

Pray for Tim & Mary Sue Austin *servicing in Senegal*



School year 2018-2019 is off to a good start at Dakar Academy. This year finds me with some new job responsibilities with my old ones. In addition to being associate director and middle school principal, I am now overseeing our K-12 curriculum and our reaccreditation planning.

It is a lot to do, but thankfully the school has permitted me to 'hire' my wife as my administrative assistant. I am grateful that we are able to work well as a team.

We have a lot of brand new teachers this year, and as principal, I am helping to guide many of them through their year in a classroom. It is a joy to be able to draw from my years of experience and help equip these willing workers.

As you may recall, we were in the United States this summer to get our son Samuel set-up for college at St. Cloud State. A couple months in, he reports he is loving life in Lawrence Hall, the dorm for international students.

Hannah and Elizabeth are living together in Colorado Springs while Hannah's husband Mark is in the midst of infantry deployment in Afghanistan. Of course, Benjamin is still at home with us.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the new staff members at Dakar Academy as they adjust. Also for teachers for next year.
2. Pray for the families of students who serve as missionaries far away, their ministries to be fruitful. We are here so they can serve.
3. Pray for Tim; for all his responsibilities at the Academy.

The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

A — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

B — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

C — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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Welcome to Worship!—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbie's Room downstairs after the announcements are given.



Angel Tree — It is time to bless a child from our community! Pick a tag or two off of the trees, have fun shopping, and return your unwrapped gift(s) to the Salvation Army by December 10. Office hours are 10am-12pm and 1-4pm, Monday-Thursday. Questions? Please call 283-3394.

Pastoral Search Committee — The PSC has a survey that they would like everyone (member or non-member; teen to 99+) to participate in. *If at all possible*, please go to: <http://bit.ly/eccnewpastor> and take the survey online; a paper copy is in the lobby.

Women Growing Together — Monday, November 19, at 6:30pm.

Operation Christmas Child — Boxes need to be returned today! You can also drop off your shoebox at Psalm FM today from 12-4pm.

Welcome Class — Who are we? What are we about? Join others on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2 to learn about our church and the ministries that we are involved in.

Community Café — November 27 at 5pm at Backus Community Center.

Newsletter Mailings —

♥ Family Messenger — November 28

♥ Psalm FM — November 29

Holiday Office Hours — The office will be closed Wednesday, November 21—Monday, November 26.

Christmas Gala — Northern Options for Women is hosting a Christmas Gala on December 1. You can purchase your ticket in the lobby through November 25.

Waffles & Widows — Saturday, December 15, at 10am. Join Tucky and other ladies for a time of encouragement and yummy waffles! Contact Tucky at 218.742.6040 if you can come or have questions.

Thank you — Thank you for the many kind, thoughtful words and expressions of love we received from so many of you during the loss of our son and grandson, Damyan Napper. Joe, Marilyn & Gladys Napper

Encountering Light

John 9:1-12; 24-25

1. The _____.

John 9: 3 – 5 (NIV)

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14 – 16 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

2. The _____.

If you want to be an effective witness:

- Have _____.

John 9:6, 7

- Prepare _____.

John 9:10,11

- Pray _____.

... pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Colossians 4:2 – 5 (NIV)

- Start _____.

John 9:24, 25 (NIV)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

- Trust _____.

John 9:33, 34 (NIV)

Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with men is possible with God.'

Luke 18:26, 27 (NIV)

I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)