

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

ANGEL TREE

As we start to approach the Christmas season AUC once again has the privilege of participating in the Angel Tree Ministry. We are bringing the Gospel Message and Christmas gifts to children who have one or both parents in prison by bringing a little joy, and sharing Christ's love with them and their caregivers. In our fallen world, there are many local families with a family member in prison. This is our SOIL and our chance to bear fruit. These families are hurting emotionally, financially and spiritually. We can be the witnesses of Christ's love to them. The first and most important part of the ministry is to pray. We can all pray for these children, their caregivers and those who volunteer to be Christ's Ambassadors. Second, we need volunteers to purchase and deliver the gifts. We will have approximately **50** children we want to reach. We are trying to keep them as local as possible. Donations to help defray expenses are also helpful. Please consider being part of Angel Tree. Be on the lookout for an information table in the Gym or Foyer. Pray that God will use our efforts to glorify His name.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

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This year has been full of joys and challenges, but the Lord is at work in Senegal! We praise God for another good year of Bible clubs in the villages. We consistently had 90-150 children at each meeting (sometimes more!), and the children participated enthusiastically. The summer tends to be a "quieter" time as there is no village ministry because of the rains. But this summer was anything but quiet. Awa and Georges welcomed their third child, a baby boy. Georges' sister and brother-in-law welcomed their second child, a boy, two days later. Several of our team members were ill with various illnesses. Several of our Senegalese friends have been dealing with multiple challenges as well. It has given many opportunities to share the gospel, and some have been quite receptive. Thank you for your faithful prayers for us! The Lord has given me good health and kept me safe. I am in the USA for a short home assignment and look forward to seeing you. Please continue to pray for my team in Senegal and that the friends they share the gospel with will give their lives to Jesus. Pray for wisdom for Awa, Georges, and the doctor as they manage treating their baby son's eye issue. *You may send a word of encouragement to Lori at lorinied@crossworld.org*

MISSIONARY NEED

Raul Torrejon and his family will be coming to Aldan soon. They will be spending time with family and visiting supporting people and churches over the holidays. They are in need of a car during their stay from Nov. 30-Jan.16. Contact Dave Gingrich or Jonatan Torrejon for more information.

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: 2 Corinthians 1:5 "For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."

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. We encourage you to express your appreciation to all of our Pastors and Ministry Staff.

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 3-5

Our guest speaker, Dr. Andrew Snelling, is a geologist and researcher affiliated with Answers in Genesis. He is an active speaker on topics such as the flood, fossils, the Grand Canyon, and the radioactive dating of rocks. Sessions will be held throughout the upcoming weekend.

The conference begins **Friday** with dinner at 6PM and Dr. Snelling's first session to follow at 7PM.

Saturday's schedule begins at 9:30AM with refreshments and the second session. Nursery and a special program for kids up to grade 5 will be offered in the morning. Lunch for everyone begins at 11:30AM, followed by Dr. Snelling's third session at 1PM. Note: the kids' program is only held during the morning session.

On **Sunday**, Dr. Snelling will speak at our 9:30AM worship service. After Connection Time, he will be joined by Pastor Joe for a Q&A session in the sanctuary at 11:15AM. You can text your questions to 267.532.8150.

Registration is required for both meals and for the Saturday morning kids' session. For more details and to register, please visit the Church Center app or www.auc.org/fallbibleconference.

STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

Please keep praying for our candidate and the search committee as they continue the interview process.

FOOD PANTRY

We will be open TODAY from noon to 1PM. A few items are still needed: cans of tuna, shelf stable milk, peanut butter and jelly, bags/boxes of rice, cake mixes and frosting. Thank you in advance.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Our new middle school choir will begin meeting TODAY after Bible School. The choir will sing at a few special Christmas services and potentially other times during the year. Contact Pastor Michael.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER | NOVEMBER 23 | 3PM

We'd love for you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner! Members and regular attenders are invited to the Chapel at 3PM on Thanksgiving Day. We ask everyone to contribute something, so please see Carolyn or Fran Heron to sign up by November 19 and let us know what you'd like to bring.

AUC FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL | ALL AGES WELCOME

Your musical gifts are needed for an evening of Christmas music presented by our church family on Sunday night, December 3. If you sing or play an instrument (solos, duets, or small groups too!) and have a Christmas song you'd like to share, contact Pastor Michael by November 12.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS FUND

Every year we send a special gift to each missionary family at Christmas time. We encourage you to contribute to our Missionary Christmas fund, in addition to your regular support. You can give online or by check. We are collecting this money from now until Thanksgiving.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We invite you to pick up boxes, packing instructions and other information about OCC at the table in the Gym during Connect time! You can also donate items for the kids and students to pack some boxes or gather a group of friends to pack boxes. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the table in the Gym. The deadline for shoeboxes is November 19. Contact the church office.

HELP IN THE NURSERY

Looking for a place to serve in our church body? We need volunteers to help care for infants and toddlers Sunday mornings. We need help for special services in December too. If you are interested in serving our church families this way, contact Brittni Nelson (brittnijnelson@gmail.com).

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY | 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS | 1-3PM | CHAPEL

This ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of fourteen sessions. We are here to listen to how you are dealing with your loss and to provide prayer and support. We will show a video, going with the workbook and group discussion. The workbook is \$20.00 and can be purchased through the GriefShare website or from us. Scholarships are available. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170035>. Feel free to bring someone with you who is also suffering. Contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or call 610-259-8010 for more information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM

Students are welcome to join us every week for Bible Study on the Student Floor. We will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

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

We meet Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SIDE BY SIDE

Today is the **last day** to sign up for a six-month mentoring relationship for ladies, beginning November 19. If interested, be sure to either fill out a profile sheet today at the Women's Ministry table, or sign up using Church Center. If God's been nudging you to participate, take that step of faith and sign up! Please contact Dawn Kiker (dawnk55@verizon.net) with any questions.

JUST US GIRLS | NOVEMBER 10 | 7PM | GYM

We will be wrapping the gifts for the sick and shut ins. Join us for a great time starting the Christmas season while enjoying cookies, fellowship and fun! Bring your scissors, tape and a roll of paper!

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 rlrsburton@verizon.net).

2023-2024 Elder Committees

Body Life

Ed Lochmoeller - elder/chair
Joe Nath - elder
John Sykes - elder
Burt Carver
Sandy Crawford
Debbie Shaner
Kristen Urglavitch

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Dan Hegman - elder/chair
Joe Jacobson - pastor/elder
Michael Nelson - pastor/elder
Joy Muir
Kim Peltz
Rosita Scott

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Lynn Mungen - elder
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