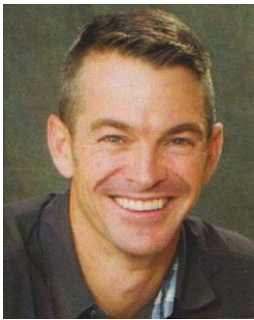




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*“We exalt God above all by evangelizing, equipping  
and embracing all nations.”*



“...the glorious riches of this  
mystery, which is Christ in you,  
the hope of glory.”

Colossians 1:27

In the middle of the seventeenth-century, Scottish minister Henry Scougal (1650–1678) penned a letter of encouragement to a close Christian friend. Struggling with spiritual discouragement, Scougal wrote to remind his fellow Christ follower of God’s gospel call in their life and their duty to, as the writer of Hebrews declared, “run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Heb 12:1). Scougal recognized people’s tendency toward the trappings of religious pettiness. Rather than living in light of God’s grace, Scougal noted how the church often battled with the legalism commonly attributed in Scripture to the Pharisees. Therefore, he located the root of his friend’s depression in a misunderstanding of the nature of true religion.

For Scougal, true religion was the “union of the soul with God, a real participation of the divine nature, the very image of God drawn upon the soul, or, in the apostle’s phrase, it is Christ formed within us.”<sup>1</sup> Building upon the Apostle Paul’s words to the Colossians, Scougal reminded his friend how the Gospel was a mystery and one through which God worked to bring men and women to life. In the Gospel,

sinful people discover the reality of their sin and its offense against a holy God. They become aware of Christ’s sacrifice on their behalf and the depth of His love perfectly demonstrated as He died on the cross. In his letter, Scougal insisted that true religion was not merely a matter of knowing about God (involving the intellect) but of experiencing God (involving the whole person: heart, mind, and soul). As people come to life by God’s grace they respond in faith with belief and repentance. In this work of grace, God unites our lives with His so that we are forever changed! For Scougal, this union was the source of the believer’s strength as it was formed and sustained by Christ; therefore, he urged his friend to rest in that which God had accomplished.

Have you ever found yourself battling spiritual depression, struggling to rest in the assurance of your salvation? I believe that we all have a tendency to doubt, to believe that we somehow assisted God in the work of our salvation through our good works. Such a misunderstanding of the nature of true religion inevitably leads to anxiety and weariness. But when we grasp, as Scougal did, that through the Gospel God unites us with Himself so that we can never be separated, then we discover a peace which passes all understanding.

While a little-known work today, Scougal’s, *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*, profoundly affected an entire generation of eighteenth-century evangelical leaders such as Charles and John Wesley, and George

<sup>1</sup> Henry Scougal, *The Life of God in the Soul of Man* (Mansfield Centre, CT: Martino Publishing, 2010), 30.

Whitefield among others. Such was the influence of this devotional that one historian declared it not “unreasonable to suspect that the remarkable catholicity of spirit displayed by the leaders of the American awakening was due in part to the influence of Scougal’s treatise.” If you are battling spiritual doubt and uncertainty I would highly recommend reading this short work where you’ll be reminded of the power of the gospel and of God’s deep love for you.

Rejoice!  
Andrew Morgan



Coffee Fellowship

We have coffee in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School every Sunday morning. Monthly breakfasts will not be served till further notice, but join us for fellowship and a cup of coffee every Sunday.

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

Heather van Brackel (west)  
Judy Myers (east)  
Rory van Brackel (south)

NOTE: Feel free to change doors assigned. This way you may meet new or old friends!!!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS FOR MAY

Be sure to sign up for the dinners. If you enjoy eating the desserts, help us by signing up and bringing a dessert. Also, sign up to help with cleanup.

May 2 – Hamburgers, hot dogs, b. beans, chips  
9 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas  
16 – Chicken stir-fry, rice, Asian vegetables  
23 – Baked ziti, salad  
30 – Ham, mac & cheese, veg. medley



The deadline for submitting items of interest for the **June newsletter** is Sunday, May 20.



Please let the office know if a member of your family will be graduated from high school or college this year. Let us know his/her name, relationship to you, the name of the institution and the degree.

