 18

Peace and harmony don't happen easily or naturally; effort and skill are required; God's help is essential. Peacemaking is a spiritual battle; our souls are often in division, brokenness, and relational failure. Waging peace is not possible without God's grace. Through this study you will be given tools to practice peacemaking.



THE POWER OF GOD'S NAMES

Tuesdays | February 25
9:15 to 11:15 a.m. OR 7 to 9 p.m.
\$25 | Register online by February 18

God's nature is revealed to us through His names. As you get to know the names of God and understand their meaning, God's character will become real to you in life-changing ways.

Childcare:

Free childcare on Tuesday mornings for newborns through kindergartners. No childcare provided for evening studies.

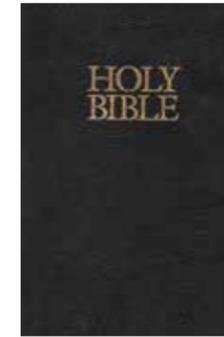
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Serve as a childcare worker:

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MEN



BIBLE STUDIES

Fridays | 6:30 a.m. | Free
Medport Diner

CONTACT: George Bradley,
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Saturdays | 7:30 to 9 a.m. | Free
FAC Barn

CONTACT: Jesse Harris,
harrisclan2010@comcast.net

Come for a chapter by chapter Bible study where discussion and questions are welcomed and encouraged. No need to register, just show up!

MEN OF GOD

6 weeks | Thursdays | January 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Center

"Meet God at the Edge of Wow!" This new interactive and relatable presentation will look at the unsung heroes of the New Testament church and how they met God. This six week-long series will be taught by Jesse Harris and Tim Vibbert.

CONTACT: Mike Schwarzwalder,
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C33

2 years | Thursdays | January 9
7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Center

C33 is our two-year program that is broken into six-week semesters. Each semester takes a man through a journey to becoming an Authentic Man of God. This semester we will be studying *A Man and His Story*. You can join C33 now and become a part of a new group of men that will take this journey with you! Your journey begins on January 9th!

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN FROM INFANTS TO GRADE 4 & GROUPS FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 5 TO 12.



WEEKEND SERVICES

CHILDREN

The nurseries and classes are provided during all worship services for children from infants to Grade 4.

INFANTS & PRESCHOOLERS

Nursery
Rooms 101 & 102

Preschool
Upstairs in the Tree House

ELEMENTARY

Kid Blast Church
Kindergarten to Grade 4
Fellowship Center C-wing

SPECIAL NEEDS

Programs for children with special needs are available on Sunday mornings by appointment only. Contact snow@myfac.org to learn more.

YOUTH

GRAPPLE BIBLE STUDY | GRADE 5 – 7

Grapple is held on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Center during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. The studies are designed to challenge fifth, sixth, and seventh graders to apply God's Word to real-life situations they face.

Grapple begins for the winter on January 19 and continues through May 3. Grapple will not meet on February 16 or April 12.



EVENTS

REGISTER ONLINE AT MYFAC.ORG/EVENTS

CHILDREN BIRTH – GRADE 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS
December 14 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Free
Register online by December 12

The Children’s Ministry will be hosting a very special birthday party! This will be a great time of food, fun and activities where children will learn that the true meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus! Held at FAC in the Upper Room. Walk-ins are welcome!

CONTACT: Meg Preim
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MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 5 – 8

NIGHT GAME
December 13 | 7 to 9 p.m. | Free
Register online
A night game at FAC for middle school and high school students.

GAME NIGHT
January 11 | 8 to 10 p.m. | \$10
Register online
Game Night at XL Sports World (ISC) 1 Hovtech Blvd, Mt. Laurel. Cost is \$10 online or \$20 at the door.

WINTER RETREAT
February 14 to 16 | \$180
Register online
Multi-church retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 9 – 12

NIGHT GAME
December 13 | 7 to 9 p.m. | Free
Register online
A night game at FAC for middle school and high school students.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 14 | 7 to 10 p.m. | Free
Register online
Christmas party at the Fellowship House, Suite 219!

WINTER RETREAT
January 10 to 12 | \$190
Register online
Winter retreat at Northbay Adventure Camp.

SMALL GROUP NIGHT
February 3
Times and locations differ based on the group. Contact your small group leader for details.

EVENING MINISTRIES

KID BLAST SUNDAY NIGHT CLUBS

AGE 4 – GRADE 4
January 19, 26 | February 9, 23
6 to 8 p.m. | Fellowship Center
Register online

Lessons are centered around the “Life of Jesus” curriculum with a special focus on building community through our fun and hands-on games, arts and crafts, and much more!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

GRADE 5 – 8
January 19, 26 | February 9, 23
6 to 8 p.m. | Fellowship Center

Middle school youth group meets throughout the year in the Fellowship Center on Sunday nights. Come out for a night of group games, worship, a message from God’s Word and small group discussions. Youth group is free; there is no registration.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

GRADE 9 – 12
January 20, 27 | February 10, 24
7 to 9 p.m. | Fellowship Center

High school youth group meets in the Fellowship Center on Monday nights. Students have an opportunity to play group games, worship together as teens, hear a biblical message, and engage in small group discussion. Youth Group is free; there is no registration.

FOR PARENTS

PARENT CUE APP



Go to theparentcue.org/app to download the app for information about the lessons, memory verses, activities, and more!

See what your kids are learning!

CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM



DECEMBER

Memory Verse- "God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world." 1 John 4:14a (CEV)

In this series, kids will learn the good news of Christmas and why we celebrate this exciting holiday each year. They will also learn how to share this good news with others!



