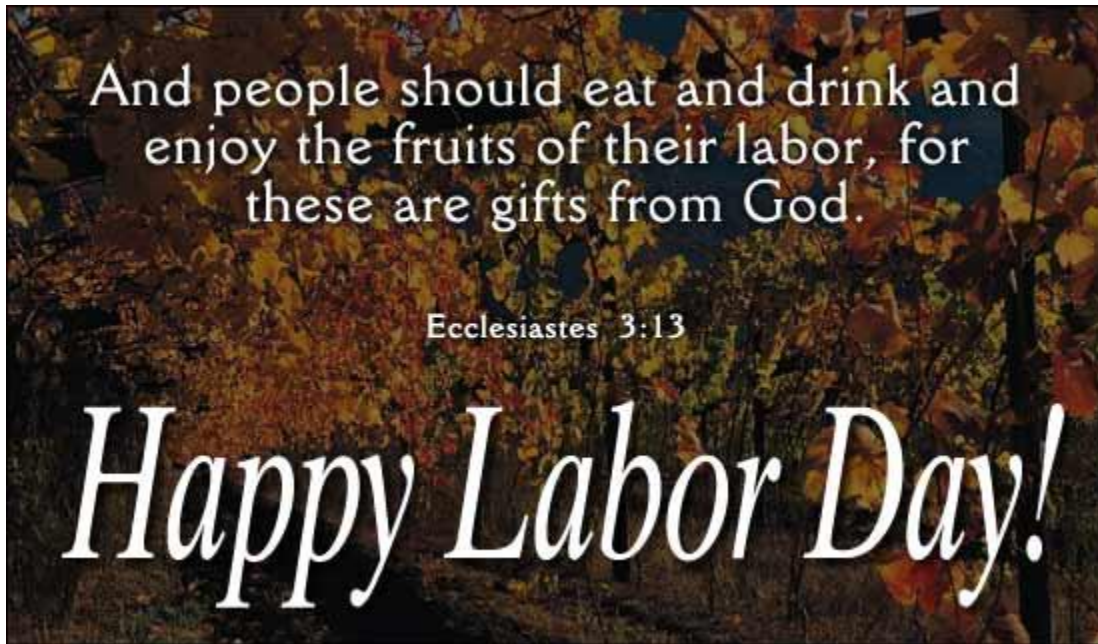




The Beacon

September 2016



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Have you had a chat with the Lord today? No appointment needed, the opportunity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep praying, prayer changes things.

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER

Saved to Serve

"And she arose to serve Him."

Matthew 8:15b

Back to School

This is the time of year when students begin to go back to school. This usually involves a new class and a new teacher, sometimes even a new place of study. Questions about what the new class will require and what the new teacher will be like can instill anxiety in almost any age of student. However, usually after a few classes that sense of concern dissipates and the students just get down to the business of studying and learning. It all usually winds up becoming a part of the routine and something students even enjoy (or so we hope!).



Though the usual crowd of assorted students (and the enthusiastic mom!) are depicted above, it is important to remember that Christians are all students as disciples of Christ. "Disciple" means "student." The disciples of Christ in the days of his ministry and ever since have been students of the Lord Jesus. He is the great Teacher of the church, God's people (John 3:2; 13:13, e.g.).

Jesus left to his church those called to particular offices, including the teaching office of pastor (Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 3:2). As your new interim pastor, I will be your new teacher, though as should be the case with any teacher, I also expect to learn a great deal from all of you! Together we will seek to understand what God is calling St. Andrew's church to do and to be in the days and years ahead. We will review what the church has learned of itself, its surroundings, and most importantly of all, of its Lord. We will learn new lessons together, and, as is best in any learning, try to see how those new lessons apply to daily life. The lessons of Scripture are fundamental to how to live here and in the hereafter. Scripture is relevant to all of life. How can we be more of the church God wants St. Andrew's to be in this part of his kingdom?

As the students return to school, let us also return from our summer's activities to the regular worship of the Lord and to opportunities to study, learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, to becoming ever more faithful and fruitful disciples of the Lord Jesus. I look forward to meeting all of you and learning more of how God is working in your life and how the church and I can help you and all of us to be all the Lord has called us to be for each other and for the furtherance of his kingdom.

Pastor Perry

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2016

Rev. Dr. John Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 4:35 pm.

Elders present: Cindy Arnold, Flora Atangcho, Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Julie Guns, Brenda Saulsbury and Jane Wright.

