



# Newsletter

## This Summer at a Glance

**Friday, June 20 - Young Adults Event**

**Friday, June 27 - Monday, June 30  
Velocity**

**Wednesday, July 2 - Sports, Art, And  
Drama Camp**

**Tuesday, July 8 - Women's Ministry  
Meeting**

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Youth Urban Promise Trip**

**Monday, Aug 11 - Friday, Aug 15  
VBS**

**Friday, Aug 29 - Young Adults Event**

## Pastor's Message

JERSEY TOMATOES!

Toward the end of May, right around Mothers Day, is Tomato planting time. I was taught this by a wise gardener, who taught me what I know today about planting tomatoes. One of the things that I discovered very quickly, was that in New Jersey we have the very best tomatoes world wide. Even my wife, who has typically not been very fond of tomatoes in the past, loves the Jersey tomatoes.

My first year of planting was quite an eye opener. I did not realize how much work it was going to be to prepare the ground for the plants, especially in an area that had never been used for a garden. Getting all the weeds, rocks, and roots out of the soil turned out to be quite an endeavor. Eventually, the ground was well prepared and I was able to put in my plants. Then I watered and waited. They grew throughout the summer months, and finally it was HARVEST time, and boy did we have tomatoes. We had so many tomatoes we did not know what to do with them all. So we ate and ate tomatoes. Tomato sandwiches, tomatoes and mozzarella with fresh basil, tomatoes in our salad, tomatoes on our burgers, and even a very sweet marinara sauce was made from the tomatoes we grew. Throughout the seasons, we have planted a couple different types of tomatoes, and in an attempt to spread out the harvest this season, we planted three different varieties of tomatoes. I'll have to let you know how it all works out.

As I was thinking about tomato growing, it occurred to me, that growing tomatoes is kind of like watching the church grow. There is a whole lot of work in the beginning, preparing the ground and planting. Then God brings the rains and allows the plants to grow and he brings in the harvest. At Ashland, we have been experiencing the fruit of God's harvest. This past year was an amazing year for Ashland. We have seen some wonderful growth both spiritually as well as numerically. God is blessing us. In September this past year we were able to celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness to this Church, and in May, we celebrated the completion of the Rebuilding the Foundations Campaign. As a part of this campaign, we saw many needed improvements to our facility, and so many people generously gave of their time, expertise, and finances. I'm sure that we all agree, it's been amazing watching God accomplish his work, and even more amazing actually being a part of it.

It's great to be your pastor,  
Jamie

*Phil 1:6 ...being confident of this , that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

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## Congratulations to our Graduates!



**Rick Graham** - graduated from Eastern High School. He has joined the Marine Reserves and starts with 13 weeks of training in S.C., onto infantry training for 3 weeks in N.C and, then, to California for class room training for 3-4 months.

**Nick Ciervo** - graduated from Rutgers with a B.A. in Journalism and Media Studies. He is continuing his education this fall at Drexel University where he will be pursuing his Masters in Television Management.

**Phillip Milakovic** - graduated from Liberty University with a B.A. in Religion and a major in Psychology. He works for an in-home counseling service at the present and has started courses towards his Masters.

**Steph Scarpa** - graduated from Rutgers.

### Preschool Playgroup



Wednesday Evenings

In July

7pm to 8:30pm



#### Age 3 to Entering Kindergarten

Your preschoolers will have a blast and make new friends while learning about Jesus through fun lessons, games, and snacks.



August 11th - 15th

9 am to 12 pm

Ages 3 to Jr. High

Hear the music and smell the popcorn. Come enter **Son World Adventure Park**, where kids will discover that choosing Jesus is the ticket to the best ride of their lives. Kids will experience the ride of their life through great music, wacky games, delicious snacks, and exciting Bible lessons.

*All programs have a suggested, but not required, donation of \$10 per child. (That means, if you can donate you are welcome to, but if you can't, PLEASE join us as well.)*



### Sports, Art, & Drama Camp

Wednesday Evenings In July

1st to 5th Grades

**Choice of Soccer, Basketball, Tae Kwon Do/Self Defense, Art, or Drama.**

After the elective time, we'll gather together for snacks and an interactive, multi-media Bible Lesson. *Soccer players, be sure to bring your soccer ball, cleats and shin guards. Basketball players, bring your basketball, if you have one.*

