

Welcome Back!

Welcome back, folks. It's a brand new year, and God has a lot of exciting things in store for us. In this newsletter, you'll get a taste of what to expect. You'll find information on the winter retreat, the new prayer meeting format, IM sports, opportunities to serve in ACF, and even a chance to look back on how God shown Himself in the lives of ACFers. The semester's gearing up quickly, so before you drown yourself in school work, take some time to ask God what He'd like you to do this semester, and expect some exciting things to happen.

"So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have." —2 Peter 1:11-13

As our fellow brothers and sisters attended Urbana and I sat at home, overeating and refusing move off my chair in front of my computer, I thought about how both ACF as a whole and my own spiritual life had evolved over the past semester. A few things struck me:

- God has blessed ACF with continued growth and even more importantly, a freshman class who are largely already Christians and are willing and able to serve the Lord by sharing, living as witnesses and being loving people.
- ACF has excellent advisors and leaders who care deeply about making us all stronger in Christ and spreading His word; as www.andrew.cmu.edu/~acf says, "Let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." ~ 1 John 3:18.
- Our cell groups have been growing individually and have made us all better equipped to love and praise Christ.
- As a few people graduated, we see them reaching out to their new appointments in life and spreading the Truth which we're so fortunate to experience and live here; keep all our ACF alumni in your prayers, especially the newest ones.

ACF is but an activity to help us in our Christian walk. The greatest part of ACF is that it encourages and aids our relationship with God. I pray that this semester, we continue to love and praise Christ.

Richard Chen

Expect a Miracle (Mark 5:24-34)

"Hey, how was your break?"

"As relaxing as it can be with a houseful of relatives!" I'd say, and grin. But that was only the half of it. My grandparents' house was packed with suitcases, shopping bags, and smiling people this holiday season. Of course, it's nice to catch up with relatives you hadn't seen in years, but my mother, her siblings and their families were also here to see grandma and grandpa.

The last time my mother and her siblings all came to town at the same time was to see my grandmother when she was in the hospital. This time, it was my grandfather. He was in the hospital for a procedure, but was able to spend the holidays at home with the family. However, even during this time, the problem persisted. My grandmother told me, the day before my relatives arrived, that she had been counting the days since the discovery of my grandfather's condition. She told me that she believed that Jesus would heal him within 120 days. At that time it had already been 100 days, with all sorts of medication.

I thought that to expect a miracle was being rather hopeful, even though I'd witnessed them in our family before, even in my grandfather. But I'm not my grandmother. She and my grandfather have built a fortress of faith on the solid foundation of Christ. Unshakeable. That's power some (including me) only dream of. After the last of the relatives had left, my grandfather went back to the hospital to have the procedure done again. This time, when we went to the hospital to visit him, there was a remarkable change. His condition had literally cleared. Jesus has the power to not only turn water into wine, but to wash us white as snow with the blood He shed for us. "By his wounds [my grandfather] has been healed" (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24). My relatives were here for a total of two weeks. My grandfather was in the hospital for only a few days. My grandmother's prayers were answered. My grandfather was healed within 120 days! Expect a miracle.

Angeline Wong

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

ACF Winter Retreat 2001

Get ready to experience an awesome time of worship, fellowship, prayer, and renewal. Yes, it's the annual ACF Winter Retreat. Please register NOW if you haven't done so already. Encourage your friends to sign up too. This is one event that you won't want to miss!

Let's Go!

You can register the old fashioned way or on-line at <http://acf.cx/wr01reg.html>

For more information contact:

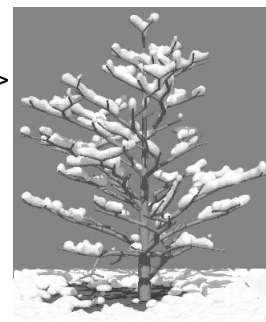
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last year's faces and talks:

<http://members.nbci.com/etsung/ACF/WinterRetreat2000/>

re-treat ri-'trēt (1) : an act or process of withdrawing especially from what is difficult, dangerous, or disagreeable (2) : a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study, and instruction under a director.