Elders absent: Florence Fonjweng and Emmanuel Ndifor

Quorum present

Minutes from the Stated Session Meeting on May 15, 2016 were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Pastor's Report was reviewed and approved. Rev Dr. Paderson made 5 home visits and no hospital visits (praise the Lord). His report also included his participation in worship leadership, Christian Education, ecumenical/denominational activities and administrative duties. A more detailed report will be included in the next issue of the Beacon.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for May 2016 was \$14,996.59. Total expenses for May 2016 were \$14,267.30. Net revenue over expenses were \$729.29. For YTD total revenue was \$65,987.98. For YTD total expenses were \$71,967.60. For YTD net revenue over expenses were -\$5,979.62.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Repair exposed wires behind church related to the air conditioner. Neil Fairchild will contact electrician Bill Furry to make repairs.
- Gave permission for St. Andrew's to open a Pay Pal account.
- Julie Guns was appointed "Web Master" for St. Andrew's web page. Our web page will be upgraded in the near future.

Next Session Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, July 10th at 4:30 pm.**

Session Meeting was closed with prayer by Flora Atangcho at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Special Session Meeting
June 23, 2016

Rev. Dr. John Riley of the First Presbyterian Church in Smyrna, DE opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 pm.

Elders present: Cindy Arnold, Florence Fonjweng, Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Julie Guns, Brenda Saulsbury and Jane Wright

Elders not in attendance: Emmanuel Ndifor, Flora Atangcho

Quorum present

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- To hold regular stated session meeting on the 2nd Sunday of July and 2nd Sunday of August at 4:30 pm.
- Accept the note regarding the Special Collection for Mission Offerings during the month of July to fund Benevolences to be included in the summer Beacon and bulletins each of these weeks.
- Ratified the results of the balloting to accept Rev. Randy Otto as the Interim Pastor for St. Andrew's.

• **Terms of Call:**

Annual Compensation and Benefits

Base Salary	\$14,000
Housing Allowance	\$40,000
Deferred Compensation (403b)	<u>\$ 6,000</u>
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$60,000

Medical Dues	\$14,700
Pension Dues	\$ 6,600
Death & Disability Dues	\$ 600
Dental	\$ 0 (coverage through spouse's employer)
NCP Medical Wrap-Around	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$23,100

Continuing Education	\$ 900
Auto/Business/Professional	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 3,000

ACTUAL TOTAL \$87,000
(COST TO BUDGET)

• **Contract for Interim Pastor was approved as amended as follows:**

- Eliminated – “Will NOT be eligible for consideration as installed pastor.”
- Added after Other Benefits – Sick Leave: 1 day per month – “A maximum of 12 days can be carried over from year to year. At the termination of this contract, the Interim Pastor will not be paid for accumulated sick leave”

Adjourned with prayer at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
July 10, 2016

Rev. Steve Brundage (First Presbyterian Church, Newark) opened the meeting with prayer at 3:30 pm.

Elders present: Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Florence Fonjweng, Julie Guns, Brenda Saulsbury, and Jane Wright. Rob Johnson was a guest representative from the Deacons. Also Rev. Randy Otto was invited and welcomed as a guest.

Elders not in attendance: Flora Atangcho, Emmanuel Ndifor, Cindy Arnold and Neil Fairchild.

Quorum present

Minutes from the June 12, 2016 Stated Session Meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction.

Minutes from the June 23, 2016 Special Session Meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report was received, reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for June 2016 was \$12,460.15. Total expenses for June 2016 were \$13,352.95. Net Revenue over Expenses was -\$892.80. For YTD total revenue was \$78,448.13. For YTD total expenses were \$85,320.55 Net revenue over expenses for YTD was -\$6,872.42.

Clerk's Report: Communion during regular worship service on July 3, 2016 was officiated by Rev. Jill Getty.

A Pay Pal Account was established in the name of St. Andrew's and linked to the church's checking account.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Received and approved The Covenant of Closure from COM for Rev. Dr. John G. Paderson.
- To initiate the changing of locks on all of the doors of St. Andrew's Church. A panic bar will be installed on the door of the sanctuary. All new keys will have "**do not duplicate**" imprinted on them. New keys will be signed out to each recipient with a \$5 deposit which will be refunded when key is returned. The cost for the above will not exceed \$1,000.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:45 pm.

