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# RUNNING THE RACE

2011 Fellowship

Alliance Chapel

Annual Report

"...run in such a way as to win the prize."—the apostle Paul (1 Cor. 9:24)

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# Our Vision

We want people to know God's call and follow it.

# Our Mission

We want to help people connect to God, to His people, and to His work.

# Our Values

- Lost people matter to God. He wants them found. (Luke 19:10)
- Prayer is the primary work of the people of God. (Philippians 4:6, 7)
- Everything we have belongs to God. We are only stewards. (I Chronicles 29:14)
- Knowing and obeying God's Word is fundamental to all true success. (Joshua 1:8)
- Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish nothing. (I Corinthians 2:4, 5)

## Elder Board Message

This past year, together with Pastor Marty, God led the Elder Board to make some changes. We changed the method of our governance, and we changed one of the members of our team. We also continued to evaluate the church's efforts to reach the lost and to equip believers for good works. God inspired us to press on, seeking Him for holiness and wisdom in leading.

Serving a congregation where God is so visibly at work among us is a great privilege. We witnessed many new confessions of faith, a record number of baptisms, and the ongoing training of disciples. The Lord has given us a wonderful church family. We thank everyone who joined us in for doing a wonderful job this past year serving our Lord.

May we all continue running the race of faith in Jesus Christ. And may we strive to the same attitude as the apostle Paul, who proclaimed of his own life's work: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Only by His grace,

The Elders

*The FAC Elder Board consists of Bill Adams, Marty Berglund, Don Blatherwick, Tony DiCaro, Chuck Pederson, and Jim Walter. The Board's key function is to provide accountability and support for the Senior Pastor.*

## Pastor Marty's Message

In Hebrews, Chapter 12, God instructs the Jewish believers who first read this letter to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us." This was also the perfect instruction for all of us believers at FAC in 2010.

God marked out a plan and a route for us to persevere toward our Kingdom Vision building project and to see some victories in 2010. He marked out a plan and a route for us to persevere through setbacks in our economy, through record snowfalls and through the departure of dearly loved saints who went to heaven. Yet through all these challenges, God provided for us in ways far beyond our dreams.

Every ministry, every pastor, every worker--indeed, every member of our church--was called on to persevere. But through it all, God richly blessed us with many people coming to faith in Christ, plus a record number of baptisms, a record number of people becoming involved in small groups, and many more victories you'll read more about in this Annual Report.

My old boss used to tell me, "Keep going, Marty, because nothing beats perseverance." Well, for us in 2010, that was very true, because God has "marked that out for us."

In 2011, I hope to see God continuing to work in us and through us by the Holy Spirit. I hope everything our church seeks to do will flow out from our relationship to Him.

So let me end this note by thanking all those who continue to persevere with me. You could do lots of things with your time, money and energy, but the most worthwhile thing to persevere for is Christ's church, which will have everlasting value. Indeed, Jesus promised that "the gates of hell will not prevail against His church."

Keep persevering with me, and I know God will bless us and use us like He did the saints He wrote to in the book of Hebrews.

Love never fails,

**Pastor Marty**

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*It has been great ... learning from each other through the discussions that arise out of the lessons prepared for us each week. You never know which direction God will take the group each time we meet! The privilege of sharing in each other's lives--the difficult situations as well as the praises—and growing closer through praying for each other is truly a blessing.*  
—John and Tammy Fisher



Fellowship Alliance Chapel's various adult ministries have invested significant energies in joining forces toward the shared goal of Adult Discipleship. Ranging from our Mini-churches all the way through our Men's, Women's, Alpha, and Seniors ministries, they are all working in more collective ways to enable the adults at FAC to grow into more fully functioning disciples of Christ.

Our home-based Mini-churches are in many ways the heart of FAC. It's here that people experience all that the Church can be. Healthy Mini-churches create a space where God can move through people's lives. We're seeing spiritual growth occurring as people dig deeper into Scripture. We're seeing support and encouragement take place as people's needs are being met in tangible ways. And we're seeing people released to serve in their communities and neighborhoods, not in isolation, but within the context of Christ-centered relationships.

This year we have added to our resources and presently offer 43 active Mini-churches that host more than 760 men, women and youth throughout our area on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis. During the past year we hosted a "Launch" event in which we saw 10 new Mini-churches begin meeting and continue going strong. Our task in the coming months is to devote ourselves to meeting opportunities and watching God work.

#### **Looking Ahead**

In 2011 we want to increase the exposure and availability of our Mini-churches so our goal is to host at least two Mini-church launch events each year. Additionally, because training is also a very important piece for future growth, we're implementing a new system to better release our coaches to invest in our Mini-church leaders. Finally, we are pursuing specific goals to better raise up new leaders and enable the capacity for participation to grow.



