

# The Boardwalk Chapel

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#### Merry Christmas from the Boardwalk Chapel!

As we look back on the summer of 2016, we are thankful for all of the Lord's gifts to us, but most of all for the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the One we desire to share with people in Wildwood year after year. This edition is filled with testimonies of God's goodness to us. May you read of the experiences of others and be blessed!

René and Rommi Kinard, Freedom in Christ Ministries, Hanover, PA, Guest Musicians: Dear friends at the Chapel, My name is René Kinard. My wife Rommi and I are the ministers of Freedom In Christ Ministries in Hanover, PA. We have had the honor to see God move through the young people at the Boardwalk Chapel. In the last four years of our involvement, we were challenged by the youth to share the Love of Jesus to those in need. We also were impressed by the talent and the commitment from all of the staff!! We would just like to say, "Keep working for Jesus, He is worthy of all of our gifts and talents!" Blessings from Hanover, PA, René and Rommi

Pastor Jeff Winter, First Presbyterian Church in Haines City, FL, Staff Alumni 1978 and 1979: Judy and I were staff members the summers of 1978 and 1979. It was former Chapel Director Jon Stevenson's first years as the "man in charge." He and his wonderful wife Marian modeled great warmth and hospitality throughout the summer. Judy and I remember very good times in the Dunn House, singing on the front porch, lots of starchy dinners, late night heart to heart conversations, a lot of spirited beach evangelism (my, I had a good tan!), awesome chapel skits, Dave Petty and his worship leadership, watching out for the tram car, and bringing our new born son, Kenneth, with us our second summer in Wildwood. Thanks, Jon, for providing Judy and me two terrific summers.

(More testimonies on the next page!)

#### **Prayer Requests and Ministry Opportunities**

- Please Pray for the Staff and Church Ministry Teams as they prepare for next summer. Especially pray that the Lord will prepare and provide for our summer leaders—the Evangelism, Music, Drama, and AVL Coordinators at the Chapel and the House Parents at the staff dorm—and for all our new summer volunteers.
- Please **Pray** for our **Director** and **Admin Assistant** as they set up the calendar for the new year and for the **Chapel Committee** as it plans for future renovations and growth.
- Do you want to Minister with us in 2017? We officially begin accepting New Staff
  Applications on January 1, but it is never too early to apply! Check out this link to read
  more information and download a Volunteer Staff member application. Musicians and
  Church Teams, please email us today to check on current openings!

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Timothy Hsu, Assistant Evangelism Coordinator, 2016: More than anything else, this summer at the Chapel was characterized by one word: prayer. We prayed more intentionally, regularly, spontaneously, and fervently than we did last summer or at any other time or place I have ever seen. ... One of the most exciting and fruitful ways we saw God at



work this summer was through the friendships we built with our neighbors working on the boardwalk, some local to the Jersey/Philly area but mostly internationals in Wildwood for summer jobs. Last summer, we made some efforts to connect last summer with some limited success; this summer, the Lord threw the floodgates open: We befriended Muslims from Egypt, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Bangladesh, and Jewish people from Israel; we encountered atheists, Catholics, and Eastern Orthodox believers from Canada, Ecuador, Russia, Croatia, Romania, Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, and other eastern European countries; we encouraged and were encouraged by brothers and sisters in Christ from China, Burma, Indonesia, Ghana, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. The Lord has long brought the nations to Wildwood each year, but I am truly amazed at the friendships He allowed us to forge among so many of them this summer. ... *Read the rest on Facebook*.

John from Angelo's Pizza, Neighboring Store to the Boardwalk Chapel: Hello, I saw the Lord working through Lenny Chanoux when I saw him preaching and talking to people on the Boardwalk. The way he explained about the works of Jesus was coming from the heart and the Lord used it to change my heart. Lenny told me about Jesus and how He works through us. I really didn't know who Jesus really was, so the way he explained it to me helped me see and hear the truth that was helping other people, too. Lenny went to Eritrea, Africa, a couple times to preach the gospel. In November 2010, the Lord called Lenny Chanoux to be with Him in heaven. I also saw the Lord working through Chris Byrd by the way he explained the Word of God to people and the patience he had. I saw the love he has for God and that he wanted to show how much God loves us. I respect and love these guys, not only because they were my friends but also because of the way they were working to help people and show them the way to the Lord.

Elijah English, Staff Alumni, 2016: For several years, I had been coming up to the Chapel for short periods of time. Three of my older brothers, my sister-in-law, and one of my best friends had all been on staff. So, I knew a lot about the Chapel, how it ran, a general idea of the time schedule, etc. However, actually being on staff was a completely different experience. It truly is an amazing experience, living with 25 of some of the most amazing, Christ-centered people I've ever met. I came back from 2½ months of ministry at the Chapel, and it felt like it had been at least a year. Being there showed me the total depravity of man in a way I hadn't really experienced until then. God grew me in ways I never would've imagined and gave me a new perspective on full time ministry. He grew in me the desire to fully and truly devote me life to the spread of His kingdom, whatever that may look like for my life. I was continually impressed with Pastor Jim Zozzaro, Cal and Edie Cummings who served as our house parents, all of the leaders, and all my fellow staff members. The unity of the staff this year was completely a movement of the Holy Spirit. If I get another chance to serve all summer, I would love to do it again.



**Eddy Mann, Guest Musician in 2016:** On a beautiful warm Thursday evening during this past August, I was blessed to lead a time of worship at the Boardwalk Chapel. Though I've certainly frequented the Chapel over the years, this was my first time witnessing the community at work. I was overwhelmed with the spiritual joy and energy that was on display. The youth that had gathered that night were amazingly vibrant in their message, and I even invited one to step up on the platform to share some banjo on one our songs. The crowd of on-lookers who stopped and blocked the pedestrian traffic on the boardwalk was an inspiring sight. So I guess it's no surprise that I can't wait to return and be blessed next summer! Pray on, Eddy Mann