The Art class will be making decorations for our upcoming VBS, the Drama group will be working on a production that they will perform at our closing dinner that weekend, and the Tae Kwon Do class will be taught by Eric, a 3rd Degree Black Belt instructor from Holmes T.K.Do Martial Arts Center. Visit [www.holmestkdo.com](http://www.holmestkdo.com)

## Intergenerational Worship Service

What do the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," written by Martin Luther in 1529 and the song "Signature of Divine," produced by Needtobreathe in 2007 have in common? Anyone who is even slightly familiar with these two songs most likely has the impression that, besides involving sound, lyrics, and some kind of musical organization, there is absolutely no common denominator.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Ashland Church learned that these two songs, although very different in style, share a very significant common element: they have both served as instruments of God in strengthening the faith of his people. On this particular Sunday morning, our congregation witnessed testimonies of the Smith - Tait - Fleming families. We learned that God has been their mighty fortress through good and challenging times. Divinely inspired songs have helped this family of four generations to be still and listen to God, to turn to him in times of trouble, and to join all heaven in singing to our holy God. We learned of Liam Fleming's confidence in knowing that he is a signature of our divine God. On this morning, as other Sunday mornings, we had the privilege of worshiping with our multi-generational church family. We were mentored by those whose walk with God through the years has given them wisdom, and we were inspired by those whose experience with God is fresh and new everyday.

The music of that morning's worship service was extremely varied: probably not to be found in its entirety on anyone's ipod; but interestingly, it inspired new appreciation in God's work in strengthening the faith of our congregation through the years as well as in the present.

Carol Holmes - Music Director

## Summer Schedule - begins July 6

**9:00 AM - Christian Education** - age appropriate and fun Christian Education for everyone (from infants to adults)

**10:00 AM - Sunday Services**

**Fellowship to follow Service in Horner Hall**

## Upcoming Events

**Young Adults Event** - June 20 Speaker Mark Oliver

**Velocity** - June 27th - June 30th

**Wednesday Night Sports, Art and Drama Camp** - July 2 - August 6

**Women's Ministry Meeting** - July 8 @ 7:30 PM; to discuss upcoming events for next year, also to hear a report on the General Assembly which is taking place in June.

**Annual Picnic** - July 13th @ 12 PM

**Young Adult Event** - July 25 Speaker Kevin Gallagher

**Dr. Scott McKee** - Special Speaker July 27th

**Youth Urban Promise Mission Trip** - August 3rd - 9th

**VBS** - August 11 - 15

**Young Adult Event** - August 29 Barbeque, no speaker

**Women's Breakfast** - September 20 @ 9:00 AM, with guest speaker Karen Oudyk from the Grace Bible Church. Her topic will be "God Knows Us By Names" (a story on the life of Hagar).

**Young Adult Event** - September 26 TBD

**Fall Rummage Sale** - October 17th & 18th, help will be needed for setting up and sorting, for Saturday selling, and for cleanup.

**100th Anniversary Women's Ministry Celebration** - TBA

**Women's Christmas Dinner** - December 5th

## Mission Trips Are Not Just For Teens

This summer there are two local mission's opportunities being organized for High School students and adults. We are taking two weeks to serve Urban ministries in the Philadelphia area: Germantown Community Church and Urban Promise (Camden).

The Germantown Hope trip will be July 14th - 18th, a Monday through Friday trip where we will assist their summer day camp. We will drive over early in the morning (8 am) and return by 4 pm every day. This trip does not have any additional cost involved and we have room to take 5-10 people.

The Urban Promise trip is more involved. Between the dates of Aug 3rd - 9th we will be staying in Camden and working with other churches helping run UP's morning youth programs and cleaning/building in the afternoon. This is a week long exposure to the real life ministry in Camden, NJ. The cost is \$300 for this trip.

Ken Buck - Youth Ministries Director

## Always Going On...

**Wee Worship & Bell Choir** - on hiatus for the summer

**Kids & Youth Worship** - on hiatus for the summer

**Foug's Crew** - every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm until the end of June

**Youth Bible Study** - every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm until the end of June

**Middle School Youth Group** - every Sunday @ 5:00 pm

**Sr. High Youth Group** - every Sunday @ 7:00 pm

**Blanket Making /Knitting** - on hiatus for the summer

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - on hiatus for the summer

**Men's Prayer Group** - every Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 am

**Adult Choir** - every Wednesday @ 7:20 pm

**Worship Team** - every Tuesday @ 8:00pm

## Adventures In Mission Journal

For the past few months our Wednesday Night kids have been learning about different missionaries that we support or are affiliated with. We've done service projects and prayed for them to help support their ministries. I know the experience has been eye opening for myself and I've really seen our kids blossom as they hear about the needs of others and do things to serve them.

