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We are now into the summer months and I think all of us are ready for some summer Sabbath rest and refreshment. It has been a fairly full Spring for our community, including Tim’s installation service with the Rev. Scott Dudley preaching; the congregational meeting when we welcomed unanimously the new team of Council leadership; the 40th anniversary weekend celebration of Fred Gramann’s leadership as our Director of Music Ministry; the Council retreat in June which helped us to become acquainted and begin preparation for the coming year of ministry and mission together; confirmation Sunday when we were privileged to confirm the faith of four of our youth; the Adult Spring Spiritual Retreat in the Abbey de Fleury; and the shock of various terrorist attacks in Orlando, Istanbul and Dakar, as well as the political chaos of the Brexit vote. Maybe the world just needs to take a rest? Isn’t it wonderful that the Lord gives us not just a suggestion, but the command to rest? Physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually, we all need to learn to rest and trust. We read in Isaiah 30:15 God’s stern rebuke to the people of God: “For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you refused...” Notice that we need to intentionally return to rest. This word here, returning, can also be translated as “repentance.” We need to turn away from the idea and practice of incessant work and worry, as though we are going to really “make it” or “find what we’re searching for” or “be saved” by ourselves... It is a radical counter-cultural idea, and counter-intuitive, that we will find salvation in rest. Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9 that “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” This is the heart of true Sabbath, that we no longer have to earn our sense of worth or value in God’s eyes. We are beloved simply because of God’s unmerited favor and mercy. Knowing God’s grace means that we can rest in the love that proceeds from being in relationship to the Living God by faith in Jesus. But that does not mean that we can simply continue on. A way that we practice grace is by literally taking a break! The writer of Hebrews tells us, “So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God’s rest also cease from their labors as God did from his” (Hebrews 4:9-10). In other words, in Jesus Christ we enter into God’s rest and that is not just an idea, but a practice, a spiritual discipline of taking a break from our doing. Summer is a good time to change our routines and spend more time in leisure and rest. I personally need to discipline myself to take rest because true confession: My name is Scott and I am a workaholic. For me, to stop working all the time is an issue of choosing to trust God (or not)! The Isaiah passage reminds us that by taking Sabbath rest our strength will be renewed, but notice that God says, “in quietness and trust shall be your strength...” What might quietness and trust look like for you this summer? Taking time to go for a walk in the woods or through a park here in the city? Take an early morning...
Thoughts from Dr. Herr, continued

time for centering prayer or scripture reading, or simply a nap in the afternoon? To be honest, it’s hard for me to trust God enough to stop working, because I think that I need to “get everything finished” before I can rest… But didn’t Jesus say from the cross, “It is finished?”

The fact is, there will be plenty of time for more work, and indeed God wants us to do work (note that Ephesians 2:10 reads, “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” But first, we need to return and rest, to be quiet and trust in the Lord’s grace! So, let’s not “refuse” summer Sabbath… Take time in any way you can to slow down and rest, to be refreshed and renewed in God’s Spirit. And as we are rested in Christ, we will be strong to do the work that God plans for us that will be a part of God’s shalom-making work in the world. I look forward to resting this summer…and working with you come la rentrée!

In Christ,

Serve the City Mission Project

The Serve the City Mission Project is distributing food donated by Prêt à Manger to the needy. There are now nearly 20 American Church volunteers serving up to 150 meals five days a week to the less fortunate in and around Paris. Additional volunteers are needed to help pick up sandwiches from the Prêt à Manger’s Neuilly-sur-Seine shop at 8h and distribute them to homeless people. Come join the team and help us Serve the City! See more on page 13. Contact parisservethecity@gmail.com.

Bible readings for July

3 July
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30 (UMH 762)
Galatians 6:6-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

10 July
Amos 7:7-17;
Psalm 82 (UMH 804);
Colossians 1:1-14;
Luke 10:25-37

17 July
Amos 8:1-12;
Psalm 52 or 82 (UMH 804)
Colossians 1:15-28
Lk 10:38-42

24 July
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85 (UMH 806)
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

31 July
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830)
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

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You and I are in the middle of everything. Literally.

Human beings, who on average are around a meter tall, are halfway between the largest thing we can comprehend (hint: it’s the universe) and the smallest thing we have discovered so far (in said universe).

And humans are fascinating. Did you know that every ninety days your body is completely renewed? C’est vrai. About each month you have completely new skin and each day you shed ten billion flakes of skin. Which is kind of gross, but also incredibly intriguing. You and I are in a constant state of change.

Now, the basic building blocks of literally everything, including humans, are atoms. Atoms make up everything we see. The sun, moon, and stars are made up of atoms. This paper your holding is made up of atoms. The dust on the earth and the stars in the sky are all made up of atoms. You and I are made up of atoms.