*"Love one another deeply."—1 Peter 1:22*

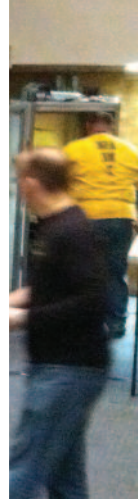
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*Through the Catalyst Men's group studies and the Timothy Project, FAC's Men's Ministry has shown me what it is to be a committed man of God. I have learned the joy of serving others and that when we begin to get outside of ourselves, we allow our Father to soften and shape us into what He designed us to be.—John Wager*

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Men's

The Men's Ministry at FAC grew dramatically in 2010, with the restructuring of the men's discipleship process and the number of new small groups tripling from 2009. More men are involved in men's small groups today than at any other time in the history of FAC.

Among the highlights of 2010:

- **Men's Conference.** Almost 270 men attended the 2010 edition of this annual event.
- **Service to others.** More than 70 men engaged in volunteer service projects locally and regionally.
- **New leaders.** God raised up 24 new small group leaders, bringing the total to more than 40.
- **Timothy Project.** Two more Timothy Project groups (generations three and four) were graduated. All told, 20 men, plus eight leaders, pressed through a rigorous, seven-month discipleship process that serves as the capstone to the Catalyst Men's Groups.
- **PROMISE Unemployment Ministry.** This ministry was launched for men seeking to re-enter the work force. Men meet weekly to discuss employment options, to share their successes and struggles, and to engage in God's plan for their lives while out of work.

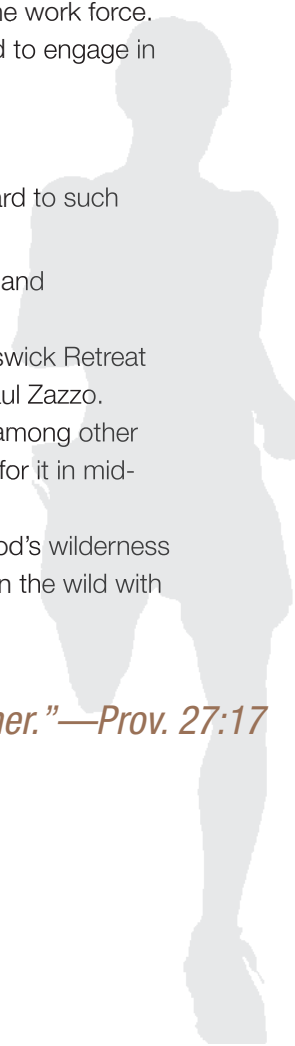
### Looking Ahead

The excitement for 2011 and the lives of men at FAC is tangible and growing. We are looking forward to such events as the:

- **Mission to Gabon.** FAC's first men-only mission took place April 1-10 with 12 men working in and ministering to communities in this equatorial African country.
- **Catalyst Men's Group Spring Advance.** Our first off-site retreat for men will take us to the Keswick Retreat Center May 20-22 for a weekend of fellowship and teaching under the leadership of Pastor Paul Zazzo.
- **Pig Roast 2011.** Returning for the third year, this Fall Classic is slated to greatly expand with, among other exciting events, new father/son competitions, new food and even a few crazy surprises. Look for it in mid-September!
- **facWILD.** Look for the launch of our radical new outdoor events ministry as we venture into God's wilderness with such activities as whitewater rafting, mountain biking, fishing and camping. Engage God in the wild with other men bent on digging to the core of what God has planned for your life.

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”—Prov. 27:17*

Ministry



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*Relationships are a critical part of this ministry. Women have come alongside me through prayer, friendship, and mentoring to help me know God more fully. In turn, God has given me the desire to do the same for other women. Heart to Heart has been a catalyst for growth for me.*

—Monika Tockstein

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# Women's

Relationship building, biblical instruction, service, healing, encouragement, and transformation all come to mind in describing the things that transpire through the many areas of FAC's vibrant and active Women's Ministries.

Among the highlights of 2010:

- **Heart to Heart (H2H).** More than 330 women and volunteer leaders participated in FAC's popular Bible study ministry for women.
- **Mom's Time Out.** Through this ministry of friendship, 162 women were introduced to God and began to understand that He is interested in them, their lives and their families.
- **Fresh Hope.** More than 60 single mothers and their children came together with 14 volunteer staff at monthly meetings where they shared a meal, studied a single parenting curriculum and bonded with each other and grew closer to God through small group discussion.
- **Outflow.** More than 50 participants of this class offered through H2H connected to God's work locally, regionally and globally. The women served at the Cedar Lanes Missionary Home in Laurel Springs and the Providence House in Burlington County. Members also taught a Bible study at the Wiley Home in Marlton.
- **Women's Outreach Team.** One of the first major achievements of this new ministry was to encourage women to invite friends and family into their homes for the purpose of sharing the Christmas story. About 25 such "Party in a Bag" events were held!

