

Bits & Bytes— The AMBC Newsletter

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Spring Semester Life Group Sign-ups

The time is here again to sign up for our spring Life Groups. Spring semester begins the week of Feb. 12th and will finish the week of April 29th. A Life Group is a perfect place to make friends and take steps to grow in your spiritual life. We are so excited to offer 40 total options (25 for adults, 3 for college, 8 for teens and 4 for children). Most of our groups are mixed, meaning various ages as well as for male and females but we also have groups for college, for women and one senior adult's group, as well as a men's group.

Wednesday night is a perfect opportunity for all family members to connect to a group. Teen and Children's Life Groups meet from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the AMBC facility. Parents can drop off their teens and kids at 6:15 and then go and participate in one of six adult groups that start at 6:30, all within a ten minute drive of the church building. Pick up time is between 8:30 -8:45pm.



There are three ways you can sign up for a fall semester Life Group:

- ▶ Fill out the Connection Card and place it in the offering bag or in the containers on the back wall as you leave the Worship Center.
- ▶ Stop by the Life Group booth on the left as you exit the Worship Center.
- ▶ You can also sign up online at our website www.allenmemorial.org

Even though sign-ups can be received all during the month of January, we suggest you sign up as soon as possible for the group of your choice as groups are limited to the first twenty who sign up.

After you sign up we will contact you with further information about the group as well as the link to where you can purchase the materials if applicable. You will be asked to make a second choice as well when you sign up, in case your first choice is full.

For additional information or help in connecting with a Life Group, contact the Church Office by phone, (410) 742-2659 or by e-mail at ambc@allenmemorial.org

Michael Sove
Life Group Pastor



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We want to thank everyone who brought meals to us during our recent illness. A very special thanks to Kelly Jones for organizing this wonderful care service. Thank you for your love and concern expressed in this practical way. Thank you Alan McLeod and the Men's Group for all your help as well!

*In Christ's love,
Pat & Marlene Jarrett*

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES



Sunday
First Steps
 (Birth to Kindergarten)
 9:30 & 11:00 am
Kid's Connection
 (1st thru 6th Grade)
 9:30 & 11:00 am

Wednesday
Kids Life Groups
 Are not meeting in January.
 Sign up for a Life Group that will start meeting in February



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Traditional
 (Choir & Hymns)
 8:15 am
Contemporary
 (Worship Band)
 9:30 & 11:00 am



Student Ministry

Worship Service
 Studio 707—2nd Floor
 7 & 8 Grade
 High School
 9:30 a.m. Sundays

Youth Life Groups
 Are not meeting in January
 Sign up for a group starting in February

College Life Groups
 Are not meeting in January

LIFE GROUPS



Life Groups are not just another program of Allen Memorial. As a cell church, we place equal emphasis on the large gathering (worship service/celebration) and the small group (the cell). They are the basic unit and expression of the church. Our cells, which we call "Life Groups," meet weekly in homes throughout the greater Salisbury area. Through the Life Groups we learn to live out our objective to connect, grow and serve through Christ to impact lives. Listings of the Life Groups are located on the wall in the foyer or on our website.

Also, for a more in-depth study of God's Word, visit one of our three adult Sunday school classes who meet at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Network

DAN PETERS (410.603.4000) ALAN McLEOD (410.251.3030)
 tank.gothic@gmail.com mooseberryfarm@gmail.com

Friday Morning Breakfast
 Bob Evans with Dan Peters: 7-8am

Our next "Connection" New Member Class

February 5: 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
 Lunch & Childcare Provided
Registration required by
Wed., Feb. 1st

Please call the church office @ 410.742.2659 or sign up on the Connection Card in your worship folder you are given on Sundays



PRAYER REQUESTS

Louis Adkins: Failing health
John Evans (Michael Sove’s cousin):
 Esophageal cancer
Pat Jarrett: Broken leg
Marlene Jarrett: Back pain
Nicole Lenderking (Chuck
 Lenderking’s cousin): In need of a
 kidney transplant
Edith Watt: Failing health

HOMEBOUND/NURSING HOMES

Jean Allen: Genesis Center
Onda Blades: Homebound
Fred Burnette: Homebound
Betty Culver: Atria
Corinne LesCalette: Wicomico
 Nursing Home
Anna Mae Penniwell: Genesis
 Center
Eunice Ruark: Homebound



