

January 12, 2025

Aw, Poor Saul

1 Samuel 13:9-14, 15:20-23, 28:6-7

1. What About Motives? 1 Samuel 13:9-14

Four horizontal lines for writing answers to question 1.

2. What About Actions? 1 Samuel 15:20-23

Four horizontal lines for writing answers to question 2.

3. What About Consequences? 1 Samuel 28:6-7

Four horizontal lines for writing answers to question 3.

**THIS WEEK: JANUARY 12 - 19**

Sunday Morning Prayer 8:30 am room 207	1/12
Sunday School for all ages <i>nursery room 110</i>	1/12
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	1/12
Pre-Service Altar Prayer 10:15 am—10:25 am	1/12
Koins for Kids/Missions/Children's Church 10:30 AM <i>nursery room 205</i>	1/12
Facebook Live Church 10:30 AM	1/12
Online Church 10:30 AM, Noon, 6 PM	1/12
Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM room 103	1/14
Volleyball ages 15 and up 6 PM	1/14
January Prayer and Fasting 11 am—1 pm <i>Sanctuary open</i>	1/15
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM	1/15
Board of Ministries WEDNESDAY 8 PM	1/15
CMA Youth Basketball games 5:30—8:30 pm	1/16
Replenish Youth Retreat at Mahaffey Camp	January 17-19
Floor Hockey ages 12 and up 10 am—Noon	1/18
Morning Worship & Annual Meeting 10:30 AM <i>nursery room 205</i>	1/19

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM room 103	1/21
Volleyball ages 15 and up 6 PM	1/21
January Prayer and Fasting 11 am—1 pm <i>Sanctuary open</i>	1/22
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM room 105	1/22
CMA Youth Basketball games 5:30—8:30 pm	1/23
Floor Hockey ages 12 and up 10 am—Noon	1/25
Family Bowling at Groundhog Lanes 3-5 pm	1/25
Sunday Family Night resumes 6-7:30 PM	1/26
Super Bowl Tailgate Party 5:30 PM	2/9

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- ⇒ Visit [www.pcmachurch.org/giving](http://www.pcmachurch.org/giving)



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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Meet and Greet**

**Verse of the Month: Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Acknowledgement of God's Presence**

**"Blessed Be Your Name"**

**"Praise"**

**"Egypt"**

**Koins for Kids/Missions Moment**

**Children's Church Dismissal**

**Our Worship in Giving**

**"Great Are You Lord"**

**"How Great Is Our God"**

**Message: Aw, Poor Saul**

**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.

**NOMINATIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING**

As we get closer to our Annual Meeting, our Bylaws state that there are no nominations from the floor during elections. However, provision is made for Members of the Church to place names into nomination. Today is the last day to present the name and office in writing to Pastor Jones.

**Please pick up an Annual Report** in the narthex. The annual meeting is next Sunday, January 19, 2025, during the morning worship service.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND FASTING**

The Elders are calling our Fellowship to a time of prayer and fasting. We are asking you to set aside a time (i.e. over lunch) to pray and fast for our church. Please join us in prayer even if you are unable to fast. The church Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM each Wednesday during January. May we seek the Lord's face together.

**SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT**

Sunday Family Night resumes on January 26 from 6-7:30 pm for **Good News Club** (ages 3 - grade 6), **Youth Group** (grades 7-12), and **Adult Groups**.

**GOOD NEWS CLUB DRINK BOXES**

Good News Club is in need of drink boxes for Sunday evenings. Please place your donations in the kitchen and mark them GNC. Thank you!!

**PRAY FOR CMA YOUTH BASKETBALL**

CMA Youth Basketball has begun and we need your prayers as approximately 500+ people will enter our doors each week. Details include 176 families, 233 basketball players, 47 volunteers, 2,256 volunteer hours, 24 hours games, 12 hours of play-offs, and the Awards Banquet attendees and guest speaker on March 15. Help us reach this generation with the love of Jesus! **It's not too late to help.** See *Pastor Jones with any questions.*

**FAMILY BOWLING**

Everyone is invited to a fun night of bowling on Saturday, January 25, from 3-5pm (note time change) at Groundhog Lanes. Bring some snacks and drinks to share. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. See Chris Troutman to prepay \$5.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Recreational volleyball for ages 15 and up begins this Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 PM. See *Mary Hoover with any questions.*

