

Set Free to RUN on God's Path

The Grand Canyon is among the greatest wonders of God's creation. It is like a vast mountain range below ground level. When I lived in Arizona as a boy there weren't as many guardrails. I remember *running* along the trails. Each year people die from falling into the canyon. Park rangers warn that although the ground may look stable, underneath it can be undercut. The ground beneath your feet can be paper-thin due to the same erosion that originally carved out the canyon walls.

Was it foolish to run around the Grand Canyon? No. Here's why: I was safe because I stayed on the paths. God's poet exclaimed in scripture, "*I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free*" (Psalm 119:32).

God has given us a path to walk—or to run—in life. Nobody leaving the paths of God wants their life cut short, to plunge to ruin, or to end up at the bottom of a pit they can't climb out of. Outside God's path, the eroded ground looks deceptively solid but it has no foundation underneath. The Lord has never imprisoned us, nor does he want to. He sets people free. But in love he warns us because he wants us to *remain* free.

I've never forgotten the exhilaration of running the paths of the Grand Canyon. To accelerate and feel my body respond. To breathe in the fresh air. To turn around each bend and see yet another breathtaking view. It felt like... freedom. And it was true freedom because I was running on the path.

Today, as a man, I feel that same freedom as I run the paths of God.

Mark

"Winterfest Dinner", Sunday, Oct. 2nd @ 5:00

Please sign-up by TODAY to join us for a great evening of Mexican food and fellowship. **Donations will help our teens attend the Christian Youth Rally in Tennessee this winter.**

- Do you have any Mexican-themed items for decorations that we could borrow? See Kristin Ceraso.
- Any donations of summer garden tomatoes, peppers, etc. would also be gladly accepted!

KFC and Middle School Parents: Please meet with Laura in the front of the auditorium right after worship today for a brief planning meeting.

Sr. High Youth Meets This Friday, Sept. 23rd

at 8:00 PM at Chris & Kristin's home for an outdoor movie and a bonfire.

Do YOU have a LIFE Group yet?

Remember that every Sunday there is an **After-Worship LIFE Group** that meets right after morning worship in the Teen Room. If you want to check it out, just stay around. There are several other LIFE Groups as well; pick up a list in the lobby.

CHANGE IN DATE: We are Serving the "New Visions" Homeless Breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 27th.

We will be cooking and serving breakfast to those in need. *We need cooks and servers*, so see Brenda Collier for how YOU can help. "New Visions" is at 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ. Meet at church at 8:30 if you need a ride.

Cathedral Kitchen: September 29th 3:30-5:30

EDP—Elders, Deacons & Preacher Meeting:

Monday, September 26th at Jeff Powers' home.

Our Fall Special Collection: is coming up November 20th. This is our annual "Catch-up Sunday" when we collect funds to close the gap in our budget and for our special projects.

Area Wide Autumn Sing Along: will be at Pitman Road Church of Christ. Join them for this time of singing & honoring God on Sat., Oct. 8, 6-8 PM. Refreshments 6-6:30. Child Care provided. See bulletin board for details.

Ladies, Save the Date:
for Our Spring Collingswood Ladies Retreat: April 7-9

Area Wide Ladies Retreat at Camp Manatawny:
Title: "Girl, Are You the Eternal Flame." on Sept. 30th - Oct. 1st.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Bill Ceraso (Psalm 26:1-8)

Opening Prayer: Josh Henderson

Lord's Supper: Henry Duncan, Chet, Kamal Wall, Thanh Ly

Scripture Before Message: Jiony Colon (Romans 6:1-4)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Nursery: Marguerite & Layla Next Week: Laura & Elaine

Blue Cleaning Team: Sept. 21-24.

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

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Worship Total..... 134

Bible Class..... 92

Wed..... 38

L.I.F.E. Groups 62

Contribution \$2,445

Budget Goal ...\$4,260

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 33

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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)



*Or you can
run to God...*



*Or better yet,
you can run
with God.*



*Rachel Wojc