

PASTOR'S CORNER

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name." These words penned by Edward Mote in 1834 are, in my opinion, profound. There is both an objective and absolute truth behind them as well as a heart of humble contrition. Jesus' blood, and a righteousness that is imputed to the believer from Him, is unarguably the necessary foundation to a restored relationship with God. And we must choose to come before Him, broken. Completely broken, so that we have to lean on Him, understanding that I am not worthy of salvation. If I stand, I stand before Him in the filth of my sin and without one plea. That is who I am. That is who we all are. But God has had mercy on the merciless and shed the deep, deep waters of grace upon the ingrate, so now we stand. Not on our own, but in Christ alone. I pray we would recognize and release the frames in which we have put our hope and trust, that we perhaps still cling to, and we would all wholly lean on Jesus, clinging only to His cross.

Pastor Joe

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

PAT BLACK, BCM INTERNATIONAL-PENNSYLVANIA

I praise the Lord for His provision for our Candidate Orientation ministry in Spain. Some pre-training was able to be done by Zoom. I praise God that the *Tiny Steps of Faith (TSF)* revision project is fully funded. I thank God my cancer surgery was successful and no further treatment is needed. I would like you to pray for the Dutch team to finalize the revision of Volumes 3 and 4 of TSF. Pray for the USA team as we finish volume 1 of TSF. Pray for me as I oversee the editing and proofreading of the English text. Pray for Brian Biegert, who is preparing the work for printing. Pray for Elly Herlan as she recovers from knee replacement surgery and works on volume two. We would also appreciate prayers for Dr. Sophia Wong and the team as they finalize the translation of *Footsteps of Faith* into Chinese. Our goal is to finish the project by the end of the year. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. *You can send a note of encouragement to 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: 1 Corinthians 12:4 - "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit."

STUDENTS SUPERBOWL PARTY | FEBRUARY 12 | 6PM | HIGHSCHOOL ROOM

Students come watch the Eagles play in the Superbowl! We'll have lots of food, fellowship, and a wing eating contest!

STUDENTS ICE SKATING | FEBRUARY 25 | 12:30PM-4PM

We'll be going ice skating at Dilworth Park right outside of Philly City Hall! We'll meet at the church at 12:30PM and be back by 4PM. We're asking for \$5 from each student to cover gas and parking. Please sign up by February 22 on church center.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 8 | 7:30PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30PM. There will be refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 6:45PM. The meeting will not be livestreamed this year. If the meeting must be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the alternate date will be February 15, 2023.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT | FEBRUARY 10 | 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!

SNOWFLAKE CAFE | FEBRUARY 11 | 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.

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.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE | MARCH 11-19

Our 87th Missionary Conference is coming next month! The theme is "From Everywhere, to Everywhere," and we'll focus on learning and exploring what God is doing around the world through the gospel. Come and explore missions to see how you can be involved in reaching others for Christ locally, regionally, nationally, and globally! We'll hear from AUC-supported missionaries and guest missionaries on both Sundays and throughout the week. Highlights of previous conferences including the Roundtable Discussion and Panel Discussion will be back, along with expanded opportunities to share a meal with a missionary. Additional information, including a full schedule, can be found at auc.org/missionaryconference.

STUDENT AND FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Elders and Deacons are in agreement that we can and will be moving forward in our search for a full-time Student and Family Ministries Pastor! Please continue to be in prayer for this process, for the applicants, for the Search Committee and the CE Committee. Because we value our youth and families, let's all prayerfully consider how we might give to support this ministry.

SING WITH THE CHOIR | THURSDAYS | 7:30PM | CHOIR ROOM

The choir leads congregational singing and presents special music during 2-3 Sunday worship services each month and is looking for people of all skill levels and backgrounds to join voices together. It's not too late to jump in for the year! More information, contact Pastor Michael.

BAPTISM | FEBRUARY 12

If you would like to be baptized during the Sunday morning worship service on February 12, please contact Pastor Joe or call the church office.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The food pantry will be open on Monday, February 13 from 6:45-7:45PM, Tuesday, February 20 from 6:45-7:45PM and Sunday February 26 from 12PM-1PM. Please stop by to pick up groceries.

The food pantry also needs the following donations: shelf stable milk, bags of rice, mac & cheese, cereals, paper towels, laundry detergent and feminine care products. Thank you for your generosity.

ICE SKATING TICKETS AVAILABLE

We have a limited number of tickets available in the Church Office for ice skating at the Rothman Orthopedics Ice Rink at Dilworth Park. Each packet contains two tickets for complimentary admission and skate rental. The tickets expire on February 26.

HELP IN THE NURSERY

We are looking for volunteers to help care for children in the nursery during the morning service and Bible school. If you are interested in serving in the nursery this spring, please contact Brittni Nelson at brittnijnelson@gmail.com.

MISSIONS

SUMMER 2023 SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP

The Missionary Committee is planning a short-term mission trip to Cochabamba, Bolivia in the summer of 2023, working alongside Raul and Carola Torrejon with Word of Life. If you're interested in joining us, contributing materials or finances, or praying for the trip, contact Joe or Nancy Nath. jwnath@aol.com 610-724-5476 or nsnath@aol.com 610-724-5477. **The deadline for letting us know that you plan to go is February 19.**

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

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

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of February and March in the Chapel from 7-8:30 PM. We would love to have any mom, grandmom, aunt, etc. join us. Please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165 and let her know you will be joining.

1 PETER 3:1-2 WOMEN | 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY | SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM

We are a group of women with unsaved husbands, who meet the first and third Sundays during Bible School, to look into God's Word to see what it teaches us about our role in this situation. We are preparing to start the book, "Raising Godly Kids in a Spiritually Mismatched Home", and wanted to invite other mothers in the same situation to join us. If you are in this situation and do not have children, you are also welcome to join us at any time. For more information, please contact Kim Smith at 856-220-4015 (call or text) or kimberlyg_ot@yahoo.com

RED CROSS THANK YOU NOTE

We collected 38 productive units on a goal of 31 for the Red Cross. That's over 100 lives saved because of your blood drive.

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
