

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FALL FESTIVAL | SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 | 1PM-4PM

This year we are hosting a new event, the Fall Festival! This event will be taking the place of Trunk or Treat which was great fun, but it really wasn't meeting our outreach goals. The goal of the outreach committee was to develop an event that reaches out to the community, presents opportunities for personal contacts, and allows the gospel to be presented in meaningful ways. It will be similar to the community picnic with some significant variations. Our goal is to have several gospel presentations during the event, and there will be about 15 fun games/events/activities which guests can participate in. We are excited to try something new and we need you to be involved. We need everyone to come out and mingle with our visitors, making them feel welcome, and getting to know them. It will take a lot of volunteers (more than 60) to make this happen, so please sign up in the gym or Bible School classes to help in different ways to reach our community in the name of Jesus Christ. We are also collecting lots of candy and small prizes to give out, so look for drop off bins in the hallway. Please be in prayer for this event, and that God will be glorified in all that we do. If you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Lowery at slowery028@gmail.com or speak with any member of the outreach committee.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JIM & JOAN FARR

Please pray for me as I need to communicate with people in our Korafe village who don't have good internet or phone connections. Please pray for good links so we can get done what is needed before I leave. I have gone over the six Psalms; we still need to do the consultant and checking. They are now in pretty good shape. I'll be in our old village area for ten days and need to select 2-3 people to travel to Ukarumpa with me to do the consultant checking and then proofread the whole manuscript again. Please pray for Joan. She has low dosage radiation for some skin cancers (NOT melanoma) over ten weeks starting mid-October. Please pray for all the final details for Joan's book to be published. We're so grateful for your prayers. I'm booked to return from PNG on December 14.

MISSIONARY NEED

Jim and Joan Farr are retired missionaries with Wycliffe in Florida whose apartment was flooded with several feet of water during the recent hurricane. They are currently looking for short-term accommodations until their apartment can be restored. Jim continues to plan to leave on a 2-month trip to Papua New Guinea on Oct 9th, related to Bible translation work, while Joan stays in Florida. Please pray for them. If you would like to financially contribute to this need, you can send your contribution to AUC with a designation of "Farr Hurricane Relief" by the end of October.

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



OCTOBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Deuteronomy 11:1 "You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always."

OCTOBER IS PASTOR & MINISTRY STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

We are blessed with Pastors and Ministry Staff whose priorities are to serve the Lord and to serve us. The Elders and Deacons encourage you to express your appreciation to all of our Pastors and Ministry Staff.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 9AM- 3PM

Considering finding out more about AUC or considering joining the church family? Join us for our 1 DAY membership class on Saturday October 22. Pastor Joe will share various doctrines, practices, and functions of the church that are helpful to know before applying for membership. Lunch will be provided. Register online or contact the church office at office@auc.org. Also, let us know if you would need nursery care during the event.

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 4-6

Please visit www.auc.org/fallbibleconference for information about our guest speaker, schedule, meals, kids' activities, and registration.

AUC KIDS/DAD NIGHT | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 7PM | GYM

While moms are at the women's ministry dinner, dads & their kids can join us for a night of games, snacks, and lots of fun!

FAMILY SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30

Children 3 years and up will join their families for the entire worship service. Children will learn to worship the Lord by observing their families and being a part of the church body. Children will be able to see what their parents do in a normal service which will hopefully start a discussion about worship within families. So please come alongside us as we strive towards family worship!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It's not too late to join the Christmas choir! We meet Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the choir room. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL DINNER | OCTOBER 21 | 6:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a special evening featuring Judi Troutman as our speaker. We will enjoy a lovely catered meal, fellowship and a time of encouragement by the devotional "Don't Fall Apart". Cost is \$10 and registrations **MUST** be received by TODAY. As we must submit our final numbers to the caterer, we will not be able to accept late registrations. Please register online or at The Women's Ministry table. For any questions, please contact Loretta Stott at stott1@comcast.net or Pennie Lochmoeller at penniemail@verizon.net We look forward to seeing you all there! There is a sign-up sheet at the table if you would like to help with setting up for the event.

BAPTISM

If you would like to be baptized during the Sunday morning worship service on October 30, please contact Pastor Joe or call the church office.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

Our GriefShare Ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of fourteen sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 1-3 pm in the Chapel. We are here to listen to how you are dealing with your loss and to provide prayer and support. The workbook is \$15.00 and can be purchased through the GriefShare website or from us. If you cannot afford a workbook, a scholarship is available. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/156692>. Feel free to bring someone with you who is also suffering. Contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or 610-259-8010.

XTREME XPLOERS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We started our program year short-staffed. Because of the smaller size of our group, we had just enough leaders to get by. In the four weeks since our first meeting this year our attendance has nearly doubled. We've gone from twelve boys on opening night to over twenty in our last meeting. This is an amazing point of Praise to our God, but it also means the leaders are stretched beyond thin. We need your help and soon! Please continue to pray for Xtreme Xplorers, and please ask the Lord if He can use you to mentor the men of the future. If you're interested, please contact Bruce McCollum or the church office.

NOTE

As a reminder: The pastors, staff, and volunteers of AUC will never solicit personal financial help through personal texts, emails, or any other form of communication. In the past, false emails and texts have been sent in the name of our pastoral staff and we want to remind you not to give to anyone reaching out to you in this way. Always follow up directly with that person before discussing any needs.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is David Grainge. 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 | 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM

This prayer group is designed for anyone who wants to pray for our children and what they are dealing with today. Contact Lisa Burton (rlrsburton@verizon.net) with any questions.

SIDE BY SIDE, our Women's Mentoring Ministry, is kicking off on November 20. If you're interested, either fill out a profile sheet (and place it in the box) at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery, or sign up online using our Church Center app, throughout the month of October. You may request to be matched or choose someone you already know. This ministry is for all women (college age and up) who regularly attend AUC. **Mentors need to be church members**. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kiker at dawnk55@verizon.net

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 and hats. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministry table across from the Nursery.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG SICK/SHUT IN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Items will be collected now through October 30. A collection bin will be located at the Women's Ministry table. These items will be wrapped November 11th at the Just Us Girls gathering. Visit the Women's Ministry table for a list of items needed.

THANK YOU NOTE

To our dear church family. It is hard to believe that the time has come for us to be in Japan. We are so very grateful to all of you for your expressions of love, your many prayers, your words of encouragement and your financial gifts. Because of you, we are fully supported. Thank you! Without you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, this journey and this mission would not be possible. We are beyond grateful. We don't know what the Lord has for us, but we are trusting that His perfect will is going to be accomplished and that He will be glorified. Thank you for your continued prayers. You are in our prayers as well. With much love, Takashi and Kathie Ida