

Greater Things

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Where Am I Headed?

by Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach

Happy Fall! I absolutely enjoy this time of the year. I especially enjoy watching the trees slowly change color in preparation for a dormant winter. I enjoy the season of Harvest and the flavors of pumpkin and apple that come with it. This time of the year is also a benchmark for my students at school. Parent-teacher conferences are under way for many local schools. In the past, teachers gathered information about students and put together a lovely presentation about the student. Parents then would have the opportunity to review their child's growth, review academic areas where growth would be expected, and review any goals the teacher had set for their young student. For my students this year, conferences looked a little different. This year we asked the students to lead. Students studied their own test scores. Students reported on their own reflections of the school year. Students set their own goals and presented on how they would reach their goals. Goals were specific and measurable. I enjoyed watching and listening to my students explain their own understanding of learning, and take ownership in their own personal growth. Watching my students expertly execute these conferences, I began to reflect on my own personal growth. I think that God loves to see us doing something similar in our own lives. Spiritual growth should be a personal reflection of our lives and an analysis of how we touch the lives of other people.

Some questions I have asked myself these past few days are as follows:

1. How am I growing spiritually?
2. What are my goals?
3. Are my goals attainable and measurable?
4. Am I taking time to reflect on what God wants for my life?
5. Am I being a good example of God's love to the people around me?

Romans 12:2- 4 (NLT) states:

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function.

I feel as though this is a good reminder for myself to pause, and evaluate spiritual growth. God made us all unique individuals with a specific purpose in life. It is so important to know and understand where we are headed when walking in the light and love of Jesus.

FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

Oct. 1 - \$5,070 | Oct. 8 - \$3,950 | Oct. 15 - \$17,509 | Oct. 22 - \$3,660

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, please place them in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or mail your envelope/check to the church at:
710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911

Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.



Arthur Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Service at AMC: November 12

We will be hosting the AMA Thanksgiving Service here at AMC and we invite everyone to join us! The evening will begin at 6:00pm and will feature singing, special moments, prayers, and worship. Bring the whole family to come for a time to give thanks to God and praise Him as one body of Christ together.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Christ the King Sunday: November 19

This will be a special Sunday to reflect on the blessings God has given AMC this past year. We will share communion together during worship and enjoy our annual slideshow. We will also enjoy Third Sunday Breakfast starting at 8:45am, followed by Christian Ed. Classes, and a time of feet washing (optional).

"Years from now your children will ask you why these rocks are here. Tell them, 'The Lord our God dried up the Jordan River...because he wants everyone on earth to know how powerful he is. And he wants us to worship only him.'"

Joshua 4:21-24

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Luke & Katie Miller	4th
Larry Kauffman	5th
Kimberly Kauffman	6th
Virgil Gingerich	6th
Maria Yoder	11th
Jacque Lane	13th
Joe Gingerich	13th
Elijah Gutierrez	14th
Gary & Dorothy Kauffman	14th
Lynn Kauffman	14th
Robert Yoder	15th
Isai Gutierrez	17th
Andy Plank	21st
Ed Gingerich	21st
Levi Schrock	23rd
Nadine Miller	27th
Delmar & Linda Schrock	29th
DuWayne Miller	29th



AMC
Personal Profile
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1. How old are you and what school do you attend? **I am 10 years old and I attend Arthur Grade School.**
2. What is your favorite verse in the Bible? **Hebrews 6:19 "We have hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."**
3. Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? **When my friend was going through surgery, I got really scared. But I knew that God was there with me and him the whole time.**
4. What is your favorite subject in school? **Art**
5. What hobbies do you enjoy? **Making bracelets with my friends.**
6. What would you say is your favorite meal? **Lasagna with a side of 5-cheese bread, and chocolate peanut butter swirl.**
7. What is the happiest memory of your life? **The day we got my dog, Cooper.**
8. Do you have a favorite inspirational quote? **"People can hate on you for doing what makes you happy, but ultimately, it has to belong to you. It shouldn't matter what anyone else thinks. Life is not easy. The road to happiness is not a path well trotted."**