

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### STEWARDSHIP

It is during tough times that true character shines through. Difficulties don't make the person as much as they reveal the person. It seems that when things get tough, the first thing many people jettison is their generosity. The current economic downturn may dictate that we eat out less, buy fewer clothes or keep the car another year or two. However, even when we must do these kinds of things, we can still be generous, and while financial generosity is important, it is not our only resource for giving generously. We can be generous with our compassion when we know that someone is hurting. We can offer hospitality as a way of building relationships with those who need our friendship. Now is a good time to go through our stuff and determine what could be shared with others. And, speaking of sharing, this is a great time to be generous in sharing our faith. The current economic crisis may represent the greatest opportunity we've ever had. Many people are now realizing that their plans aren't working. When you find your security in money and real estate, they will let you down. Wouldn't it be great if an economic downturn turned thousands of people to Christ? We could be part of this by choosing to live generously. (Proverbs 11:24-25)

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

### PAT BLACK

Thank you so much for the prayer and financial support you have faithfully given for many years as well as the Christmas gift I received in December. The Lord gave me a wonderful year of ministry in 2023 which included Candidate Orientation in USA and Uganda and representing BCM publications at the European Conference. My daily responsibilities revolve around the coordinating of various publications projects. We have been able to complete the translation and editing of Volumes 1 and 2 of the revised Tiny Steps of Faith Bible curriculum for preschoolers. We hope to complete Volumes 3 and 4 in 2024. Please pray that I will have long periods of uninterrupted time to work on the editing of these materials. Pray for wisdom in knowing what ministry opportunities to accept and say no to. Pray for Shantal and Jonatan Odicio as they add the English audio to the puppet videos that they created for all four volumes. Pray that the materials that I presented at BCM Candidate Orientation at Traber Center January 28-February 1 are helpful for those who attended. *You may send a word of encouragement to Pat at [pblack@bcmintl.org](mailto:pblack@bcmintl.org).*

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



**FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** Lamentations 3:22 - "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end."

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT | FEBRUARY 9 | 7-9PM

Parents - I'm sure it can be hard to get away even for a few hours to spend time together. So if you have kids from birth-5th grade, your kids can come play at church while you celebrate Valentine's Day a little early. We hope this will be a refreshing time for parents and a fun time for the kids!

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 14 | 7:30PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30PM. There will be refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 6:45PM. The meeting will not be livestreamed. If the meeting must be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the alternate date will be February 21, 2024.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Our 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Missionary Conference takes place from March 9-17, 2024. There are events for all ages! The Conference starts with a Family breakfast on March 9. Other highlights include fellowship for women on Tuesday morning and evening, Family Potluck on Friday evening, Men's Breakfast on Saturday as the ever-popular Roundtable on Wednesday evening. Please plan to attend as much as you can to hear how God is working around the world. A brochure will be coming soon with the full schedule.

Signups will be coming for hosting a missionary for a meal, or providing lodging. Stay tuned!

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.

### **GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE CLASS**

Beginning today the GSP class will resume **weekly** Sunday School! This is a class for those who learn differently. We meet in the GSP room located next to the nursery, across from the lounge. We spend time singing, hearing God's word and praying. Any questions please contact Debbie McDevitt, [jdmacampers@gmail.com](mailto:jdmacampers@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

### **STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH**

Please be in prayer for the man God would have for our church, the CE committee and the search committee. We are currently in process with a new candidate.

### **FOOD BANK HOURS**

The food pantry will be open Monday, February 5 from 6:30 to 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 13 from 6:15 to 7:15PM and Sunday, February 25 from noon to 1PM. AldanCare is very grateful for the AUC congregation for allowing us to serve so many families. Please consider a donation of the following: spaghetti sauce, cereals, rice, hygiene products, paper products etc. Without your faithful donations, it would not be possible. Thank you.

### **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 TODAY.

#### **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](mailto:rlrsburton@verizon.net)).

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

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

Our teacher for this week is Lochmoeller. Coffee is provided.

#### **MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL**

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

### **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 GAME NIGHT | GYM | 6:30PM**

Join us for a night of fun in the Gym and don't forget to bring a friend! Contact Lauren Cavanagh with any questions.

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Mae Hill, mother and grandmother

**REMEMBERED BY ::** Armentario Family

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Jim & Barbara Phipps, parents and J. Alan Phipps, brother

**REMEMBERED BY ::** King and Pentecost Families

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