- 1 Caroline Robinson * Christina Garlington
- 3 Chris Gibson
- 4 Ray Seals * Christy Evelyn * Gail Mariner *
Mike Kenney
- 6 Evan Parrott * Bruce Glisson * Kristi Hammond *
Janet Rogers
- 7 Ashley Wendlandt * Mike Watson * Sharon lin * Tracey Wright
- 8 Marie Shugert * Kip Powers * Rachel Price
- 10 Raegan Becker
- 11 Phillip Twilley
- 12 Sam Taylor * Aaron Parrott
- 13 Charlie George * Rob French
- 15 David Jayne * Lisa Riley
- 18 Kathy Yowell * Nicholas Bouchelle
- 19 Chuck Sumner * Leslie Dean
- 20 Chelsey Tull * Tammy Tull * William Minton
- 21 Debora Bradley
- 22 Dean Wood * Susan Jayne
- 23 Matthew Baker * Marlene Jarrett * Will Greenhawk * Dawn Forrer *
Robert Turner
- 24 Kitty Currier * Frankie Greise * Noah DeWeerd
- 25 Dylan Martinez * Zachary Koehler * Stephen Nuttall * Dale Carey
- 26 Patti Adkins * Janice Jones
- 27 Haley Fairall * Carrie Griffith * Kathy Dykes * Breta Still
- 28 Bobbi Hupke
- 29 Paige Diskin * Joe Bruton * Larry Gregory
Deborah Causey
- 30 Georgia Kincaid * Brennan Martinez
- 31 Michael Sove

**Happy
 Birthday!**

**SERVING IN IRAQ AND
 AFGHANISTAN**

Jason Barrett
Army—Afghanistan
 Brother of Jill Kenney

SSG Bryan Dykes
Army—Afghanistan
 Son of Michael Dykes

Sgt. Ryan Kenney
Army—Afghanistan
 Son of Mike Kenney

Sgt. 1st. Class Dan Krebs
Army National Guard—Afghanistan
 Brother of Faith Krebs

Samuel Sanders
Civilian Contractor—Afghanistan
 Son of Rick & Cathy Sanders
Michael Stone
Army—Afghanistan
 Son of Lisa Riley

Master Sgt. Richard Whittington
Army—Kuwait
 Husband of Sarah Whittington

SERVING ELSEWHERE

Capt. William Doyle
Army—Ft. Benning, GA
 Son of Mark & Susan Doyle

Airman Caleb Drehmer
Air Force—Goodfellow A.F.B
 Son of Bob & Angie Drehmer

Sgt. Isaiah J. Sanders
Marines—Camp Pendleton
 Son of Rick & Cathy Sanders

Pvt. Cy Jarrett
Marines—Parris Island
 Son of Bill & Lynne Jarrett





“Go into the world and make disciples of all men...”

Global Outreach

**Walter Kendall Allen (WKA) Mission Fund
Sending Teams from AMBC to Impact Nations**



Impact India 2012

We are so excited as we embark on our 4th journey to “Impact India.” Four years ago God opened doors for us as a congregation to send a team to the second most populous nation on the earth. During these years we have seen hundreds come to Christ, and we have encouraged many pastors who struggle to spread the Word in a predominantly Hindu culture with their 300 million gods.

I (Michael) will be departing on Dec. 26th and need your prayers as the first part of my journey I will not have the help of the team, who will join me later. Needless to say I will be extremely busy as I have the opportunity to speak 25+ times, in many different settings. This includes a large gathering of pastors, a leper colony, large open air evangelistic meetings with thousands in attendance to small remote Hindu villages that do not contain a Christian witness. Below you will find my top 10 daily prayer requests for the team and I, as well as our schedule and speaking events schedule for you to pray over each day that we are away.

Our entire team covets your prayers and I cannot stress enough how important prayer is for us. In the past we have encountered much opposition, from sickness to driving through hostile villages to tremendous travel difficulties and lost luggage. We are working for God on this trip, and because we go in God’s Name, we are constantly coming under attack. So this is why your prayer covering is absolutely vital to our mission!

Top Ten Daily Prayer Requests

1. For God to protect our families while we are away.
2. To be “Filled with the Spirit” daily for ministry.
3. For many lost souls to be brought into the Kingdom.
4. Wisdom for teaching and encouraging. (God knows them and their needs.)
5. Daily travel safety as we move among many locations and visit new regions and villages.
6. That the funds we take would stretch and cover all our needs.
7. For the team as they join me on Jan 15th for the second part of our journey to a new state.
8. Health and endurance as we adjust to different foods, climate, etc.
9. Physical protection and spiritual protection from the enemy and his plans.
10. That God would direct every step of the way and that He would get all the Glory!