Read about all these nights throughout the newsletter and read what the kids had to say on the Ashland Kids page.

Janine Fleming - Children's Ministries Director

### *Journal*

## Feb 27th - ABC

[www.AfricanBookChallenge.org](http://www.AfricanBookChallenge.org)

We heard from Fred Acheampong about African Book Challenge. Fred told the kids what it was like to grow up in the town of Kwabeng, Ghana. He didn't even own a pair of shoes till he was eleven years old. The children there are happy and they know Jesus but their life is not easy.

ABC is trying to help by helping the schools there starting with the Presbyterian pre-school and kindergarten. Our kids served by bringing in their spare change for the children and raised \$265.78. Plus, some contributing families raised that to \$1031.56 for bathrooms for the Ghanaian children. One girl even had her friends donate money in lieu of gifts for her birthday! The school in Kwabeng is currently sharing two outhouses for 250 kids. Each child helped to color a page of an ABC book to help the pre-schoolers in Kwabeng learn their ABCs.

## Testimony

I was raised Catholic. My father was somewhat of a strict Catholic and my mother was a Methodist. I knew God but I did not walk with him. It wasn't until the late seventies that I turned my life over to Jesus and began my walk with him. It was through different programs that were held at my sister's church that I really felt that there was a whole lot more out there for me. After my father passed away, a friend of mine, who went to Ashland, invited me to come and sing with their choir because they needed voices for Christmas. I wasn't so sure about this but I came and tried it for a couple of weeks, decided to go on through Christmas, and here I have been ever since.

I became a member of the church in the year 2000. I have worked with the VBS and the Christmas programs since my very first year in this church. I joined Women's ministries because that is where I felt the Lord directing me. I have been President of the Women's Ministries for three years. There have been many times that I have fought with God about my position as President of this organization. I felt most inadequate about it. But, in His infinite goodness, He has always been there for me, showing me the way. I felt like Moses and Gideon, Why me? What do I have to offer? How can I be a leader when I am just barely a follower. Like Jacob, I wrestled with God about this. But, His strength just kept me here. I just kept praying, "If this is where you want me, then this is where I belong right now." I have stopped wrestling with God and have really started listening to Him and following where He is leading me. When I start questioning things, I gently get reminded who is in control and I am so grateful for a God like ours.

Judy Saltzgueber

## Food Pantry

**OPPORTUNITY!!!** The good folks over at Park Avenue Community Church have been offering this area's needy food through their food pantry ministry. For years we have been collecting food for their work that is taken to them once a month. Well, we have just heard from them that as the economy has worsened the requests for foods have gone up, and they are finding the pantry shelves in need too.

Below is a list of specific goods that they need regularly in the making of their food bags that they pass out. Also, they could use straight cash donations as they often shop for the necessary staple items when and where they can get them on the biggest sale.

Crackers	Carrots	Beets
Canned Beans (all kinds)	Tuna Fish	Detergent
Green Beans	Whole or Creamed Corn	Soap
Pork & Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Peas
Mixed Vegetables	Spaghetti Sauce	Beef Stew
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Toilet Paper	Pasta (all kinds)
Soups (all kinds)	Mac & Cheese	Corn Flakes
Canned Fruits (all kinds)	Canned Spaghetti	Pancake Mix

## Men's Ministries

I would like to thank all the men who came out to this year's events. This ends the first full year of a Men's Ministry program. Over the past year we had some nice times going bowling, playing a round of chip and putt, watching movies, working together on a mission project, and just some good times of fellowship. Our goal for the next year is to have the program grow to include more men from the congregation, as well as, holding more fellowship activities and mission type events. We will be starting back up again, after a short break for the summer, with a cook out (keep an eye on the bulletin for more details on the men's ministry BBQ).

Barry Campbell

## Worship Studies

I have recently completed a third semester at the Institute for Worship Studies, and am in the midst of an internship – also a requirement for this program. So far, my courses have centered on worship from a Biblical and historical perspective. The semester just completed focused on current thoughts about worship in the context of today's culture. As we leave an era of modernity with its emphasis on reason and logic (everything must be scientifically proven,) there is renewed emphasis on the spiritual and symbolic. There also seems to be a greater appreciation for the entire church family: members of all ages gathered together to worship our Lord. I am encouraged by what I have been learning, and hope that I will be better equipped to serve our Lord and Ashland Church. I appreciate this wonderful opportunity.

