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July 2022 New Horizons

In Acts chapter 18, the apostle Paul had left the city of Athens and gone to Corinth, where, as usual, he began speaking to the Jews about the Gospel. True to form, he was eventually rejected by the Jewish leaders and redirected his work to the Gentiles.

This must have been very frustrating to Paul. His own kinsmen, the Jews, those to whom God had given great promises of a Messiah, would time and again reject that very Messiah who was given to them. He had seen it in city after city.

In Acts 18:9, Paul received a vision at night. The Lord promised to be with him and that he would be safe from harm. God had preserved many people who would believe on his name in Corinth. With the comfort of this promise, Paul remained in Corinth for 18 months, bringing them the Gospel, and establishing what became one of the chief Christian congregations in the Mediterranean world.

I'll freely grant that the challenges of the pandemic have made the last 30 months or so a time of trial. As a campus missionary I've been forced to withdraw from my mission field for a while. I have had to re-invent many programs. Support raising, which was getting well under way prior to the pandemic, is only now getting started again. During the 2021-22 academic year we scrambled to get back to where we were near the end of 2019. Yes, it's frustrating.

Did God come to me in a night vision? No, but he did come to Paul that way, and Paul wrote about it for me. The promise He gave Paul for Corinth applies to me, to Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry, and the collegiate communities in Columbia as well. Wherever God is present, he sustains a people for himself. And he has promised to be present in the faithful teaching of his Word and in the administration of the Sacraments.



What's on the horizon for Wittenberg Door? Many blessings of God, if we are willing to look for them. As I turn up the pace of church visits and as I am able to return to a full-time presence on campus, I look forward to telling of those blessings, which will be appearing over the horizon.



Who has the Lord appointed for us to meet and care for? I have no idea. Yet I know that He is faithful. By faith, we trust we will have many opportunities to share the love of God in Christ with unbelievers. We trust that we will have opportunity to disciple student, faculty, and staff members to be leaders of others in Christian life and service. We trust that the Lord will draw many people to himself.

Wittenberg Door Financial Update

The “Wittenberg Door 300” is our group of regular contributors. With the average monthly contribution of \$50, if we have three hundred contributors we will be fully funded to have a full-time pastor, whatever office assistance we need, and to conduct many activities on campus to bring the Gospel to all who will hear. We're still short of that goal. With your help we know we can accomplish great things for Christ!

I'm now taking every opportunity to introduce the work to church congregations and remind them that we are here on the campuses as part of their work of outreach to the world. Though many of the routine operating expenses of WDCM have been covered by generous giving, we have not been able to reach the point of providing housing, health care, or a salary for Pastor Spotts. As you can imagine, this is a significant part of our budget. Please consider stepping forward with support.

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impact on the eternal destiny of
the collegiate communities in
Columbia, Missouri. We want to
invite everyone to participate
through prayers and giving!*

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Special Prayer Updates

Pray that I will have many opportunities, both in person and remotely, to tell local congregations about the work I do, bringing real-live pastoral care to anybody in need within the campus communities.

Pray that we will be able to build the ministry budget so as to provide well for future ministry needs.



Our English language coaching program has regularly been the front line for making contact and building relationships with newcomers. Please pray that more native English speakers will step forward and receive the training to expand our coaching program.

Pray that we will be faithful to care for each person we are brought in contact with.

There is increasing interest among some of the leaders of a local fraternity to have a more distinctive Christian character in the local chapter.

Pray that relationships will grow in a Christ-honoring manner and that the young men will grow in their desire to live out a Christian life in all things.

Pray that we will continue to have fruitful contacts with the students in the Greek system.

Pray that the Lord's Word will show itself powerful to draw young men to him.

I have asked for prayer as I deal with exhaustion and sleep apnea. I am gradually recovering energy.

Pray for continued recovery and rest.

In all things I give thanks for you and your care which you have shown for me, both now and over the past several years!



(Albrecht Dürer, 1508, Praying Hands, Albertina Museum, Vienna)

Upcoming Activities:

Thursdays at 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion at the MU Student Center

Saturday 7/23 Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church Annual Picnic, Pocahontas, MO

Sunday 7/24 Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pocahontas, MO

July – fellowship activity TBA – please watch our events calendar!

Mizzou classes begin August 22. Welcome activities will be the week before that. Dinner and Conversation evenings to begin Friday, August 19.

Sunday, 9/11 Pastor Spotts at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Charleston WV

Many church visits are about to hit the calendar, but after publication.

Remember to get your church on my calendar!

Watch the calendar at www.wittenbergcomo.com, follow our Facebook page, and friend WDCM Chaplain on Facebook to see times and places where Pastor Spotts can be found around campuses in coffee shops or restaurants!

We always have something new at the website, the blog, and the activities calendar. Please be a friend on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. If you're in Columbia, let's get together on or near campus. Go to <https://www.wittenbergcomo.com/support-us.html> to provide financial support. The Wittenberg Door 300 needs you!