

THE BOARDWALK CHAPEL

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Music Groups ~ Youth Groups ~ Special Events Application and reference form for Chapel ministry.

Dear Guests and Volunteer Ministries:

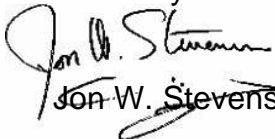
We are always grateful for the 1000s of hours spent each year by volunteers who help out at the Boardwalk Chapel by way of music, youth groups activities and special events. Over the past few years we have found it beneficial to more accurately describe our expectations to those who visit us, and particularly to those who are actively involved in evangelism on the stage or out on the Boardwalk.

The ministry of the Boardwalk Chapel is sponsored by and under the direct oversight of the Presbytery of New Jersey of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Thus, those who participate are "representing" the OPC as it proclaims the gospel to the tourists and citizens of Wildwood. While we don't ask music groups or youth groups to subscribe to the standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, we considerate it only fair to you to very briefly outline our statement of faith, to clarify who may or may not participate in the Chapel programs, and list the expectations of our guests.

It is with great joy that we have hosted hundreds of Christians over the past half century of the Chapel's ministry. We hope that you will have the opportunity to serve as well.

Please fill out the attached application. Have your minister, session, consistory or church leadership board fill out the reverse side of the that application.

Sincerely in Christ,


Jon W. Stevenson

General Information for Guests Individuals, families or church groups

STATEMENT of FAITH

1. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation.

2. We believe that Christians must abhor and humble themselves before God, and that they must trust for salvation not in themselves but in the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

3. We believe that Christians must acknowledge Jesus Christ as sovereign Lord and that in reliance on the grace of God, must serve Him with all that is in them, put to death their sinful nature, and lead a godly life.

THE BASIS FOR EVANGELISM

1. We believe that man is spiritually deaf, spiritually blind, and spiritually dead, and therefore God must do something before man can hear, see, or live, and thus God will receive all the glory for man's salvation. (Eph. 2:8 & 9)

2. We believe that God, of His own purpose, has from eternity determined to save a definite number of mankind, from every tribe, tongue, and nation as individuals, not for any merit or work of theirs, or any value to Him of them, but by His own good pleasure. (II Tim. 1:9)

3. We believe that Christ suffered for all the sins of all His sheep in the whole world, and none of them will be lost. (John 10:26-28)

4. We believe that God's almighty power is such that He can overpower man's will in such a way as to cause sinners to willingly come to Him. (Ps. 110:3)

5. We believe that God powerfully keeps those whom He saves. (Rom. 8:35-39)

6. We believe in summary, that faith is man's duty, but it is not within his ability (John 6:44); that eternal life is a gift that is in the hands of a sovereign giver (John 17:2); and that man's decision is a result of what God does by His Word and Spirit, and thus men lay the crown of their salvation at God's feet and not at their own, so that none should boast. (I John 4:19)

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

Those who are members in good standing of a Bible believing evangelical church and who have been approved by their session, consistory or leadership board will be considered for the public portions of the ministry at the Chapel.

If individuals, youth groups or families (parents

and children alike) are not members of a church, they should not participate in the public portions of the Chapel ministry. Those who help with construction and maintenance, or come to provide background support, will not, however, have to meet the same criteria as those who engage in public ministry.

The Chapel's stress on the accountability of Christians to the local church is central. Christians need to fulfill their greater responsibility to identify with a local church before publically entering into official missions work.

Note: Many of our Christian friends who wish to participate in the Chapel ministry believe that women may hold ordained offices in the church or believe that the gifts of public healing and the speaking in tongues are Biblical modern day practices. If you or your church hold to these teachings, we respectfully ask that you refrain from submitting an application to participate in the Chapel program. May God bless you in your labors.

EXPECTATIONS

The evening program

All who participate will be approved in advance by the director or his representative.

-They (including children) will be members in good standing of a Bible believing church.

-They will be recommended by their session to participate in the ministry.

The program is under the complete control of the director or his representative.

-Lyrics to songs, skit content and sermon material is subject to the final approval of the director.

The Lord's Day

The whole day is to be set aside for worship. Those who participate during the week are expected to attend the Sunday services of Calvary OPC or another Bible believing church.

Travel to and from Wildwood will be discouraged unless for continued ministry that day at another location. To minister during the week and then use the Lord's Day for travel, fishing or other relaxation is not acceptable. (On several occasions groups or families have felt that ministering during the week frees them from the observance of the 4th Commandment.)

