

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### SALT, LIGHT & FRAGRANCE DRAMA MINISTRY

With the Thanksgiving holiday in our rearview mirror, Christmas becomes the focal point of our attention, at least here at SLF. Our Christmas play has been in the works since July and is only a few short weeks away!

This year we present a play called "Chapter Eleven Christmas". It's a comedy that surely will make us all rethink how we deal with Christmas and the distractions that cause us to forget or lose focus on what Christmas is truly about.

We here at SLF hope you attend and bring friends to hear the true good news of Christmas presented in a funny, yet poignant way. Please note the time change of the play, as we start at **6PM** for both performances.

So much prayer, time and energy by many people will soon become reality and it's our prayer that God uses it to further his kingdom!

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

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## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

### JAMES AND EILEEN NIELSEN

Thank you for your prayer support. We sincerely appreciate it. We have a busy schedule until the end of the year. At the beginning of November, we had an outreach ministry at the Gifu University fall fair. November 26 is the Great Commission Seminar (Pt. 2). December 3 is a special evangelistic outreach at Gifu Grace Church. Jim will also speak for the Gifu University students at the Growing in Christ Bible study. December 10, Jim will be giving the morning message at Gifu Grace Church. December will be our Growing in Christ Bible study for the Gifu University students. On December 24, Jim will speak at the Christmas Eve service at Gifu Grace Church. Pray for Eileen to have wisdom and discernment for her counseling ministry. Pray for health and strength for both of us, with a busy schedule until the end of the year. *You may send a word of encouragement to Jim and Eileen at [Nielsenjames54@gmail.com](mailto:Nielsenjames54@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.



**NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

### PRIMARY & JUNIOR DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 9AM

The kids from 1st grade to 5th grade and their families will come out eat some pancakes and decorate the kid's Bible school classrooms for Christmas. Please join us as we come together to celebrate Jesus' birth! Sign up online.

### AUC STUDENTS CHRISTMAS RIOT | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 4:30-7:30PM

Students and their friends are invited to come out to Christmas RIOT for a devotional, food, games, cookie decorating and so much more! This is a great outreach opportunity!

### STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

We are continuing our search for a Student Ministry Pastor. Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading and the refinement of our process. Pray for strength and endurance for our volunteers and for the search committee; I am so thankful for them all, and their persistence in accomplishing this task. -Pastor Joe

### FOOD PANTRY

We will be open TODAY from noon to 1PM. Thank you for your continued donations.

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

It's that time of year again... Christmas Poinsetta Memorials! Poinsettias in memory of a loved one are available for \$10 each. Sign ups will be in the Foyer November 26 and December 3 before and after the morning church service.

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.

## **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT AUC!**

**7:00 PM Dec. 1: Our Blue Christmas** service is designed to come alongside those experiencing grief, pain, and trials of all kinds who may not be eagerly anticipating the Christmas season. The reality of suffering and the hope of Christ will both be acknowledged. All are invited to this service in the Chapel.

**6:30 PM Dec. 3:** The **Family Music Festival** will contain beloved Christmas songs presented by our church family. Vocal and instrumental solos, selections from our kids choir and chimes, and other special music will help us focus our hearts on the birth of our Savior.

**6:00 PM Dec. 9 and 10: Chapter Eleven Christmas** - The stage comes alive in this story of discovering true worth presented by our Salt, Light, and Fragrance drama ministry. Come Saturday the and stay for a light reception following the performance. Note the start time.

**6:30 PM Dec. 17: Glorious Night** - Our annual Christmas concert presented by the our choirs and soloists, all accompanied by a live orchestra. The program includes a variety of familiar and new Christmas songs. This is a perfect event to invite friends and family: the gospel will be presented clearly.

**5:00 PM Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service** - A time of celebration and reflection for the entire family.

\*Nursery will be provided for each of these evenings except for The Blue Christmas on 12/1.

## **GRIEF SHARE 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](mailto:griefshare@auc.org) or call 610-259-8010 for more information.

## **BASIS**

**Brothers And Sisters In Support**, is a ministry under the leadership of Handi\*Vangelism Ministries International. BASIS is a support group for bereaved parents to encourage them on their grief journey, immediately and long term. We invited anyone who has experienced the death of a child, pre born to adult, to meet with us as we use Biblical truth as the foundation for the support we offer. Even if you have experienced this loss long ago, you are welcome to meet with us, share your story if you desire, share how God has worked in your life since your loss, or just listen. Please invite anyone you know who may be grieving the death of a child. We will meet on the 4th Monday of each month, at 6:30PM-8:30PM in the Small Conference Room. If you have any questions, contact Al & Cheryl Jones at 484-680-8538 or email [aljones23@comcast.net](mailto:aljones23@comcast.net).

## **MISSIONS**

### **MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

It's never too early to save the date for next year's Missionary Conference. From March 9-17, 2024 we will have our 88th annual missionary conference during which we will hear from our church sponsored missionaries and other missionaries from various missions organizations.

### **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.

## **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 Sunny King. Coffee is provided.

### **MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL**

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

### **WINTER COAT DRIVE**

Men's Ministry is hosting its annual coat drive through the month of November. New and slightly used coats for girls, boys and adults are needed for those less fortunate. Coats will be distributed to the Snyder Avenue Church in Philadelphia. Any questions, contact John Sykes or another men's ministry member.

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Ned & Norma Cox, loving parents

**REMEMBERED BY ::** Barbara Lefferts & Bruce and Kim Cox

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