Impact India 2012

Travel Schedule and Speaking Events for Prayer

- Dec 26th-28: Michael—Travel to India. Please pray for safe departure, uneventful travel and a safe arrival.
- Dec 29th: With Pastor Suresh in Hyderabad and then overnight 14 hour train journey to new region.
- Dec 30th: Speaking to and encouraging 500 pastors and their wives.
- Dec 31st: Morning speaking at tribal area and then in the evening preaching the Gospel at large open air gathering. Pray for many souls to be saved.
- Jan 1st: Speaking at Pastor Paul Pirdi's church gathering, then to a leper colony as well as speaking to another gathering of missionaries in the evening.
- Jan 2nd: Visiting Pastor Sion Rajkumar and learning about his ministry and visiting orphans. Taking 14 hour train ride back to Hyderabad.
- Jan 3rd: Day of rest and visiting families from Pastor Suresh's congregation.
- Jan 4th: All day travel by car to the remote region of Giddalur and visit with Pastor Samuel
- Jan 5th: Speak at Komarolu church and two villages—mostly to believers.
- Jan 6th: Going to two new Hindu villages to speak and share the Gospel.
- Jan 7th: Going to three villages to share the Gospel—pray for receptive ears.
- Jan 8th: Speaking at Pastor Samuel's large church (over 1,000 people) as well as the Tribal Colony at "Prayer Mountain" in the evening.
- Jan 9th: Day of rest but visiting Pastor Jayraju and Lakshaman and their families.
- Jan 10th: Long journey to speak at Darsi Church and Edhara Church.
- Jan 11th: All day car journey back to Hyderabad.
- Jan 12th: Speaking at two gatherings—mostly to believers.
- Jan 13th: Speaking at two locations, sharing the Gospel at one new location. Cary, Matt and Heather depart the USA. Please pray for safe departure, uneventful travel and a safe arrival.
- Jan 14th: Speaking at two locations, sharing the Gospel at one new location.
- Jan 15th: Team arrives in Hyderabad. Entire team will attend services at Jesus Holy Church (main branch) and I'll be speaking. Then in the evening we will go to slums and speak at Filemnager Branch.
- Jan 16th: All day travel to Karnataka State where we will be at large evangelistic open air meeting with Matt preaching. Expecting over 1,000 people with Pastor Sanjay.
- Jan 17th: Night number two at large evangelistic open air gathering where I'll be speaking to 1,000 plus people. Second night is always larger as people invite others to come.
- Jan 18th: All day travel to Mudagli which is the town where Pastor Sanjay grew up.
- Jan 19th: First night for large evangelistic open air meeting where I will be preaching to a crowd of 1,000 plus people.
- Jan 20th: Pray for Cary & Heather who will speak at a women's conference to over 200 women, most of them believers. In the evening Matt will speak at large evangelistic open air meeting with 1,000 plus people. Pray that God will use the team in a powerful way.
- Jan 21st: Rest and travel to railway station where we will embark on 14 hour train journey to Bangalore.
- Jan 22nd: Matt and I speaking at Cornerstone Church with Pastor Sanjay with Cary and Heather sharing a brief testimony for the believers.
- Jan 23rd: Rest day and trip to Mysore to visit a King's Palace.
- Jan 24th: Baptism service and visit to Bible College.
- Jan 25th: Long 29 hour journey home to USA.

If you would like to follow this journey on Facebook, please friend me (Michael Sove) as I will be posting daily photos and short reports. Thank you for your prayers and support!



Michael



Cary



Matt



Heather



Connecting Kids with Christ!

January 2012



Our Sunday morning program for 1st-4th graders.

During the month of January we will be taking a break from our regular program to focus on how to use our bibles. We will spend the month memorizing the books of the bible, finding scripture and locating major bible stories!

Wednesday Night

Children's Life Groups

Never been to AMBC on a Wednesday night? You don't know what you're missing! Join a Life Group in February!

Activities for preschoolers and 1st-6th graders.

Nursery available for adults attending a Life Group.



Questions, comments or concerns about AMKM?

We'd love to hear from you!

You can reach Cheryl Tolbert, Children's Pastor at 443-235-0255 or ctolbert@allenmemorial.org.



Connecting Kids with Christ!