### Looking Ahead

In 2011, the FAC Women's Ministry is looking forward to:

- **Building Outreach.** We hope to offer more resources through the Women's Outreach Team for women to host parties, movie nights and other events for friends and family in their homes and at FAC's new camp.
- **More Girl Talk nights.** Increasingly popular, Girl Talk is a one-evening event featuring talks on topics of particular relevance to women. The first "Girl Talk" session of 2011, focusing on friendship and its importance in a woman's life, is being planned for the spring.
- **Guided Prayer Day.** We hope to begin offering this to women in 2011 —with childcare provided
- **Marriage Conference.** We'll be teaming up with the Men's Ministry to host another marriage conference in the summer.

*"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."—Prov.31:30*

# Ministry



*Eleven people made a commitment to Jesus Christ for the first time and 24 others recommitted their lives to Jesus Christ through the Alpha ministry in 2010.*



God continued to change lives through FAC's popular Alpha ministry in 2010. Adult Alpha conducted three 10-week-long courses attended by a combined total of 165 guests. A support team of 45 discussion leaders and helpers, a prayer team and a hospitality team at each weekly session helped to keep things running smoothly.

The result? Eleven people made a commitment to Jesus Christ for the first time and 24 others recommitted their lives to Jesus Christ through the Alpha ministry in 2010. Praise God! In addition, two groups of about 30 people each were discipled in "After Alpha," a follow-up session designed to help grow and strengthen each new believer's walk with Jesus Christ.

Among other Alpha ministry highlights from 2010:

- **Prison Alpha.** Three sessions of Prison Alpha took place at the federal prison at Fort Dix. Each session consisted of two English-speaking groups averaging 23 men and a Spanish-speaking group averaging 27 men. Prison Alpha averaged 7 leaders at each session. As it did at FAC, the After Alpha team ran a Bible/Book study over the summer with two leaders and another Bible/book study with a couple leading.
- **Alpha Alumni Celebration.** Some 270 current and former leaders and participants in Alpha chapters from churches throughout the region attended the first Alpha Alumni Celebration in the FAC Sanctuary. The testimonies of changed lives, the praise and worship, and the fellowship among the attendees all brought glory to our God and encouragement to our hearts.

#### Looking Ahead

The Alpha ministry's goals for 2011 include:

- **Growing.** We hope to build attendance by investigating new ways to advertise and draw "seekers" into the ministry.
- **Training.** We will strive to prepare new leaders and helpers for Alpha and the After Alpha Pastorates.
- **Expanding.** We will be taking Alpha and After Alpha into other sections of the prison at Ft. Dix.

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."—Jer. 29:13*

# Alpha

*JOY members collected hospital supplies for overseas missionaries and made more than 200 hats and scarves for homeless families in Camden.*



The JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry was blessed with an exciting and fruitful 2010. Among the many highlights of the past year:

- **Preaching the Gospel and ministering.** Our members were blessed with many opportunities to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ and to minister to the families and loved ones of eight of our seniors who went home to be with the Lord.
- **God at Work.** We shared many “God at Work” stories with each other.
- **Christmas Banquet.** Our annual Christmas Outreach Banquet was attended by 160 seniors and many volunteers who desired to serve the Lord and to be part of a blessing.
- **Guest speakers.** Many of our weekly meetings were headlined by volunteer guest speakers who presented on a wide range of topics of interest to senior adults. These included nutrition, basic health issues, wills and retirement.
- **Serving others.** JOY members collected hospital supplies for overseas missionaries and made more than 200 hats and scarves for homeless families in Camden.

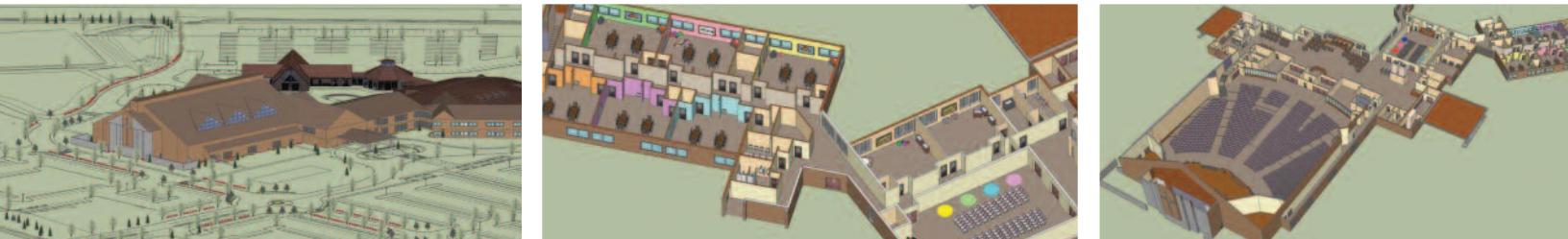
#### Looking Ahead

We are looking to continue growing our vibrant ministry in 2011. Among our goals for the remainder of the year are to:

- **Increase opportunities for healing.** By showing God’s love, we are hoping to bring healing to relationships between distant family members.
- **Grow missions and benevolence.** We are very excited about coming opportunities to participate in and complete new projects in missions and benevolent needs.
- **Grow partnerships.** We hope to invite two or three couples to partner with us to set the vision for moving ahead. We look forward to your participation in our ministry!

*“Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.”—Prov. 16:31*

JOY Seniors Ministry



“Your generosity with your time and money in 2010, together with God’s blessing, helped us to make great strides toward fulfilling our Kingdom Vision goals”

# Kingdom Vision

To run a race, and run it well, you need sufficient resources, and you need to train longer and harder than the race will actually demand of you.

Imagine competing in a marathon wearing only one shoe. You’d most likely not finish the race, and you might even get injured. Or imagine running that marathon with little or no training. You probably would not finish the race; and even if you did, you likely would not finish well.

As I look back over the past year, I thank God for your willingness to serve as His resources in the race we are running. Your generosity with your time and money in 2010, together with God’s blessing, helped us to make great strides toward fulfilling our Kingdom Vision goals. For example:

- **Building approvals.** We received all the final planning board and other approvals we needed from Medford Township to proceed with our building plans.
- **Phase 1A Plan.** In November, we presented our plans to the congregation for the first part of construction.
- **Camp FAC.** God truly blessed our church in an amazing way with the donation of this former Boy Scout camp by one of our church members so that we can expand our reach for Jesus Christ.

I’m looking forward to continuing our race for souls in 2011, and I have high expectations for what God is going to do with us and through us. By the end of this year, as a church we are focusing on reaching at least two major milestones:

- **Complete Phase 1A of Kingdom Vision.** This will help us to prepare the way for the next phase of development and construction.
- **Camp FAC renovations.** We are aiming to complete renovations of the camp as quickly as possible so that lives may be transformed as people meet God in His creation.
- **Trust the Lord.** We need to continue to trust the Lord for His provision and direction. This building is a great training facility, and all our ministries are doing a great job of preparing us all to run the race—and to run it well.

The funds and time you are giving to the Lord truly are making all things possible. I want to thank you for your faithfulness, obedience, generosity and service unto the Lord.

—Brian Snyder, Executive Pastor

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not see it?”—Isaiah 43:18-19*





In 2010, a new Missions and Service Policy was designed to enable FAC to better support its "homegrown" missionaries as well as other missionaries serving on behalf of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Indeed, the FAC Missions Fund was supported in excess of \$250,000 in 2010--which is a great blessing considering the state of the economy! Thanks to both financial and volunteer support, FAC members were able to bless others in many different ways in 2010. Among them:

- **Serving.** Some 260 adults and youth took part in regional serving opportunities such as the Feeding 5000 ministry, Thanksgiving Day outreaches, and Urban Promise Serving Days.
- **Missions Trips.** Almost 40 people went on short-term mission trips globally or regionally in 2010. These included trips to Camden; Waveland, MS; Mexico, Iraq, and Senegal.
- **Care & Comfort.** This ministry provided meals, visitation, and transportation for many people.
- **Handyman projects.** The Crew 318 ministry provided handyman services to many people as well.
- **Support for youth.** Young people were supported as they connected to God's work through their school mission trips or internships over the summer.
- **Angel Tree.** In its new form, this ministry connected hundreds of FAC members with hundreds of families and children in our region.

### Looking Ahead

Among the many tasks and goals we hope to accomplish with the help of God and our church family in 2011 are:

- **Increasing donations.** We will increase the Missions Fund to \$300,000. This will allow us to make an even greater impact on our region and throughout the world.
- **More Mission trips.** We will be heading to Camden, West Virginia, Mexico, Iraq, and Ukraine.
- **Benevolence Center.** Opening a Benevolence Center that includes a food pantry, Good \$ense counseling, and other benevolent services like Care & Comfort and Crew 318.
- **Completing one service project per month.** This will enable our people to Connect to God's Work in nearby communities and cities.