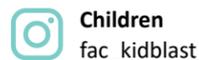
JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Memory Verse- "God is greater than our feelings, and He knows everything." 1 John 3:20b (CEV)

In this series, kids will learn to identify their emotions and respond to them in the way God wants! They will see how to use the blueprint of God's Word to manage their feelings by following three steps: stopping to name the emotion they feel, looking at what is going on inside and around them to cause them to feel that way, and listening to what God says about that feeling.

GET CONNECTED TO OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES!

FOLLOW US!



Children
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Middle School
FACmiddleschool



High School
FACHighschool



Preschool
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Elementary
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REGISTER ONLINE

Events that require registrations can be found at myfac.org/events.

GIVING

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

CLOTHING DONATIONS

FOR FRESH HOPE CLOTHES BOUTIQUE – NEW LOCATION!

January 19 & February 16 | 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. | Care Center Garage

The Fresh Hope Clothing Boutique will be collecting women's seasonal clothing and jewelry. Only clean, like-new or gently used women's clothing and jewelry can be accepted. Donations will not be accepted outside of the hours and location listed above.

Serve in the Fresh Hope Boutique!

Assistance is needed in receiving and sorting donations, displaying items, and greeting moms at the boutique when it is open for them to visit.

CONTACT: Kathy Foering, 609-458-9222

FOOD DONATIONS

FRESH HOPE

Provide a dish for dinner at our monthly Fresh Hope meetings for single moms and their children. Sign up at myfac.org/freshhopefood

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry provides food and other essentials to those in need. You can help by donating non-perishable items: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato or spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, beans, tuna, soup, mashed potatoes, rice, cereal, toilet tissue, paper towels, and cleaning products.

Collection bins are located in the Atrium and the Fellowship Center Lobby.

FACTS & FIGURES

	JAN-OCT '18	JAN-OCT '19	YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	
INCOME	GENERAL/OPERATING INCOME	2,930,518	2,986,101	2,956,666	3,548,000
	MISSIONS & OUTREACH INCOME	320,507	258,771	233,333	280,000
	BUILDING FUND INCOME	787,213	500,561	n/a	n/a
	BENEVOLENCE FUND INCOME	110,653	89,188	n/a	n/a
	TOTAL INCOME	4,148,893	3,834,622	3,190,000	3,828,000
EXPENSE	GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	2,775,022	2,546,006	2,729,033	3,295,840
	MISSIONS & OUTREACH EXPENSE	312,865	298,314	233,333	280,000
	BUILDING FUND EXPENSE	1,066,845	870,818	n/a	n/a
	BENEVOLENCE FUND EXPENSE	54,272	32,390	n/a	n/a
	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,209,006	3,747,529	2,962,366	3,575,840
	NET INCOME (RESERVE)	-60,112	87,093	227,633	252,160

3 WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE
myfac.org/give

SMART GIVING
myFAC mobile

IN PERSON
via cash/check



MISSIONS GERMANY & FRANCE

(Top) Susan Shourds, Pastor Joe and Alissa Serratelli, Louis Priere, Carol Batten, Pastor Russ Batten, Autumn Nash, Rachael Williams, Pastor Sean, Pastor Bob Nash (Bottom) Mari Pat Loprete, Jenn Dallow, Val Nash, Pastor Mike Williams

From October 28 to November 7 a group of women and pastors from FAC and other C&MA churches in New Jersey traveled to France and Germany to meet and care for our international missionaries.

France and Germany are experiencing an influx of people of all different nationalities into their cities. With this migration comes an opportunity to share the Gospel. During our stay we heard some amazing stories of how God is moving in the lives of individuals who are coming to Christ as well as in the ministries that are ongoing in these fields. The women who went on this trip were able to lead a prayer retreat for some of the missionaries and guide a time of rest and prayer to equip them for their ministries.

The international workers told us, "We don't always take time to meditate on or pray over Scripture, or quietly listen to each other because we are just thinking about the work and doing tasks to accomplish the work." Hearing that made us so glad we could be a part of their prayer retreat. We were able to give the workers time and space to pray. We prayed over Scripture in a reflective way, we prayed through attentive listening, and we prayed for one another. While that was going on, we also cared for their children. We had some amazing conversations with the international workers, while we ate, prayed, and cared for them. Please join us in praying for the international missionaries in France and Germany as they continue to share the Gospel with those in need.

GERMANY

In Berlin, Germany, the team helped lead a weekend retreat for the C&MA missionaries stationed there.

During the retreat, the team led worship and prayer exercises, and provided childcare.



FRANCE

While in Novan-Le-Fuzeler, France, the team participated in "Field Forum," a retreat for international missionaries and French C&MA pastors.

The team also visited Trinity Church in Paris, France, where they met and built relationships with young adults in the area.



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Addiction Recovery
For help towards God and sobriety

• **FOR MEN**
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Wednesdays, 7 p.m.,
Room C-12

• **FOR WOMEN**
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Grief Recovery
For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one

Wanda and George Stein
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Mondays, 7 p.m., Chapel

• Helping Hand Grief Support
• Living through Suicide Loss
• Bereavement Support
for Loss Due to Substance
Addiction

Path to Purity
For those struggling with sexual sins

• **MEN**
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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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• Eric Johnson
• Paul Krihak
• Matt Miller
• Phil Morgan

GROWING IN CHRIST THROUGH LOVE, SERVICE, & COMMUNITY

NEW TO FAC?

No matter what your story is or where you are on your spiritual journey, FAC is a place where you can belong, grow in your understanding of who God is, and find ways to serve Him.

Stop by the Guest Services room after any worship service for coffee and to find out more about FAC.

SERVICE TIMES

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