

NEWSLETTER

The Boardwalk Chapel

Wildwood, NJ



UPDATES

Our summer is in full swing! It's crazy how fast the summer is flying by, we've gone through 1 conference, 3 training weeks, and we've already had 1 church group spend a whole week with us!

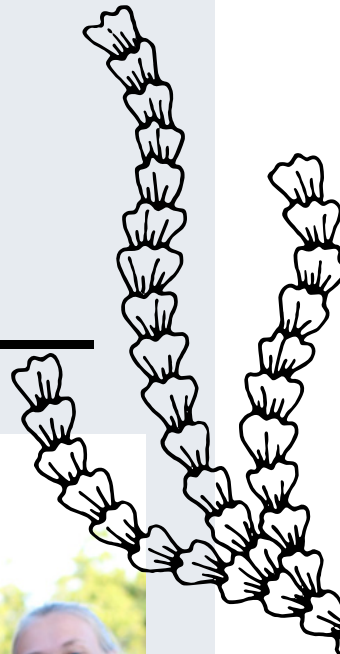
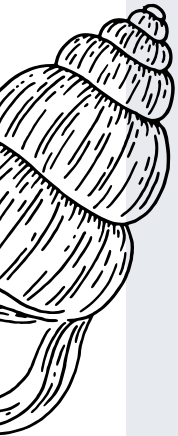
We are praising God for a successful start to the summer, and pray for continual blessings on this season. We are excited for all of the church groups that will be coming each week, as well as the various staff members who will be coming though out the summer.

It truly is such a blessing to be apart of God's work here in Wildwood. Over 75 years later, the Lord is still working, still using us, and we continue to see fruit. Make sure to read Chris Byrd's message below to hear a wonderful testimony from someone we met on the boardwalk.

Please continue to pray for us. Pray for unity, boldness, and joy. The work is hard and tiring, but rewarding, and we are thankful to do it.



We hope you are encouraged by the various reports in this newsletter. The Lord is at work in Wildwood, and we invite you to come and join us, in whatever capacity that you can. Use your gifts, whatever they are, to spread the Gospel, encourage the rest of the staff, and to build up the ministry. We would love to have you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Evangelism Conference

August 29-Sept 2

Early byrd cost: \$400

Teachers: Rev. Chris Byrd & Rev. Al Baker

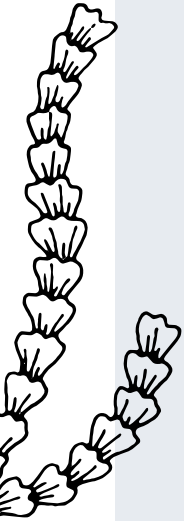
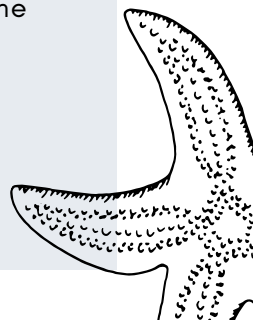
We invite you to come to our third annual Evangelism Conference! The conference is primarily aimed at church leaders, and our desire is to see local churches become more "Great Commissional". But the conference is open to all, and anyone interested in growing in evangelism is heartily welcomed to attend.

We invite you to come, not only to be equipped in evangelism, but to gain a refreshed and clearer vision for your local church. We will cover Biblical evangelism, defining the Gospel, Biblical prayer, the role of apologetics, among other things, and we will also discuss how to lead our churches in evangelism, and how to develop a culture of evangelism in your congregation, and how to better reach the community around you.



Training at the Boardwalk Chapel is like no other. Not only do we have seasoned evangelists, teachers, and pastors leading the teachings, but our training ground is in the backyard of the classroom. In the same day, you will soak up teaching and then begin to put it into practice on the boardwalk, where thousands of people who don't know Christ walk right by our Chapel. You will also be afforded lots of time for prayer, mutual encouragement, and fellowship with other pastors, leaders, and fellow Christians who are laboring towards the same goal.

So come. Walk away with a renewed vision for your church and a passion for evangelism. Together, let's renew our passion to see people be made into disciples, and to see God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven to the glory of Jesus!



