

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### STEWARDSHIP

At the beginning of a new year most of us reflect on the past year, assessing how well we've done. For the believer this introspection has eternal significance. In 2 Cor.5:9-10 Paul writes, "So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." In 1888, Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist who had made a fortune by inventing dynamite, was grieving the death of his brother Ludvig. His grief was turned to anger and frustration when he read his own obituary. The editor had confused the brothers, and the headline read, "The Merchant of Death is dead". Alfred Nobel was described as a warmonger who got rich helping men kill each other. Shaken by this appraisal of his life, he resolved to use his wealth to improve the way the world remembered him. When he died in 1896, he left over nine million dollars to fund awards known as Nobel Prizes for those whose work benefited humanity. He was able to see the assessment of his life at its end while he still had time to change it. If there is little evidence of stewardship in your life, time is of the essence.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### BILL & JANET KRAFTSON

"We thank everyone who has supported and partnered with us to reach generations of people in greater Fort Worth with the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the addition of Josh Horton, and his wife Catherine's passion for reaching the next generation. For the past 45 years, our purpose has never wavered: 1) to reach people who've never accepted Him as their Savior, 2) to help them grow spiritually, and 3) equip them to share Christ with their family, friends, and co-workers. How has SEARCH fared before and after Covid-19? In a word? Exciting! An Open Forum with over 100 guests in February, a first-ever Zoom Focused Forum with over 70 guests (and several out of towners), countless Zoom small group sessions, both old and new since COVID-19, countless conversations with seekers. We have heard many thrilling stories of how the ministry has changed lives. Pray for those who have accepted Christ as their Savior and now seek to reach others with the Gospel. Pray for us as we move forward in 2021 to fulfill God's work for us and SEARCH Ministries."

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, pick up a copy of each week's *Missionary Moments* located at all of the Sanctuary doors and check out our *Missionary Wall* located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Our memory verse for January is Psalm 1:1-2, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night."

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be closed Monday December 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> due to staff travel and covid quarantine guidelines. Pastors and staff can be reached via e-mail during that time. Please note that church office e-mail (office@auc.org) and any phone messages will be checked on a daily basis. You can also contact your shepherding elder if you need assistance during this time.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THIS MORNING:

Parents should note that nursery and Beginners Churchtime/Wee Worship/Kids Worship for children from infants to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are available during the Worship Service this morning. Children will be remaining in the service to participate in communion. Parents, please speak with your children so they understand why they should participate or why they should just observe. You will need to go and pick up your children after the Service.

### ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSES ON ZOOM

Most of our Adult Bible School classes are meeting each Sunday by Zoom. If you are not a part of one of these classes but would like to join one by Zoom, please contact the church office (office@auc.org), and you will be put in contact with a class.

### GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

The GriefShare Ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of 13 sessions. GriefShare meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at 1 PM via Zoom and free conference calling. You are welcome to begin attending our group at any point. Register online at [www.griefshare.org/groups/124033](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/124033) or contact a Group Leader at [griefshare@auc.org](mailto:griefshare@auc.org) or 610-259-8010.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Do you have a heart to reach kids with the Gospel? Aldan Union Church is looking for a leader to oversee our After School Program. This program is one of the most valuable ministries of our church in reaching out to support families in our community and reach kids with the gospel who would otherwise never hear about Jesus. Joe DeAngelis has faithfully run this outreach for the past 9 years and is retiring. It is the strong desire of the church leadership that we continue this program, but we cannot continue this outreach without a leader. It is a paid position, and it is also a labor of love that runs from about 3 to 6 in the afternoon 3 or 4 days a week. This ministry has made a difference in the hearts of some kids for eternity and is especially important now. If you are in any way interested, if you sense the Lord's leading, or if you have any questions, please contact Scott Lowery at 610-623-6778 or slowery028@gmail.com.

## **THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 10TH | 7:30 PM**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:30 PM. All treasurers of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) are to submit their reports to the church office **by January 17th**. You may also email your report to office@auc.org.

## **WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME**

The first Wednesday of the month is a time of corporate prayer led by Pastor Joe. On the other Wednesdays the church will be open to any small prayer groups that would like to meet for prayer from 7- 8 PM. They do need to contact Pastor Kevin (kevin.brock@auc.org) to be assigned a room. Please note that groups will still need to follow our mask and social distancing guidelines.

## **SERMON RECORDINGS**

Audio recordings of the Sunday sermons are available (to listen to or download) by clicking on the "Sermons" link under the "Media" tab on www.auc.org. Alternatively, to get a copy of a sermon on CD, please fill out a Request Card that can be found in each pew rack and put it in the "Worship Service Recording Request Cards" box located at the Welcome Center outside of the back of the Sanctuary

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

### **MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM CHAPEL**

Our teacher for this week is Jim Nielson. Coffee is provided.

### **MAN UP**

Men, feel free to come join our weekly small group in discussing Biblical topics on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM. Coffee is supplied. If you have questions, contact John Sykes (skyfam1@yahoo.com).

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 9:45 AM-11:00 AM CHAPEL**

Women are welcome to join us each Wednesday from 9:45 AM -11:00 AM. We meet in the Chapel due to COVID-19, and masks are required. No refreshments will be provided. Any questions call Nancy Armentario at 610-622-2049.

### **MOMS IN PRAYER**

Moms in Prayer meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights each month on Zoom from 7- 8:30 PM. Any mom, grandmom, aunt, etc. we would love to have you join us. Please contact Lysa Burton at rlsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165 and let her know you will be joining.

### **MOTHERWISE**

Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings each month on ZOOM from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. We are studying Priscilla Shirer's *Armor of God*. Please contact Lysa Burton (rlsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165).

### **BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Did you have a baby or grandbaby born in 2020? If yes, please email Dianna McCollum (Dmcitaly25@gmail.com) with the baby's name and date of birth so we can give this little one some recognition on January 10th. Thank you!

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Henry & Jean Stienstra-parents and grandparents  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Matthew & Deborah Pruette & Family

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Nelson & Ethel Harper, Tom & Agnes Daniels - loving parents  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Dot Daniels

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