

Acts of Faith



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"Your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity (love) of every one of you toward each other aboundeth." II Thes. 1:3

Facts about our Spanish Ministry

by Pastor Juan Carlos Navarro

We have been blessed at our Hispanic Ministry with the addition of new members. We pray to God for these new members that they will grow spiritually and serve the Lord with their talents, skill and gifts the Holy Spirit gives them. Laura Grappa is an example of this: she is a wife and mother, musician, radio anchor, singer and author. Her book "Vivencias en Poesia" (Life Lived in Poetry) is an exquisite expression of personal experiences lived by her through her life, in a special way. Beside this, Laura has a full time job to help with the economy at home.

Laura has composed some inspirational Christian songs and at this time is working on a novel that includes a personal relationship between the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the main character.

We know Laura will be a blessing to our ministry in the years ahead.

On the other hand, Elena Mark has been a member of our group for several years. Her input in our ministry is invaluable. She loves the Lord and the Hispanic people and has served both in many ways. We thank God for people like Elena and Laura. Two extremes. Two generations. Two different points of view. One purpose: to glorify God.

Hemos sido muy bendecidos en el Grupo Hispano con la adición de nuevos miembros. Oramos al Señor para que estos nuevos miembros crezcan espiritualmente y sirvan al Señor con sus talentos, habilidades y dones que el Espíritu Santo les de. Laura Grappa es un ejemplo de esto: ella es esposa y madre, música, locutora de radio, cantante y escritora de libros y poesías. Su libro "Vivencias en Poesía" es una exquisita expresión de sus experiencias personales vividas en su vida, presentadas en una forma muy especial. Además, Laura tiene un trabajo de tiempo completo para ayudar con la economía del hogar.

Laura ha compuesto algunos cantos cristianos y en estos días está trabajando en una novela en la que incluirá algunos detalles de una relación especial entre el Señor Jesucristo y el personaje principal. Sabemos que Laura será de bendición para nuestro ministerio en los años venideros.

Por otra parte, Elena Mark ha sido miembro del grupo por algunos años. Su participación en el ministerio es invaluable e irremplazable. Elena ama al Señor y al pueblo hispano y ha servido a ambos en muchas maneras. Damos gracias a Dios por Elena y Laura. Dos extremos. Dos generaciones. Dos diferentes puntos de vista. Un sólo propósito: glorificar a Dios.





When you attend the next special dinner or activity here at Faith Baptist, do not take it for granted. So often we enjoy the activities, eat the food, and share in fellowship, but don't give it another thought after it's all over. But behind every event, every great dinner, every fellowship time is a boatload of people dedicated to serving the Lord in a tangible way. We don't often take the time to consider what it takes to make a church event happen.

Chef Dave and Peggy Rice are testimonies to the kind of dedication I am talking about.

Dave, a retired Dupont employee of 35 years, was not content to just sit back after retirement. He enrolled in the Culinary Arts School at Delaware Technical and Community College. Dave learned what it takes to become a quality chef, studying under some of the best chefs in Delaware. He studied all of the culinary disciplines from food preparation to international cuisine, and even restaurant and kitchen design. He graduated Magna Cum Laud with a degree in the Culinary Arts.

Now Dave and Peggy share this interest as they extend their talents to the church community. They serve the Lord by serving others.

It takes hours to prepare for one single event. From the time that Dave is asked if he can prepare a dinner, his job begins. Dave and Peggy shop for the best cuts of meat at the best prices. They work out all of the details with the church, preparing the menu and often testing recipes. They line up kitchen staff and then finally cook every delicious morsel that you will enjoy at the feast. It can take as long as a week to buy and collect all of the food and preparation supplies for a scheduled dinner event. Kitchen time can take several days. Special desserts can take as long as two weeks to prepare. It is not unusual for Chef Dave and Peggy to work in a kitchen a full twelve hours on the day of the event. Finally when all of the guests are full, blessed and heading home, these two kitchen warriors with staff are still in the kitchen cleaning up and putting things back together as though none was ever there.

Some of us at Faith have taken advantage of the cooking class that Dave teaches on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday evening of each month. We have even had cook off competitions with outside professional chefs serving as judges. It's always a great time of food preparation and fellowship. It gives each student new ideas to make their home cooking more interesting and more inviting for their families. We want to thank Chef Dave and Peggy Rice for their desire to serve the Lord by serving others in such a delicious way.

So next time you attend a dinner, think about all of the hard work that goes into what you are enjoying and thank the Lord for faithful servants like Chef Dave and Peggy Rice who give of their time willingly to serve others.

Keyboard Korner

by Sally Bowen

Just down the road from us is Elkton, Maryland. We, as a church, give our appreciation to Elkton for giving us a treasure, it was the birthplace of our Eileen Liverman. (And she continues to live in Maryland - - - North East.)