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*To see how joyful the Mexican people are, especially those that live the simplest of lives, brought the word of God alive in my heart. I also have 10 new brothers and sisters in Christ whom the Lord has filled my heart with love for and will forever be dear to my heart. If you have ever considered serving on a missions trip, stop thinking and just go!—John Wager*

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*“Therefore, go forth and make disciples of all nations ...”—Matt. 28:19*

# Missions





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*Kid's Time In is an enjoyable serving opportunity. It is so much fun to play, read books, color and hold these adorable children. I love to watch the children grow and change over the short 4-5 months that I have them in class.—Pat Vickery*

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# PRE-K

God blessed our pre-K ministry with a very busy and fruitful year. Among the many highlights of 2010:

- Kids Bible Study (KBS). An average of 160 preschoolers were taught God's Word each weekend.
- Kid's Time In. A combined total of 305 children participated in the spring and fall sessions of this program for infants and toddlers, which includes live presentations of God's Word in our decorated story time room.
- True Treasures. A combined total of 102 kids participated in the combined spring and fall sessions, where God's Word was taught and the children were provided with related arts and crafts and other activities to reinforce the lessons.
- Preschool Vacation Bible School. Some 130 3-year-olds through kindergarteners enjoyed three days of fun, fellowship and learning about God's great love and power.

### Looking Ahead

The Preschool Vacation Bible School and our popular annual Angel Breakfast will both be back in 2011. In addition, we have prayerfully set several new goals for the coming year. They include:

- A new curriculum. This will help us to improve the weekend KBS program.
- Going online. We hope to explore opportunities to provide online materials through the FAC website for parents to use throughout the week to reinforce lessons taught to their children.
- A mural painting team. We hope to establish such a team to paint murals in all the preschool rooms.

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”—Luke 18:16*

# Ministry

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*As a parent of an athlete and being a coach for years I have personally seen the impact a coach can make on a child's life. Upward sports ... combines the Word of God with sports. To be able to minister to kids in an environment they love is a unique and awesome opportunity. —Don Hacker*

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The Upward flag football league was launched as an outreach in spring 2010. We were hoping to register 60 kids in kindergarten through the fifth grades. We ended up with 115 and, needless to say, the league was a huge success in its first year. Thanks to the prayers of more than 100 volunteers who prayed daily, more than 40 people volunteered as coaches, referees, commissioners, and field crew. About 35 percent of the kids who played were from outside FAC; all the kids not only learned the basics of football, but they also learned sportsmanship and Christian character. Among other highlights of 2010:

- **Kid Quest 2010.** 145 children in grades 1-4 attended a week of Bible-learning, fun, and discipleship in July. The kids raised more than \$1,100 for missionaries in Iraq. Over 50 volunteers (mostly FAC high schoolers) committed to serve the kids all week.
- **Level 5 Adventure Camp.** 33 fifth-graders and 8 leaders spent a week in August exploring the life of Paul while also playing games and engaging in small discipleship groups.
- **Basketball Clinic and Cheerleading Camp.** 63 kids grades K-5 participated in our Basketball Clinic and Cheerleading camp at the end of July. Over 45 volunteers led the kids in drills and skills while also leading a devotional each evening and practiced a memory verse.
- **Grapple.** Launched in 2009 for 5th and 6th graders, this program grew significantly in 2010. Meeting most Sundays during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, about 30 young people per service are able to “grapple” with their questions about God, faith, friends, and other issues.

### Looking Ahead

In 2011, we ask you to join us in praying for God's blessing as we strive to:

- **Grow the Upward sports program.** We will add cheerleading for girls in grades K-5 and also include a new age division for flag football so boys and girls in grades K-8 can participate. We are aiming to see 50 percent of those kids involved being from outside of FAC.
- **Introduce a new KBS curriculum and strategy.** The goal is to develop the spiritual health of children by providing communication, resources and training that will encourage parents to actively participate in the spiritual formation of their children. We will also add more small groups to each grade; and we will need at least 64 volunteers to make this a reality.
- **Offer a parenting seminar.** It is designed to energize, excite and equip parents to move from behavior modification to a heart-based approach to parenting.

