

THE BOARDWALK CHAPEL

4312 Boardwalk, Box 602

Wildwood, NJ 08260

609 522-2307

Looking Forward to Next Summer

Dear friend in Christ:

Thank you for considering the ministry of the Boardwalk Chapel. Please find enclosed the application which has been requested by you or someone you know. I hope that the enclosed information will be helpful to you in your decision to apply. Also check us out at www.chapelopc.org.

If you are not interested in applying, please give this packet of information to someone who might be.

In Christ,

Jon W. Stevenson
Director

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APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER STAFF POSITION

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Name _____ Age: ___ Birthday: ___ / ___ / ___
Home address: _____
Your address at college: _____ (till-date] ___ / ___ / ___)
Home phone: _____ Your Phone # at School: _____
Name of college: _____
Major: _____ Minor: _____
List schools attended (including High School) Name, City, State, Year.

Parents Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Church in which you hold membership: _____
Address: _____
How Long? _____ Pastor's name: _____ Phone: _____
Church you attend at college: _____
Pastor's name: _____ Phone: _____
Times per month you attend morning worship: (check one) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4-5
Times per month you attend evening worship: (check one) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4-5
Times per month you attend Sunday School: (check one) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4-5
What foreign languages do you speak? Spanish, French, Other, _____, None.
Do you like to or can you sing? _____ Musical instruments you play. _____
Are you (check all that apply) Single, Married, Divorced, Engaged, Seriously Involved.
Have you engaged in premarital sex / adultery or homosexual activity that has not been resolved by your church through forgiveness requested and forgiveness granted? _____ Explain briefly the circumstances of an situation yet to be resolved. _____

Will your boyfriend or girlfriend be applying? No, Yes (name) _____
Please list (if any) friends who have applied or you expect might be applying for a position this summer.

Please list (if any) family or friends who will be living in the Cape May County area this summer.

- Give names, addresses, and phone numbers of two references. (One reference must be an ordained leader in your church.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

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- Please note the following about your coming to faith in Christ. (Please be brief by using only one or two sentences for each question).

1. What was your life like before you became a Christian? _____

2. List one or two things that God used to cause you to be born again? _____

3. What has your life been like since your conversion? _____

- Evangelism or leadership experience is not required to be accepted into the training program of the Boardwalk Chapel ministry. However, if you have had experiences in evangelism or leadership positions please briefly describe what they were. _____

- List three or four goals in coming to the Chapel. (Include personal and ministry goals. Note talents you would like to develop.) _____

- Please read the "Chapel Notes" sheet including general conduct and the guidelines for dating.

Do you understand the principles and agree in the Lord to follow them? _____

- Read the statement of faith and Biblical perspectives on evangelism. Are there areas with which you disagree or have reservations about? _____ If so, please explain(reservations do not necessarily prevent you from being accepted.) _____

Your signature on this application indicates your willingness, if accepted into the program, to participate "AS UNTO THE LORD" in the program of training as established by the director and assistants.

Name: _____ Date: _____

By signing, you are acknowledging

1. that you are coming primarily for the work of evangelism.
2. that you will abide by the guidelines of the Chapel ministry.
3. that if, in God's providence, you find it physically, spiritually, emotionally or principally too difficult to carry on with the work, you will gracefully dismiss yourself from the program.
4. that you will encourage others by your actions and attitudes to follow the Chapel policies.
5. that you will follow the dating guidelines (i.e. that friendships and romances will be held in check for the sake of the ministry.)
6. that you will write two brief letters (1 in June and 1 in July) to your pastor and congregation.
7. that you will not work in a local business any more than 40 hours per week. Those working less than 25 hours are expected to add 2 hours/day to daytime ministry hours (5 hours/day for those not working)

- Please send to the session, consistory or spiritual leadership board of your church a note indicating your intentions for the summer. They will be expected to officially approve your participation in the Chapel ministry. A suggested motion for their minutes is included on the recommendation form.

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VOLUNTEER STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Dear pastor and church leaders:

Each summer the Boardwalk Chapel accepts 15-20 volunteers to help the director and the summer assistants in the evangelistic emphasis of the work. Men and women who are members in good standing of a Bible believing church are invited to apply. There are two weeks of training plus ten full weeks of ministry scheduled each summer.

