

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

No one ever wants to talk about giving in the church. Even as I write this paragraph on stewardship, I hesitate at every other word. The church leaders don't want to feel like they are asking too much, or make you feel like your relationship with God is based on how much you give. It's not. But, we would be misguided if we failed to remind one another that our financial offerings are a blessing to God and His Church, and that His word strongly encourages regular giving, even sacrificial giving. I cannot promise you great blessings in return for what you give (we are no longer under the Mosaic Covenant of blessings for righteousness), not here on this earth. However, the Lord knows what we sacrifice for Him in this life and He does tell us to store up those kinds of treasures in heaven. Our offerings here at AUC are entirely devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel as the funds we give keep our doors open and lights on, provides for over fifty missionaries at home and abroad, serves our community through public gatherings in the park and programs like ESL on our campus, and so much more. Thank you for all you do as a church family for the sake of Christ, and let's continue to serve His Kingdom together with our time, our gifts, and our finances.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

JAIME AND MONICA ALMEIDA

Thank you for all your prayers. Monica is doing better every day. We praise God that she is resting much better. Antonia is doing well at school and enjoys learning English. Pray for God to provide for her school expenses. My team is Dubbing the JESUS FILM for two languages in Colombia and is almost finished. Please pray for Roberto's wife, Flor, who is expecting their first birth. Pray for security and have a good trip coming back to Lima. We are recording the New testament for the Asheninka Perene in our Lima office. Please pray for health and provisions to finish this project. We praise God that the recording for the ASHENINKA APURUCAYALI is done. We want to provide 100 mini audio bible speakers to start the distribution. Pray for the funds to buy the units. The Quechua NAPO finished translating Mark and Acts. Now, the group wants us to record these books. We are partnering with Wycliffe to do this. Pray for the Lord to provide \$3800 to start recording the New Testament and get the portable speakers for the Quechua NAPO project. Each portable speaker with an SD card costs \$36. We will distribute it to the communities as soon as possible. *You may send a note of encouragement to Jaime and Monica at jaimealmeida@me.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.

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Romans 1:16a "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

FALL MINISTRY RESTART

As we enter fall we have many programs that are restarting for you to join, volunteer with or pray for. Here is a list of options and who to contact about each ministry.

Xtreme Xplorers (Bruce McCollum, bdm151121@gmail.com), **Explorer Girls** (JK Williams, jk@egministriesinc.org), **ESL** (Molly Olshefsky, molshefsky@gmail.com), **Student/Kids Ministry** (Christy Bickford, christy.bickford@auc.org, or Lauren Cavanagh, aucyouth@auc.org), **Homeschool Meet Up** (Sarah Grahman, sarahgraham7474@gmail.com), **Connection Time** (John Sykes, sykfam1@yahoo.com), **Nursery** (Brittini Nelson, brittijnelson@gmail.com), **Greeters** (Mike Cocco, mikecocco328@gmail.com), **Life Groups** (Deb Churchill, deb@egministriesinc.org), **Small Groups** (Jim Olshefsky, jolshefs@gmail.com)

CHURCH CENTER UPDATE

Now available on Church Center are the Weekly Bulletin and Connect Announcements. You can access these via the Church Center App or website, either while here at church or at home. These are updated weekly with the current announcements.

STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

We reposted the position and have received resumes from several interested parties. These have all been sent applications, so please be in prayer over this process.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry will remain closed in September due to low stock. Please consider donating food & hygiene items so we can reopen in October. Thank you.

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

If you would like to have your child dedicated during the 9:30AM service on October 8, please call or email the church office and let us know.

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.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul writes in Romans 13:1 "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." God explicitly expresses an obligation to our government that is derived from His authority. As Americans, we are allowed the unique opportunity to influence our laws. For Christians, this means we must bring our biblical worldview to the public square. If you are 18 years of age and older and are not a registered voter, there will be a Voter Registration table in the Gym during Connection Time where you can pick up/fill out an application. This will be available the following Sundays: September 10, 17, and 24, and October 1, 8, and 15. The deadline for registering is October 23 for voting in the November election.

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS MONTH

Anyone middle school age or older is invited! Our Christmas choir meets Thursdays at 7:30PM starting September 28, with a special rehearsal from 9:30AM to noon on September 23 (refreshments included). Our Sunday choir, which leads singing in many of our weekly worship services, has rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30PM. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM

Students are welcome to join our weekly Bible Study on the Student Floor. We've gotten off to a great start and will continue study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

AUC STUDENTS FALL RETREAT | OCTOBER 6-7

We're going back to High Point Camp for a weekend of Bible study, fun activities, good food. It'll be a great time to hang out with one another, and focus on Jesus! There is also a sibling discount, and scholarships are available. The cost includes sleeping arrangements, main meals, activities, retreat materials, and a t-shirt. Register online by September 26!

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Tony Rizzo. 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.

HARVEY CEDARS BIBLE CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 22-24

Men's Ministry is planning to attend this year's conference at Harvey Cedars. The topic this year is *Majesty of God*. Cost is \$235 which covers meals and lodging, cost for attending only Saturday will be \$80. Any questions please contact John Sykes (610-453-6828).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS IN PRAYER | 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM | CHAPEL

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 rllsburton@verizon.net).

WOMANWISE | 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY | 9:30-11:30AM | LL09

We are studying God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin, if any woman would like to join. Childcare is available. Any questions contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rllsburton@verizon.net).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 30 | SANCTUARY

All women are invited to join us for this year's conference, *Courageous and Contagious Christian Women*: Finding the courage in today's uncertain world to stand strong in your faith and pass it on to others. Our speaker will be Karen Knight, an inspirational speaker, actress and author who will present three sessions on Courageous women of the Bible. She will deliver her last session as a musical drama portraying Mrs. Noah. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Registrations and payments may be done online <https://auc.churchcenter.com/registrations> and must be received by September 24. If you need further information, contact Loretta Stott (610-996-6089) or Pennie Lochmoeller (610-259-1896).

MINNESOTA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Warren and Barbara Day serve at a food shelf where it is very cold and many of the people who come need warm gloves, hats, etc. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministries table across from the Nursery. Donations will be received through November 26th.

LOVE PACKAGES

Do you have new or used devotionals, Bibles, adult or children non-fiction Christian books, Christian magazines, Sunday School materials, reference materials, dvds, cds, tracts, puppets, etc.? Love Packages is a Christian organization that collects these materials and sends them overseas to be used to help teach the Gospel and/or disciple a believer. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please bring them to the bin at the Women's Ministry table across from the Nursery. These will be periodically mailed throughout the year. For more information go to www.LovePackages.org