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September 2024
A New Year

Please Pray

For Pastor Spotts as he finds the balance between being a half-time hospital chaplain and a more-than-half-time missionary chaplain for Wittenberg Door,

for Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry to grow in community identity around biblical studies and prayer,

for increased trust in God's Word and promises,

for opportunity to build lasting and purposeful relationships, especially with those we have met recently and our whole international scholarly community,

that the Lord would use our current participants to bring more people they know into our fellowship and to trust in Jesus.

that the church congregations of The AALC will thrive and grow together,

that God's peace and truth will reign in the public square.

Thanks be to God – many of the above prayer requests are showing signs that the Lord is working in our community!

“Summer’s a really quiet time for your ministry, isn’t it?” I field this question regularly. While the pace is different, the period from early May to early August isn’t time off in campus ministry. This year a good bit of the twelve week period was packed full. After wrapping up teaching a seminary class, I attended the general convention of The AALC, returned from convention, was interviewed and was assigned to a post as a part-time chaplain for the Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry. As I worked to become more familiar with that organization, which had been less active for several years, along came the international summer welcome activities on campus. We’re off and running again!

This year’s work at Wittenberg Door will look a bit different. I won’t be teaching at the seminary, which will free up more evenings. Because of having some regular hours with the hospital ministry, I won’t be on campus quite as much as in the past. However, I plan to have much of the time which isn’t occupied in hospital visits as campus visibility time. I can respond to calls just as well, and maybe better, from a campus location than from my home office.

I have more returning English conversation partners than in the past, and have already added a



new partner to the mix. Helping people with conversation skills has often provided good opportunities to

Did You Know?

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is not planting a permanent church congregation.

We are a mission outreach of The AALC to college communities.

Pastor Spotts is a called and ordained pastor of The AALC.

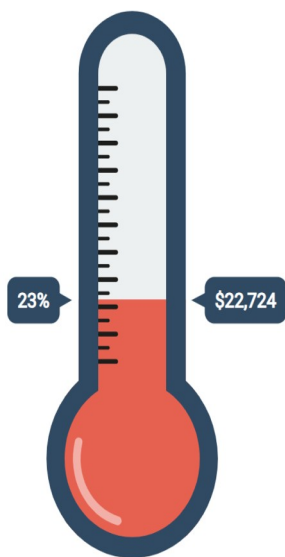
Pastor Spotts is not on faculty or staff of any of the colleges to which he ministers.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is committed to providing real live, face-to-face, pastoral care to students, faculty, staff, and administration, as well as their families.

The work of Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry mostly reaches to international scholars and their families. Most have very little prior knowledge of Christianity.

We depend on your prayers and financial support.

GOAL: \$100,000



purposely love and serve neighbors in other ways, including being clear about the Gospel.

Greg Koukl, in his 2009 book *Tactics*, suggests that the work of evangelism is rather like trying to put a stone in someone's shoe. If you have a stone in your shoe, eventually you have to do something about it. As we gain more visibility and traction on campus, my hope is to place evangelistic stones in people's shoes. This can happen through the different Bible discussions we have running and through purposeful or spontaneous conversations.

Watch our website and newsletters for updates, resources, and ways you can be involved in the work of Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry!

Wittenberg Door Financial Update

Thanks to all our generous supporters! With about 67% of the year gone, our budget is about 23% met. We are falling significantly behind last year's giving. Please help us reach our longer-term goal of being able to call and support a full-time, permanent chaplain for this Christ-centered work. If you know of others who would be able to join in support (including prayer), please let us know.

I hope you'll think about joining those people in the Wittenberg Door 300! If we have 300 regular donors, our calculation says we are very likely to have a budget adequate to sustain this work in the long run.

The Lord has blessed us with the ability to accomplish many things for His kingdom, as we pray that His kingdom would come on earth as it does in heaven.

As you consider your giving, I urge you to think of what it means to open a door into the heart and life of a young family who need the hope of life in Christ!

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Checks mailed to us are deposited with no commission paid to any intermediary. Most of our contributions are actually received this way, but we can receive funds sent through Paypal or Apple Pay as well. Giving is easy! Simply visit www.wittenbergcomo.com and click on "about" and "support us" to learn more.

Upcoming Activities:

Wednesday 9/4/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 9/4/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 9/5/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Friday 9/6/24 6-8 pm – Dinner and Conversation Evening at the Spotts' House (reserve your space by the end of Wednesday the 4th).

Wednesday 9/11/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 9/11/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 9/12/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Wednesday 9/18/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 9/18/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 9/19/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Friday 9/20 6-9 pm – Bonfire and Hayride event – reserve your space by the end of Tuesday 9/17 to receive location information. This is normally the largest event we have in the year.

Wednesday 9/25/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 9/25/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 9/26/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Wednesday 10/2/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel



Join with us for a traditional event from American harvest festivals. We'll cook hot dogs on a fire, have hot apple cider, and, of course, s'mores!

Call, email or text for the specific location.

Make a friend, bring a friend!

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Real Answers*



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Thursday 10/3/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Friday 10/4/24 6-8 pm – Dinner and Conversation Evening at the Spotts' House (reserve your space by the end of Wednesday the 2nd).

Wednesday 10/9/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 10/9/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 10/10/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Friday 10/18/24 6-8 pm – Dinner and Conversation Evening at the Spotts' House (reserve your space by the end of Wednesday the 16th).

Wednesday 10/16/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 10/16/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 10/17/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Wednesday 10/23/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 10/23/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

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Monday October 28 through **Thursday** October 31 – The AALC Clergy Commission Meeting and Pastors' Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Thursday October 31 – Reformation Day.

Friday November 1 – All Saints' Day.

Friday November 1 – Dinner and Conversation Evening may or may not meet due to Pastor Spotts' travel obligations earlier in the week.

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 X. If you're in Columbia, let's get together on or near campus. Go to wittenbergcomo.com to provide financial support. The Wittenberg Door 300 needs you!