Carol Holmes - Music Director

## Journal

### March 5 - Boys and Girls Christian Home [www.bgchm.org](http://www.bgchm.org)

Brad Palmer came to talk to the kids about the Boys and Girls Christian Home in India. He began by sharing how he and his wife had witnessed a car accident where a child was thrown from the car onto an interstate. Well, they couldn't just drive by, they had to get out and help (the child was okay)! Similarly, he later took a trip to India and was on a train ride through the country. As he rode the train he watched out the window and all around he saw the pain that the street children there were living in. He couldn't pass by there either which is how he got involved in the Boys and Girls Christian Home.

Our kids made witness bracelets to give to the children in the home.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'...*

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." -Matthew 25:35-36, 40*

## Testimony

Hi! My name is Pamela Coursen. I wanted to share with you my testimony and give you the Good News about how Good, NO, how Great God is.

Twice God saved my life. The first time, for Eternity, Everlasting life. I did this by putting my trust in Jesus and asking Jesus into my heart and to forgive my sins. This gift God offers to each one of us. The second time was right here on earth when I suffered a traumatic brain injury due to a car accident.

I used to go to church because "it was the thing to do". My friends went and I did not want to upset my parents, so I just went too. Through a Minister, Deacon and a Witnessing class offered at Ashland Church, Evangelism Explosion. I learned more about God and took strong steps to reaffirm my Faith. I learned that I had to have and keep True Faith. I could not blame God for the accident or any of my other trials. Now, I pray God will be with our minister Jamie Cupschalk and others as they give God's message using God's word so that I and others can take it into our hearts to understand and try to live by God's word. What a difference it made! I can now **feel** God with me and helping me at all times.

Pamela Coursen

**PRAISE GOD! GIVE GOD THE GLORY!**

## Ballroom Dancing Event

It was with great pleasure that my friends, teacher Diane Alcavage and I came to Ashland that night in March and then again in May. You see I had spent about a year listening and seeing a desire among my fellow members to learn to dance. It always seemed that time was an issue. So, that's how the idea of bringing dance to Ashland came about.

When the event started that first night there were about 55 church members and 25 dancing volunteers. Of the 55 there were about 14 youth and young adults. The room was very crowded and everyone was excited and nervous at the same time; there were quite a few giggles going around as everyone got situated with their dance partners.

We learned four dances that first night and had time to practice what we learned half way through and at the end. It was awesome to look around the room at any given moment and see everyone smiling and laughing and just plain having fun. Of course many took learning the steps very seriously and that's where the volunteers came into play. They walked around the room and worked with individual couples or just offered words of encouragement.

For me, the night absolutely flew by and it was over before I knew it. For the next few weeks I listened to everyone's individual experiences and heard a desire for a repeat performance. What was a complete surprise however, were the testimonies from the volunteers. For most, this was the first time they have assisted people in dancing and helping people learn something they feel so passionately about was a very positive experience; they thanked us for the opportunity to serve! This night was a community builder both at Ashland and among the volunteers.

Dana Herman

## Women's Ministry Tea

On Saturday, May 17th, 2008 the Women of Ashland held their end of the season Women's Ministry Tea. It was a beautiful day for such an event. Most of the women came dressed for the occasion. Several of the women prepared scones, lemon curd, and Devonshire cream. The hall was merrily decorated with pastel tablecloths and tea pots full of beautiful flowers hand picked from the gardens of Kitty Gleason and Fran Sundue. I opened the Tea with a few announcements of events to come and a beautiful poem by Gina Laurin called The Garden in Or Hearts, (I found it in a book of poems published by the Salesian Missions) and then a moment of prayer to bless the day and the food and, especially, to Bless Norma Quirk as she presented her testimony. Norma's testimony was an inspiration and words of encouragement to all. How she had many battles in her life and through it all her main stay was that "The Lord Was Her Shepherd". We ended the day with song and prayer.

My many thanks to all who helped make this day successful. God Bless You All. Judy Saltzgueber

### *Journal*

## March 12 - Lesson on Service

We had no special speaker, just "Miss Janine". We talked with the kids about service, how we can serve God by serving others.

