

**August 4, 2024**

**“Missing the Point”**

**Luke 14:12-24**

On the night Jesus was betrayed He instituted the Lord’s Supper... Communion. Within the context of that evening there are times when the Disciples missed the point. Today’s message is to help us not miss the point.

1. Jesus Meant What He Said.

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2. Superficial Spirituality.

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3. Too Heavenly Minded.

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4. Kingdom Living Is as Much Here and Now as It Is By and By.

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**THIS WEEK: AUGUST 4–11**

Sunday Morning Prayer 8:30 am room 207	8/4
Sunday School for all ages <i>nursery room 110</i>	8/4
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	8/4
Communion/Benevolent/Children’s Sermon 10:30 AM	8/4
Facebook Live Church 10:30 AM	8/4
Online Church 10:30 AM, Noon, 6 PM	8/4
Wednesday Prayer 7 pm room 105	8/7
Board of Ministries 7 PM	8/8
Koins for Kids/Missions/Children’s Church 10:30 AM	8/11
Sunday Summer Family Night 6 PM at the Jordan’s	8/11

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

Wednesday Prayer 7 pm room 105	8/14
Ladies’ Breakfast 9 AM at Gimmick’s	8/15
End of Summer Picnic 5-8pm	8/17
Elder Board 7 PM	8/20
Punxsy First Day of School	8/21
Sunday Summer Family Night 6 PM at the Jones’	8/25
New Adult Sunday School quarter begins	9/1
Sunday Family Night resumes 6 PM Good News Club, Youth, Adults	9/8

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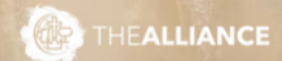
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at Punxsutawney Alliance Church

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Verse of the Month: 2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV**

But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Meet and Greet**

**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Acknowledgement of God’s Presence**

**“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”**

**“Graves Into Gardens”**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Our Worship in Giving**

**“Goodness of God”**

**Message: “Missing the Point”**

**“In Christ Alone”**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Parting Prayer**

**WELCOME!**

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8— We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches.

We sincerely WELCOME you today! If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

**SUNDAY SUMMER FAMILY NIGHTS**

Missions, fellowship, food and fun for the entire family!

**The August 11 Summer Family Night is at 6:00 PM at Marc & Joyce Jordan’s, 141 Wilson Rd. Punxsy.**

**BRING:** Mountain Pie irons, smore fixings, a side dish, lawn chairs, drinks.

**PROVIDED:** Water, iced tea, mountain pie bread & fillings.  
*August 25—at Pastor and Pat Jones’ 707 Sutton St.*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

On August 18 during the morning service, Karla Sunderland will share about her recent trip to the Nairobi, Kenya area to distribute shoeboxes and to participate in The Greatest Journey classes.

**END OF SUMMER OUTREACH PICNIC**

Saturday, August 17

5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Free event, invite your neighbors!

5 - 6 PM Live music

6 - 8 pm Food, games, face painting, free lunchbox filled with snacks

**WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS** to fill 120 lunch boxes!

Suggestions include single-serving applesauce, pudding, Jello, cracker packs, gummy fruit snacks, juice boxes, cookie packs, or any other individually wrapped, non-perishable food. *A donation box is in the narthex. Thanks!*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for games, face painting, food, lunchbox station, and the information/resource table. *A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Thank you!*

**YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP THANK YOU**

We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make the youth missions trip possible. Your support, prayers and encouragement means so much to us. Thanks!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

**AUGUST FOCUS - BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Adhesive tape, pencils/erasers/sharpeners, crayons/ markers/colored pencils, small notebooks, calculators, index cards, rulers, safety scissors, glue sticks.

*A collection box is in the narthex. Thank you!*

**LADIES’ BREAKFAST**

All ladies are welcome to join us for breakfast on Thursday, August 15 at 9:00 AM at Gimmicks. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**SAVE THE DATES!**

SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES

September 8

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

September 10

**MAHAFFEY CAMP**

Save the dates! More info. coming soon.

Men’s Link Retreat

September 13 & 14

Writers’ Retreat

September 19 - 21

Prayer Journey Retreat

September 19 - 21

Quilt Retreats

October 23-26 & 28-31

Crafters’ Retreat

October 24 - 26

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Attendance Last Week		2024 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	105	7/7/24	\$6,434.62	\$6,002.38
Facebook	17	7/14/24	\$6,434.62	\$5,770.76
Online	2	7/21/24	\$6,434.62	\$4,272.26
Total	124	7/28/24	\$6,434.62	\$3,768.37

# CALL TO PRAYER

AUGUST 2024



## ARE YOU A CARL?

Our family recently read Paul Ellenberger's missionary biography, *Where Paths Meet*, which is available on Amazon. Paul shared a powerful story which reminded us that sending workers has always been at the heart of The Alliance.

