

## 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 the recession turned thousands of people to Christ? We could be part of this by choosing to live generously. Proverbs 11:24-25

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### NATHAN & CORY SANDHAL

NCA International school graduated another 20 students, and we will watch how they continue to grow and develop in their faith and discipleship as they spread out to universities worldwide. NCA Nejapa and NCA Matagalpa are midway through another year with full-time in-person classes (398 and 328 students, respectively). Nejapa finished renewing its accreditation with the ACSI. Matagalpa has reached its tenth anniversary and is beginning its first accreditation process. We also consult with other Christian schools both in and out of Nicaragua, supporting them in the challenges of providing stable services and quality Christian education. Nathan will be traveling to Guatemala in early August to connect with a group of potential schools for participation in Missionary Ventures' school strengthening process. Cory was traveling to Guatemala in June to visit her family for the first time in three years. Bryan finished his first year at Wheaton, visited for two weeks in May, and will spend the rest of the summer working in Atlanta. Cynthia and Natalie finished 9th and 5th grades, respectively, and are looking forward to some weeks without school but not exactly sure what they will do during that time as most of their friends are traveling out of the country this summer. Pray for continued wisdom and direction as students, parents, staff, and leadership continue to navigate the ever-present challenges. Pray for Matagalpa as they prepare for the accreditation process. Pray for travel safety as more trips are on our family's schedule. Thank you for your faithful prayers and encouragement. Nathan, Cory, Bryan, Cynthia, and Natalie

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



**JULY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** Colossians 3:17 "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

### 4TH OF JULY EVENT

On the 4th of July we have an opportunity to engage our community! Keep your eyes out for AUC T-shirts that are available in the GYM today (\$5). Then, wear it as you come out on the 4th for a pancake breakfast at 10AM in our parking lot. From there we will go out together to the parade route to be present, watch the parade and connect with the people in our area. Let's take Christ to the world, together!

### AUC KIDS & STUDENTS FAMILY CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY | JULY 8 | 7PM | GYM

Come join us on July 8 @ 7PM for a Christmas in July party! We'll have fun Christmas games & snacks. Please also bring Operation Christmas Child supplies such as hygiene items and school supplies. We especially need WOW items like stuffed animals, soccer balls or clothing items, for the shoeboxes!

### JUST US GIRLS SOCIAL | JULY 11 | 7PM | CHAPEL

All "girls" & women are invited to this fun and social time. Enjoy uninterrupted conversations, light refreshments and a surprise activity each time. Get your girlfriends together, bring some new ones or meet some new ones- just come and join us as we create lasting friendships and grow. Please watch for the full details coming soon. Stop by the Women's Ministry table for updates and to sign up or e-mail Loretta Stott (stott1@comcast.net) by 7/8!

### PARENTS MORNING OUT | JULY 12 | 10AM-12PM

On July 12, we'll be having our first parents morning out! You can drop your kids off from 10AM-12PM at the gym to play while you run errands, clean the house, or just rest.

### AUC KIDS WATER GAMES | JULY 25 | 6:30PM

Kids from Pre-K to 5th grade can join us at 6:30PM for a night of water games. Invite your friends!

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.

### **FAMILY SUNDAY | JULY 31**

Children 3 years and up will join their families for the entire worship service on July 31. It's a great opportunity for kids to worship the Lord by observing their families and being a part of the church body. We pray that as they see what older believers do in a normal service, this will hopefully start a discussion about worship within families. So please come alongside us as we strive towards family worship! If you'd like additional resources to help your children see the beauty of worshiping Jesus, please reach out to Pastor Michael.

### **AUC KIDS & STUDENTS FAMILY BEACH DAY | AUGUST 6**

We'll be meeting up in Ocean City, NJ for a fun day at the beach together. Stay tuned for more details!

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | JULY 18**

AUC is hosting a blood drive through the Red Cross in the gym on Monday July 18 from 9:00AM till 2:00PM. Donors can sign up for times at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). Any questions please contact the Red Cross or Bill Pentecost at 610-312-3919.

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed tomorrow (7/4/22) for the 4th of July holiday.

Also the church office will be closed July 18-22. Any items that you need from the office should be requested by July 14, or wait until July 25.

### **WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

Join us for our outdoor worship services on Sundays through August in Providence Park! Services will begin at 6:30PM, and please remember to bring a blanket or chair. If weather conditions necessitate a cancellation, we will announce this at our 9:30AM service that day.

### **SAVE THE DATE: SIGHT AND SOUND**

We are going to Sight and Sound for the 3PM showing of DAVID on October 15. The show is sold out and we are unable to purchase additional tickets. There is a waitlist available if a ticket opens up. The cost of the trip, including tickets, lunch and transportation is \$112. We will have transportation available. Let us know if you would like to be on the waitlist online via the Church Center app.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

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

Our teacher for this week is Walt Huddell. Coffee is provided.

#### **MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9:00-11:00AM | CHAPEL**

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

**SAVE THE DATE** - Men's Fall Conference at AUC on Sept 10.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**SAVE THE DATE** - Women's Fall Conference at AUC on Sept 24.

### **STUDENT MINISTRY**

#### **AUC STUDENTS \$5 MONDAY: BUBBLE SOCCER | JULY 11 | 7:00PM | PROVIDENCE PARK**

Sign ups for our \$5 Monday (bubble soccer) are live! The event takes place on July 11th at 7:00pm. Head over to the events section of [auc.org/students](http://auc.org/students) or the sign up tab in the church center app to sign up! Registration is required. (This event is open to new upcoming 6th graders too!)

#### **AUC STUDENT SWIM NIGHT | JULY 15 | 6:30PM | OFFSITE**

Come ready to get wet! Meet us at AUC and we will then head to the pool together.

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Bob Alexander, Dear Husband, Dad & Pop  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Lois Alexander & Family

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