Ministry groups ought therefore to refrain from ministry on Saturday if Lord's day travel is necessary to meet Monday morning obligations. The practical result of this policy is to encourage departure from the Chapel either Saturday or Monday. The exception is, of course, if the departure times make it possible for attendance at one's home church worship services. (morning and/or evening worship).

Group Ministry Check List

1. Introduction
 - a. The primary activities of the Chapel ministry
 - i. Evening program practices (morning or afternoon)
 - ii. Evening evangelistic programs (8:00 - 9:00 p.m.) include:
 - (1) Preaching by Guest Minister
 - (2) Exhortation by an elder or intern or summer assistant
 - (3) Music
 - (4) Testimonies (Chapel approved format)
 - (5) Skits (less than three minutes) - applications made by someone "out of character."
 - iii. Evening evangelism on the Boardwalk (9:30 - 10:30 p.m.)
 - (1) Not required of visiting youth groups
 - (2) Allowed on an individual basis after a time of training
 - iv. Evening tract distribution in front of the Chapel
 - v. Chapel evangelism during the day
 - b. Supportive activities
 - i. Maintenance and construction
 - ii. Cleaning
 - iii. Cooking
 - iv. Special projects
 - c. Miscellaneous
 - i. Conducting a neighborhood ministry
 - ii. Visiting nursing homes
 - iii. Distributing literature door to door
2. Responsibilities of Visiting Youth Groups
 - a. Leaders
 - i. Leaders will be responsible for developing a schedule around the Chapel ministry
 - (1) Sample Day
 - (a) Devotions / personal time
 - (b) Breakfast crew / Cleanup crew
 - (c) Morning Activities (usually two of the following are included)
 - (i) Group Bible study (this should be a fixed activity all week)
 - (ii) A Chapel seminar on a particular topic of training
 - (iii) Two hour maintenance project
 - (iv) Practice for the evening program
 - (d) Lunch crew / Cleanup crew
 - (e) Afternoon activities
 - (i) Practice for evening program
 - (ii) Training
 - (iii) Beach evangelism
 - (iv) Keep Chapel open for visitors
 - (v) Free time or group activity
 - 1) to Cape May
 - 2) to Cape May County Zoo
 - 3) to beach
 - 4) to water parks or rides
 - (f) Supper crew / Cleanup crew
 - (g) Evening program
 - (i) 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel for program preparation
 - (ii) 7:45 p.m. prayer
 - (iii) 8:00 p.m. program
 - ii. Leaders will notify the Chapel director of all intended activities
 - iii. Leaders will prepare their staff in advance of their arrival in Wildwood
 - b. Young people
 - i. While covenant children and non-covenant children are invited to stay at the Chapel
 - (1) Only covenant children or church members will participate on the Chapel stage
 - (2) The unsaved will not be invited to participate in any evangelism activity or Chapel program.
 - (3) Generally those over 18 who are not members of a Bible believing church should not participate in the Chapel ministry.
 - ii. They are to bring (and of course you can add or subtract from this list.)
 - (1) Personal effects
 - (a) Bible
 - (b) toiletries
 - (c) bed roll/sleeping bag and pillow
 - (d) several changes of clothes
 - (e) snack or play money (\$20.00 - \$30.00 suggested for snacks on boards plus rides)
 - (2) Permission from parents for the trip
 - (a) indicating medical needs
 - (b) giving approval for medical treatment
 - iii. Will be sent home at their own expense if unacceptable behavior is encountered.
 3. Finances
 - a. The group is responsible for
 - i. Travel
 - ii. Food
 - iii. Personal needs
 - iv. "Play" money
 - v. Donations to the Chapel are not expected but they are appreciated.
 - b. The Chapel provides
 - i. Living quarters (or floor space)
 - ii. All utility expenses
 - iii. Materials for special projects
 - iv. Free access to beach and ocean

- (iv) 9:30 p.m.
 - 1) evangelism,
 - 2) tract distribution
 - 3) group activity on the boards or rides

- (h) Late night
 - (i) Must be at Dunn House or Chapel by midnight (mandatory)
 - (ii) Late snack / devotions
 - (iii) Lights out by 1:00 a.m.

- (2) Sundays
 - (a) A Day of rest
 - (b) Attendance at Sunday morning and Sunday evening services at Calvary OPC is required.
 - (c) No shopping, rides, or frivolous activities
 - (d) Please do not use Sunday for travel to or from the Chapel

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4. The Chapel program
 - a. All music and skits must be approved by the Director or Summer Assistants
 - b. Please do not use photocopied music or re-recorded music for vocal backgrounds (we are trying to make every effort to abide by copyright laws)
 - c. All scripture applications in skits must be done by a "real" person out of character.
 - d. All those appearing on stage will wear casual but clean clothing (no shorts, sweats, or t-shirts), slacks required for the gents--dresses or nice slacks for the ladies. (Neat jeans are ok)
 - e. Do not assume that the director will think something is "OK". Check and double check with him about anything you do. You are representing the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in everything that you do. He is responsible to the Presbytery of New Jersey of the OPC for all that transpires at the Chapel.