### \*\*\*IMMANUEL ON MISSION\*\*\*

#### Mission Partners

**ESL** meets on Thursday nights and the **ESL Women’s Bible Study** meets on Tuesday mornings. Continue to pray for this ministry.

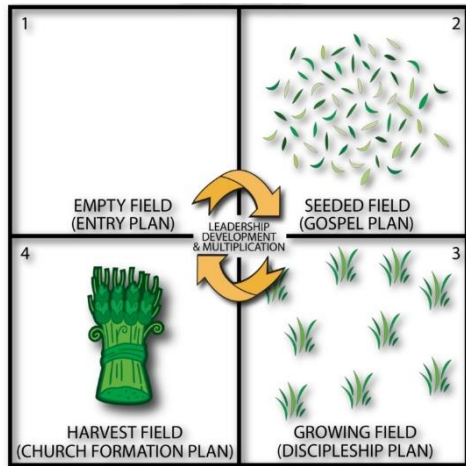
**James and Sarah:** As we are starting a new term in SA, we are starting fresh with new goals. As we see through Acts, there are 6 basic core tasks outlined when on mission for God: Entry, Gospel, Discipleship, Church Formation, Leadership Development and Exit. Over the next several months, we will be sharing with you what our goals are for each of these tasks.

**Entry:** Where are the empty fields? Where are the places/who are the people we have not reached?

**Goal:** There are 19 UUPGs (Unengaged Unreached People Group) that we know about among the Maithili speaking people. In the next 3 years, our goal is to engage each of those 19 people groups.

**Update:** At a recent meeting, national partners confirmed that we already have work among 9 of these people groups!

**Pray:** Pray for these 9 people groups that are beginning to have access to the Gospel. Pray for God-prepared people as believers go out to share. Pray that this would be the beginning of engaging these people groups. Pray that God’s name would be praised among these people groups!



**Debbie Dean, CRU-** Thank you for praying for our week-long spring break outreach conference down in Panama City Beach from March 17-24th! Big Break was a special week of fellowship and watching as God answered prayers for us to walk by faith in talking with fellow beach-goers about Christ. Surrounded by 500 other Cru students and staff, we enjoyed conference sessions teaching us to daily love Christ above all, and to pray for opportunities to listen to the stories of those around us and present the gospel message as He leads. Every afternoon during the conference, we headed out to the beach to apply our learning. One SU student, Ashly, and I were outreach partners on the last day, and I prayed that God would give us a final conversation with people who were open about their lives and where we could share the full gospel message. God gave us just that, and we talked for over 1.5 hrs. with two girls, Delaney & Justice, one a believer and one not. It was the most raw, Jesus-filled conversation I had all week, and I am continuing to pray for these two ladies. Please join me in lifting up all the people we got to interact with at Big Break, that God would open their hearts to repent and believe!

God is moving Debbie on from her full-time CRU ministry work to serve Him in the workforce and pursue training in biblical counseling. She will move May 31 and relocate to Hampton, VA.

**Paul and Laurel, DR Congo.** Paul and Laurel report a very successful consultants' clinic in their town with a great time of fellowship and learning. These consultants will probably help over 20 languages with translation of God's Word.

They are thankful for media consultant, John Vandermeer, who has been able to dub a film of the life of Joseph from Genesis into Ndruna. He also did much critical IT work and recorded some workshops to assist those dealing with trauma.

Pray for the sharing of God's Word.

### Mission Education

**WMU – Thursday, May 3,** has been designated as a National Day of Prayer. All denominations should pray that God would bring many to salvation, praising God for who he is and praying for our hurting world. Pray at home, at work, in your car, wherever you are!

The goal for this year's Easter offering has been met and surpassed (\$3,105.81). Your support of the North American Mission Board assures support for our missionaries and the programs they represent. The theme "On Mission Here and Now" was inspired by the message from 2 Corinthians 4:15: ". . .so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."

A total of \$299.87 was collected in the Bread Banks on April 15. The goal of the mission is to help relieve hunger around the world. Every penny given goes directly to this cause. The next collection date will be in July. If you do not participate won't you pick up a bread bank and join us in this worthy mission effort.