*"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing there."—Zech. 8:5*

# Elementary School Ministry



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*Planet 678 has been an amazing experience that has helped me grow with God over the past year and a half and I'm still growing. In Planet you are challenged in your faith to become a stronger Christian. I have done this through regular Planets on Sunday nights, on the awesome retreats and now through Supernova. I feel at Planet everyone there is devoted to helping kids grow in their spiritual life and that is exactly what I have done. Planet is an awesome experience where you can have fun with your friends while including God.—Kira Fisher*

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The Planet 678 middle school ministry at Fellowship Alliance Chapel experienced a tremendous year of fun, excitement and spiritual growth in 2010. Besides the weekly youth program held on Sunday nights at Medford Memorial Middle school, the students were:

- **Taken on three retreats.** The students went to Lake Champion, NY, in the spring; to Refreshing Mountain Camp in Pennsylvania in summer; and to Camp Dark Waters in the Fall. These retreats focused on encouraging students to take new steps in their spiritual lives and make new commitments to following Jesus Christ.
- **Provided with opportunities to serve.** The students were also provided with various service project opportunities during the summer. They were able to make an impact on the local community by doing clean-up projects and general maintenance on the homes of those with disabilities.

### Looking Ahead

Our main goal for Planet 678 in 2011 is to make a smooth, healthy transition to new leadership under Pastor Rob. As part of this goal, we hope to:

- **Invest in development.** We are striving to develop a new adult volunteer team.
- **Challenge.** We are aiming to challenge the students to grow in their faith in God and understanding of the Bible.
- **Cast a vision for future ministry.**

*“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”—Prov. 22:6*

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*God has used the high school youth ministry to bless my life immensely. I've gotten involved in so many ministries ... and I've found how much I love serving God and His people. I know my life wouldn't be the same if we didn't have the incredible youth ministry that we do. —Jessica Hannon*

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2010 was a great year for the IMPACT high school ministry at FAC. We started our Teen Alpha program for the first time. We ran it twice, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. More than 100 high school students attended between the two sessions. Ten students accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, and three more were baptized as a result of Teen Alpha! Among other highlights of 2010:

- **Baptism night.** We ended our summer program with a baptism night at the home of one of our leaders. Twenty-three students were baptized with more than 150 people—fellow students, parents and friends—in attendance.
- **Youth Weekend.** We held a youth weekend at FAC in where the students helped to run the weekend services in October. Students led worship, shared their testimonies and more than 70 teens served in the Greeting ministry.

### Looking Ahead

Our primary goal for 2011 is to help our students live out what we are calling “The Cause,” which is basically the Great Commission! We are focusing on teaching them what it means to share their faith and then providing opportunities for them to do just that. We really want students to move from passive observers to active participants in their faith.

One way we already did this in 2011 was through a Girls' Night outreach to the community called “Cinderella's Closet” on March 12. Girls from the community were invited to a spa night where they got their hair and nails done by professionals and also got to “shop” for a prom or other special event dress from dresses donated by other girls and women in the church.

We held our annual high school Lake Champion retreat on the weekend of March 25-27. Among other goals for 2011 are:

- **Feeding 5,000 ministry.** We are continuing to help with this ministry to the homeless on the second Saturday of every month.
- **Mission to Ensenada, Mexico.** We are scheduled to take a team of 20-25 students to minister to this community during the week of July 30-August 6.
- **Fall Retreat.** Our retreat will take place the weekend of Oct. 21-23, and we are expecting 60 to 70 students to participate.

*“A wise son heeds his father's instruction.”—Prov. 13:1*

# Impact



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*FUEL has helped me grow not only as a person, but also in my faith in God. I have learned so much more about God and the Bible than I ever have before. In addition to the great friends I've made, Fuel has also helped me in making some life changing decisions.* —Jessica Marcoux

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The Fuel young adult ministry has been around for less than three years, but it has already seen tremendous growth in size and depth. Among the many highlights of 2010:

- **Membership growth.** Attendance continued to grow at our weekly gatherings and twice-yearly retreats. Our spring retreat at Lake Champion and our fall retreat in Ocean City were the best-attended yet—39 and 30, respectively!
- **Urban Promise.** In August, Fuel members ministered to hundreds of children and youth at the Urban Promise Ministry in Camden.
- **Baptisms.** We had 10 baptisms in the spring and summer!
- **Summer BBQ.** The Outreach Summer BBQ drew more than 100 people despite a mid-event thunderstorm. (Fuel outdoor events tend to draw thunderstorms, but God blesses them anyway.)
- **New leaders.** We established a team of eight young people to serve as leaders alongside our team of 7 adult leaders.

