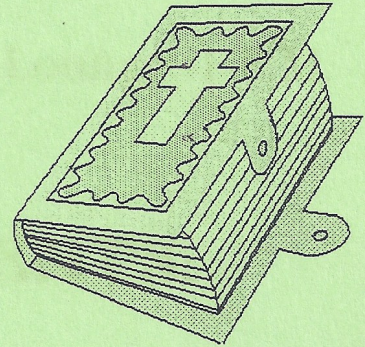


COMMON GROUND

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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

At the beginning of the school year, a computer was donated to our office. It is a 486, which runs at 225 Megahertz with eight bytes of memory. We have purchased a new modem and a brand new Canon laser printer to go with the computer. These are all wonderful tools of communication which will help me to do my job much better. There is only one problem--I have not had time or made the time to get the various components linked up. In our spiritual lives, we also have powerful resources with which to make better lives for ourselves; things which we know link us up to God. One of these things is the Bible. This is God's communication to us, telling us about His Son Jesus Christ and the stories about how God has dealt with the Saints of the past. As it says in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the [people] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Another way God communicates with us is through other people. As we fellowship together and discuss with one another, we learn and grow in our knowledge of Christ. In Proverbs 27:17 it says: "As iron sharpens iron, so one [person] sharpens another." It is important, as we make critical decisions in our lives, to seek the counsel of wise and godly people.



One of our ways of communicating with God is prayer. We share with God what we are feeling and what is going on in our lives. God already knows these things, but it is important for us to share with Him, both out of respect for Him and for our own good. 1 Peter 5:7 says: "Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." We have a choice to either hold onto our worries or to hand them over to God. We also communicate with God through sharing our faith with others who do not believe. Jesus said, in Matthew 4:19: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of [people]." We show our dedication to God by sharing our faith with others. He communicates with us by acting in their lives.

All of these communication links need to be "hooked up" to work. It takes time each day to keep the lines of communication open. By keeping these lines open, we show our obedience to God and our openness to doing what He commands. Let us, in our lives, listen to God communicating with us and respond to His commandments with obedience.

In Christ,

David Moore

WEEKLY EVENTS:

SUNDAY: Leadership, 307 Gruening,
4 P.M.

MONDAY: Music, UCM Office, 4 P.M.

TUESDAY: Vespers, Lola Tilly Lounge,
7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY: Women's Bible Study, 505 SAC,
7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY: Lunch Bunch, Lola Tilly Lounge, 1 P.M.



SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: Join us at the UCM Office at 6 P.M. to pay your \$20 and leave with us for the annual Fall Retreat. We will drive to Twin Bears camp, where we will stay overnight and leave for swimming at Chena Hot Springs on Saturday. You will be back in Fairbanks by 5:30 P.M. Saturday. For a list of items to bring, or for getting questions answered, call David at the UCM office, 474-7804, or stop by anytime.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12: Mark your calendar now to attend the second annual UCM Fall Fundraiser Dinner at 6:30 P.M. in the Westmark Gold Room. There will be a great dinner plus lots of doorprizes to be given away. PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND HELP US MAKE THIS ACTIVITY A SUCCESS.

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UCM FALL RETREAT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US. THE COST IS \$20, WHICH INCLUDES ALL TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, FOOD AND SWIMMING COSTS. IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE ROUNDING UP THE MONEY, PLEASE TALK TO DAVID MOORE.

WE WILL BE LEAVING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4. WE ARE MEETING AT THE UCM OFFICE (306 CONSTITUTION HALL) AT 6:00 P.M. WE WILL RETURN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, BY 5:30 P.M.

THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE IS SIMPLE:

1) WE WILL ARRIVE AT TWIN BEARS CAMP ON FRIDAY 7:30 P.M. YOU WILL HAVE FREE TIME UNTIL 9:00 P.M., WHEN WE WILL COOK AND EAT S'MORES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE. THE LAST SCHEDULED EVENT OF THE DAY IS WORSHIP, WHICH WILL BE AT 10:00 P.M.

2) SATURDAY MORNING WE WILL HAVE BREAKFAST AT 9:00 A.M. AND A MORNING DEVOTIONAL AT 10:00 A.M. YOU WILL THEN HAVE A LITTLE FREE TIME UNTIL 12:00 NOON, WHEN WE WILL HAVE LUNCH.

3) AT 1:00 P.M. WE WILL HEAD FOR CHENA HOT SPRINGS, WHERE WE WILL SWIM UNTIL 3:30 P.M. WE WILL LEAVE CHS AT 4:00 P.M. AND ARRIVE BACK AT UAF CAMPUS BY 5:30 P.M.

YOU NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

TOILETRIES

WARM CLOTHING

SWIMSUIT/TOWEL

SNACKS

WARM SHOES OR BOOTS

MEDICATIONS YOU NEED

FLASHLIGHT

BOTTLE OF DRINKING WATER

FRISBEE, FOOTBALL, OR BOARD GAMES, ETC.

WARM SLEEPING BAG (IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, TALK TO DAVID)

AND MOST IMPORTANT-- DON'T FORGET YOUR BIBLE!

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE MONEY ON FRIDAY AT THE UCM OFFICE BEFORE WE LEAVE. HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

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