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What's New This Month?

<u>Update on the Summer</u>: The Chapel season is in its last week of regular programs before we enjoy a month of weekend concerts. Praise the Lord for how He has worked powerfully through us this summer! We are thankful for each and every individual who has visited and ministered alongside us this season. Please keep us in prayer as we look forward to assessing the past season and planning for what lies ahead!

- O Week Seven: On Saturday, we had three new staff from Virginia join us—Ben Hammer, Cullen Dinneen, and Justin Repass—who greatly blessed the Chapel with fresh energy and new talents for two whole weeks. The church group, Matthews OPC from North Carolina with Pastor Justin Rosser, also arrived on Saturday. Not only did the group do a great job helping with programs and evangelism all week long, but they brought along an experienced worker, Jeremy, who built a new bunkbed for the staff and shelves for the kitchen, as well as assisting with several other projects. On Thursday, a new guest musician, Eddy Mann from a church in Hamilton Square, NJ, helped with the program, and we greatly enjoyed his music and hope to have him back next season. The following Saturday, we were blessed with a concert by the worship group of Calvary Fellowship in Cedarville, NJ.
- Week Eight: A brand new church group came for Week Eight, known as Friday Night Live and led by Charlie Fenton of Amoskeag Presbyterian Church in New Hampshire. The youth did a great job, loved helping us out, and hope to return next year with more friends! On Monday and Tuesday, we were blessed to host training from Dan Wilson from the Student Outreach of Harvest USA who spoke about biblical sexuality. From Wednesday through Monday, Rev. Stan Sutton came to assist with preaching and evangelism, and during Thursday night's program we were blessed by exciting worship music led by our enthusiastic friend Stevie Prather! For Friday's program, a special group called the S.W.A.T. Team from Springfield, MO, visited to share their rendition of God Bless America. That Saturday, many of our staff left but we were blessed by the arrival of new staff Mark Turner and Elissa Pickle. The remaining staff visited the local Praise in the Park at the Cape May Zoo and two friends, Mike Polach and Eric Rapp, were able to give the staff a break by putting on a joint concert that evening.
- Week Nine: Toward the end of the summer, the Chapel shifts gears by hosting pastors and their families from the Presbytery of New Jersey instead of regular church groups. Over the weekend, Rev. Steve McDaniel and family came for a visit. On Monday and Tuesday, David Nakhla from OPC Diaconal Ministries made a special trip to visit and talk to our leaders about the highlights of the summer and plans for the future. The NJ family for Week Nine was Pastor Tom Church from Immanuel OPC in Bellmawr. Also, we hosted a guest, JP Sank from Grace PCA in Mount Laurel, to share his Toy Zone for children for several afternoons. On Thursday, we were blessed to have Bill Welte and Jim Lang from America's Keswick with a group who shared music and testified of God's redeeming grace in their lives. On Saturday, the remaining staff served at the Peach Festival in Middletown, DE, and Baz McGuire and Uncle Mike gave a concert that evening.

September Calendar

Complete Summer Calendar

Concert Weekend 1: Sept 2 – 3

- Fri: Under the Fall
- Sat: Heaven's Thunder Band

Concert Weekend 2: Sept 9 – 10

- Fri: Dan Meredith of Soli Deo Gloria Ministries
- Sat: Baz McGuire and 288 Band

Concert Weekend 3: Sept 16 – 17

- Fri: Wendy Schettig
- Sat: Liam Slack and the Very Least

Concert Weekend 4: Sept 23 – 24

- Fri: Tim and Christine Carroll
- Sat: Matt diVenti

Concert Weekend 5: Sept 30 – Oct 1

- Fri: Ginni Corsello with Nova B'rit
- Sat: Descendants of Noah

Wildwood Events:

See this <u>Calendar</u> and please pray that the Chapel does well during seasonal events!

- Week Ten: On Sunday, another end-of-summer staff, Greg Horst, joined us to help for a few weeks. From Monday through Friday, the family of Bill Slack from River of Life in Phillipsburg, NJ, helped out with the evangelistic efforts and music for the nightly programs. From Tuesday through Friday, Teaching Evangelist Al Baker from the PCA visited to check out the ministry and offer some training on starting evangelistic conversations. On Wednesday, the Boardwalk Chapel Committee (made up of Elder Ron Elwell, Elder Bruce Fenton, Rev. Bill Slack, and Rev. Jim Zozzaro) met for lunch at A&LP in North Wildwood with the Chapel leaders to review the summer and begin future planning. The Committee joined all the staff for supper and the evening program. From Friday to Sunday, we hosted JP Sank and his Toy Zone for a second time.
- Week Eleven: As we reach our last week of programs, we are blessed to have Elder Ron Elwell and his family from Faith OPC in Pole Tavern, NJ, along with a number of their friends to help with preaching and music—including Kristy Rosenbaum, Mike Polach, Pastor Andrew Barshinger, and Pastor Dick Ellis. On Monday through Wednesday, we were blessed by the return of René and Rommi Kinard from Freedom in Christ Ministries in Hanover, PA, who blessed us with music during the program. This Friday and Saturday, we expect to enjoy special concerts by an acoustic group, Under the Fall, and their expanded rock group, Heaven's Thunder Band.
- September Concerts: Please check out the sidebar for all the upcoming concerts this month! We still have openings at the Chapel if anyone would like to visit during that time and help with evangelism, learn about apologetics and defending the faith, and more. Please contact us through email for more information about this opportunity!

Praise the Lord for All of Our Staff!