These atoms make up our bodies. And as we just learned, our bodies are in a constant state of change. Much like the universe, by the way. Which begs the question, where does all the skin and hair and cells and atoms go when the leave us?

Well, simply put, they go on to form other things or other humans. Think about that for a second. The atoms that form you may have been atoms from a mountain or from mars or from your next-door neighbor. These atoms come and go as they please to form everything we see and touch and taste and smell and hear.

But I’m a pastor, not a scientist, so what does this have to do with our spirituality?

Lots actually. If we go back to the garden we see that Adam had named all the animals and yet discovered there was a missing piece in his life. It was not good for the man to be alone. And so God made a woman using a piece of the man. We share the same bones and are made of the same stuff. One of the first things we learn about humans is their need for others.

Later in Scripture we see Paul using the body as a metaphor saying, “You are one body and one spirit just as God also called you in one hope.” We have many parts, he says, but one body. And we need each other. These parts serve different functions and therefore focus on different tasks but each part is needed to make the body work.

What many people are discovering, including myself, is that we’ve always known that the Bible has helped us see we are made for one another, but what we are learning more and more is that science is pointing to the idea that our one-ness with each other is quite literal.


No matter how different we see ourselves from other people, we are actually made from the same stuff and pass along our own traces of our bodies to others in an endless cycle of death and renewal. Maybe God was even more masterful than we can imagine when He created the universe.

Consider those people occasionally in the pew next to you at church, the ones who you disagree with theologically, or the ones who just rub the wrong way. If you start to see them as being intimately connected with you, would that change the way you treat them, especially in light of Jesus’ command to love one another?

I believe it would. Paul picked up on this when he used the metaphor of the body to describe our one-ness in Christ and one-ness as humans. He recognized our need for each other to carry out Jesus’ call to make disciples of all nations.

So instead of looking at the stranger and seeing all the ways you differ, perhaps, as science is discovering and like the Bible teaches us, you should begin with the fact that we are one body both metaphorically and quite literally. Instead of many differences, begin to see the endless connections.

And maybe that will lead us, as Hebrews says, to “be at peace with everyone and to be holy.”
Annual ACP spring retreat for adults

From 10-12 June, 20 members of the ACP community from nine different countries spent a weekend at ACP’s Spring Adult Retreat at Benedictine Abbaye de Fleury, founded in the Loire Valley in the 7th Century. ACP has again booked the Abbaye for next year’s Retreat, 16-18 June 2017. Save the dates now!

Prayer Chain Team

Do you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team?
If so, please forward your prayer by e-mail to prayerrequests@acparis.org.
Your prayer request will remain strictly private and confidential.
Prayer is powerful. We are here for you.

If you would like someone to pray with you after services, a Prayer Team member is available.
Meet in the chapel next to the theater.

Volunteer opportunity - Bloom Where You’re Planted

Do you have a little spare time and some knowledge of Microsoft Excel?
We are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help us on the "Bloom Where You’re Planted" Book Order Team (BOT for short). The people on this team work on a rotating basis, each one “on duty” for one week each month, filling any orders that come in from persons wanting to buy a Bloom book. The time commitment is usually no more than 1 or 2 hours per week of duty. You don’t need to have your own computer (although it’s helpful if you have easy access to e-mail & Internet) and French is not a requirement.

If you volunteer for the BOT, you’ll be shown how to prepare the books for sending and how to use the Excel document to prepare invoices & receipts and keep track of the orders. This is not a hard job if there are several people to share the work.

If you’d like to volunteer or find out more about what’s involved, please contact bloom.acparis@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!
A change of seasons
By Visiting Pastor Jim Lockwood-Stewart

These six months have been an incredibly rich and blessed time. A home, a neighborhood, a community of faith and friendship and, of course, a remarkable city.

Regular participation in rich and varied worship, personal relationships formed and deepened, sharing ministry with a remarkable staff community, Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study, the unforgettable Adult Retreat at Benedictine Abbaye de Fleury in the Loire Valley, Thurber Thursdays, the rich gift of the African and Filipino Fellowships, music in its varied forms, always excellent and inspiring, the delight and privilege of singing in the choir, and being present in the noteworthy season that included both Tim Vance’s installation as ACP’s Associate Pastor and the celebration of 40 years of the music ministry of Fred Gramann!

Also, I have been privileged to preside at the blessings of over 80 marriages, each with its own journey and passion, each with its own reason to seek words of blessing in this place. I am grateful to have shared the work of the Wedding Ministry with Keiko Matsushima, who has brought a remarkable combination of warmth and skill to the varied tasks that fall to her, and made the daily work a pleasure.

So much gratitude and so many thank yous! First and foremost to Scott Herr for the invitation to come to ACP, and for the constancy of friendship and support in the work which he extends so graciously to all. Without question, our lives have been enriched and changed in the time we have spent together. Thank you, friends! Thank you, ACP!

