

Happenings

from the advisors...

Welcome to all who have just joined us at ACF and a warm welcome back to all the old ACFers. We are glad that you have come to join our family in Christ and we are looking forward to an exciting year of growing spiritually and seeing God work in our lives.

ACF is really poised for growth this year. We are already averaging around 100 people every Friday night and continuously growing. It is our prayer that God will continue to use ACF to be a bright shining light on the campuses, particularly to the Asian student population.

One of the biggest changes we are implementing is cell groups. We hope this will provide personalized care for each ACFer and encourage you to actively pray and reach out to your non-Christian friends. If you are not part of a cell group yet, you can talk to us or one of the cell group coordinators to find out how you can also experience the care and support of true Christian fellowship.

We, as well as all the leaders in ACF, are here to serve you. So please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you. We would also like to hear your thoughts on how ACF is doing and how we can do better to meet your needs.

ACF Advisors,

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CARE TEAM

Do you like to help people? Wish you knew how you could care for people better? Come be a part of the ACF Care Team! With ACF becoming so big, it's not always easy making sure everyone's needs are met! Care Team is for anyone who has a desire to joyfully serve others, wherever the needs may be. Interested?

The first Care Team meeting will be next Wednesday, October 18th at 5pm. Meet at CMU – black chairs. Contact Becky Chang, recst28@pitt.edu, if you have any questions.

Why pray?

Ever asked that question? If God is sovereign, isn't He going to do what He wants anyway? Does He *need* me to pray or does He just *want* me to? Is prayer really necessary?

Let's look at God's original plan for us when He created Adam. The name Adam means "man; human being". God made an adam and called him Adam. This means that Adam represents all of us: what God intended for Adam, He intended for the entire human race. So what did God intend for Adam?

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP

Looking for something to do during Midsemester break? Why not serve our local community by helping to build homes for needy families! ACF is going on a Habitat for Humanity trip on 10/23, which is Monday of CMU's Midsemester Break. Tentative meeting time and location is 7:20am at Morewood Driveway (off of Morewood Ave.). Space is limited to 20 people, so sign up quickly! Drivers will be needed.

Wanna sign up? Want more info? Can't make it this time, but want more info about doing service projects? Who is Daniel Wu? Email Daniel Wu at djwu@andrew.cmu.edu! The schedule for this trip will be finalized by email.

ACF Spotlight!



Name: Jonathan Yuen Dsu-Bei

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Major: ECE

Year: what? Graduation year is May 2001
 => I'm a senior

Hometown: Born in Australia, live in Singapore for 14 yrs, now in US

Function in ACF(if any): Cell Group Leader, Foodie person :)

Fav Hobbies: Food, cooking it and eating it

Fav Bible verse: Philippians 4:4-9

Best advice you can give someone else: Eat your vegetables!! :P

What do you do on your spare time: Read books

If you could change one thing in ACF, what would it be?
 that we have more members!! :)

reading your email...

ACF CAMPING TRIP

Need a break from all the school work? Wanna get away from campus? We just might have what you need! ACF is having an overnight camping trip at Ohiopyle on Saturday, October 28th!

The itinerary looks like this:

- Drive down in bus on Saturday morning
- Long *slow* hike by river until late afternoon, consuming packed lunch on the way
- Arrive at campsite, unpack, set up
- Prepare and eat delicious food
- Celebrate God's creation and his love in words, song and fellowship
- Be amazed at how dark it is when you get out of the city
- Sleep
- Breakfast and tear-down
- Amazing outdoor Sunday service
- Return to Pittsburgh by bus, arriving about 2pm



A few factoids: we're renting tents. The campsite has toilets and showers — positively luxurious! The cost will partly depend on how many people go; probably around \$30 per person. No one will have to carry anything far or do anything actually strenuous (unless they volunteer!).

I know that many people around here never get a chance to get away from the city. If that's you, then this is your big chance. More importantly, this is a big chance for your friends. Invite them!

I'm sure you will have unmitigated fun ... but hey, even if you don't, later on you'll only remember the fun parts because that's the way people are. If you want to come, please send me email. Feel free to ask me questions too.

- Rob (roc@cs.cmu.edu)



Pondering Through the Looking Glass....

I thank GOD for being so faithful to the Acfers and my life. For me, being involved in ACF from last summer till now, I can see how GOD has being so good and it's beyond my imagination. He's brought faithful brothers and sisters together, working to serve GOD, being concerned about one another not just busy work, and sincerely caring for one another as Christ would - that's "Agape love." Praise the LORD! I thank GOD for all of you (Acfers) just the way GOD made you . . . beautifully and wonderfully put together.

In my life, my prayer request is that GOD can lead me to balance my family, ministry, work, and personal life, all for his glory. GOD is amazing, I can see changes in every area of my life:

Family - we are closer than I can ever imagine. GOD, thank you soooo much.

Ministry - Most of you know, GOD has care for ladies more than I can ever! HE is showing me how to love the ladies more and more. I thank GOD for Grace, Elise, Pollyn, Maria, and for their faithfulness and prayers. GOD put four of us together, functioning beautifully UNDER CHRIST. As for the ladies, GOD is changing each and every one inward out - just ask them, you will be amazed what GOD is doing in their lives! Only GOD can get the credit, because it's beyond my comprehension - Amen to that!

Work - God blesses me . . . doctors, nurses, and patients are able to see GOD'S loving care in their lives using me as vessel. Patients have told me, "You seems to enjoy your job," "Something about you is different," "You seems to care more," "Somebody up there must care for me." So it *is* possible to show GOD'S LOVE without share the gospel.