CONFERENCE RECAPS

Street Preaching

We are praising God for such a successful Conference, as this was the start to our summer at the Boardwalk Chapel. Throughout the weekend, men young and old were trained in street preaching. They were given the chance to practice what they were learning and share the gospel to the thousands of people who passed by the Chapel this Memorial Day weekend. Leaps and bounds of growth and improvement were seen in those attending, praise be to God. It is our prayer that what they learned and practiced would take root, and that these men would continue to street preach and evangelize back in their local contexts.

Personal evangelism accompanied the Street Preaching. Many people off of the boardwalk came to talk to attendees and engaged in gospel conversations. We look forward to next year's conference!



School of Evangelism

We had 17 guests and 34 Boardwalk Chapel staff gather to be taught how to share the Good News of Jesus Christ at this year's School of Evangelism Training Week. Praise God for such a powerful week!

Despite inevitable rejection by people on the Boardwalk, we saw the Holy Spirit at work. He gave us boldness to go out and share the Gospel, and not only did He give boldness, He also gave a harvest! On Friday night alone, several people on the Boardwalk called on the name of the Lord.

Prayer is a large focus in the School of Evangelism. Rev. Chris Byrd, along with prior recordings of Dr. Krabbendam, emphasized the necessity of prayer in evangelism over and over again both in group instruction and in small prayer meetings. It truly was a blessing to see God directly answer our prayers throughout the week.

God is building his Church!

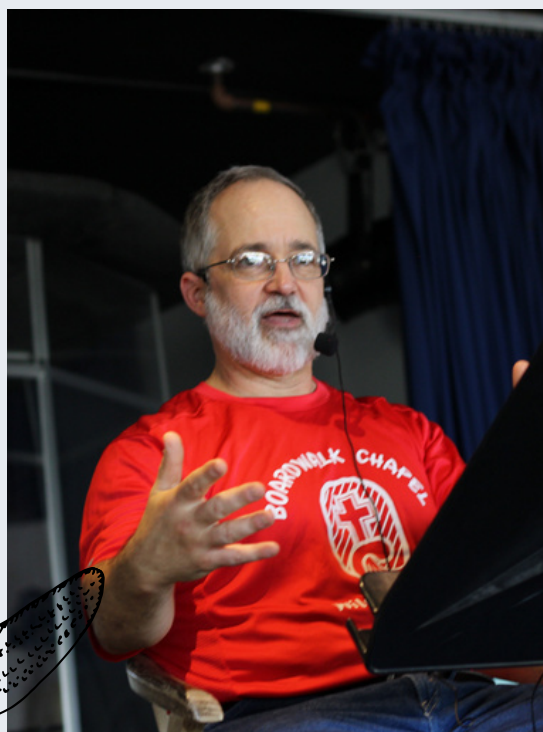


CONFERENCE RECAPS

Defining the Faith

Throughout 5 days of training, Pastor Jim covered 19 lectures about apologetics by walking through the Apostles Creed. Chapel staff and a group from College Hill Reformed Church spent the week listening to apologetics instruction during the day, and going out to do evangelism at night. In the evenings, we met and listened to counseling training to better equip us for our conversations with the lost. We learned about the beauty and logic of the Christian worldview, how to refute objections, and received the reminder that the focus should always be on the Gospel.

Thursday night, we saw amazing fruit. A team from the Chapel brought the Gospel to a man on the Boardwalk who called on the name of the Lord! Praise the Lord for the Chapel team who were ready to share their hope with the lost. Praise the Lord for apologetics training that equips and emboldens us in that proclamation!



Defending the Faith

Pastor Zozzaro kicked off the week by teaching us about different categories of worldviews—such as atheism, monism, and dualism—and as the week progressed, he taught us about God's sovereignty, and the hope that we have in Christ. He also spent a portion of time on what is often presented as the greatest dilemma for Christians: the "problem of evil". Alongside logical, philosophical, Scriptural explanations for the existence of evil, Pastor Zozzaro pointed out something important. Oftentimes when people struggle to reconcile God's goodness with the presence of evil, it is because those people have suffered terribly. So when we evangelize, when we share the Gospel with the lost, we need to reach out to them with the love of Christ, loving the hurting as Christ loves. When we engage in apologetics, it must be out of love and compassion, and centered around the hope of the Gospel.



TESTIMONY

RUAIRIDH WRIGHT (JUNIOR STAFF)

"It's very tiring, but it's very fulfilling work. I really appreciate the fellowship and always being around godly examples. Here, everyone really has a zeal for the Lord and want to please the Lord in everything. So it's really good following that example. I'm excited over the summer to see how much I've improved from even just the first few weeks. And see how much I've strengthened my relationship with Jesus. That sounds cliché but it's true. Everything here is so focused on glorifying God, and I'm excited to see how much I've strengthened my relationship with Jesus over the summer, and just... everything I do, trying to fix my heart posture and trying to do everything for God."

