

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE

This year our Fall Bible Conference on the theme Creeds and Confessions will be held on a single weekend (this coming weekend!) with speaker Rev. Dr. Skip Blackburn, a pastor and expert in biblical language and literature.

Friday night will include a family dinner with individually packaged meals followed by the opening session. Saturday's event includes three main sessions (starting at 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, and 1:00 PM). Nursery and interactive children's programs are available for kids up to grade 5. Bring your own lunch for some family fellowship in Providence Park (weather permitting). The final session is Sunday morning's worship service.

Visit www.auc.org/fallbibleconference for more information and a detailed schedule. Come for all or part of the weekend! In order for us to have an accurate headcount, please register today by visiting the conference website or by calling the church office.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

RUTH DOUGHERTY

Events in Afghanistan are weighty on my heart. It's so hard getting calls, texts, etc., from former local colleagues and friends wanting our help to leave. We feel so helpless. Since we know God is their only hope, offering to pray seems so lame to them since they pray to a callous, judgmental God who doesn't care. At our Helping Hands center, we meet refugee friends grieving for their families and friends left in Afghanistan, fearful and desperate, and starving under Taliban rule. Yet, God is growing His church in Afghanistan. It is the second-fastest-growing church in the world after Iran, while believers are being persecuted and killed. One Afghan pastor requested, "Pray for the living and dying grace for believers." Thankfully all of my former expatriate colleagues made it safely out. Pray for them as they are displaced and hurt so much for our loyal local colleagues left behind. Pray for a weekly jigsaw puzzle outreach to Dari-speaking Afghan women, showing a Magdalena film clip in Dari, along with a discussion and reading-related verses. A prayer time for their family and friends will follow, plus a time to do puzzles and build relationships with these women. Ask God to send just the right women since COVID restrictions still significantly limit the number of attendees. I thank God for your faithful prayers and generous gifts! *You may send a word of encouragement to Ruth at ruthmdougherty@gmail.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.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Our memory verse for October is Psalm 16:11 - "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

FAMILY SUNDAY | OCTOBER 31

Please note that fifth Sundays will be a special Family Sunday with a service designed differently than most of our services. Children ages 3 and older will remain in the service with their families.

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

If you would like to have your child dedicated in the 9:30 AM service on Sunday, October 31, please call or email the church office and let us know.

CHURCH CENTER INFORMATION

To access your online profile, you can download the Church Center App or visit auc.churchcenter.com/home. For more information on our new Church Center System, please visit www.auc.org/church-center. Any questions, please contact the church office.

ISRAEL TRIP | MAY 6-21, 2022

Have you ever imagined what it was like for the Apostle Paul to establish churches in Macedonia or where was Jesus baptized? If a picture is worth a thousand words, experiencing a place is worth a thousand pictures. Consider joining the group heading to Greece and Israel. Brochures are at the Welcome Center in the Foyer or email Ed Lochmoeller at edsmail61@gmail.com.

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 22-24

Join us as our speaker, Dr. Skip Blackburn, examines Creeds and Confessions of the Church. The format is different from previous years including dinner on Friday night, children's sessions on Saturday, and opportunities for fellowship. For more information and the full schedule, please visit www.auc.org/fallbibleconference and make sure to register by October 17 or call the church office.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

With sincere gratitude we thank our pastors for their hard work, devotion to the truth of God's Word and service to the church body. This past year presented many challenges and when they arose, you came together, prayed over the situation and led us well. Thank you for loving and caring for us.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

We will have our Worship Service from 9:30-10:45 AM, followed by Connection Time in the Gym from 10:45 -11:15. Children's Bible School classes will start at 11:00, and adults will be in their classes and ready by 11:15 with all classes ending at 12:00. (We will remind you at 11:10 during Connection Time to get to class!)

KIDS WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

Kid's Worship during the morning service is in need of volunteers! As of now we are combining children from 3 years old to 3rd grade in one group due to a lack of volunteers. We would like to split this into two age appropriate groups so a commitment of one Sunday a month would be a huge help! We need both Bible teachers and volunteers to spend time with the kids. Please contact Christy Kane at christy.kane@auc.org

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It's not too late to join the Christmas choir as we prepare for our concert on December 19! No audition or prior musical experience is required. We meet every Thursday at 7:30 pm in the choir room for a time of singing, prayer, and fellowship. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Jim Nielsen. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | 9:00-11:00 AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc. This month we are studying in the book of Romans.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE:

Craft Coffee House–November 12th 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Game Night–November 19th 7pm in the Chapel

SIDE BY SIDE MENTORING MINISTRY

This ministry is based on Titus 2:3-5, where a spiritually mature woman comes alongside a younger Christian woman in a six-month mentoring and/or discipleship relationship, starting November 21. You are encouraged to meet together once a month and stay in touch weekly. If interested, please fill out a profile sheet at the Women's Ministry table, across from the nursery throughout the month of October. Another option is to sign-up online at auc.org, under Women's Ministry. You may request to be matched or choose someone on your own. 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 or call 610-543-0454.

MISSIONS

Goodwill Evangelical Mission (GEM) in Liberia has reopened its health center to the population in its ministry's area of Liberia, Africa. The Health Center, as an outreach ministry, provides very needed curative and preventive services to a very economically-challenged community. Renovation of the Center building is needed in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for its audience. This has become a great challenge: doors, ceiling, paints, equipment, desks are all overdue and need replacement. An engineer has estimated the cost of renovation at \$25,000 USD. Donations are needed. Contributions can be mailed to: GEM Mission, 1008 Pembroke Ave, East Lansdowne, PA 19050. You can also visit the website: www.liberiamissionary.org, to easily send in a contribution by clicking on the donate button and note that the contribution is for health center renovation. (Please note that GEM has applied for but has not yet received 501(c)3 tax-exempt status from the IRS.)

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

REMEMBERED BY :: Suzie Smith

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Harman Todd, Husband and Father

REMEMBERED BY :: Ruth Todd and Family