We were, however, very busy with service projects. The children put together the ABC Bible books they had made for kids in Kwabeng, Ghana. They also planted seeds that would later be grown in our church community vegetable garden. It was ok that there were carrots growing in the squash container because the kids had done it themselves. Later several families from church and our local Boy Scout family planted the seedlings in our new garden. Thanks to those who dug and tilled it.

### *Journal*

## April 2 - Bonnie Liefer

[www.ccojubilee.org](http://www.ccojubilee.org)

The children heard about Bonnie Liefer, who had grown up in Ashland Church and now uses her artistic talent to serve God. She now works for Coalition for Christian Outreach, a ministry to college students. (You can order cards and prints of Bonnie's work at CCO's website to support their ministry.) She gave us a slide show for the kids to view which had slides from when she was young at Ashland and even slides of one of the college student that had been reached by CCO, her own son.

We talked about using our talents, such as art, to serve God. Each child painted an encouraging piece of work alongside a scripture verse that will go to those who are sick or hurting.

## Remembering Easter

by Janine Fleming

### Egg Hunt

Our annual Egg Hunt was on Saturday, March 15. Though it was a bit chilly, we were thrilled to have around 65 kids (infants - 5th grade) and their families join us for the egg hunt! Not only did kids get eggs full of candy, a prize, and different crafts but they all went around and met Bible Characters from the Easter story. A big thanks to our actors! Families got to hear the Gospel through the story of each character. It was a great day!

Thank you to all those who shared their resources, time and talent to reach out to our community.

### Stations of the Cross

On Sunday, March 16, the Youth Director and his talented, devoted helpers set up a great experience for the congregation and community of Ashland Church; a Stations of the Cross Service.

Each person walked through individually and experienced by sight, sound, touch, and smell, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You were also challenged to be changed by Christ and walk out differently than you came in.

I have to say, being one that learns more through experience myself, I was moved to tears at what my Savior had gone through and endured for me, to take my punishment and forgive me of the things that I had wronged Him with.

I was also tearing up to see my 9 year old son truly taking it in and praying, seeking Christ and to see my husband leading our 6 year old through it, explaining it along the way.

Even though Conner (the 6 year old) said it made him think of watching TV (in the beginning there was a TV with white noise to represent the distractions in our lives that you were supposed to turn off as you entered the sanctuary) with a little further prodding, the things that made an impact on him were nailing his sins to the cross and touching the rock that represented the stone that was in front of Jesus' tomb. Liam's (the 9 year old) response was that he had a true experience with Jesus.

Thank you to the Youth Director and his little elves for sharing this experience with us and I would encourage more people to take advantage of it when it comes around next year.



## Tenebrae Service

Ashland Church hosted a special Tenebrae service the evening of Maundy Thursday. The evening consisted of dramatic readings to help us reflect upon the passion of our Lord, and included a celebration of Holy Communion.

The readings were truly touching and convicting, not convicting of sin that you were to feel guilty but of the demonstration of grace that Christ showed on the cross.

Each reader read one of the ten commandments. In response was the voice of Satan trying to condemn the reader, stating all of the ways in which they had failed to keep the commandment. Each time Satan was quieted and reminded that he and death had been overcome through Jesus! Each time the lights were dimmed and more candles were put out till we sat in darkness.

As we sat in silence and darkness contemplating this and the weight that Jesus took on himself for the things we had done wrong, the screen rose, and we saw the stain glass of Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane where he had committed to take on the task of dying so we could be forgiven.

The service ended with communion as we remembered the sacrifice our Lord. The dramatic service was truly moving and caused you to further reflect on the amazing sacrifice that Jesus is for us.

### Journal

## April 9 - Bethany Christian Services [www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)

Jeff Nitz from Bethany Christian Services came to speak to our kids. He shared how Bethany ministers to orphans and foster children by placing them in safe, Christian homes and orphanages in our country and overseas. We watched an amazing DVD of a boy from a Romanian orphanage. He was adopted by an American family and flourished; he grew academically and learned to play the cello, with his feet! This little boy had no arms but because of the family Bethany (with God's guidance) had placed him with, he was able to be encouraged and grow up just like any other boy.

Our kids then made adorable teddy bears for local Bethany foster children. We presented an overflowing box of bears to Jeff as the night ended.

## **M** April 16 - RAD Wes Brown [www.radministries.com](http://www.radministries.com)

Ashland had the privilege of hosting an intern from RAD (Radical Action Disciples) named Wes Brown. Wes is considering becoming a pastor so he joined us for six weeks to see what being a pastor is all about. Hopefully we didn't tire him out too much. He was kind enough to come and share with our kids about RAD and it's ministries.