Volunteers are provided a place to live here in Wildwood. They must pay for their own food (\$450.00) and personal expenses. Because they minister 20-30 hours per week at the Chapel, they are limited to working forty hours per week at a local business (most average 30 hours per week.) We ask that you will encourage the applicant with prayer and financial support. If your congregation could provide a \$1500 scholarship plus a food allowance, the volunteer would then be able to work full-time in ministry without the need to work at an outside job.

_____ is requesting that you recommend them to the chapel program.

Please keep in mind that many applicants, who are church members in good standing, may be passing through serious family, physical, spiritual, or financial crises at the time of their application. We request that these issues be noted below on the recommendation form or that they be resolved before applicants are recommended to the Chapel ministry.

Thank you for your help. In Christ,

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Please verify (✓) the following:

- That the applicant
 - is born again.
 - is a good testimony to other Christians.
 - is teachable and willing to be a follower.
 - is a member in good standing of your congregation.

- That you (the session, consistory, deacons or leadership board) by a motion to be recorded in your minutes did on (date) _____ "recommended this applicant to serve as a volunteer at the Boardwalk Chapel." (or words to that effect)

(Ordained Officer of the Church)

(Phone)

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

Please mail in this form or make the recommendation by phone or e-mail.

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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.

GENERAL INFORMATION - VOLUNTEER STAFF

The evangelism program is open to any person 18 years or older who has repented of sin and has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, is trying to structure his life and thinking according to God's infallible revelation in the Bible and is a member in good standing of a Bible believing church.

1. The program is a twelve-week program involving:

Two weeks of training

Ten weeks of ministry

2. Each person in the program will:

Have Sundays off as a day of rest and worship (no secular work permitted)

Have one additional day off from Chapel activities during the week

3. Everyone is expected to:

Have daily Bible reading and prayer and attend all Sunday services of Calvary or Central Bible Church

Attend all scheduled Chapel and staff meetings

Use and develop talents during the summer

Submit in the Lord to the assistants and director in all areas of life that is deemed appropriate for the furtherance of the ministry i.e. habits, dress, relationships

Stay until the end of the summer program (circumstances permitting)

4. Except for special circumstances, staff will reside at the Chapel dorm & each staff member will

Need to bring bedding (sheets, pillow cases and blankets... nights do get cool)

Need to bring dress-up clothing for the evening program - slacks, shirts, dresses, blouses. Sweat pants, sleeveless dresses, tank tops, t-shirts with logos, or sloppy attire are considered inappropriate dress. Two nights a week a Chapel polo shirt will be worn during the program.

Share a room with one or two roommates

Participate in cooking, cleaning and upkeep

Be supervised by a summer assistant

5. The cost for the program:

\$ 450.00 for meals, cleaning supplies, fellowship night activities, and Chapel polo shirt.

Travel to and from Wildwood

6. Preference will be given to those applicants who can work full-time in the Chapel ministry during the course of the summer. It would be best to raise a portion of or if possible your entire support and to have sponsors contribute to your financial needs for the whole summer. \$1500 above the \$450 program cost is recommended as the support figure for the summer. Contact the director for help in this. Staff needing to find summer employment are permitted to do so. Hours are limited to 40 per week. If possible, though, it is hoped that staff will not have to work.

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. Thus God receives 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)

TRAINING WEEK - The first two weeks of the summer program are spent in a time of training the staff physically, spiritually, and mentally for the coming summer months. Some of the topics are listed below.

THE HARD WORK - Being a volunteer on the staff of the Boardwalk Chapel can be one of the most difficult jobs in America. If you must find local work to meet some of your financial needs, the pressure to be a dependable workman along with being a faithful and persistent "evangelist" at the Chapel is indeed great. But most staff testify that their summer at the Chapel is one of the best ever.

TO APPLY FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER

When applying for a volunteer position at the Chapel, please do the following:

Fill out the application and write brief but complete answers.

Fill out the "Recommendation Form" and get it to your session or leadership board so that they might recommend your coming to the Chapel.

If you desire a scholarship application please request one on a separate sheet of paper.