### Looking Ahead

In 2011, Fuel will be specifically geared toward helping young adults know the “real” Jesus more personally and share Him with their friends. Among the ways we’ll do this are through:

- **Missions.** In our group’s first foreign mission trip, 10 “Fuelers” and leaders will share the Gospel this summer at an English Camp in Ukraine with missionaries Ben and Kristy Williams. Fuelers will also serve in work groups and as support staff to a children’s day camp in Camden.
- **Campus Alpha.** Starting March 3, this ministry will meet each Thursday night throughout the spring and give young adults the chance to discuss the questions of life in a relaxed environment. Fuel will also be working with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to bring Alpha into local high schools.
- **Special events and retreats.** The Spring Lake Champion retreat takes place May 20-22. We would like to take 50 young adults to join with several other churches for fellowship and worship.
- **Small group studies.** Meeting biweekly for relational growth with peers and Jesus, some of these studies are co-ed, while others are single gender. Two already on tap include “The Gospel in Life” and “Discerning the Voice of God.”

*“A wise son brings joy to his father.”—Prov. 15:20*

FUEL



*It is a privilege to serve our Lord through the Prayer Ministry. Seeing people come forward to share their struggles and needs is humbling in itself. But we are blessed by the humble, broken attitude that these people have after an encounter with God's Word.--Bud and Tina Grimmie*



### Weekend Prayer Ministry

The very important Weekend Prayer Ministry is intended primarily to pray for the people who come forward requesting prayer after the services. In addition, their prayer cards are, with their permission, forwarded to the Elders, who pray for them the following week, and to the Partners in Prayer ministry, which also prays for them and sends a card of encouragement.

For those who have no small group involvement, we encourage them to get involved. If there are other needs such as counseling, discipleship, or financial concerns we try to facilitate connections that meet the needs. Our goal is to help people take the next step toward the Lord.

Since the Weekend Prayer Ministry began in May 2010, the team prayed for 240 people through the end of December.

#### Looking Ahead

Our biggest goal for 2011 is to be sensitive to what God is doing in each person's life who comes forward, and to help God's work in his or her life by encouraging and praying for them.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."—James 5:16*

#### Next Steps

Next Steps is designed to help people become familiar with FAC and to get assimilated into the life of our church. This ministry helps people to get to know our VBP's – our values, beliefs and practices. All of this is covered in a nine-week cycle; however, people can start or stop at any point. Currently it meets Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is run like a Mini-church.

Sixty-nine people participated in Next Steps in 2010. Many of them got connected to Mini-churches, to the choir, and to the men's and women's ministries, while others committed to serve in other ministries. One couple even met, began dating, and ultimately got married through Next Steps. They now serve together in FAC's Welcome ministry!

#### Looking Ahead

In the coming year, we plan to:

- Increase the visibility of Next Steps so that everyone is aware of it.
- Increase the number of Next Steps groups as more people come to FAC. This may involve multiple nights with various leaders depending on the extent of our growth. This will increase as our new building plans move forward.
- Make a greater effort to have all new people come through Next Steps.

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."—1 Cor. 12:27*

Weekend Prayer/Next Steps Ministries



*Week after week in the Relationship Recovery group we see God at work. A new person will arrive and begin to share his or her story. Almost immediately, another person can identify ... and say to the new person, 'I've been there. You are going to make it through this.' Over the course of weeks and months we begin to witness hearts and lives being healed. The group is a great example of God's plan for community and 'One Anothering' within His church.—Susan Howell*



# Support

Under the leadership of Pastor Ed Stiegel, FAC's Pastoral Care ministry consists of three primary ministries—Support groups, Lay Counseling and Love in Action—all of which had a busy and fruitful year of service in 2010. Some highlights:

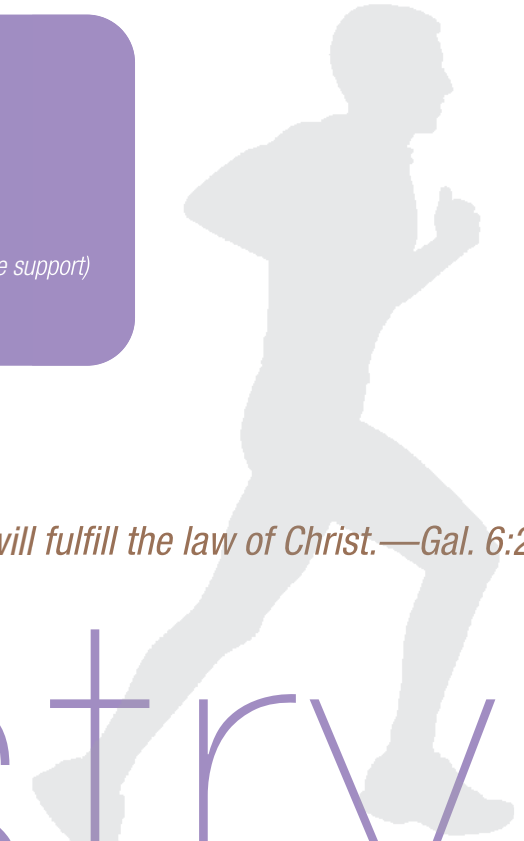
- **Love in Action.** With more than \$110,000 donated to this ministry, the church body assisted 62 individuals and 70 families with contributions toward food and grocery certificates; clothing; mortgage/rent; property taxes; utility bills; car expenses, including insurance, repairs and gas; medical and dental expenses; funeral costs, and individual, marriage or family counseling. One car was donated in 2010.
- **Support Groups.** Led by 57 volunteer facilitators, FAC's ten support groups meet weekly, biweekly or monthly. In 2010, 513 people participated in these groups, with an average attendance of 134 (plus an average of 44 facilitators), totaling 178 per group meeting. In addition, a total of seven workshops, attended by 202 participants, were held throughout the year.
- **Lay Counseling.** FAC has 22 lay counselors (16 women; 6 men), who counseled with 93 individuals in 707 counseling sessions in 2010.