RAD's mission is to impact the next generation by raising servant leaders who are rooted in God's word, growing in their gifts, and boldly reproducing committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our kids were most excited about the fact that as part of his training he lived in a box (this was part of an outdoors survival and teamwork activity).

They made Wes and his fellow students encouraging rope pens for him to take home and give out.

## **J** April 23 - The Ginters (Entrust) [www.entrust4.org](http://www.entrust4.org)

We told the kids about Al and Mary Ginter. Alan Ginter grew up in the Downs Farms neighborhood of Cherry Hill. They are missionaries in Romania through the Entrust organization. Their primary role is training others, such as pastors and leaders in churches there. Our kids were very excited by the fact that since no missionaries were allowed there when they started (in 1979) they traveled (undercover) as students of Transylvanian folklore.

Our kids made encouragement bracelets (in Romanian!) for the people the Ginters minister to.

## **O** April 30 - Bob McKemey (SEND International) [www.send.gospelcom.net/index.htm](http://www.send.gospelcom.net/index.htm)

Our kids and leaders learned about Bob McKemey who ministers in Japan through SEND international. Bob spent many years running the Okutama Bible Chalet, a camp in the mountains in western Tokyo. Bob is now serving his last full term with SEND in Japan. Though preaching is his primary assignment, he continues to help at the camp in Okutama, and also at a retreat facility at Lake Yamanaka on a volunteer basis.

The kids loved seeing pictures of Japan and Japanese food, especially the squid on a stick.

Our children worked on Bible verse bookmarks with personal notes on the back that we will be sending to Bob.

## **R** May 4 - The Hamd Family (Lebanon) [www.epc.org/mimistries/world-outreach](http://www.epc.org/mimistries/world-outreach)

The Hamd family was kind enough to send us pictures of themselves and their church plant in Lebanon, along with information about what they do. The children were very moved by the ministry happening there, such as the youth raising money to have a man freed from jail (he was incarcerated due to a lapse of paperwork) and the church helping mothers and children living in one room apartments with food and toys.

As leaders, we were truly touched by the prayers of our children as they lifted up the people of Lebanon in prayer. We later found that there was intense fighting near them a few days afterwards and they had to cancel church and school. I believe that God moved in the hearts of our children to hold up those people at that particular time and it was no coincidence.

The children then made cross necklaces with the gospel color beads on them.

## **E** May 14 - Inner City Ministries (Urban Promise & Youth on the Move) [www.urbanpromiseusa.org](http://www.urbanpromiseusa.org) & [www.youthonthemoveinc.org](http://www.youthonthemoveinc.org)

Our special speakers were none other than our youth director Ken Buck and a few of our high school students who served at Urban Promise (Camden, NJ) this summer. You may have seen Urban Promise on 20/20 or Extreme Home Makeover. They did a lot of cleaning up yards, painting and also worked with children at the summer camps. They were struck by the condition of the city (not along the waterfront) and the brokenness in Camden. Ken spoke about the conditions and how many of us, who are only minutes away, have turned our back. A quote by Desmond Tutu (which was on the teens Urban Promise shirts) sums it up, "If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality." The teens and some adults from Ashland Church will be there again this summer.

The children then made dental hygiene kits which will go to another Camden ministry, Youth on the Move. Youth on the Move "Striving for Unity in the Community." Which works with children, teens and families in the Camden area. Youth On The Move is a community-based, family like organization that provides opportunity for rehabilitation, and has alternative and preventive components.

# ASHLAND YOUTH

## Fundraising

We are excited about the new ways to raise money for our trips. All group activities such as craft shows, snack booths, pumpkin sales, and pancake breakfasts raise money for the whole group. All fundraisers such as candle sales, Avon and discount cards now raise money for the individual youth. The profits they earn come right off the cost of their trip. We have several youth who have already raised \$100 towards their trips!

Sonja Campbell

## People at Church

I have been coming to Ashland Church for 4 years. The people that come and go are amazing. They care for every aspect of your life. If you've gotten in trouble, they are only one phone call away to be welcomed into a home or a good conversation to set you in the right direction. It's a fellowship of people who love and care; new people never feel awkward and old people never feel left out. I love this church with my heart.

Ian P. Age 16

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

This year we studied Old Testament characters, Miracles and are currently going through New Testament characters. Barry and Sonja are wise teachers who can really get the message across.

