

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 kind 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. 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 a recession 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

CARLOS AND MARION ODICIO

Carlos will be traveling to Peru in May, where he will be teaching at the CECAMI Bible Institute. Please pray for this as he prepares, and the students apply the teachings. Then, he will travel to Ecuador with BCM's new president, Dr. Rick Rhoads, and the former BCM President, Dr. Marty Windle, to officially initiate the start of BCM Ecuador. Please pray for their safety and good health for all. We look forward to a great summer with our family coming up from Peru and several ministry opportunities here in Lancaster County. Also, please pray for our Peruvian BCM missionary, Samuel, who will be in the US as a camp counselor at Camp Streamside this summer. Laura is still re-adjusting back and could use some prayer. (and so does Mom!) We are thankful for the months spent at AUC and miss you all! *You may send a word of encouragement to Carlos and Marion at odicios@gamil.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.



MAY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Proverbs 16 :32 "Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."

AUC KIDS & STUDENT BLUE ROCKS BASEBALL GAME | MAY 28 | 5PM-10PM

Families with kids from birth to high school are welcome to join us as the Blue Rocks host a Faith and Family Night. Transportation will be available for those in the student ministry, families are responsible for their own transportation. More information and signups are available on Church Center. **Sign up by TODAY**, no late signups can accepted. Questions, contact Christy Bickford (christy.bickford@auc.org)

SUMMER SERVICES IN THE PARK

We will once again be returning to Providence Park every Sunday evening in June, July, and August for worship at 6:30PM. Our theme this year is *His Story: How Our Lives Reveal the Best News Ever*. Through personal testimonies, songs, and Scripture, we'll share with our community the good news of salvation. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and bring a friend!

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER OUTREACH | MAY 20 & 21

ALL HANDS ON DECK!! Actually, we need all legs, all hands, and your voices as well. On Saturday May 20 from 9:30AM-10:30AM we will be going into the community of Aldan to pass out special postcards inviting them to our Community Picnic, VBS, and Summer Services in the Park! And then on Sunday May 21 after Bible School we are encouraging each small group, Bible School class, Life Group, or any other church group to help finish the work together! What better way to reach out to our community than to invite them to come and hear the Gospel at these events. But we must let them know! Many hands will make this a very quick and effective way to reach our community.

Sign up online. We have short routes planned and we'll go door to door in small groups. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

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.

VBS HELP NEEDED

VBS will be June 19-22! We're looking for volunteers for many different areas: group leaders, people to build backgrounds/sceneries, check ins, craft supplies, snack donations, etc. Whatever your skill is, we can use it! So if you're 6th grade and older and are interested in helping, please contact Christy Bickford (christy.bickford@auc.org).

FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating the following: peanut butter & jelly, cereals and oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, shelf stable milk, full size toothpaste, shampoos, soaps and deodorants, dish detergent and laundry detergent, toilet tissue and paper towels and feminine products. Thanks to your donations the pantry will be able to serve our community.

The Food Pantry will be open Tuesday May 16 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM and Sunday May 21 from noon to 1PM.

BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS HELP NEEDED

The GSP (God's Special People) ministry of AUC, ministers to those with special needs here at church. There is a need for one or two individuals to help during Bible School by attending class on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month by assisting the teacher in caring for the class and to occasionally present lesson material from provided curriculum. No special medical or teaching skills are required. If interested, please contact Debbie McDevitt (jdmacampers@gmail.com).

HOMESCHOOL MEET UP

During the school year, we offer a group for homeschool parents where they can discuss homeschooling topics and their kids can play together under supervision! We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 12-1:30PM. We are in need of some new volunteers to play with the kids. If you're interested in helping please contact Christy Bickford, christy.bickford@auc.org.

HELP IN THE NURSERY

We are looking for volunteers to help care for infants and toddlers in the nursery during the morning service and Bible school. If you are interested in serving in the nursery this summer, please contact Brittini Nelson at brittijnijnelson@gmail.com.

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP - MOSES | JULY 15 | 3PM

We will be heading to Lancaster to see *MOSES*! Tickets are sold out, but we have a waiting list. If you would like to be on the waiting list or have any questions please contact Ed Lochmoeller (edsmail61@gmail.com) or Loretta Stott (stott1@comcast.net).

AUC SOFTBALL

Upcoming games this week:

May 15th at 6:30PM at Clayton Park Golf Course (Garnet Mine Rd. & Brookstone Dr. Boothwyn)

May 16th 6:30PM at Camp Upland Park (6th St. & Patton Ave. Upland)

May 19th at 6:30PM at Clayton Park Golf Course (Garnet Mine Rd. & Brookstone Dr. Boothwyn)

For more information contact Rob Burton.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Bill Davis. 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.

STUDENT MINISTRY

AUC STUDENTS BBQ | MAY 26 | 6PM

Come play games, hang out, and eat some BBQ with us! We'll meet at the Tyson's! If you're interested in coming, please contact the church office or Christy Bickford (christy.bickford@auc.org) for the address.

UPDATE: STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

We want to keep everyone aware of the progress on our search for a new Student and Family Ministry Pastor. In January we published our need for this position online and at a variety of Christian colleges. From this initial effort we received seven applicants that we reduced to three, which came down to one who was supposed to visit AUC on the first weekend of May. He was a solid candidate who was being looked at by another church and before his visit he informed us that he was going to take the position at that church. During this time we have continued to have our job posting made public and have received no applicants, which seems to be a common problem in many churches right now. At this time we are going to reinstate our efforts to see if we can gather a new group of interested parties. The staff, search committee, CE committee, our students and our families all appreciate your prayers during this time!

Flowers given in honor of all our Mothers