#### Some of the Support Groups Available at FAC

- *Fresh Hope (Single Moms and their children)*
- *SNOW Den (Special Needs Outreach and Witness)*
- *Helping Hand Grief Support*
- *Living Through Suicide*
- *Path to Purity (Men)*
- *Relationship Recovery*
- *Serenity Support*
- *12 Steps God's Way*
- *The Third Option (Marriage support)*
- *Biblical Counseling*

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.—Gal. 6:2*

# Ministry







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*Serving as a live audio tech, I hear, and add my small part to, all the music for the weekend at least five times, with two practices and three services. For me, it is worship every time. We call it "serving," but I feel like I get much more out of it than I give to it.*  
—Brian Sutton

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**W**e believe that God created man to live in a consistent relationship with Him. It is the primary work of the Worship Ministry at FAC to help people connect with God in our weekend worship services. More than 200 people participate in FAC's Worship Ministry; this number includes all those singers, instrumentalists, behind-the-scenes audio and video technicians, who support our seven worship teams and our choir.

All told, our worship teams and choir perform at more than 150 weekend services and other ministry events each year.

In October we celebrated FAC's 30th Anniversary. It was powerful time to look back at the faithfulness of God and His people and to look forward to how God will be glorified through FAC in the future. We also got to see more than 70 people baptized in one weekend, and see many people come to Christ for the first time! We look forward to seeing how God will work and move among His people in 2011.



*“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.”—Psalm 100:2*

# Ministry

**General Fund – 2010**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2,697,785.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Personnel	1,823,759.00
Administration	343,799.00
Property/Facilities	276,177.00
Children/Youth/Fuel Ministries	102,079.00
Adult Ministries	83,211.00
Worship Ministries	49,648.00
<b>Total 2010 expense</b>	<b>2,678,673.00</b>

**Kingdom Vision Fund II – 2010**

<b>KV II Pledge 2010 - 2012</b>	<b>4,060,687.00</b>
<b>Revenue Pledged 2010</b>	<b>791,342.00</b>
<b>Revenue Received 2010</b>	<b>863,464.00</b>

**Benevolent Fund (Love In Action) – 2010**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>104,709.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>100,656.00</b>

**Missions and Service – 2010**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>260,048.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Great Commission Ministries	156,151.00
FAC Missions and Service	103,897.00
Total 2010 expense	260,048.00

As you read the Annual Report as a whole, and this financial report in particular, I hope that you will pause to thank God for allowing us to play a part in what He is doing in our church, in our community, and around the world.

This report reflects far more than simply numbers relating our church finances. It reflects changed lives. It reflects healed marriages. It reflects ministry around the world. And it reflects joy in serving.

One of the many ways in which we show our appreciation for what the Lord has given to us all is through our tithes and offerings. Through the four different funds represented on the previous page, you can see just how much God can multiply our effectiveness when we all come together.

Indeed, because of your faithfulness in giving to the General Fund, we have a strong ministry base locally that is impacting lives for eternity. Because of your faithfulness in giving to the Kingdom Vision Fund, we have the ability to expand our buildings and facilities, so we can continue to make room for the people yet to come, as well as to impact their lives for an eternity through our ministries. Because of your faithfulness in giving to the Benevolence Fund, we are able to help people in our community and church with their physical needs in the midst of crises. And because of your faithfulness in giving to the Missions and Service Fund we are able to send people to carry the Good News of the gospel around the world, impacting lives for all eternity.

On behalf of Pastor Marty, the Elders, the entire staff and myself, I want to thank you for your faithfulness in tithing and being willing to sacrifice for the Lord.

—Brian Snyder, Executive Pastor

*“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap...for with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

*—Luke 6:38*

# Stewardship