Sean C. Age 16

## Velocity

The first time I heard about Velocity I didn't know what to expect, but I went there with high hopes. It was the best experience of my life and I can't wait to go again this year. You get to worship and hang out with people you don't even know. I made a lot of great friends from this camp that I still keep in touch with.

Jon G. Age 15

## Youth News

I am a Youth Leader who was previously involved in this Youth Program. It is awesome to see how God moves and changes people. These guys and girls were little kids when I was in High School and it is cool to see how they are becoming young adults. It encourages me in my faith every time I hear or see these guys.

Matt Thompson

## Sunday Nights

We meet every Sunday night for fun, games, Bible study, worship, and more. It is a great place to bring your friends if you want them to know God or become part of a youth group.

There are two different Sunday night groups, the "5" and the "7". The "5" is for Middle School and the "7" is for High School. They have number names because that is the time they start at; 5 o'clock for Middle School and 7 o'clock for High School.

Andy C. Age 16

## Foug's Crew

Foug's Crew is a group of kids who meet every Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30 to learn more about God. It is a great place to get with your friends to have fun while learning a lesson. Every week, Mr. Foug prepares and teaches a lesson so you can improve your relationship with God, our Lord and Savior. One of my favorite things about his teaching is that he always gives examples from the Bible to insure us that what he is teaching is correct information. That's what I feel Foug's Crew is all about.

Alicia S. Age 12

## Urban Promise

For one week during the summer, the High School Youth Group members took a trip to work and serve at Urban Promise in Camden. We stayed at Rutgers in the dorms and spent every day helping out with the children's day camps during the morning and did yard work and cleaning up the school in the afternoon.

It was a great opportunity to be able to serve our neighboring community and spend a week getting to know some children who go to Urban Promise and live in the community and we were able to spend a week getting to know and work with the teachers and volunteers who work at Urban Promise.

Ashley H. Age 17

## Ballroom Dancing

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to ballroom dance? You know, because of all those movies on ballroom dancing. Well, just about a month ago we had a ballroom dancing class. We taught the ChaCha, Foxtrot, and the Waltz. Don't think you missed out because you didn't. There were so many people who came and said they had so much fun that we will be doing another one. If you are a parent with kids, that is absolutely no problem. The teens and even a third grader came and danced. If you are a parent with an infant, there is babysitting. Plus, don't worry about the price; it is very low and we provide the snacks.

The whole dance was a blast. People came without partners and everyone still danced. No one sat down because they didn't have a partner. Most of the time, people sat down because they were tired! So, go ahead and skip a day at the gym and come out ballroom dancing with us. You get a lot of exercise plus a lot of laughs. You don't have to be a member of the church to join in. We hope to see you at the next event.

Lauren H. Age 11

## Chip & Putt

The Youth Group participates in various activities, one of which is Chip & Putt. Every once in a while, we take a break from our studies and organize fun activities such as these. It is a lot of fun to go out and play with the people in the group. We'd love to have new members, so join the fun!

Amy P. Age 16

# ASHLAND KIDS

## Kids Talk About The Missionaries

### Fred Acheampong ABC February 27th

- I liked Mr. Fred's talk about his village and the kids. I liked the doughnuts his wife made and the African carvings he brought. I think his pictures were interesting. Britney Age 8.
- I love how we help Mr. Fred's village. I found his Power Point show good. And, I like that we are coloring books for his village. Brandon Age 8

### Brad Palmer BCGH

- I felt bad for them (the orphans). Ben Age 9
- I thought the video was sad because the old people didn't have any place to live. Alyera Age 6

### Bethany

- It was very touching. Lauren Age 12
- The speaker gave us an idea of how fortunate we are. The teddy bears were fun too. Alison Age 12

### Lesson on Service

- I liked planting the seeds. Nathan Age 6
- We learned about sharing. Elyse Age 6
- We learned about giving. Conner Age 6

### Bonnie Liefer CCO

- I liked painting and being artistic. Brittany Age 10

### Pastor Jamie

- I think Pastor Jamie is Awesome! Ryan Age 10
- Baptize Me. Erin Age 4

### Hope4Lebanon

- It was very fun to make the craft. Justin Age 8
- I liked making the craft for the Hamds. Nicole Age 9

### RAD

- Watching the pictures of RAD doing everything was awesome. Liam Age 9
- I thought how Rad was interesting....how they talked about God more. Megan Age 9

