

PASTORS CORNER

What is God doing in your life? Unless we are perfect, we are being sanctified. If we are being sanctified, what is God doing in my life? Am I prepared for God to refine me this year? Ready to have my eyes open to what He would ask me to die to so that I can live more for Him? When we call Jesus our Lord, our Master, we call ourselves to submission to Him - submission to His will revealed in His word - even if it means I have to change. In view of such a great salvation as we have been given and our Almighty Divine Creator, let's be ready to dive head first into His word with our eyes wide open to how God wants to work in us and through us for the sake of His Gospel Kingdom.

Pastor Joe

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

MARIA GUSMAO

A BCM Brazil Family Conference was held in November with Carlos Odicio joining them. Maria and the BCM Brazil team are starting camps today through February 5. Pray for protection during the camps and for the salvation of campers who do not know the Lord. During this time Bible Clubs will stop because schools in Brazil are on vacation. The number of Bible Clubs has grown to 320 and the number of kids reached has grown to 7541. Praise the Lord for the privilege to reach these kids. Ask the Lord to open doors to more schools, increase the number of workers for the Bible Clubs, and increase financial support for this ministry. Praise the Lord that their car is still running as they look for another car and try to raise more money; ask the Lord to provide the right car as the prices have gone up. Maria shared that they are saddened by the passing of Judy Edinger. Judy was Maria's American mother, who had come to Brazil many times to teach and bless them with her life. Maria and her husband Antonio are planning on coming to the States in Fall 2024. Pray that Antonio will be able to get a visa so that he can come to the USA. *You may send a word of encouragement to Maria at cida.mcb@gmail.com.*

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, check out our Missionary Wall located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.



KIDS MINISTRY EVENT | FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 | 7PM | GYM

Kids and their families are invited to join us for snacks, games and a time of fellowship.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | 6PM

Save the date for the next All Church Potluck! Registration is open online. Please sign up to bring either an entrée, salad or dessert.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 14 | 7:30PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30PM. All Chairmen of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) need to submit their reports to the church office by TODAY.

STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

We currently have two interested applicants that we are beginning to look at. Please be in prayer for the applicants, the CE committee and the search committee.

FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

The food pantry will be closed the month of January to allow time to gather donations. Stock is very low. Please consider a donation this month of the following: canned vegetables, beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereals, rice, hygiene products, paper products etc. Thank you in advance.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

As you organize your calendar for 2024, please be sure to include the 88th Annual Missionary Conference being held from March 9-17, 2024. Our keynote speakers will be Rick Rhoads, BCM Int. President and Dr. Bulus Galadima - well known to us from his many visits with us. The theme of this Year's Conference is Partnership in the Gospel (Philippians 1:5). Hear what God is doing around the world including places that are 'closed' (at least humanly speaking) to the Gospel. God is at work in His world.

Please take a moment to 'Check In' to the morning worship service and Bible School either through the Church Center App or at the Welcome Center. You can also submit donations to the church through the Church Center App. If you need help visit the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

AV NEED

Here's hoping you had a Blessed Christmas! Did you happen to get, or will be getting a replacement large-screen TV? Maybe you'll be getting one before the "Big Game" that's coming up in a couple months? We would love to have your "old" one donated to AUC for use in our classrooms or meetings. We are looking for any TV with 1) 55" or larger screen, 2) approximately less than 10 years old, 3) has at least 1 HDMI input, 4) has a remote control with it. If you have one available that fits these requisites please email Howard Phipps Sr. at av@auc.org to make arrangements.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Priscila Torrejon has joined the AUC missionary family as a missionary intern, ministering in the Dominican Republic from January 2024 through December 2025 with Word of Life. Her training in Florida will be from January 9 to 16 and then she plans to go to the DR. Priscila needs to raise more prayer and financial support (both one-time and monthly). If you want to support Priscila in prayer or financially, please contact her at priscilatorrejon2@gmail.com. Online financial support for Priscila can be made at missions.wol.org/ptorrejonvasquez.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY | 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS | 1-3PM | CHAPEL

This ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of fourteen sessions. We are here to listen to how you are dealing with your loss and to provide prayer and support. We will show a video, going with the workbook and group discussion. The workbook is \$20.00 and can be purchased through the GriefShare website or from us. Scholarships are available. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170035>. Feel free to bring someone with you who is also suffering. Contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or call 610-259-8010 for more information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM

Students are welcome to join us every week for Bible Study on the Student Floor. We will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

STUDENT MINISTRY WINTER WEEKEND 2024 | JANUARY 26-27

Winter Weekend 2024 is coming up soon! Students currently in grades 6–12 are invited to join us for an awesome weekend of Bible study, small groups, games, food, and fellowship. This year there will be an optional overnight element that will take place here at AUC. You can find out more information and registration is available via Church Center.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SNOWFLAKE CAFE | FEBRUARY 10 | 8:30AM - 12:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We are not sure how much snow we will get this year, but we do know that we will have a major snow event at the Snowflake Café! Join us for an avalanche of blessings designed just for you! Registrations are now available online. Some workshops will be limited, so don't delay. Stop by the Women's Ministry table to pick up a brochure. Registration closes February 4.

WOMEN'S GET-AWAY WEEEEKEND FEBRUARY 23-25

Calling women from AUC! You are invited to attend a Women's Get-Away Weekend sponsored by EG Ministries, Inc. Our theme is "Woman of Strength". There are activities for you to do if you want or you can just sit in the beautiful lounge at Black Rock Retreat Center and visit with other women who are with us. If you are interested there is a brochure on the Women's Ministry table in the hallway across from the nursery. Or you can go to www.egministriesinc.org website and find the information there. BUT hurry, time is running out to register. Hope you will join us for a fun, relaxing, time of refreshment and renewal of your spirit and body. Contact JK Williams at 610-626-3332 if you have any questions.

MOMS IN PRAYER | 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM

This prayer group is designed for anyone who wants to pray for our children and what they are dealing with today. Contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrsburton@verizon.net).

WOMANWISE | 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY | 9:30-11:30AM | LL09

We are studying God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin, if any woman would like to join. Childcare is available. Any questions contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrsburton@verizon.net).

MEN'S MINISTRY

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30AM | CHAPEL

Our teacher for this week is Bill Pentecost. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

We meet Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.