

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

For a Christian, there is no greater tragedy than the tragedy of a wasted life. The parable of the rich man in Luke 12:15-21 demonstrates the futility of living selfishly, and it was told by Jesus to cause us to examine two basic questions. First, if you were to die tonight, would you go to Heaven? Salvation is a free gift for those who trust in Jesus as the only acceptable sacrifice for our sins. Second, what is your life accomplishing? Is your life furthering God's kingdom, or selfishly storing up "comfort and security" for yourself? Scripture's principles and commandments provide a blueprint for living a meaningful Christian life. Give sacrificially (Act 2:45), forgive willingly (Eph. 4:32), and love extravagantly (1 Peter 1:22). Use the spiritual gifts you have been given by the Holy Spirit to glorify the Lord (Romans 12). Share the gospel. Telling others about Jesus Christ is the greatest service we can offer both to God and our fellow man, and the task was given to each of us by the Lord himself (Matt. 28:19). The time we have left to make our lives count is ticking away.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JONATAN AND SHANTAL ODICIO

We thank God that we could travel to Ecuador in June! BCM Latin America is looking to do more ministry in Ecuador, and we were thrilled to go with a couple of missionaries to carry out training workshops in Guayaquil and in a city called Ambatos. In July, we have a full calendar with a group from North Carolina to do children's ministry, medical campaigns, and construction work. And, with our Open House/winter camp, we are inviting teens and young people from the churches to motivate them to serve the Lord. We also have a guest speaker from the U.S. for this event. Jonatan has a short trip planned to the U.S. in July, and he will be making a brief visit to pick up stuff for the ministry. Our children are doing well; however, every time there is a Covid case in their school, they have to go back to virtual classes, and that's not fun for them because they miss their friends. Either way, we are happy that this year is going so well and are blessed beyond measure! We thank God for protection and care over our family. Please pray for the upcoming activities with the group from the U.S. Also, please pray for our Open House/Winter camp. May the young men and women be motivated to serve God. Pray for Jonatan's trip to the U.S and safety as he travels. God bless you. We are so thankful for your prayers

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."

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.

AUC KIDS & STUDENTS FAMILY BEACH DAY | AUGUST 6 | 9:00-4:00PM

Kids, students, & their parents: come join us for a fun & relaxing beach day! Please meet us in OCNJ @ Corson's Inlet State Park by 59th St. There will be no church transportation. No need to worry about beach tags, but you may need to pay for parking. Please also bring your own lunch/snacks/drinks. We look forward to seeing you on the beach!

SUNDAY NIGHT CONCERT | AUGUST 7 | 6:30 PM

Singer, songwriter, guitarist, and humorist Mark Cable will be returning to AUC to encourage us with his insightful everyday-life songs and his off-the-wall sense of humor that will make us laugh, cry, and think about the things in life that matter most. The concert is free, but a love offering will be received.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

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 fall, please contact Brittni Nelson at brittnijnelson@gmail.com.

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.

ESL (English as a Second Language) - HOW YOU CAN HELP

Classes are set to start on Tuesday, September 6, and **we are looking for at least six new teachers.** More teachers are welcome in order to share the duties and cover for absences.

If you are considering teaching, here are the responsibilities: Lesson planning takes 1-2 hours for the week you are doing the planning. Classes meet only on Tuesdays during the school year from 7-9PM. We ask that you take the MNA teacher training. There are multiple trainings happening via Zoom over the summer. For more info, search online for "MNA teacher training".

If you cannot make the training, we can still use your help and discuss next steps with you. If we cannot source enough teachers from our own church, we will be looking at approaching other churches in the area. Our numbers are not large, but we want to be trained, staffed, and ready for more students when they want to learn.

This has been a significant ministry to our community and our church body this year. Thanks so much for praying for this ministry. Please help spread the word and prayerfully consider how you could help support us with your time. All you need to know is how to speak English!

Please contact Molly Olshefsky, Coordinator and Teacher, with any questions.

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 Lynn Mungen. 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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 24 | 8:45-1:30PM

All women are invited to join us for this year's conference, *Come to the Well*. Our speaker will be Laura Sommons, Women's Ministry Coordinator at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church in Bethlehem and founder of Lavishly Loved Ministry. Her desire is first, that women know Jesus as their personal savior, that His grace is greater than all our sin, and that His love for us is for a thousand generations. We hope you will join us and have His living water poured into your life. Cost of the conference is \$10 and includes lunch. You can register at the Women's Ministry table or online. **Please register by 9/18.** Contact Loretta Stott (stott1@comcast.net) or Pennie Lochmoeller (penniemail@verizon.net) with any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY

AUC STUDENTS \$5 MONDAY: NERF WAR | AUGUST 15 | 7:00PM | PROVIDENCE PARK

Sign ups for our \$5 Monday (nerf war) are live! The event takes place on August 15 at 7:00PM. Head over to the events section of 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!)