

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our Fall Bible Conference on the Mission of God and Global Christianity will be held the weekend of November 4-6. The guest speaker, Dr. Bulus Galadima, is a theologian and missiologist who has held various positions in Nigerian and US universities.

Sessions will take place on Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Galadima will also speak at our Sunday morning worship service, followed by a Q&A session with Dr. Galadima and Pastor Joe in the sanctuary.

The Saturday morning session will also feature separate children's programming for all kids up through 5th grade. Friday's dinner and Saturday's lunch will be provided free of charge. Registration is required for all events on Friday and Saturday. Please register on the Church Center app or at www.auc.org/fallbibleconference.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

RUTH DOUGHERTY

At a recent TEAM conference in Slovenia, we learned that the most important thing we bring to ministry is our spirituality and emotionally healthy selves—living fully in God's presence and being fully present to those we serve. We must be kind, safe, honest, and peaceful to attract people to Christ. Pray, we'll be imitators of Christ as we interact with refugee guests. Thank God 149 Persian guests were served a meal the day before break and for the many who stayed and heard the message. One of my joys this summer was entertaining some young interns from Ireland, Germany, the US, etc., as we discussed "Just Do Something" by Kevin DeYoung. We talked about their futures. Pray for this ongoing ministry to four interns coming for ten months this fall. While visiting a former colleague, Bev, in England, we had a memorable time having a fantastic Afghan meal with a family who served with our team in Maimana. A conference in Turkey allowed me to learn more about how to disciple people who leave Islam and follow Christ. We were able to meet up and tearfully express the heartache of leaving our dear friends and colleagues behind. As we plan our fall schedule, pray for the best way to move ahead in ministry to women coming from Afghanistan. I deeply appreciate and thank my AUC family for your prayer and financial support that allows me to work toward imitating Christ here these many years, even as so many of you are imitating Christ in your spheres of influence.

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 thinking about joining our 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 don't forget to register!

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

While moms are at the women's ministry dinner, dads and 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. We want our C children to 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!

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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

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

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.

XTREME XPLOREES 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 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.

ALDANCARE

Are you or someone you know in need of groceries? The food pantry at AUC has a goal to tangibly show the love of God to those in need. Matthew 25:36 reads: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me". We want to make sure all the congregation is aware that our food pantry on our church campus, is stocked and able to help those of us in need. Please call the church office at 610-259-8010 to work out a time to come by for food.

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 is on a 2-month trip to Papua New Guinea, 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.

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

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

We are doing a DVD study of Exodus. Childcare is available up to preschool age. If you have any questions, please contact Lysa Burton at llrsburton@verizon.net or 484-955-5165.

SIDE BY SIDE, our Women's Mentoring Ministry, is kicking off on November 20, so if interested, be sure to either fill out a profile sheet (and place it in the box provided) 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 11 at the *Just Us Girls* gathering. Visit the Women's Ministry table for a list of items needed.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Jack and Audrey Smith, Beloved Parents
REMEMBERED BY :: Suzie Smith