OPEN STAFF POSITIONS

We still have a few full-time staff openings for this summer.

- 2 male beds open on 7/26
- 4 female beds are officially open!

There are a few Jr Staff openings in both iterations as well!

2nd iteration (7/30-8/27)

- 3 male openings
- 2 female openings

Do you know anyone who may be interested? Have them email boardwalkchapel@gmail.com to reserve a spot today!



MESSAGE FROM OUR EVANGELISM DIRECTOR

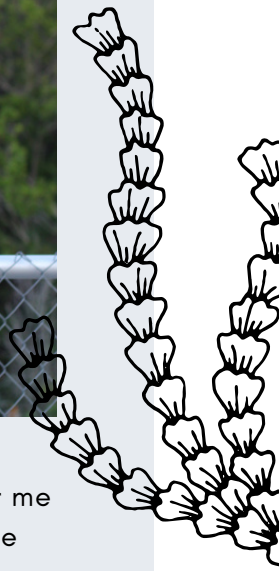
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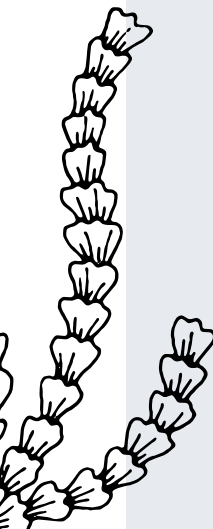
I am happy to report that staff are very prepared for the summer ministry as well as leading the youth groups and leading church groups in evangelism. As many of you know, we have split Pastor Jim's training week into 2 separate training weeks. Spacing out the training weeks allowed us to do more 'field practice'. In the past, we crammed a whole bunch of classroom teaching into two weeks. This year, by spacing out the training into three weeks, every night we got to go out for a couple hours. It gave the less experienced staff members more chances to go out and get experience with more skilled evangelists.

One of the things that the Lord has really been pressing on my mind and heart is 1 Corinthians 15:58, which is: 'Always be steadfast and immovable, abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.' I've had more of an awareness that what we do here (the seeds that we sow, every conversation we have with anyone about the Gospel, the words we share) regardless of what the response is, we can be confident that the Lord is going to bring fruit from that in some way. That is something the Lord has been impressing on my heart, and encouraged me with.



All of this was really highlighted for me one night. During our program, there was a man and his wife with their two young kids. And he shared with me, 'Oh, we're believers. This is wonderful, the work you've been doing is wonderful.' He said, 'In 2006, I was in front of the Chapel, and someone shared the Gospel with me. I didn't receive it at the time, but it planted a seed. Five years later I became a Christian.' Now, here he is vacationing with his family for the week, and they pray every morning for missionaries. He said his son prays every morning for the Boardwalk Chapel. So whoever shared the Gospel with him at the time just saw someone who didn't receive the Gospel, didn't receive the Word. And they didn't see the immediate fruit. But their labor was not in vain. And God sent him to encourage us. That planted a seed, that resulted in faith five years later.





MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Jim Zozzaro

We've had a great three weeks of training, getting everything ready! We're having a good first few weeks with our Junior Staff. That's something new this year, so we're excited to see how it works out over the first four-week iteration. We're also excited to see what changes we have to make for the second four-week iteration at the end of the summer, to make sure it's the best it can be for the Junior Staff. Now we are just getting into the full season. With the arrival of July 4th weekend, that means bigger crowds on the Boardwalk. We've got bigger bands coming in, so we should be doing a lot more evangelism. It should be getting lively here. We are just getting rolling into having youth groups every week, we are excited to get youth groups and new guests every week, we are just at the beginning!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety for staff
- Rest and energy for staff
- Unity among staff
- Safety for youth groups traveling
- Wisdom for leaders
- Wisdom for Junior Staff counselors Allison Mazarella and Rich Bell
- Lost souls on the boardwalk to be brought to the Chapel and hear the Good News
- Encouragement for those who serve in the background
- That all who serve here will know and be able to use their gifts

Thank you friends for your support, love, and your prayers. We truly appreciate you so much!

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

