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Apostles News

Radical Commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ

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**Barnums and Worship Team
Host Retreat in Charlotte, NC**

Here is what's happening at Apostles this Fall!!!!

Sunday School Registration and Launch - September 9 and 16

The new school year kicks off this fall on September 9th. The 9th and the 16th will be the Sundays to register your children for Sunday School. Please stop by the table outside the classrooms and fill in a registration card for you child/children. This will provide helpful information for the teachers including age/birthdays as well as allergies.

The Sunday School classes being offered are Nursery (birth to age 2), the new Preschool Room (ages 3 and 4), Godly Play (age 5 to 2nd grade), and Hands-On Bible (3rd grade to 6th grade).

Come join us. I believe this will be an exciting year for our children to learn more about the relationship with Jesus that God offers them!

Discipleship and Home Groups at Apostles

Adult Study - Begins Sunday September 16 (8:45- 9:45)

We encourage all to attend morning Bible study each Sunday morning in the Cafeteria. It is an interactive study led by Thad and Erilynn. This is especially important for those who have no regular Bible study during the week.

Women's Bible Study Begins Wednesday Morning, September 19

This group meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30. Led by Erilynn and hosted by Carol Wolff at her home. For more details, contact Carol at her home 255-5704.

Friday Morning Men's Group

A group of men meet every Friday morning at 6:00am at the Calvary House in Trumbull (502 White Plains Road). Please speak with Keith or Jim Tucker if you need directions. You simply have to come and experience how the Lord is moving in worship, prayer, word and fellowship - come to the well and drink deeply. All men are welcome.

8-Week Men's Group Series, "Wife Seeking Husband", Tuesdays, 6:00am - 7:30am

Beginning September 18, this series will run for eight consecutive weeks. The group will meet at the Calvary House in Trumbull (502 White Plains Rd.) This series is based upon John Bell's DVD series from Pinnacle Ministries. Please confirm your spot with Paul Wolff at paul@pcwolf.com or Paul Plouffe at

The retreat, sponsored by Ariel Ministries, is being held Thursday, October 4 through Saturday, October 6 and is entitled, "We Want To See Jesus." For more information, go to the website www.arielpawleys.org and talk with Jan Buchanan at the church office.

Newcomers Class

We do not currently have a New Members class scheduled. However, if you have been attending Apostles and feel the Lord is calling you to become a member, please either speak with Thad after the service or call the church office and we will form the next offering.

Prayer and Praise

1. Pray for the AMiA churches in the Northeast. In particular, Church of the Resurrection on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C., is launching a new church plant in Northwest D.C.
2. Prayer for the orphanages we support: Hogares Luz Y Vida in Bogota, Columbia; the Sunrise School in Rwanda and the Mustard Seed Project in Uganda.
3. Pray for our spiritual leaders; Most Rev. Emmanuel Kolini, Rt. Rev. John Rucyahana, and the Rt. Rev. Chuck Murphy.

Ministry Quicklinks

[Our Church Website and Online Sermons](#)

[Anglican Mission in America](#)

[Ariel - Ministry of Proclamation](#)

[Rwandan Coffee](#)

pploufe@servicemastergb.com.

Easton Home Group - Begins Monday September 10, 7:30 - 9:00pm

Paul and Carol Wolff are hosting a 12-week series based on John Piper's book, "What God Demands of the World". There is a limit of 12 placed on this group, so if you are interested please call Paul or Carol at 255.5704.

New Home Group is Beginning in Stamford in September.

The Gatto's will be hosting this group, so please call Steve and Carla at 203.363.0590

Mission Saturdays September 22 and 29

While the details are still being finalized, we are working to coordinate outreach missions to serve two Bridgeport communities, including the Women's Shelter at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Please mark your calendars now and save one or both of these dates, and more details will follow soon.

Special Fall Series

The 5 Tuesday Nights of October

Apostles' is hosting an evening of study and small groups (similar in format to our March Lenten Series) with the subject "Before the Storm Comes" taken from Matthew 7:24f. We ask that only those able to commit to four of the five evenings sign up. This will be held at the church office from 7:15-8:30.

Mid-Week Services

For the month of October, we are encouraging those who have been attending the Wednesday Worship service to consider joining the Special Fall series being held on the five Tuesdays of October. (See above)

Men's Retreat: Saturday, October 27

"Sex, Romance and the Glory of God", by CJ Mahaney, will be the launching point for this powerful day for the men of our church to gather with a single purpose: to grow as men in Christ. This will be a one day event and promises to be an engaging time for men to dig in together to honestly deal with challenging areas and issues in the context of faith, scripture and our calling as men of God. More details will be distributed soon - no one should miss this retreat.

Community Life

Community Care

As Apostles grows and matures, one of the challenges we face as a new church plant is building and growing a deep sense of genuine Christian community. "Community Care" is a new way for us to effectively make sure everyone is connected and cared for at Apostles - both the long time member and the first time visitor. What is it? Simply stated, we are forming a team of 'leaders' who will be in prayer for and stay in touch with a small group of households. These teams will be the front line to offer community connection, as we are now at a size that the clergy and staff are unable to be the initial touch-point for every member. This is not a substitute for home groups and discipleship groups, but rather a way to keep us all connected as a body. Please pray with us as we launch

this new ministry in September.

Fellowship Suppers

These informal gatherings happen throughout the year and everyone is invited. It follows the New Testament church model where small groups of people gathered in homes to share a meal and build their relationships through fellowship in Christ. If you have not been invited to a Fellowship Supper, please email Kevin Dillon at kevindillon4@aol.com and you will be given a group to meet with. For all of you already in groups, your hosts will be contacting you about the next supper.

Future Mission Projects

January Mission Trip to Bogota

Contact Colleen Morey, Chair of our Mission Team

Anglican Mission Winter Conference in Dallas, Texas - January

The Staff and Leadership Team from Apostles will be attending this conference and want to invite as many from Apostles as possibly can come for three days of refreshment and encouragement in the Lord. (As a keynote speaker, Dr. James I. Packer will again be leading the morning expositional teachings.)

April Mission Trip to Rwanda

Keith will be leading a small team back to Rwanda in late April, 2008. The team will be visiting and ministering both in Bishop John Rucyahana's diocese in the North, as well the Kigeme diocese in the South. Please speak with Keith if you have interest as the details for the trip will be forming in September