Going home/Coming home
By Rev. Odette Lockwood-Stewart

A most precious book of mine is a slim volume that a dear friend, Dr. Huston Smith, gave to me a while ago. It was not one of the many books that Huston has written on world religions, wisdom traditions, and Christianity. But Huston had read this book and his handwritten notes are in the margins.

His first note is, “salvation is homecoming.”

I believe this is true.

At births and rebirths, in times of exile or loss, in transitions, in dark nights of the soul, at every dawn, we are coming home. On every journey, at celebrations, when we are lost and when we are found, because we are known and loved in Christ Jesus, we are coming home to God.

I give thanks to God for the brief season of ministry we have shared. To Pastor Scott and the Council for the invitation, to the members of ACP welcoming us both as visiting pastors, and supporting my research and writing.

We have been privileged to witness lives and community growing in grace, and even people coming home to a place they’ve never known.

I am confident in God’s future and I am grateful for the sure knowledge that ACP will be faithful in new and ever surprising ways by the leading of the Spirit, and the leadership of the congregation... you. We look forward to being with you again.

In this time of transition, as we return to California, to teach in a seminary and pastor a congregation, I am grateful that Jim and I and ACP are coming home.
Welcome Bruce and Nancy Morgan

We’re happy to re-welcome Rev. Bruce Morgan back as Visiting Pastor, with his wife Nancy, for the second half of 2016.

The Rev. Bruce W. Morgan, retired American Baptist pastor, of Kansas City, Missouri, has served four American Baptist congregations over his 40 years of active ministry. In retirement, he has also served as Interim Pastor of five ABC Congregations in Kansas and Missouri. Bruce was born in Salem, New Jersey and graduated from Topeka High School, Topeka, Kansas, where he met and began dating his future wife, Nancy. He graduated from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri in 1963, and the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, California in 1967. He was ordained at the Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado in 1967 and began his ministry in that church. He served churches in Colorado, Indiana, Ohio, and New Jersey, and retired in 2004 from full-time pastoral ministry.

Nancy retired from her position as biostatistician with Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Corp. in 2004. In retirement, Nancy devotes her time to recorder playing and reading. Bruce is a tennis player and both he and Nancy play bridge regularly. Both enjoy theater, choral music, and travel. Bruce has volunteered for United Way, treatment programs for alcohol and drug abuse, the Board of Trustees of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Ministers Council of his denomination.

The Morgans have two adult children, David Morgan, Dayton, Ohio, and Elizabeth O’Rourke, Kansas City; and two grandchildren, Garrett Morgan, 13, and Morgan O’Rourke, 9.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:16-17

Job positions available at the ACP

Please see acparis.org for job descriptions and application instructions concerning two positions:
Business Administrator (applications received until 17 July)
Wedding Ministry Coordinator/Administrative Assistant (applications received until 10 July).
The Youth Music program had a very exciting end of the year! First we performed a concert at the Mairie of the 7th arrondissement on Wednesday, 18 May as part of the annual English Forum program. You will be able to enjoy a video from our concert on the ACP site under the Youth Music section soon!

Shortly after this we really enjoyed our very first celebratory Youth and Family Concert in the sanctuary at ACP. Our concert featured fun anthems and favorite selections from musical theatre such as “Sister Act,” “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and “The Sound of Music!” The youth were thrilled to be joined for this concert by some very talented adults from ACP who helped to enrich our sound and contributed to making it an evening to remember!

We rounded off the year with, not one but two, recording sessions! The first, on 22 June, was with an up and coming Parisian songwriter, Leo Uzan, for whom we recorded the chorus of his first published song “Out There,” a song celebrating the joy of life. Our second recording followed immediately after on 23 June when three of our girls sang in a recording session with Bob Sinclair for his latest hit “Someone who needs me.” As Fred Gramann said “Rock on, Youth Choir!”

Projects for next year are in the works, and we invite all kids at ACP to participate! First, the Youth Music program is expanding to include the **Sunday Youth Choir**! This choir will rehearse approximately once a month on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. Our goal is to have the Sunday Choir sing with the rest of the Youth Choir (who rehearse on Wednesdays) during the church services on a couple of select Sundays during the year. The choristers in the Sunday choir will also be integrated into our 2017 Youth Music Concert in the spring! Any interested children may sign up to participate through the Children’s Worship program; contact childrensworship@acparis.org

Speaking of next year’s Youth Music Concert 2017... the youth have demonstrated their enthusiasm for and enjoyment of musical theatre, so we are going to feature a full-length children’s musical next year, entitled **Life is Good!** This wonderful, heart-warming musical finds its basis in John 16:33b, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Bible characters such as Jonah, Noah, Job, David, and many others are brought to life in fun songs and dramatic sketches, and when the kids discover the real joy of the Lord, they finally agree that “Life is Good!”

