

# Pastor Update

## January 8th, 2020



### Mission Sunday At Open Bible!

The primary focus of our Latin America missions team is *Academia Cristo*. *Academia Cristo* is a multi-faceted effort which seeks to:

- 1) Make disciples in Latin America by sharing the message of God's grace with as many people as possible,
- 2) Identify and train potential leaders, and
- 3) Encourage those leaders to make disciples who plant churches.

The Latin America missions team uses social media to promote the *Academia Cristo* mobile app and website throughout Latin America.

- **1.3 million** followers on Facebook
- **285,000+** people have downloaded the *Academia Cristo* mobile app that launched in February 2020
- **700+** people have completed the self-led courses on the mobile app since March 2020 and are signed up for live courses

- **250+** people have completed one live course since March 2020 with a WELS missionary or national partner
- There are **52** Academia Cristo students who have said they are currently sharing Bible materials with a group
- More than **323,000** Biblical resources (music, studies, movies, etc.) have been downloaded
- More than **60** people are contributing in different ways to the work of *Academia Cristo*
- **25** different people have taught *Academia Cristo* courses (national pastors and WELS missionaries)

On Saturday January 30th and Sunday January 31st, Rev. Michael Hartman will be our mission festival speaker in our worship services. A COVID friendly snack will be served after both services, along with a presentation in the fellowship hall by Rev. Michael Hartman.



## The Christian In Today's World Bible Study

We live in a world that is quickly changing. Attacks on our family structure, advances in technology, political unrest and open hostility to God's people is now rampant in our country and around the world. Can we help but wonder what our

grandchildren and great grandchildren will experience. The purpose of the study is to take an insightful look at six areas of deep concern to God's people today. The study includes many opportunities for participants to discuss and share personal feelings and viewpoints.

January 13th: *The Christian Living in Today's Technological Environment*

January 20th: *The Christian Living in Today's Political Environment*

January 27th: *The Christian Living in Today's Hostile Environment*

February 3rd: *The Christian Living in Today's Educational Environment*

February 10th: *The Christian Living in Any Environment*

Join us either on Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall or online with Zoom at 6:00 P.M. I will send you the link for the Zoom study if you are interested. Last week we had 25 participants onsite, and 15 online for the study topic: The Christian Living in Today's Family Environment.



## Single People Loving And Serving Him

Open Bible is sponsoring one of the fastest growing Christian Single's group in the Villages,

Florida. Led by our Staff Minister Randy Cochran, the group seeks to have fun together as singles, grow spiritually in the Word, and look for ways to serve in our community.

On Monday, January 11th, the group will enjoy food, beverages, and free live entertainment at [Edna's On The Green](#). Entertainment will be by Double Trouble (a guitar and vocal duo) Meet at church at 2:30 if you want to carpool or meet at Edna's from 3:00-5:00 P.M. Bring a chair if you would like. Food and drinks are on you. Invite your Christian Single Friends and Neighbors! Call Staff Minister Randy Cochran at 407-637-4876 or email him at [randy.cochran78@gmail.com](mailto:randy.cochran78@gmail.com) for more information

## Saturday Services

January 9th, 2021, We will be begin having weekly services at 4:00 P.M. It will be the same service as on Sundays. If you like a small group of 20-40 people, this is the service for you!



## Help For the Grieving At Open Bible

Griefshare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an oasis on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your Griefshare experience:

### Video Seminar

Encouraging, information packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts

### Support Group

Small group discussion about the weekly video content

### Workbook

Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics

This group will begin its journey led by Staff Minister Randy Cochran on Monday, February 1st from 2:00-3:30 P.M. If you have any friends or neighbors who have lost a loved one in the past few years, this group will be a real blessing to them.

For more info: Contact Randy

## **Important Dates**

**Men of Leisure:** January 8th at 8:30 A.M. at Bob Evans on CR466

**North County Group:** January 10th at 6:00 P.M. at home of Alan and Pam Johnson---Twelve Ordinary Men

**Ladies Tuesday Bible Study:** January 12th at 2:00 P.M.  
Twelve Extraordinary Women

**WINGS (Women in God's Service)** January 13th at 1:00 P.M.

**Happy Hearts, Happy Hands Handiwork:**  
Meets on January 15th from 9:00-12:00 Noon

**Annual Voters' Meeting:** Sunday January 24th, at 11:00 A.M

**Planning Your Christian Funeral:** Tuesday, January 26th at 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

*Continues Blessings in the Lord this week.*  
*Pastor Schulz*