The next regular Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

Covenant of Closure

To be completed by all departing pastors (installed, temporary, retiring including Pastor Emeritus/Emerita)

The Rev. Dr. John G. Paderson, the Presbytery of New Castle,

Name of pastor

and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of New Castle having discussed the intent and requirements of the Presbytery's policy *Concerning Departing Pastors and Their Former Parishioners* enter into the following covenant

1. I, John G. Paderson agree:

Name of pastor

a. not to involve myself in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in the

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newark, DE

Name and location of church

b. not to intervene, support or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement or dispute;

c. not to officiate in any special events in the lives of former parishioners or of the congregation, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship leadership, church anniversary activities, etc.

d. to refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of my former congregation;

e. to recognize that some conflicts make it unwise for a prior pastor to return to visit a previous congregation; and

f. to refrain from giving opinions or direction regarding church business that could undermine the transition necessary for the church and the development of the relationship between the congregation and a new pastor.

It is understood that this policy does not affect or require the termination of friendships with individuals in the congregation.

2. The session and members of the St. Andrew's P.C. agree not to initiate pastoral or

Name of church

professional contact with the previous pastor by:

a. respecting the terms of the *Covenant of Closure* agreed upon by

The Rev. Dr. John G. Pedersen outlined above;

Name of Pastor

b. interpreting the terms of the *Covenant of Closure* to the congregation; and

c. incorporating this agreement in the session minutes.

3. The Presbytery of New Castle's Committee on Ministry shall:

a. review and interpret this *Covenant of Closure* with the session;

b. be the Presbytery's agent in reminding the parties to this *Covenant of Closure* of the principles

of the covenant in the event any transgressions are reported to it; and

c. note this agreement in the minutes of the Committee on Ministry.

John G. Pedersen
Pastor

6/28/16
Date

Eileen B. Hunt
Clerk of Session

7/10/16
Date

Virginia Jones
Representative

7/17/16
Date

Committee on Ministry

Bruce White
Moderator of COM

8/17/16
Date

On Tuesday September 6, 2016, the locks on the doors of the church will be changed. There will be a panic bar installed on the door in the Sanctuary. The following is a list of positions Session approved to receive a key. There will be a \$5.00 deposit required for each key distributed. This deposit will be refunded when keys are returned. If you hold a position on the list, please obtain your key from Danielle. No one may pick up a key for another person as each key MUST be signed for.

1	PASTOR	
2	OFFICE MANAGER	
3	WORSHIP LEADER / ORGANIST	
4	CHOIR DIRECTOR	
5	CUSTODIAN 1	
6	CUSTODIAN 2	
7	YOUTH DIRECTOR 1	
8	YOUTH DIRECTOR 2	
9	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR	
10	ASSISTANT TREASURER	
11	ELDER 1	
12	ELDER 2	
13	ELDER 3	
14	ELDER 4	
15	ELDER 5	
16	ELDER 6	
17	ELDER 7	
18	ELDER 8	
19	ELDER 9	
20	ELDER 10	
21	CLERK OF SESSION	
22	DEACON MODERATOR	
23	DEACON VICE MODERATOR	
24	PW PRESIDENT	
25	PW VICE PRESIDENT	
26	MORNING CIRCLE LEADER	
27	NAOMI CIRCLE LEADER	
28	RUTH CIRCLE LEADER	
29	BUILDING & GROUNDS 1	
30	BUILDING & GROUNDS 2	
31	WORSHIP 1	
32	WORSHIP 2	
33	KCOS 1	
34	KCOS 2	
35	KCOS 3	
36	KCOS 4	
37	COLLECTION COUNTER 1	
38	COLLECTION COUNTER 2	
39	SPARE 1	
40	SPARE 2	

FROM THE DEACONS For September

Adopt-a-Student

Many students in the Wilmington area will return to school with new backpacks, notebooks, pencils and other necessary school supplies. Thank you for your contributions to this program that nurtures education in kids who need support.

CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic will be held on Sept. 18th at Lums Pond. The Deacons will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and desserts. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. Please write down how many in your family/group will be coming on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are planning to attend so we may plan accordingly.

Quilts for Comfort: Oct. 10, 9:00–3:00, St. Andrews

Can you give an hour or several hours to help make a quilt for someone who needs comforting? All helpers are welcome, and sewing skills are not necessary. Patients in neighboring hospitals and clinics receive the quilts.

See <http://www.quiltsforcomfort.com> or talk to Charlotte Walker for more information.