### SEND International

- I hope the people in Japan learn about God. Nicole Age 9
- Bob writes stuff about God. Alex Age 6

### Girls Brigade

- I liked painting and playing baseball. Killian Age 8
- I liked to paint. Micky Age 6
- The pillowcases were fun Sarah Age 5

## Journal

### May 21 - Pastor Jamie

Pastor Jamie Cupschalk came to talk to the kids about his mission in Ashland Church as the pastor. He shared a little about his life and how he came to be a pastor and then he told them about Ashland, how we're put together and what we do. He also talked about some of the roles and responsibilities of a pastor. The kids had many questions, some about being a pastor (mostly questions about weddings and baptisms) and the boys especially asked many questions about Jamie's time in the National Guard.

We used our service project time to make a blanket for Pastor Jamie as a way to say thanks for all that he does.

## Journal

### May 28 - Wrap-up and The Girls Brigade (Singapore) [www.gb.org.sg/index.html](http://www.gb.org.sg/index.html)

This past year I have gotten to know the Chong during their year stay in the US. We will be truly sad to see them leave in July. I asked them to share a little bit about an organization they are a part of back home in Singapore, the Girls Brigade (and boys brigade for their son. Their Motto is "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ" Their Aim is "To help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life"

We were most impacted by their work in the slums of Cambodia where many men are absent and too many women turn to prostitution to support their families. The Girls Brigade helps them develop skills they can earn money with and offer T houses, which is transitional housing to help these women and children get on their feet.

Since it was our last night the children made prayer pillows to remind them to pray for all of the missions. Each child decorated a pillowcase with pictures and names to remind them. Hopefully the children as well ourselves will remember to lift up these missionaries and the people they serve to our Lord in prayer.

## JESUS IS ALIVE !

About 2,000 years ago there was a child born. His name was Jesus, Son of God. He came to preach ( in parables) the good news. He healed the sick and did so many good things that he was perfect. When he was 30 years old he had a mission. It was three years. His mission was to preach the good news. Some Pharisees were planning to kill Jesus. He was 33 when his mission was done. The Pharisees found a way to kill him. He went through a lot. He got traded for Barabbas, he got 39 lashes, he also had to die on the cross. He was nailed to the cross and He died. On the third day He rose and unlocked the gates of Heaven. Now, we can go to Heaven if we believe in Him. Don't forget, Jesus is our role model, our Savior, and our Lord.

Brandon D.

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### Our Mission

To seek the lost and grow disciples  
who worship and enjoy our Lord.

### Our Vision

To be a Covenant Family in our community which is transformed by the  
Gospel, empowered by the Spirit, and focused by our Mission.

## A Message From ABC

We want to thank everyone who contributed for their generous donations. Thanks to you, we will be shipping a large amount of school supplies, computers, and books that you donated. Through your monetary donations we were able to purchase bathroom supplies (such as toilets, sinks, and hardware) and a new play set. Currently, the children in Kwabeng are sharing two outhouses for 250 students plus staff and their play set is falling apart and dangerous. Because of you, we can now change this.

You can find out more, see pictures, and continue to donate towards these projects and others on [www.AfricanBookChallenge.org](http://www.AfricanBookChallenge.org)

A huge thank-you and God Bless,  
The ABC Committee

## Next Issue ...

Thank-you to all who contributed to this newsletter. Our next newsletter is scheduled to go out mid-August. If you would like to write an article to include in the next newsletter please email it to [terridyck@yahoo.com](mailto:terridyck@yahoo.com) or drop it in Janine's mailbox in the office, prior to August 10, 2008, for staff approval. We love to receive articles from people of ALL ages!

Thank-you and God Bless.

## Getting to Know Our Deacons

1. I need more hours in my day; I could spend them helping people.
2. Who loves the Son and the sun? I am always with the Son and enjoy a little extra sun each year in the Bahamas. And, every sunny weekend in the summer!
3. Past Sunday School Superintendent, past Trustee, loves to travel.
4. Was Worthy Advisor - Order of the Rainbow for Girls(1960)
5. Worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.)
6. I have four children, I like to sew, and I love to dance.
7. Wrote devotional articles for the Presbyterian magazine entitled, "Today".
8. I flew 29 missions in a fighter plane in WWII, was shot down once, and was a POW for 10 days.
9. I enjoy all types of needlework and I have been a nurse for 35 years.
10. I used to pick tomatoes, potatoes, etc. from Williams Farm in N.J.