**THANK YOU**

*Thank you for being so good to the shut-in people! I really enjoyed seeing all the ones who came to Christmas carol, and the lovely cookie tray. God Bless all those who helped cheer me up.* Barb Stoddard

**THANK YOU**

*Thank you for the soups, beautiful Christmas caroling, poinsettia, and cookie tray. I appreciated it very much.* Bob Shreckengost

Attendance Last Week	
Inside	113
Facebook	10
Online	0
Total	123

2025 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
1/5/25	N/A	\$6,124.47
1/12/25		
1/19/25		
1/26/25		

# CALL TO PRAYER

JANUARY 2025



## ALLIANCE WORKERS SAFE AFTER ELECTRICAL FIRE

On November 19, 2024, at about 6:15 a.m., a fire broke out on the C&MA campus where our family serves as international workers with our aXcess teammates in West Africa. The electrical fire started in a building next to the Alliance guesthouse that also functioned as a playroom for our kids and the other children whose parents minister here. By the time we were alerted, the entire room was engulfed in flames. This room is separated by a breezeway with a metal roof connecting the two buildings. We immediately evacuated our guesthouse, which was filled with visitors who were staying there, and then began to fight the fire with the aim of containing it to that one structure.

None of the emergency numbers that we called responded. The only firefighters in our area don't have a vehicle, so they couldn't come to our property. This is part of our reality living in such an underdeveloped place; it is also why we regularly ask for prayer from those who sent us to serve here. Like all Alliance international workers, our team depends on your intercession for our protection, help, provision, and deliverance.

Our team, some of the guests, and even a few neighbors started a bucket brigade to limit the fire so it wouldn't spread. By the Lord's grace, after an hour of combating the flames to keep the blaze contained, it started to die down. Once that happened, firefighters from a different part of the city finally arrived to extinguish the remaining flames. Please pray for our team as we process this traumatic event. Pray especially for our kids and the other children who are impacted by the loss of a play space that has provided them a lot of joy in the past. Pray for God's provision to rebuild and for us as a family as we continue to function during a ministry season with teammates transitioning into retirement. Experiencing this loss amid a busy time like this has been challenging to all of us. We are grateful to people like you who are "holding the ropes" for us and who make it possible for us to serve here through their prayers and giving.

| based on an update by an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess

TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT [CMALLIANCE.ORG/PRAY](https://cmalliance.org/pray).

## WILL YOU PRAY FOR US?

After experiencing dreams and visions, a young man who found community at a center in Kosovo recently decided to give his life to Christ. In a country characterized by a strong majority faith, decisions like these are not made lightly, but others want to know more about Jesus. The Holy Spirit is moving in Kosovo. Will you pray for us as we prepare to join Him there?

We—Julian and Ashli—are being sent to Kosovo this year as Alliance international workers serving with CAMA, the relief and development arm of The Alliance. We will be stepping in as co-directors of this community center that has needed a full-time director for the past six years. To continue reaching others through career development opportunities, mental health services, children's English camps, and other types of Christ-informed programming, CAMA staff members already on the ground have been working together around the vacancy to run the center—preventing them from further developing the ministries, programs, and people they care deeply about. But before we can begin helping at the center, we need to complete two years of language and culture learning. Pray for successful language acquisition, opportunities to build relationships with those who want to learn more about Jesus, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as He leads. Visit [camaservices.org](https://camaservices.org) to learn more about CAMA's work.

| based on an update by CAMA

## SEEKING GOD IN THE NEW YEAR

We serve a God who chooses to partner with praying people to accomplish His will in our world. As an Alliance family, we are continuing our annual tradition of gathering for 40 Days of Prayer from Sunday, January 5, through Thursday, February 13. The focus of the prayers is on the attributes of the God to whom we pray. To read about and meditate on these qualities of our Lord, check out the January/February 2025 issue of *Alliance Life* magazine.

One of the main attributes of God is that He hears and answers prayer, as seen in Jeremiah 29:12: "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." The Scriptures are filled with testimonies of those who saw God move powerfully when they called upon Him. One example is when the Apostle Peter was in prison. In response to the believers' intercession, an angel of the Lord appeared to Peter and rescued him (see Acts 12:5-11).

There is no better way to begin the year than by seeking the face of God as a family of believers. Go to [40days.cmalliance.org](https://40days.cmalliance.org) for more information and to register for this event.



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