Keep Our Pantry Stocked

Thank you for your continued support of the pantry; people who need food call for help year-round. Please place your donations in a food-collection basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods.



Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday September 1st at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 20th at 7 PM.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 14th at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

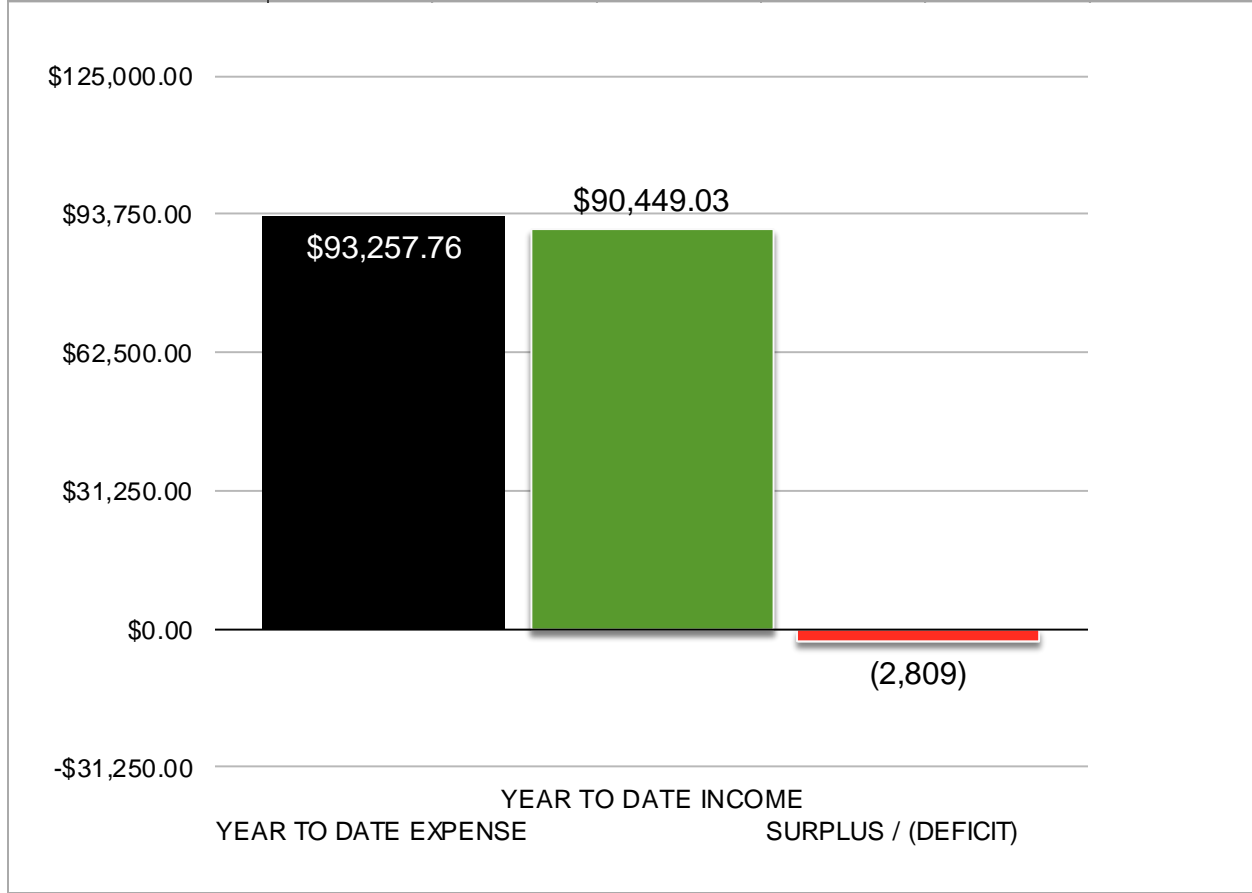
There will be a Women's Day on October 22nd. Look for more details in the next Beacon!

DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In July, St. Andrew's received \$12,000.90. That amount is \$2,012.43 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.33. We spent \$7,937.21 in July, which is \$6,058.90 less than was budgeted for the same period. Expenses in July were abnormally low because we didn't have to pay a pastor's salary in July. This has resulted in a surplus for the month of \$4,063.69.

Year to date, St. Andrew's has received \$90,449.03 and spent \$93,257.76 resulting in a deficit of \$2,808.73.

