



S.T.O.R.M. Report

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Summer is Here!



“... and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective ...” Philemon 6 (ESV)

What do Wildwood (New Jersey) and Karamoja (Uganda) have in common? Answer: Our OPC short-term missionaries have already begun their summer service there!

Summer is that special time of year when short-termers take off for mission fields far and near. Soon many will be heading to Haiti, Quebec, Asia, Uruguay, the Czech Republic, Wisconsin, and Utah! They have worked hard to prepare and need your prayers to support them!

Visit OPCSTM.org, click on General Information, print the “STM Prayer Calendar” and “STM Prayer Guide,” and make them part of your summer schedule. Then stay tuned here for photos and testimonials from those who've served!

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A Youth Group Prepares for a Ministry Week at the Boardwalk Chapel

By Shannon Onnink, Covenant OPC, Orland Park, IL

Covenant OPC youth heard about the Boardwalk Chapel and wanted to take part in the summer program. In order to make a trip possible, there needed to be fundraising, and the question was raised, "What better way to fundraise than to replicate the boardwalk atmosphere and a Chapel service for the congregation?" It was decided. Covenant youth would bring the Boardwalk experience home to Illinois. Everyone was very excited to have Boardwalk Chapel Director, Pastor Jim Zozzaro, commit to joining us for the night. A few skits were picked and practiced. Songs were chosen and committed to memory. A Boardwalk themed dinner was prepared with tables that were fitted out colorfully like a Ferris wheel. Attendance was about 120 people. There was even an ice cream cart. The evening was a success on many levels!

Current Opportunities for Service:

Visit OPCSTM.org and click on "Current Opportunities" for details on these and other opportunities for service:

July 22nd Deadline: There are 2 days remaining for teens to apply to join this year's "Venture Missions" VBS outreach on the Menominee Indian reservation near Zoar, Wisconsin, July 10-17th.

Contact: Pastor Micah Shin at ichthus1516@gmail.com.

June 26-30, 2017: Grace OPC in Middletown, Delaware, seeks 3-4 additional helpers for its VBS program taking place *next week!*

Contact: Pastor Robert Harting at RHarting@msn.com.

Summer 2017: Christ the King OPC in Naples, Florida, seeks a team to help them with local outreach and service projects.

Contact: Pastor Eric Hausler at naplesopc@gmail.com.

Summer 2017: Boardwalk Chapel, Wildwood, New Jersey:

1. There is still time to schedule your youth group to serve for a week as a summer Ministry Team, or for a weekend in September!
2. If you are available to serve in August or September, you can help the Chapel complete its season by serving as an "End-of-Summer" staff member!
3. Help fund the "midnight suppers" at which Chapel staffers seek to minister to the many international workers they meet along the boardwalk day by day.
4. Contact: Elizabeth Horst at boardwalkchapel@gmail.com.

Skilled volunteer(s) are needed to rebuild the master bath in the manse apartment at Neon OPC in Neon, Kentucky.

Experienced volunteer(s) are needed to install laminate flooring and molding at Keys Evangelistic Ministries in Key West, Florida.

A Great Time of Learning and Fellowship

Young people from Cedar OPC (Hudsonville, MI) who received evangelism training from Pastor Bill Welzien during a Spring Break trip to Key West shared their experiences with us:

"Mallory Square was a great experience and it showed us how diverse it is outside of our Dutch ghetto."

"I enjoyed learning about apologetics from Pastor Bill, and also hearing his talks at Mallory Square."

"While being in Key West, I discovered my love for travel. I love meeting new people and I would like to have more experiences like this in the future."

Read more at OPCSTM.org under "News/Reports."

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