Questions or information? Call Jon Stevenson the Director. He accepts all collect calls at 609 522-5616

Wait patiently until the end of April when final decisions are made concerning the staff. However you may call anytime to inquire about the status of your application.

Notify your church by way of a letter or a personal visit so that they might begin to pray for you and possibly contribute to your support. \$1500 above the \$450 cost is recommended as the support figure for the summer.

IMPORTANT DATES

- * The Saturday one week after Memorial Day the Staff may begin arriving
- * The Tuesday one week after Memorial Day - Training begins at 7:00 p.m.
- * During the Summer the Chapel is open for 77 consecutive nights.
- * One full week before Labor Day ends the volunteer staff commitment (many of the staff often stay longer.)

THE BILL WELTE MEMORIAL FUND

In August of 1986, Bill Welte (age 64) was singing at the Boardwalk Chapel as he had so often done for more than 20 years. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was one of his favorites, and this arrangement was a stirring one as it ended "Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." Bill collapsed into a comma moments later and in two weeks went to be with his Savior. Gifts given in his memory are set aside in the Bill Welte Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year one or more volunteer staff will receive aid towards their meals or other special needs as a result of this fund. Please ask for a scholarship application if you feel it would make a significant difference in your decision to come.

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CHAPEL MINISTRY GUIDELINES

I. Hours

A. Ministry Hours

- | 1. Volunteer Staff Day time Hours | Staff Evening Work |
|--|--------------------|
| Hours | |
| a. Not working - 5 hours/ volunteer day work | 5:30 - 11:00 |
| b. Up to 25 hrs - 2 hours/ volunteer day work | 5:30 - 11:00 |
| c. Over 25 hrs - 0 hours/ volunteer day work | 5:30 - 11:00 |
| 2. Devotions (personal time) | |
| 3. Ministry contacts (part of day or night time hours) | |
| 4. Chores (to be done by Thursday each week) | |
| 5. Meals (personal time) | |

Day time work hours may consist of any or all of the following: Painting, Beach Evangelism, Follow-up, Mopping. Kitchen and Hallways, Cleaning Chapel Apartments, Stamping tracts, weeding, policing, grass cutting, general clean-up, Cooking (special treats etc.), shopping... If you have a project that you think is worthy ask permission before doing it on your own.

B. Dunn House Hours

1. Quiet in the house from 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.
2. Halls segregated from 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. (and as often as possible at other times.)
3. Personal rooms are segregated at all times.
4. No conversations in kitchen or living room after 1:00 a.m.
5. Guests must be excused by 11:30 for curfew, or 12:00 p.m. for out of town.
6. Be in your room by 1:00 a.m.

C. Ladies and gentlemen on staff

1. Must be in by 12:00 p.m.
2. Ladies must be escorted when walking off the boardwalk after 10:30 p.m.
3. Must report destination to summer assistant after dark (even on day off).
4. Refrain from extensive visits to homes of friends and relatives.
5. Put in writing to the director any plans being made to leave Wildwood over night and the time of expected to return.

II. Guests at the Dunn House

A. General Comments

1. The Dunn House is not a place for friends, relatives, church families etc. to come hang around and talk.
2. The Chapel ministry is primarily a work for evangelism.
3. The Dunn House is the private living quarters of the staff.

B. Friends

1. By permission of summer assistants (generally limited)
2. Advance notice to cooking staff if staying for dinner (\$2.00 per person)
3. Only afternoon hours.

III. Dating

A. Relationships are not discouraged

1. That Christian young people develop romances is normal.
2. That romances develop in a Christian ministry is wonderful.
3. That they can divert energy away from a ministry, however, is well documented.

B. Since the focus of our energy must be on the primary goals of the ministry

1. Dating will be discouraged.
2. Courting will be limited to a staff person's one night off per week.

IV. Speech

A. Edification

1. Look for ways to compliment and encourage other staff.
2. Think on things that are holy, pure and just.

B. Gossip

1. Includes violations of Matthew 18
 - a. Murmuring and complaining are actions that do not edify the church of Christ.
 - b. Open criticisms of a ministry's decisions undermine the process of restoration.
 - c. Bitterness about decisions made by leaders fosters gossip.
2. Is a sin that a church often allows to its own destruction.