- o Committee Members: Ron Elwell, Bruce Fenton, Bill Slack, Jim Zozzaro
- o Year Round Leaders: Jim Zozzaro, Rich Seither, Elizabeth Horst
- Summer Staff Leaders and Coordinators: Chris Byrd, Tim Hsu, Sarah Buckley, Megan Siegle, Ben Faudree, Susanna Buckley, Joshua Zozzaro, Cal & Edie Cummings, Miranda Bonifield
- Summer Volunteer Staff: Nate Cochran, Ginni Corsello, Mallory Davis, Danny Dieckmann, Jedidiah English, Elijah English, Ophelia Flowers, Mikayla Lindsey, Gregory Lort, Celina McGowan, Katrina Morton, Abby Prins, Alexandra Ramey, Hannah Rao, Teri Smith, Anastasia Strong, Mikaela Wilson
- Special Volunteer Staff: Jenny Ningning Jiang, Morielle Stroethoff, Caleb De Ruiter, Jacob Zozzaro
- o Junior Staff: Desiree, Jewel, and Destiny Seither; Josiah Zozzaro
- End-of-Summer Staff: Ben Hammer, Justin Repass, Cullen Dinneen, Mark Turner, Elissa Pickle, Gregory Horst

Prayer Requests:

- O Hopeful Converts: Praise the Lord for all of His mercies toward the lost! Please continue to pray for all who have had positive contact with the gospel that they would be changed by the Holy Spirit and joined in community with the Body of Jesus. Especially pray for our international friends who have made professions of faith over the summer that they would return to their own communities overseas as salt and light for Jesus!
- Committee Decisions: Please pray for our Committee and other year round leaders as they assess the summer and begin to prepare and plan for the future. In particular, please pray for wisdom as they consider renovating, expanding, and rebuilding the Chapel buildings, especially in light of the desire to have the ministry grow to serve Wildwood and greater South Jersey in a year round fashion. Pray that the Lord would provide great unity as the leaders weigh options and seek to make decisions that glorify God by wisely using the tremendous ministry gifts He has given us!

Ministry Opportunities

September Weekend Openings:

We still have room for volunteers who want to help with cleaning through September and for visitors who hope to spend a weekend on the shore to enjoy fellowship, evening concerts, and optional apologetics training!

Church Ministry Weeks in 2017:

Next year's calendar is open in July and August for churches who are interested in spending a week serving with us!

Maintenance Needs:

We are grateful for Home Depot gift cards or checks of any amount to help us finish out the year. Our upgrades and maintenance account is nearly depleted and repairs are ongoing.

Thank you for serving alongside us in the Lord!

Summer Testimonials

Video Testimonials (Thank you to OPC STM's Admin Assistant Janet Birkmann!)

- 1st Page: Mikaela Wilson (Audio-Visual), Danny Dieckmann (Evangelism), Katrina Morton (Evangelism), Sarah Buckley (Music), and Ginni Corsello (Evangelism)
- 2nd Page: Gregory Lort (Music), Elissa Pickle (Domestic/Evangelism), Jenny Ningning Jiang (Evangelism), Wilfredo Hernandez (Staff Alumni: Music), and Morielle Stroethoff (Domestic/Evangelism)
- 3rd Page: Megan Siegle (Music), Chris Byrd (Evangelism), Anastasia Strong (Drama), Ben Faudree (Drama)

Written Staff Testimonials

- Alexandra Ramey (Drama): Article "A Place of Love and Joy and Fellowship"
- Megan Siegle (Music): <u>Article</u> "Christians Have a Reason to Sing"
- All Chapel-related updates and stories can be found <u>here</u>.



Jedidiah English (Drama): I am a member of Matthews OPC in North Carolina and this is my second summer on staff. I serve on the drama team, bringing my experience from Eagles' Wings Studio back at home to demonstrate the gospel through fine acting during the nightly program. I have been blessed to work with the other staff and also came with my brother [Elijah

(Evangelism)] and two friends from Matthews [Celina (Drama) and Mikayla (Music)]. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to spend the past two summers working and evangelizing with a truly amazing group of people, and look forward to seeing how the Boardwalk Chapel continues to develop as it serves its part in building the Kingdom of Heaven.

Neighbor Testimonial by Stephen Rizzo: Our neighbor, Steve, has worked next door all summer at Angelo's Pizza for owner John Lancellotti and attends programs when able. He recently shared about how the Lord has been teaching Him to serve through his gift of preparing and serving food.



I am an intern resident of World Impact's leadership program and received permission to take the summer off to come and

help Johnny. This was a great answer to prayer from many of the staff since he was stressed last year and I was able to help him out. I have tried to be a good witness for Jesus at Angelo's by sharing the gospel with the other employees, playing Christian music in the store, and attending Calvary Church when I am able. My friend and mentor, Raj Lewis, came and visited during the summer and was very impressed by the Chapel and would have loved to be more involved but he had a lot of family responsibilities. I know that God has been working in me since I heard about the Chapel the first time I visited Wildwood. I have worked with the Lancellottis for years, including Angelo's for 23 years, and I knew Johnny when he was little. God's power is awesome in the way He reveals Himself to me, especially through prayer, though I often pray for the realistic and small things, such as for the air conditioner to keep working after many years. I admire Johnny's prayers, since he often prays for big things, like for world peace. The important thing is that God's power is shown in prayer and I try to share that with everyone and praise the Lord for it. Soon, I will return to Chester, PA, to live at the leadership home and will begin a new position at City Team International Ministries as the executive sous chef. My ambition is to serve God in shelters and soup kitchens, and I pray that one day I will be able to serve in a shelter in Wildwood.