**Brotherhood –** All men are invited to their monthly meeting on Saturday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. The men are inviting all the women to join them in honor of Mother's Day.

### Members on Mission

We will join with members of the Ocean City Baptist Church on July 30 to serve a meal for International Students.

### Missions Team

Continue to pray with James and Sarah for the Maithili people who are unengaged and unreached.

## SHOREBIRDS INFO

The annual Mountaire Faith and Family Night will be on June 9. The guest speaker after the game will be Haley Skanupa, member of Gold Medal winning Women's Ice Hockey Team. If you would like to organize a group to go from Immanuel, please contact the office.



### Welcome New Members

Kye Parsons, by Statement of Faith

Gigi Parsons, by Baptism and Statement of Faith

The Parsons have two children, Kirsten and Kayley, and live in Salisbury.

Kye was born in Salisbury and has many interests: cycling, working out, stamp and coin collecting, history and archaeology, cooking, travel, trains and model railroading, music and chess. Gigi was born in Manila, Philippines, and enjoys reading, cooking and photography.

### *Thank You*

My dear Immanuel family,

There aren't words to express how much your love and support have meant to me these last few months. This last bout I had with infection caught me completely off guard. Right from the beginning, I know I had your prayers and support. I was blessed with many cards, texts, phone calls and visits too. There have many ups and downs, but I felt God's presence and yours each step along the way.

Being able to be in church again this last Sunday was like coming home! My family and I know what special people we have in our church. Thank you for the extra measure of love you have poured out for me!

Sara Baranowski



Pictured is our fabulous cook, Johanne Niblett, with one of her assistants, who prepares our dinner every Wednesday night during the school year. Johanne said that she learned to cook from her dad and has been cooking for others for about 20 years. Her comment was that "it's been a pleasure to serve with the talent God gave me."

There will be no dinners served during June, July and August. If you've enjoyed her delicious food, give her a word of appreciation.



### MAY

- 6 Quinn Morgan
- 8 Dee Ward
- 9 Beth Bratten
- 13 Hope D'Agostino
- 17 Ed Hooker  
Joan Phillips
- 18 Heather Moon
- 22 Kat Reeves

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Hunt, Danielle – (Johanne)  
 Manning, Ashley – (Shirley)  
 Meadows family – (S. Wood)  
 Pusey, Pat – (Rosa)

### MEDICAL

Baker, Penny -- Chemo  
 Blankenship -- Recovering  
 Bounds, Amy  
 Bowman, Nordy – heart surgery  
 Davis, Pat – Leukemia  
 Hall, Barry -- Treatments  
 Hamula, Tina – (B. Niblett)  
 Hooker, Charlotte  
 Jordan, Kevin – Liver  
 Jordan, Maryanne – Sciatic nerve  
 Josie – Cancer  
 Manning, Shirley – Recovering  
 Meadows, Wade – Heart  
 Rice, Daisy – Holes in Heart  
 Simpson, Joyce – Continue in prayer  
 Spence, Howard – Mass in lungs  
 Tarr, Joann – Stage 1  
 Walters, Chuck – Kidney infection  
 Webb, Mary

### MISSIONS PARTNERS

Morgan, Paul and Laurel (Congo)  
 Morgan, James and Sarah (Nepal)  
 Dean, Debbie (CRU)  
 ESL  
 East Salisbury School Partnership  
 Redemption City Church, Baltimore

### LONG-TERM LIST

Brandt, John – Chron’s disease  
 Chapman, Nancy – Wicomico N.H.  
 Cheek, Virginia – Genesis  
 Duncan, Sue  
 Henderson, Jeff – MS  
 Jarrett, Ann  
 Merritt, Joan – PRMC  
 Muenster, Cindy  
 Powell, Missy  
 Schneider, Irving – Genesis (Centreville)  
 Straub, Marge – Wicomico N.H.  
 Walters, Chuck  
 Wilson, Betty – (S. Wood’s mother)  
 Workman, Sam and Dolly