Personal life- By His grace, GOD is GOOD to us. I've been learning to let GOD'S timing lead, not the man or myself. The neat thing is, GOD has timing for everything when it comes to my personal life (I being pray for the guy since I was nineteen, I knew GOD is molding shaping me and the guy For GOD). All GOD wants the guy and me to do is . . . Put everything under ABBA Father and enjoy!!! GOD Bless each and everyone.

Humbly HIS,
-aimee shaw

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Adam was comparable to or similar to God – so much like God that it was illusionary (Gen 1:26-27). God was recognized in Adam, which mean Adam “carried the weight” here on earth (1 Cor 11:7). Adam represented God, presenting again His will on the earth. The earth was Adam’s assignment – it was under Adam’s charge or care (Ps 8:3-8, Ps 115:16). Adam was the watchman or guardian (Gen 2:15). How things went on planet Earth, for better or worse depended on Adam and his offspring.

So complete and final was Adam’s authority over earth that he, not God, had the ability to give it away to another! As Satan tempted Jesus, he said “I will give You all this dominion and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I will give it to whomever I wish...” (Lk 4:6,7). Jesus knew this. He called Satan “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11).

More than that, so complete and final was God’s decision to do things on earth through human beings that it cost God the Incarnation to regain what Adam gave away. He had to become part of the human race. This is the reason for the necessity of prayer. God chose, from the time of Creation, to work on the earth through humans, not independent of them. He always has (see how God used Elijah in 1 Kgs 18:1; Jas 5:17,18; and Daniel in Dan 9:1-3) and always will, even at the cost of becoming one. Though God is sovereign and all-powerful, Scripture clearly tells us that He limited Himself, concerning the affairs of earth, to working through human beings.

Jack Hayford said, “Prayer is essentially a partnership of the redeemed child of God working hand in hand with God toward the realization of His redemptive purposes on earth”. Wow! So let us rise to this incredible invitation to be co-laborers with God! (Sheets, 1996, pp. 21-33)

“I want men everywhere to lift up
holy hands in prayer...”

1 Timothy 2:8

Some guidelines to prayer:

1. *Be spontaneous.* Tell God all that is on your heart, just as how you’d unload your heart to your best friend.

2. *Be specific and direct* (Matt 6:7).

3. *ASK* (ask, seek, knock) *the right way.* Any relationship requires us to be sensitive to the other person and their needs. God knows what we want (Matt 6:8) but how well do we know what He wants for us?

When we come to Him with our requests, let’s ask ourselves if they are genuine and in accordance with God’s will (ask). We are also to do our part. God will not do what only He can do, until we do all that we can do (seek). Finally we need to be persistent in prayer (knock).

4. *Pray with all your heart.* It’s a problem – our wandering thoughts. It’s hard to pay full attention when so many things distract us. Some things we can do to help us focus are to pray aloud, write down the distractions, and keep a prayer journal (write down prayers, key thoughts, or Scripture verses).

5. *Pray continually* (1 Thess 5:17). This means we should maintain an almost continuous conversation with God through the day – like breathing, constant and life giving. Once your relationship deepens with God, this becomes easier to do. (Maxwell, 1996, pp. 13-28).

So what exactly is prayer?

Prayer isn’t a tedious repetition formula of things on a list that you go through mechanically. Prayer is entering into a relationship with God so we can determine His will in the matter and call His will into existence upon the earth (Alves, 1998, p. 22). It is talking to your Father in heaven and getting to know Him. It’s the process of developing a relationship. When you develop a relationship with someone, you spend time together. It takes time and effort. It cannot be formed in a few fleeting moments. That is why we need to cultivate a daily prayer time with God.

(Wanna read more? Contact yitst5@pitt.edu - Yin-Ling Tan)

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***Prayer Meetings are held Tuesdays at the UC Chapel from 5.45-7pm at CMU
and at WPU 504 (*or 511) on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm at UPitt.***

Come for a time of prayer to intercede for ACF and the nations around the world!!

Also, I’m looking for a bunch of committed Christians to pray regularly for ACF. If you are doing so, or feel led to, please contact me: Yin-Ling Tan (Prayer Coordinator) <yitst5@pitt.edu>

Who are the Large Group Leaders again?

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UPCOMING ACF EVENTS

(*) indicates more info provided somewhere else in this newsletter!

October

- 13 Talk: Pastor Robson on Matthew 6:1-18
- 20 PCC Missions Conference
- 23 Habitat for Humanity Trip *
- 27 Study: 4 — Matthew 6:19-34
- 28 Camping Trip *

November

- 3 Study 5 — Matthew 7:1-12
- 10 Talk: What is the Bible?

ACF has a newsgroup! (aka eb-board)
CMU users subscribe to *graffiti.acf* and *graffiti.acf.social*
UPitt users email lin3@andrew.cmu.edu



How can I get to know other people in ACF?

If you're new to ACF, you might be wondering what opportunities there are to get to know other people in the fellowship. This is a list of *some* of the things that are going on, where you might find it easier to get to know people:

- Join a cell group!
- Come on the camping trip on October 28-29!
- Go on the Habitat for Humanity outing on October 23!
- Hang around after the meeting on Friday night; usually some people go out to eat afterward
- Volleyball at the CMU UC Gym, 8pm, Sunday nights
- Football on most Friday afternoons, 5pm, Flagstaff Hill by CMU; **contact Bryan at bsw@andrew.cmu.edu**

October

Amy Hu 17

Reona Lor 21

Lia Mandiro 23

Melvin Wilhelm 25

November

1 Rodney Fu

6 Patty Chang

10 Joseph Cheng

10 Lan Kulapaditharom

17 Rob O'Callahan

22 John Yuen

25 Dave Harrison

29 Tim Chen



Sorry if your birthday is in October or November and it's not listed here! If I missed your birthday or if it's wrong here, please email me! bsh@andrew.cmu.edu

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