When Eileen was two years old, her mother was saved at a local church. Mom took Eileen to church, where she learned that her mom would go to heaven when she died. Eileen wanted to be sure that she would go there too, with her mom, so at age four, she trusted Jesus as her Savior.

God gave special protection to Eileen, when at age five her fingers were accidentally crushed in a school door. Doctors gave her parents grim news. She probably would never have use of those fingers again. Thank You, Lord, for those more than capable fingers which You healed.

She was good at picking out songs on the piano, so when she was about six, she started piano lessons with Mary Esther Fichthorne.

She loved to practice, even up to eight hours a day. Later her teacher was Dr. Richard Allen, of Newark, continuing for five years. She played for her school choir, for Grace Bible Chapel, and traveled with music groups.

She and Dwayne met at Sandy Cove. They dated through 10th and 11th grades. When she was 21, they married. God has given them four beautiful children, whom she prayerfully home-schools. As if she's not busy enough with her loving, prayerful attention to Josh, Stephany, Caleb and Sara, she also prayerfully rehearses and plays for our services, for our choir, and for many special numbers. She also works part time at A.I. DuPont Hospital For Children. She earned her nursing degree from Cecil County College, financed by a private doner, who insisted that she accept this scholarship donated to a nursing student over age 25.

We praise God for her exceptional keyboard skill AND for her loving spirit! Did we mention that she's a very prayerful person?



Eileen at age 2 - when it all began

AWANA

by Bruce Kauffman



Awana first started at Faith Baptist in the fall of 1976 with Jim Christian as the first Commander. At that time we

were chartered number 2076. As of June this year, Awana has over 12,000 churches chartered in the United States and over 6000 chartered in 102 other nations around the world. For those of you who don't know much about Awana, it started over 50 years ago as a vision of two men (Lance Latham and Art Rorheim) to reach inner city young men in Chicago with the gospel of Christ. It has evolved into a ministry for both boys and girls from the ages of 3 through high school. Awana is an acrostic based on II Timothy 2:15 and stands for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed".

We have five people who have worked in the ministry here at Faith for over 30 years, nine others who have been in the ministry for more than 20 years and 15 others who have been in the ministry for more than 10 years. The love and concern these people have for the young people they work with is what has made this ministry successful over all these years. They have reached scores of boys and girls with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. As they teach these new converts to be obedient to the Word of God, they too are changed and molded into the image of Christ. They memorize and recite scripture right along with the boys and girls. It is hard work but very rewarding as you see lives changed for Christ.

Over the years, it has been our desire to have our club comprised of more than 50% non-churched children. Some of these children have never heard the name of Jesus spoken in any way other than being spoken in vain. We have maintained that 50% ratio and would really love to see that percentage grow. Pray for us as we start yet another year of Awana.

OCTOBER-MONTH OF MISSIONS AT FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

For God so loved the world . . .



"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)

Church is to carry out the commandment of the Lord in His Great Commission (Mat 28:19-20) through the support of:

Local Missions in the State of Delaware.

Home Missions in the United States and its territories to reach our own nation with the Gospel.

World Missions around the globe to reach people of every tongue, tribe, and nation with the Gospel.

This year on October 4, the Morning Worship Service began with a parade of flags to be displayed throughout the month, signifying the countries in which we support missionaries. We also began "Christmas in October". Laminated Christmas Trees were set around the building with gifts tags of items that our missionaries sent in on a "wish" list. These tags are taken by individuals and/or families, gifts are bought and brought back "unwrapped" with the tag on them. These items will then be displayed on the last Sunday evening as we celebrate "Missionary Christmas". The gifts will then be packed up and sent to our missionaries. What a great blessing this has been both to our church family as well as our missionaries receiving the gifts. It truly shows them how much Faith Baptist cares for each missionary individually. We also have updates from missionaries and great preaching. Every service during the month will have a special speaker. Some highlights this year were:

- Oct 18 Sunday S.S. Combined Teen & Adult S.S. classes
 Bill Welte - America's Keswick
 Sunday p.m. Bill Welte & Robert Hayes - Keswick (Dual Piano Concert)

- Oct 24 Sat. morning Men's prayer breakfast with Mark Rubin - Chile
 Sat. afternoon Ladies tea with Jennifer Rubin - Chile

- Oct 25 Sunday S.S. Missionary Panel Discussion
 Sunday a.m./p.m. Mark Rubin - Chile
 After Service Social Missionary Christmas (display of gifts)

Every year, the month of October is set aside to purposefully focus on missions. Faith Baptist Church currently supports 39 missionaries and mission organizations, seven of which are from our local church. Our 2009 theme is "For God So Loved the World . . . Will You Go?" As we approach this special month, we would challenge you to be in prayer and set some personal goals in your life for how you can reach your world. Will this year's month of missions just be another one or will you allow God to personally speak to your heart about how you need to be involved. Let's make this year's mission's month one we will remember and that will impact lives for many years to come!

. . . will YOU go?

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