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*"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
—John 17:3*

The Boardwalk Chapel: Teaching through Reaching

by Allison Hill, OPC Short Term Missions Administrative Assistant

As each summer day comes to its end in Wildwood, New Jersey, the sun fades and is almost seamlessly replaced by twinkling fluorescent bulbs all along the boardwalk. Running the length of Wildwood beach, the boardwalk attracts vacationers with two-and-a-half miles of enticingly aromatic food, boisterous music, carnival games, and intriguing storefronts. Yet, situated in the midst of it all lies one storefront that does not fit in with the rest. Above its awning, a light shines on a simple sign that reads "Boardwalk Chapel".

According to Boardwalk Chapel director, Jim Zozzaro, the work of the Chapel can be summed up in three areas of emphasis: evangelism, apologetics, and prayer. In fact, the Chapel is even considered by some to be the premier apologetics training ground for lay people. With fathers of the church Cornelius Van Til, Ed Clowney, Richard Gaffin, and Meredith Kline as former Chapel teachers, the claim seems merited. Today, with an unprecedented number of staff and renewed vision, the Chapel has grown not only as a place of considerable public evangelism, but also as an intensive training opportunity for both young and mature Christians.

[Read the entire article on OPCstm.org](https://www.opcstm.org)

UPDATES

New Possibilities in Neon, Kentucky—

by Trish Duggan, OPC Disaster Response Communications Coordinator

There is no doubt the connected church is at work in Neon! Just look at the numbers: thus far in the Neon disaster response effort, 102 volunteers have served over 240 days with an average of 8-hours of work per day, which means 1,952 volunteer hours have been served thus far. Praise the Lord for His provision!

It's amazing to see the progress in such a short time. The Lord hears your prayers and is encouraging the congregation of Neon Reformed OPC. The rebuilding project is in the latter stages, and Lord willing, Neon Reformed may be back worshipping in their building by the end of October.

Read the full update at <https://opcdisasterresponse.org/new-possibilities/>

Crates for Ukraine Update—

The Beard family from New Hope Christian Fellowship in Elizabeth City, North Carolina reached out to the OPC Refugee Ministry Subcommittee for financial support as they planned to participate in the PCA's "Crates for Ukraine" program. The family has dear friends in L'viv, MTW missionaries, who have been

servicing for several years. As a result, Aimee Beard was excited to have a way to help, "Finally, there was something tangible we could do to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Knowing the need was urgent, I started reaching out to local churches and friends in our community and the help began to pour in. Many were happy to help and especially so because several know [our family friends] personally. My initial goal was twenty crates. That was before all the support started to come in. We have already filled 70 crates, but I am expecting we will reach 80 by the time our last round of couriers leaves. Incredible! God is so good." Read the entire update on our website: <https://www.opccdm.org/crates-for-ukraine-update/>

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The Uganda Mission— Short term volunteers are needed!

The Uganda Mission would greatly benefit from individuals willing to serve for a month or longer, at any point in the year. Currently, needs exist in areas of facilities maintenance, childcare for the missionaries, teaching assistance, and oversight of the farm project.

Visit our site to learn more: <https://www.opcstm.org/opportunity/uganda-mission/>

The Boardwalk Chapel— Register your church group to be a Summer 2024 Ministry Team!

It's hard to believe that the 2023 summer calendar is already full for church groups! Now is the time to save your spot for summer 2024!

Check out other opportunities and testimonials on our website, www.OPCstm.org

Mercy Coordinator Needed in Neon, Kentucky—

We are looking for a deacon to serve for a period of time to visit families in the community, gather information on them and their needs, determine what portion of their need OPC DR might be able to meet, propose a project to the disaster oversight committee, and pray with those served, pointing them to the true source of all good gifts.

Contact Mike Cloy for more information: opcmikecloy@gmail.com

Help Needed in Neon, Kentucky—

Right now, we are in need of skilled laborers to come help rebuild the Neon Reformed OPC building. We are seeking individuals familiar with laying carpet squares to join the effort mid-to-late October. OPC Disaster Response is willing to cover the travel costs of those willing to meet this specific need. If you are able to serve in Neon, please register to be a Disaster Response volunteer and contact Jane, the volunteer coordinator, at Kentuckyvolunteers@opc.org to schedule your spot or ask any questions you may have! Find out more by visiting [OPCdisasterresponse.org](https://www.OPCdisasterresponse.org)

Register to be a Disaster Response Volunteer—

Our new goal is to have 450 OPC Disaster Response registrants by the end of 2022 hurricane season! We currently have 434! A special thanks to our most recent registrants: **Harlan, Kristine, Seth, Jeff, Mike, Bruce, and John from GA, Graham from SC, and Evan from OH!** Show us your interest in serving by registering to be a volunteer, and serve where and when you can!

Where you can find us: Facebook: OPC Disaster Response & OPC Short-Term Missions Instagram: @OPCSTM

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