January 2012

We're moving... for just one Sunday!



To ensure our Homeless Shelter guests have a quiet space all to themselves, children in 1st-6th grade will be joining the AMSM service in Studio 707 Sunday at the 9:30 service on Sunday, Feb. 5. We will be back in our regular classroom on Feb. 12th.

By paying a \$50 deposit, you can reserve your child's space at **Centri-Kid 2012** at Skycroft Conference



Center. We will be taking 40 children on July 16-20 for another great week of worship, bible study and fellowship. See Cheryl Tolbert for more information.

Worshipping with your family

It is truly glorifying to God when a family worships together, whether it be in your home or at church. We love to see families worshipping together on Sunday mornings and to help younger children focus and keep them engaged, we are now offering a set of sermon notes just for them! Please pick up the pink sermon notes for children ages 5—11 on Sunday mornings. Don't forget to discuss the sermon with your children on Sunday afternoons!



SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON Tuesday, January 10TH at 11:30 am.



Fried chicken will be served. Please bring a covered dish to share. Cost is \$3 per person ~ guests are free. Guest speaker will be Carol Connell.



PRISM® BEGINNING JANUARY 14, 2012

PRISM® is a transformation Bible study that educates on nutrition, healthy eating, Biblical principles and fellowship support.

For more information or to register for the new classes beginning in January, please contact Cathy Sanders at (410) 603-0996 or e-mail her at rwscgs@comcast.net.



About PRISM®

The PRISM® Weight Loss Program is a Christian oriented program. It is a complete, 24 plus weeks program divided into four or more six-week phases. Enrollment is optional for each six-week phase, enabling you to choose how long you will participate in the program. Each phase includes a curriculum that participants read on a daily basis. For those who choose to attend a PRISM® support group, weekly meetings are offered which include a video presentation and encouragement from your group leader and fellow class members.

The PRISM® Weight Loss Program was created to be the last weight loss program you will ever join. It is not our desire that PRISM® become just another "annual diet." It is meant to be a vehicle for lasting change. Thousands of lives have been transformed through PRISM® and we believe yours can be too! You are invited to join the PRISM® program for a time of restored hope, discovery of the "TRUE YOU" and successful weight loss!



CHURCH CALENDAR

January 2012

Sunday	Jan. 1	8:15/9:30/11:00	Sunday Worship Services
		9:30 am	AMSM Youth Service (Studio 7a7)
Monday	Jan. 2		Church Office Closed
Tuesday	Jan. 3	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Jan. 4	6:00 am—5:00 pm	FaceDown Day of Prayer
Thursday	Jan. 5	6:30 pm	Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
		6:30 pm	Ladies' Prayer Meeting (Scott & Heather Kellam's home)
Friday	Jan. 6		
Saturday	Jan. 7		
Sunday	Jan. 8	8:15/9:30/11:00	Sunday Worship Services - Guest Speaker: Mark Cahill
		9:30 am	AMSM Youth Service (Studio 7a7)
		5:00—7:00 pm	Mark Cahill Evangelism Conference
Monday	Jan. 9		
Tuesday	Jan. 10	11:30 am	Senior Adult Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Carol Connell
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Jan. 11	6:00 am—5:00 pm	FaceDown Day of Prayer
Thursday	Jan. 12	6:30 pm	Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Friday	Jan. 13		
Saturday	Jan. 14	7:30 am—3:00 pm	Institute of Christian Research Seminar
Sunday	Jan. 15	8:15/9:30/11:00	Sunday Worship Services & Baptisms
		9:30 am	AMSM Youth Service (Studio 7a7)
Monday	Jan. 16		
Tuesday	Jan. 17	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Jan. 18	6:00 am—5:00 pm	FaceDown Day of Prayer
Thursday	Jan. 19	6:30 pm	Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Friday	Jan. 20		
Saturday	Jan. 21		
Sunday	Jan. 22	8:15/9:30/11:00	Sunday Worship Services
		9:30 am	AMSM Youth Service (Studio 7a7)
Monday	Jan. 23		
Tuesday	Jan. 24	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Jan. 25	6:00 am—5:00 pm	FaceDown Day of Prayer
Thursday	Jan. 26	6:30 pm	Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Friday	Jan. 27		
Sunday	Jan. 29	8:15/9:30/11:00	Sunday Worship Services
		9:30 am	AMSM Youth Service (Studio 7a7)
Monday	Jan. 30		
Tuesday	Jan. 31	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice

