



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

September 28

Men's Proverbs Study

September 30

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Uthlaut Baby Shower

October 1

Ladies' Monday Night
Hebrews Study

October 2

Mother's Encouragement
Group
Women's Council Meeting

October 3

Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

October 4

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

October 5

Men's Proverbs Study
PCA Women's Ministry One
Conference

October 6

PCA Women's Ministry One
Conference
High School Bonfire

October 7

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Instrumental Ensemble

October 8

Ladies' Monday Night
Prophets Study

October 10

Wednesday Night Activities

October 11

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

October 12

Men's Proverbs Study

October 13

Men's Breakfast
WM Hiking Kinship

October 14

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting

I returned from Ghana last week greatly encouraged by what God is doing there through the ministry of ELI. Along with John Southworth, Dan Gilchrist, and Ray Warwick, I had the privilege of helping equip Ghanaian church leaders to better understand and teach God's Word.

This is a ministry vital for the future of Christ's Church, for Africa is now the "center" of global Christianity, with many thousands becoming Christians every day. Yet that very growth produces a desperate need for well-trained and Biblically literate church leaders who can both lead the African Church in the right direction and protect it from the errors that easily germinate in an atmosphere of Biblical and theological ignorance.

The leaders with whom we are working understand the importance of what they are learning, so I'll allow them to speak for themselves:

Bishop Josh Ampofo, the MINTS seminary coordinator in Kumasi, sent this email after we returned home: *"Our two weeks lectures were fantastic times with you and it's amazing how this unique program is working out to the Glory of God. We are hopeful that your labor shall be fully rewarded. Once again the feedback is great. There were a good number of new students who joined this September and were so overwhelmed. The much excitement could be seen with the full participation of the students...We are also grateful to all those who have committed themselves to supporting this unique program for the course of Christ. Thanks be to God who deserves all the Glory! We love y'all."*

Jones Takyi, one of the Sunyani students, spoke with me about how the instruction has impacted him: *"We are so excited by what you are teaching! We are so glad you are here! The classes, but especially this one (African Church History) have been so helpful, and we have learned so much. I agree with you that we must send missionaries to the places where the gospel is not yet known."*

"I have, as of several weeks ago at our General Conference, been elected the Mission's Chairman for my denomination. I plan to use that position to move our denomination in the direction of missions." [That position makes Jones the #3 leader in the Apostles Continuation Church. The ACC General Secretary, Peter Bofah (who is the #2 leader in the ACC) is also in that class.] Jones continued: "I want to teach our leaders to have a mission's mentality. We are gaining control of our denomination and as we heard you speaking of these things, Peter said to me, 'It is time.' We want to turn our denomination back toward the gospel and begin to send out missionaries. Returning to the gospel is the only way to change our culture."

You can imagine how encouraging such comments are to us! God graciously pulled back the curtain and allowed us to catch a glimpse of what He is doing through ELI in Ghana. What a privilege to be used by God in this way!

If that were not enough encouragement, I spoke with Joseph Appiah-Kubi, the MINTS coordinator for Sunyani, about beginning a new class of MINTS students early next year. There are many other pastors and leaders around Sunyani who have expressed interest in the MINTS program - in part due to hearing Joseph's expository preaching on the radio. Joseph and his fellow MA student will do most of the teaching for these new students, and ELI will help as needed. Soon, we hope to have Ghanaians teaching their fellow-countrymen how to study, understand, and preach God's Word. This is a big step toward our long-term goal of establishing indigenous, self-sustaining, seminary programs in Ghana.

Praise God for His kind encouragement! And thank you for your commitment to missions!

~Pastor Steere



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule September 30

Front Desk

Sandy Vander Griend

Worship

Infants

Tammy Knotts

Crawlers

Mindy Horton
& Katherine Fisher

Toddlers

Justin Martin
& Will Sotelo

Sunday School

Infants

Tammy Higgins

Crawlers

Mindy Horton
& Katherine Fisher

Toddlers

Vangie Wykoff
& Matthew Beatty

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Maria Uthlaut is Sunday, September 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Maria is having a boy and is registered at Amazon and Walmart.

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars! The annual Church Picnic is Sunday, October 21 at Heritage Park, beginning at 12:30 p.m. BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket). Drinks, ice, and dessert will be provided. Activities for everyone! Bring a picnic blanket and/or lawn chairs for your family.

HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE

The High School Youth Group is meeting at the home of Tony and Tracy Horton (474 Cardinal Road, Ringgold, GA) on Saturday, October 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A hot dog dinner will be provided. Girls, please bring a dessert to share, and, guys, please bring a drink to share.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts (no liquids, candy, gum, toothpaste, or war toys) to deliver to the needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Please write a note to the child to include with the gifts. Boxes will be packed on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Classroom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free, and the maximum family donation is \$15.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Oct 3	Baked Potato Bar
Oct 10	Chicken Enchiladas
Oct 17	Lasagna
Oct 24	Chicken Divan
Oct 31	Pigs in a Blanket
Nov 7	Chili
Nov 14	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please remember to pray for our college students as they have started a new year.

- David Armao - Chattanooga State
- Jenny Armao - Chattanooga State
- Christopher Beatty - Lee University
- Scott Beatty - Lee University
- Olivia Bowers - Tennessee Tech
- Davis Brown - Ole Miss
- Katie Brown - University of Tennessee
- Aaron Crawford - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- Brandon Cross - Covenant College
- Sophia Cross - Covenant College
- Maddie Ferrel - Trevecca
- Morgan Ferrel - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- Jonathan Fowler - Lee University
- Zachary Fowler - Lee University
- Eric Griggs - Emory University
- Elyssa Gunter - Covenant College
- Rebecca Gunter - Lee University
- William Higgins - Covenant College
- Mackenzie Hobbs - University of Tennessee
- Abby Horton - Richmond Graduate University
- Duncan Joyner - Tennessee Tech
- Michael Knotts - Lee University
- Aaron Lazor - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- Emilia Marrs - Chattanooga State
- Hope Martof - Covenant College
- Anderson Morris - Covenant College
- Grace Morrison - Lipscomb University
- Meg Orthner - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- Kip Reynolds - University of Central Florida
- Eli Rogers - Chattanooga State
- Katie Smith - Covenant College
- Maggie Wade - Covenant College

YOUTH RETREAT

Parents, Fall Youth Retreat brochures were handed out last night. The retreat is November 9-11 at Ponderosa Bible Camp. Be sure to register your youth by Wednesday, October 24.

CALENDARS

The October Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available at the Welcome Center.