TESTIMONY SEMINAR

1. Paul's Testimony (Acts 26, Acts 22)
 - a. Religious history
 - i. Jew of Jews
 - ii. Pharisee
 - iii. Taught by Gamaliel
 - b. Rebellion against God
 - i. Persecuting Christians
 - ii. Opposing name of Christ
 - c. How Christ came to save Saul/Paul
 - i. Vision
 - ii. Blinding
 - iii. Commission
 - d. Since salvation
 - i. Preaching Christ to Gentiles
 - ii. In chains for Gospel
 - iii. Preaching repentance proven by deeds
 - e. Purposes of Paul's Testimony
 - i. Glory of God
 - ii. Preaching Christ
 - iii. Showing how Biblical promises were answered
2. Your Testimony
 - a. Should
 - i. Bring Glory to God
 - ii. Proclaim the Gospel
 - iii. Give concrete examples of Biblical truth
 - b. Mechanics
 - i. No longer than 3 minutes
 - ii. Follow 3 points of Paul (***These are the 3 points of a Chapel Testimony***)
 - (1) Your life before Christ
 - (2) The circumstances that brought you to Christ
 - (3) Since conversation what has your life been like
 - iii. Include a Bible verse

- iv. Have a good introduction
 - (1) Interesting
 - (2) True
 - (3) May be a Bible Verse
- v. Focus on Christ's work
- vi. Therefore, don't focus on intricate details of your pre-Christian life--only as to edify.
- vii. Be yourself
- viii. But have energy. Christ has saved you, therefore show forth joy!
- ix. Practice it!
- x. Talk to the audience, not at them
- xi. Include the basic Gospel message
- xii. Have an outline (see practicum)
- xiii. Use your creativity
- xiv. Stick with one testimony outline for now (you may modify it later)

TESTIMONY PRACTICUM

STEP 1: Pray that God will have you share what will honor Him.

STEP 2: Create an outline of your testimony.

INTRO: (keep short)

BEFORE CONVERSION: I was.....

HOW YOU CAME TO TRUST IN CHRIST: One of the situations (or friends, or people, or verses) that God used.....

SINCE I HAVE TRUSTED IN CHRIST: I now look forward too..... Life is not always easy but....

THE BIBLE VERSE I WILL USE: The Scripture can be used at the end... i.e. "My favorite scripture verse is..... Or you may use the Scripture verse in with a certain part of your testimony.

STEP 3: Re-read your outline. Are there any exaggerations? Is it humble? Does it point to Christ? Will anything detract from the message? Revise where needed.

STEP 4: Read your outline to someone else within the next few days. Iron sharpens iron, so accept their criticism.

The giver of a testimony will not challenge the listeners. Since he or she is only reporting what God has done in his or her life the testimony can just simply stop with a polite thank you.

BOARDWALK EVANGELISM

I. Before you go

A. Physical fitness

1. Private prayer and fasting
2. Keep your focus & priorities straight
3. Be rested and ready to go
4. Know your body clock

B. Attitude

1. Rejoice in your privilege to witness
2. Rejoice in God's power to save
3. Pray for the Lord to lead you to the right

person(s)

4. Pray for joy and freedom for yourself and

partner

5. Pray for boldness

C. Mechanics

1. Pen, Index Cards, Tracts and Bible
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II. Hints for when you go

A. Bible with verses

B. Smile a lot, be warm and friendly

C. Always use good manners

D. Speak personally

E. Try to be a friend to those you meet

F. Talk to stationary people

G. Don't be fooled by outward appearances

H. Use questions to find out where people are

I. Wet their appetite with statements about your life

J. Have literature ready to use (multiple languages)

K. Be prepared to invite them to a specific event

L. Focus on Christ, not on yourself, your church, or

Chapel

M. Don't scare them with a big Bible

N. Avoid arguments (semantic problem, but still avoid)

1. Stepping out of faith

2. The heart of the matter

O. Look for needs that the Bible speaks to

P. When you are talking with the person, remember -

God

wants you there and you have a right to be there.

