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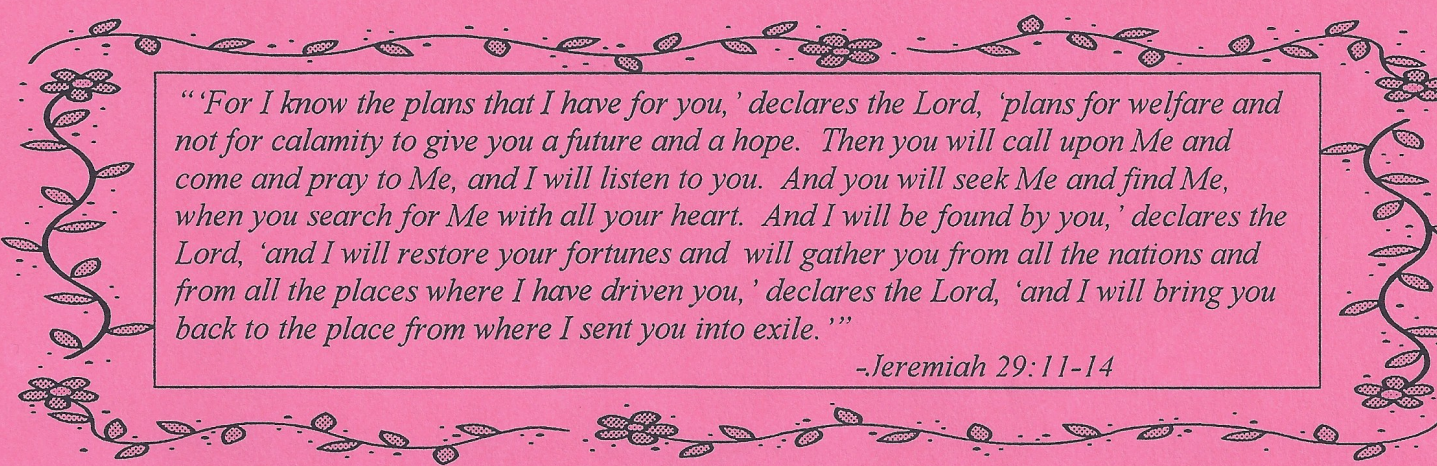
Do you ever have the feeling of the Holy Spirit rushing over you and believe that God has just turned on a light bulb as to what you should be doing? I had that sensation at the corner of 12th Avenue and Alameda in Norman, Oklahoma in November of 1992 (man, that seems like a long time ago). Clarice and I were driving my little red car and had been married not much more than a year when she told me about a job here in Alaska. [At that time the job she is now doing at first Methodist and the Director of United Campus Ministry were going to be combined.] Throughout the previous summer and that fall I had a feeling that life was too comfortable and that life was going to change or needed to change. At that moment I knew that this was what God had in store for us. We agreed that we should write for more information. Of course, two days later, I changed my mind and told her not to write - to which she told me, "too late." As they say, "The rest is history."

I had the same feeling sitting in my big blue chair when Clarice talked to me about a conference we are going to next month in Dallas about the Millennial Generation. It has been amazing in both cases how God has worked to allow things to happen. God has an amazing way of opening doors when He is ready for us to walk through them.

Many of you wonder about jobs, finding a significant other, and what your major should be. It seems that these are truly the most pressing questions in our lives, but they are not. U2 had a song in the early 80's that basically said we had the answers - it's the questions we had wrong. The most pressing questions are "do I know God?" "Do I seek His Kingdom and His Righteousness?" And "do I believe that He will save me from whatever comes along?"

When we get lost in Him we find our way in this world. I am reminded of the many stories of people who gave up on dating only to find themselves getting married. And myself looking for a place to live and finding a career. Our lives are filled with God's provision and His gentle hand leading us in His will.

David



"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found by you,' declares the Lord, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the Lord, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'"

-Jeremiah 29:11-14



Special Upcoming Events!!

Join us for an afternoon of **Movies & Lasagna Cooking** in preparation for our Annual Dinner. Even if you can't make it to the dinner on Sunday, we would love to have you join us for an afternoon of fellowship. We will be preparing lasagna and a slide presentation for the Annual Dinner and watching movies together. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the office on Saturday, April 1st.

Annual Meeting and Lasagna Dinner will be held April 2nd. We will kick-off this fun event at 4 p.m. at the University Community Presbyterian Church. Meet downstairs in the big Education Building located next to Beaver Sports on College Road. This is a great chance to meet UCM donors and board members, enjoy dinner, and sing some favorite songs. Hope to see you there!

A Day for Prayer and Praise! On Monday, April 10th the office will be set aside for singing and prayer all day long! You will want to take part in this special time for clarity and focus on God. Please drop in to sing with us from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and sign up or drop in to fill one (or more) 30-minute prayer slot(s) in the office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Finals Care Package Preparation will take place on Saturday, April 22 at 5 p.m. Meet at the office to help put our packages together and enjoy some pizza afterwards. Many hands make for light work (and sometimes confusion too ☺), so come join the tumult.

The Last Leadership meeting of the semester will be on Sunday, April 16th at 3 p.m. in Gruening 307. This is an especially important meeting as we will reflect on this past year and start to envision next fall.

Schools Out! (Well, almost) You are invited to an end of the year celebration cookout at David and Clarice Moore's home. Meet at the office at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 28th for an evening of games, good food, and friends. Don't miss out on this fun event.

Lunch for Leadership! Everyone who has been involved in Leadership this semester is invited out to lunch on Saturday, April 29th. We will meet at the office at 11:30 p.m. Come celebrate a successful semester!

UCM's Intramural Flag Football Team's Season Schedule:

(UAF Policy requires signing up at SRC to play at least 24 hrs. prior to game)

Sunday, April 9th @ 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 16th @ 11 a.m.

Sunday April 23rd @ 9 p.m.

Come out and play or cheer us on!