ST. ANDREW'S JULY FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET						
MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
JULY	\$12,000.90	\$14,013.33	-\$2,012.43	\$90,449.03	\$98,093.24	-\$7,644.21
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$594.91	\$7,266.64	-\$6,671.73	\$43,862.74	\$50,866.48	-\$7,003.74
STAFF	\$4,247.05	\$3,966.90	\$280.15	\$28,778.51	\$27,768.30	\$1,010.21
PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$220.83	-\$220.83	\$1,236.23	\$1,545.74	-\$309.51
BLDG GRDS	\$3,095.25	\$2,219.99	\$875.26	\$17,449.78	\$15,539.93	\$1,909.85
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$321.75	-\$321.75	\$1,930.50	\$2,252.25	-\$321.75
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$7,937.21	\$13,996.11	-\$6,058.90	\$93,257.76	\$97,972.70	-\$4,714.94
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$4,063.69	\$17.22		(\$2,808.73)	\$120.54	





3- Harry & Doris Davidson
 6- Bill & Wendy Furry
 11- Kevin & Diane Bart
 21- Mike & Julie Guns
 29- Ron & Carol Jamison
 30- Jim & Joyce Sparks

1
Morning Circle
10 AM

2
KCOS YOUTH
6PM

3

4
Blended Service 10:00 AM
Communion/Youth Sunday
Food Collection Sunday
Church of Service Worship
12:30 PM

5
LABOR DAY



6

7
KCOS 7:30PM

8

9
KCOS YOUTH
6PM

10

11
Blended Service 10:00 AM
Church of Service Worship
12:30 PM
SESSION MEETING 4:30PM

12
5TH Annual Charity
Golf Outing &
Silent Auction

13
KCOS 7:30PM

14
Ruth Circle 6 PM

15

16
KCOS YOUTH
6PM

17



18
Rally Day
Blended Service 10:00 AM
Church Picnic @ Lums Pond
Church of Service Worship
12:30 PM

19

20
Naomi Circle 7 PM

21
KCOS 7:30PM

22

23
KCOS YOUTH
6PM
Fall begins



24

25
Blended Service 10:00 AM
Church of Service Worship
12:30 PM
NEWSBOYS CONCERT

26

27

28
KCOS 7:30PM

29

30
KCOS YOUTH
6PM



1 Betty Winter
 3 Mary Anne Colbert
 Sal Favazzo
 5 Cindy Stonebraker
 7 Julie Avenarius
 8 Ruth Burkins
 9 Jean Hoffecker
 10 Mary Alice Hopper

11 Ben Kuykendall
 13 Julie Guns
 20 Deena & Dottie Ndifor
 22 Dusty Robinson
 23 Ann Hardy
 Olive Fisher
 27 Joe Furry

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

1 Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
2 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
4 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
5 Monday	Labor Day	
7 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
8 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
9 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
11 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
12 Monday	5 th Annual Charity Golf Event & Silent Auction	12:00 p.m.
13 Tuesday	Church of Service	6:30 p.m.
14 Wednesday	Ruth Circle	6:00 p.m.
15 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
16 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
18 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church Picnic	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
19 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
20 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Meeting	
21 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
22 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
23 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
25 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Field Trip	
	NEWS BOYS at the Bob Carpenter Center	6:00 p.m.
28 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
29 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
30 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.

Faith Comes By Hearing

A ministry entitled Faith Comes By Hearing (<https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com>) is seeking donations for its outreach to the military by way of audio Bibles. These are small pocket-sized audio versions of Scripture that our soldiers can listen to in private via headphones. For more on the ministry and its other outreach efforts and partnerships, see its website.

Rev. Franklin Graham Coming to Dover

The Rev. Franklin Graham announced last year that he would visit every state capital in America as a part of his Decision America Tour. He said at that time:

America is in trouble. At 62 years of age, I've lived long enough to learn that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans can turn this country around; no political party or politician is the answer.

The only hope for this country is Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Next year I am planning to travel to all 50 states to conduct prayer rallies—we are calling this the Decision America Tour. I want to challenge Christians to boldly live out their faith and to pray for our nation and its leaders. I want to encourage Christians to get out and vote, and to cast their ballots for candidates who uphold biblical principles.

I want to strongly urge Christians to run for public office at every level—local, state, and federal. We will not be endorsing any political candidates, but I will be proclaiming the truth of God's Gospel in every state. More details will come later. I hope you will start praying with us now.

On Sept. 13 at noon he will be in Dover for a prayer rally.