Q. Pray while you speak

R. Find out names during the conversation

III. Afterwards

A. Attitude

1. Thank God for every conversation
2. Pray by name for the people you spoke to
3. Plan for further ministry

B. Mechanics

1. Go to Chapel follow-up books to record

information

C. Response to a repentant sinner

1. Guard against pride
2. Guard against jealousy
3. Rejoice in the Lord as is done in heaven (Luke

15:7)

4. Testify before God's people of His power and

might

5. Listen to the testimony of God's saving power

CHAPEL EVANGELISM

Evangelism is a work of communication, in which Christians make themselves mouth pieces for God's

message of mercy to sinners.

I. Objectives

To use the Chapel facilities on the boardwalk as a launching pad for the presentation of the Gospel on a one to one basis.

II. Methods

A. Personal witness - Chapel evangelism involves being aggressive in our efforts to present the Scripture

B. Books and tracts - Even when a word or two is spoken, it is good to follow it up with literature. Give a tract or suggest a good book.

C. Make a friendly invitation to the services and let people know about Calvary Church or Central Bible Church.

III. Responsibilities

A. Know the tracts and don't be afraid to pass them out.

1. A summer assistant will be in charge of tract distribution.

2. Keep them neat and be responsible to know their contents.

B. Be aware of the kinds of books we have and encourage people to browse.

1. Books are under the supervision of a summer assistant.

2. Do not rearrange the books unless you ask the assistant.

3. Books are not sold even though prices are sometimes listed on them.

4. Place any gifts in the offering box inside the sound booth (be discreet).

5. Do not advertise the access to the offering box.

C. Be Neat

1. In the way you dress

2. Keep books and tracts stacked neatly

3. Keep chairs and furniture arranged in straight lines

4. Pick up trash that constantly blows in from the Boardwalk

5. Pick up trash in front of the Chapel on the Boardwalk.

6. Regular cleaning of the chapel will be assigned. But don't let that stop you. Always keep sweeping and cleaning.

7. Keep doors closed on either side of the Chapel platform

8. Eat your snacks in a modest fashion.

D. Phone

1. Answer the phone "Good Afternoon, Boardwalk Chapel, 'your name' speaking."

2. Take all messages in written form

3. No long distance calls are to be made on the phone unless you receive permission from the director. 800 or collect calls by the staff and church members are always o.k.

4. No one outside the Chapel staff/church visitors is to use the phone.

E. Misc. No one, I say, **No one** coming off the Boardwalk is to use the rest room. Refer them to the public rest room five blocks down on the Boardwalk. "No, we do not have public restrooms."

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Application

Music Groups ~ Youth Groups ~ Special Events

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Name of Group: _____

Dates you are available _____ Check a major heading and then all that you wish to do while at the chapel:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Family or Single |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work party | <input type="checkbox"/> Work party | <input type="checkbox"/> Work party | <input type="checkbox"/> Work party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Testimonies | <input type="checkbox"/> Testimonies | <input type="checkbox"/> Testimonies | <input type="checkbox"/> Testimonies |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Total # expected: _____ Male _____ Female _____

If your group is coming only for a retreat or as a work party and will not be participating in any part of the Chapel ministry it will not be necessary to fill out the remainder of this application except for the signature below.

How many will be participating on stage? _____

Please list the various churches where the members of the group holds membership.

Church: _____

How many of those participating on stage are **members** in good standing of this church? _____

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Are there family members or members of the group over 18 years of age who have not yet made a profession of faith or have yet to join a local congregation? (Those members, that is, who will be participating on stage.) (No ___) (Yes ___ # ___)

If they are a vital part of your ministry presentation and you wish them to participate, could you please describe the circumstances which have prevented their becoming members of a local church?

Signature and date: _____

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SUMMER MINISTRY RECOMMENDATION

Dear Pastor and Church Leaders:

Each summer the Boardwalk Chapel invites church members and youth groups to participate during some of its services. Men and women who are members in good standing of a Bible believing church are encouraged to minister.

_____, is requesting that you recommend them for participation in the Chapel ministry.

Please verify (✓) the following:

- That the applicant(s) (adults and children)
 - is (are) born again.
 - is (are) a member(s) (communicant or covenant) in good standing of your congregation.

The non-churched are always welcomed at the Chapel as guests to work behind the scenes in construction, painting, etc and to stay for a night or a week at the Chapel facilities during retreats. It is our policy, however, that those participating publically through preaching, music, testimony, witnessing or tract distribution be under the authority of a local church by way of official church membership.

- That you (the minister, session, consistory, deacons or leadership board) recommend this (these) applicant(s) to serve in the public ministry of the Boardwalk Chapel.

(Pastor or Representative)

(Date) (Phone)

For the _____ of _____
(governing body) (Name of Church)

Thank you for your help. Please mail or make your recommendation by phone or e-mail.