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Building Relationships, Building Momentum

Please Pray

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,

for the faculty, staff, and students involved in the work of the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics, which is more open to Pastor Spotts than it has been in the past,

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!

As we've been studying Matthew's Gospel in our Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, it's striking me more than ever before that Christianity is built on relationships. Some of the relational dynamics we see in Matthew are based on his miraculous provision for essential human needs. People who have received food in his miracles of multiplying bread and fish keep following Jesus around. Those who have received healing at his hand often continue to follow Jesus, but they are also busy telling others what Jesus has done for them. Jesus' teaching has a polarizing effect. Some hear, understand, and believe. Some hear, understand, and reject Jesus. Some hear and don't have a clue what Jesus is talking about.

We have some of the same dynamics in campus ministry. Granted, I haven't yet had an event where food is miraculously multiplied to feed a large number of people. And we don't have any records of people being healed of physical maladies through our work. But there are a lot of other relational dynamics at work. Some of the people we've met over the past six weeks or so have become good friends with others, as well as with some who have come into our lives in prior years. There's an increasing hunger among our participants for the Bible discussions and opportunities to pray together. Increasingly, people have been asking for help getting to church services



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.

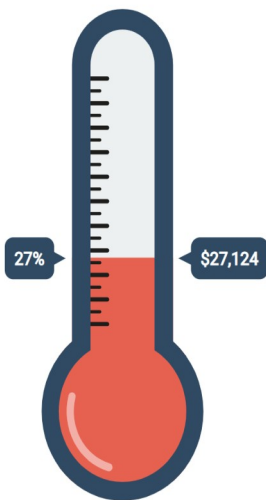
Pastor Spotts is not on faculty or staff of any of the colleges to which he ministers.

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



or for ways to involve themselves in local church congregations.

Those who have been following Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry for several years realize these have been among our primary goals for a very long time. The amazing thing is that we have no idea why the dynamic is changing now to move people into local churches and to build fellowship around Scripture. All I can do is give honor to the Holy Spirit and note that these developments are closely related to the ways I've been asking people to pray.

We don't know what the Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of some of our participants. But we know that He is the Lord of all, and that he works to draw people to God the Father through Christ the Son. Whether we're eating together, studying and praying together, or joining in worship together, we trust the Lord is building His Church!



Wittenberg Door Financial Update

Thanks to all our generous supporters! With about 75% of the year gone, our budget is only about 27% met. Please help us reach our long-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 10/2/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 10/2/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

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

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

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.

Wednesday 11/6/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 11/6/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 11/7/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Wednesday 11/13/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 11/13/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 11/14/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Friday 11/15/24 6-8 pm – Dinner and Conversation Evening at the Spotts’ House (reserve your space by the end of Wednesday the 13th).

Wednesday 11/10/24 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday 11/10/24 4:00 pm – Christianity 101 @ Beta Sigma Psi

Thursday 11/21/24 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Mizzou Thanksgiving Break – Field Trip? Details TBA

Friday 11/29/24 4-7 pm – American Style Thanksgiving Dinner at the Spotts’ House (reserve your space by the end of Tuesday the 26th). Space may be limited.

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!