In 1908, two best friends—Clair and Carl—attended a C&MA church in Butler, Pennsylvania. During the annual Missions Conference, the Holy Spirit moved greatly, and they both dedicated their lives to taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

In the following weeks, the two friends would get together to discuss their decision. They knew they had made a commitment and that they must obey. They also realized it would take a lot of money to be a missionary. They didn't have any, yet they both felt responsible to keep their promise to the Lord. They finally found a workable solution. They would both be missionaries, but only one would go to the field—the other would stay behind and earn money to support the other's missionary service. It was decided that Clair would go, and Carl would stay behind to support him.

In 1919, Clair helped open one of the first C&MA missionary stations in

West Africa. Back in Butler, Carl opened Hoffman Auto Parts, which flourished under God's blessings—and it is still in business today. Carl faithfully supported what is now the Great Commission Fund until his death. Both these young men recognized their role in taking all of Jesus to all the world, and God honored their obedience.

Today, we still need senders like Carl, who are willing to give generously to support God's work. As an Alliance family born of a passion to fulfill the Great Commission, we must focus our resources on people and places without a gospel presence.

In recent months, the Alliance family celebrated National Great Commission Day. Let's praise God for the generous, sacrificial gifts so many of our churches gave toward that offering! But let's not forget that our task remains unfinished. There are still unplowed fields in the world today where the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. May Alliance people faithfully harvest them until the King returns!

based on an update by Shawn and Becky McCabe, Alliance international workers serving with CAMA

## THANKFUL FOR GOD'S PROTECTION

The Alliance South Central is grateful that Hurricane Beryl, which hit Texas on July 8, did not bring about catastrophic consequences to the area, where there are 15 Alliance churches. A district response team was organized and ready to engage in relief efforts. Alliance congregations in the Houston region did report minor flooding and downed electrical lines, but the churches were spared. Praise God there was no loss of life in the area.

Pray for people in other parts of Texas and Louisiana that were more severely impacted, including those who lost power and suffered the effects of extreme heat without air conditioning.

## BLESSED BY THE CHURCH IN HARD TIMES

The effects of ongoing extremist activities in a West African country have been devastating to the Alliance national church network there. The national church president has permitted us to share how the church has been impacted. Thus far, 185 Alliance pastors have been displaced; 2 Alliance pastors have been killed and 1 is missing; 156 churches have been forced to close; 15 church buildings have been damaged; 19,603 Alliance people have been displaced; and 37 Alliance family members have been killed.

And yet, the church has been boldly sharing the gospel, helping displaced people, and being a light to those around

them. Will you pray for the national church leadership as they guide their people through these difficult times?

| by Stan Walker, Africa Regional Office

## CAMA: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

On June 3, CAMA Services celebrated 50 years of relief and development ministry. In the early 1970s, the C&MA launched CAMA in response to the needs of refugees during the Vietnam War. Today, as a specialized structure of Alliance Missions, CAMA responds to the needs of people affected by violence, poverty, and disasters.

The prayers and financial partnership of Alliance people have made it possible for CAMA to send international workers into the hard places to alleviate suffering and address poverty in its many forms. We praise God for enabling CAMA to proclaim the gospel in both word and deed and for how Christ's all-encompassing love has been able to enter and redeem some of the most hopeless situations—leading to lasting change as lives have been transformed and communities restored. Pray that God will provide CAMA with new international workers and the funds needed to further equip its existing workers so that those in need can continue to experience Christ's compassion.

To learn more about CAMA, visit [camaservices.org](http://camaservices.org). You can also read more about CAMA's history in the July/August issue of *Alliance Life* magazine.

TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT [CMALLIANCE.ORG/PRAY](http://CMALLIANCE.ORG/PRAY).

Thank you for praying for Alliance workers and for the people with whom they share the gospel. To receive the *Call to Prayer* and weekly prayer requests via email, subscribe at [cmalliance.org/pray](http://cmalliance.org/pray). Alliance ministries are supported by gifts to the Great Commission Fund and CAMA.