- who: ACF Members and Friends = You!
 speaker: Pastor Barry A. Gin
 when: Friday, evening of January 26th -----
 Sunday, afternoon of January 28th
 where: Whitehall Conference and
 Retreat Center
 ~2hrs NEast of Pittsburgh
 how: we drive (yay!)
 cost: newcomers (first time January) or
 financially constrained = \$20
 the rest of us = ~\$50, may be less

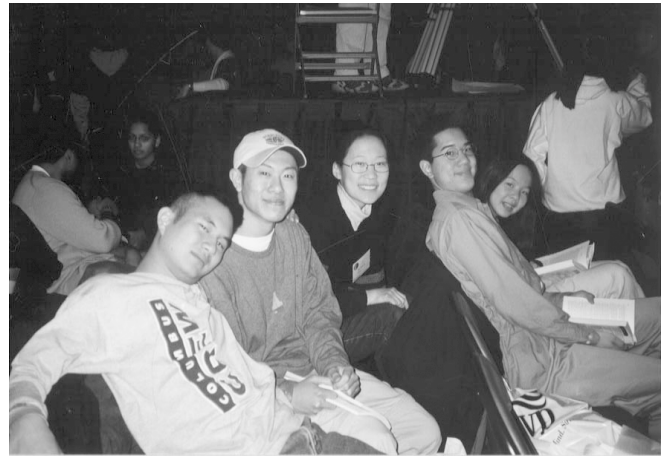


Urbana Missions Conference Dec 27th - Jan 1st

Urbana was an awesome time! 20,000 people from all over the world whose only common bond was our love for Jesus Christ gathered together for amazing times of worship. We also learned a lot along the way. As I was riding the bus back to Chicago, I heard someone behind me say, "We learned about kissing, exposing our butts, and getting drunk." True that. If you want to know more about what that quote means, you gotta ask someone who went.

For me, this winter break was a time to remember that God did first love us - He continually pursues us because He desires us so much. It was a time to meditate on just "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" and to think about all the implications of His love for me and for the whole world. The more I think about it, the less I comprehend it. I pray that we as a fellowship will not understate His love, but rather embrace it and receive it more than we ever have before.

-- Kevin Fine; kfine@andrew



"Urbana was an awesome experience. The speakers and the workshops really opened my eyes to the kinds of things that are happening around the world. I believe an important emphasis of Urbana was that we should live an evangelistic lifestyle right here and right now by praying for our non-Christian friends, meeting their practical needs, and boldly proclaiming the gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit."

Ron Urwongse - junior IDS

IM SPORTS

Welcome back!

With a new semester means a new season of Intramural Sports. ACF will try to have teams for Basketball and Floor Hockey. If you are interested in playing for either of these teams please email bsw@andrew.cmu.edu. We are also looking for captains to help organize these teams. If you are interested please email bsw. Please email by 2pm January 24th. Thanks!

Bryan Wang

A-Team call for volunteers!

Hi peoples! ACF needs help updating our web page, managing dlists, and database. If you like computers or like to learn some cool skills, let me know! lin3@andrew.cmu.edu

Lost your password...

to the ACF online directory?

Tsk...tsk...email me and I MIGHT be able to help you
;P...lin3@andrew.cmu.edu

Christopher Lin

Upcoming Events

January

19 - Welcome Dinner

26-29 - Winter Retreat: The Fear of the LORD

February

2 - Urbana Sharing

9 - Bible Study 1

16 - Bible Study 2

23 - Workshop Night

Birthdays 2001

JANUARY

1/28 Vishal Radhakrishnan

1/30 Janet Tao

FEBRUARY

2/2 Mousumi Sircar

2/12 Michi Chan



ACF Spotlight

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Hometown: Naperville, IL
Function in ACF: a balancer of the gender ratio and a space taker-upper
Favorite Hobbies: eating, playing the piano, singing, reading
Favorite Bible verse: at this moment, Psalms 139:23-24

Best advice you can give someone else:

Read some good Christian books. I heartily recommend "life on the edge" by Dr. James Dobson.

What do you do on your spare time: eat and read

If you could change one thing in ACF, what would it be? Have it meet more often :)