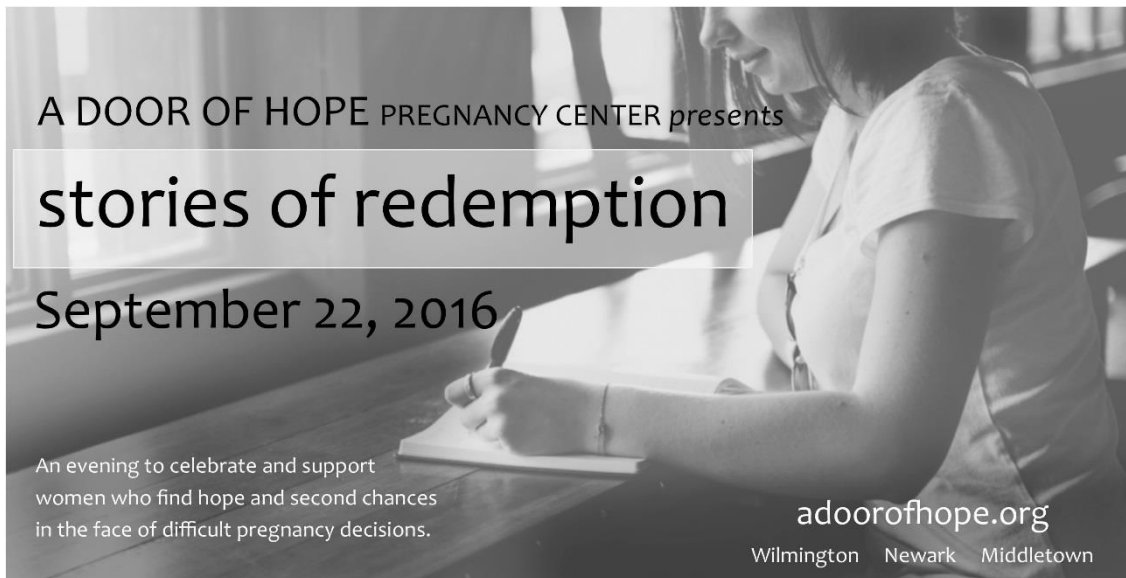


Join Franklin Graham on
September 13, 2016
12:00 p.m.
State House Front Steps
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

A Door of Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center Fundraiser Event

On Thursday, Sept. 22 please join with other Christians from around the area in support of A Door of Hope's ministry in Wilmington, Newark, and now Middletown. There will be a casual reception at Clayton Hall in Newark at 6 pm, followed by a program at 7 pm featuring film director Jon Erwin, who has worked for ESPN, produced award-winning music videos and directed feature films.

You must register for the event through Event Brite and tickets are \$20 each. Rev. Otto hopes to see you there, as he is on the pastor's advisory council of A Door of Hope.



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A firsthand look at your local, nonprofit Christian pregnancy center.

An engaging talk from Jon Erwin, the young film director of *October Baby* and *Woodlawn*.

An opportunity to give financial donations and pledges.

A casual indoor reception, with hearty food and good conversation.

Purchase tickets at http://adoh-stories_of_redemption.eventbrite.com or 302.998.9000.

University of Delaware Clayton Hall

Newark, Delaware

Six o'clock p.m. reception

Seven o'clock p.m. program

\$20 /person ticket

In the Footsteps of the Reformers

A 500th Anniversary Reformation Tour

led by

The Rev. Dr. John Paderson and the Rev. Barry Gray.

August 26th to September 6th 2017



Join us for a 500th anniversary tour of the major cities of the Reformation in Germany, France, and Switzerland. The tour combines the old with the new. It begins in Berlin and ends in Geneva. It combines Reformation history with a taste of local culture. Local guides provide the history at each stop while the Rev. Gray and the Rev. Dr. Paderson provide additional background to enhance the experience. Each day we will have devotional time and on the Lord's Day we will worship with a local congregation. The tour includes visits to Reformation sites in Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Worms, Mainz, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, Basel and Geneva. It also includes twentieth century historical sites in Berlin, a wine and music reception at the Bach House, a mini-cruise on the most scenic part of the Rhine, folk music, an optional tour of the European Parliament, and an optional dinner at a winery overlooking the Rhine. Its unique combination of the historical, the spiritual, and the cultural make for an unforgettable experience.

For More Information: <http://reformationtours.com/package/in-the-footsteps-of-the-reformers/>

Informational Event: August 27th at 6:30 pm at White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 15 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711