There are many dramatic roles and even pantomime parts: children and adults are welcome to join us for our 2017 Youth and Family Musical!

**Registration** will open for the Youth Music ministry in August, via the Youth Music page of the ACP website. Rehearsals will continue on Wednesday afternoons between 13h and 16h30. Specific rehearsal times will be posted on the site as soon as possible.

We hope you will join us! Contact ymusic@acparis.org with any questions.
**Vacation Bible School**

**Place:** American Church in Paris  
**Dates:** 22-26 August 2016  
**Times:** 9h00-12h00  
**Who:** Children ages 3-10

We will be exploring who Jesus is with kids using Cave Quest, this year’s Vacation Bible School theme. With games, crafts, stories, and song, we will surround your child with God's Word, and the reality of God's love will gain meaning and relevance in their everyday lives.

Spots are limited, and we will reach capacity, so to ensure that your child has a spot please register him or her directly on our website at www.acparis.org/vbs.

Also, we need many volunteers, so if you're willing to lend a hand, please email Emmanuelle Denfert-Bariani at childrensworship@acparis.org.

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**Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity**

Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated more than 800,000 homes around the world, providing more than 4 million people with safe, decent, affordable shelter. Anyone who can hold a hammer or a paint brush is welcome to the work of Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers provide manpower that allows the building of homes or making renovations at considerably lower costs.

More importantly, the volunteering experience transforms lives: both for the volunteers who work alongside Habitat homeowners and for partner families who see people who care enough to help them break the cycle of poverty.

The American Church in Paris is organizing a Habitat for Humanity trip for August 2016. If you're interested in supporting the Habitat trip to Kyrgyzstan this summer (end-July to 8 August), please contact the Habitat leader Kai-Marcel Grunert via email: awaiting_further_informations@yahoo.com or have a look at the information on the ACP website.
Every time I come to our precious American Church of Paris, you lift me. Often, I come with a tired head but always with a soft heart. And, you lift me. I leave lighter, stronger and fulfilled to shine on others because you carried me. And I am grateful for you.

I'm fortunate, you see. I know what awaits me behind our beautiful church doors because I've been faithfully coming to the ACP well before I lost the strength of my own legs to get me up our stairs to worship God, alongside you.

Today, in my adult-youth, I'm now living my life zipping around our City of magical energy in a chair with powered wheels to get me where I want to go. And, I want to go to my American Church of Paris! It's worth everything to me to find a way up our front door stairs. See... I need you. More than ever.

On the outside, looking at our church from across the quai... the historical building is impressive. But what's inside is even more impressive. You. And there are lots more people, handicapped like me, who need you too.

By this time next summer, our church has pledged to build a handicap lift. My husband and I plan to help lead the efforts to raise the necessary funds to build this lift.

We need your support. To enable all those who want to get inside, access. Access to a community of strength that we’re all in need of. Throughout the many stages of our life.

Thank you for the lift.

Mark your calendars: Two important fundraising events are planned to support this project. Both events will be held at the ACP, in the Thurber room.

Wednesday, 21 September, 16h30: A cooking class and tasting, for a minimum donation of €100.

Friday 23 September, 20h: A €1,000 per plate (minimum) Gala Dinner.

ACP Youth is partnering with Serve the City!!

Serve the City is an international vehicle that helps connect local volunteer organizations with a supply of volunteers. While Serve the City partners with churches, it is a non-discriminatory organization that seeks first and foremost to partner with any and all who serve their city.

Join us for a week of service as we partner with Serve the City to serve OUR city! Students will be participating in city clean up and feeding the hungry. We've changed things up a bit this year – it's going to be overnight at ACP! Meals, games, worship, teaching, service, and fellowship will create an experience and environment that grows, teaches, and challenges students about our call as Christians to be servants.
Fred’s fête in photos
2-5 June, ACP

Bloom Where You're Planted - join our Planning Team

The next Bloom Where You're Planted Program will be held on 8 October. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help organize this well-known, ground-breaking program that helps Anglophone newcomers settle into their new life in Paris. If you’d like to find out more about how you can help, please contact Marie at bloom.acparis@gmail.com.
Dear Friends,

Words cannot begin to express my heartfelt thanks for the many gifts of time, talents and treasures that were offered as part of the celebration for my 40th anniversary at the American Church over the weekend of 4th and 5th June. I feel so honored to have been allowed to serve this congregation and the larger community for these many years. God's gift of music has richly blessed us all. Soli Deo Gloria.

In Christ,
Fred Gramann

The Movie Discussion Group
Thursday 21 July - 19h30 – room G2

Films to see in advance: *Finding Dory (Le Monde de Dory)*, *Love & Friendship*, *La Tortue rouge*, and *Florence Foster Jenkins*. See any or all at your leisure and join the group for discussion. Contact:

movies@acparis.org
1 sept | Tony Campolo
Welcome the LGBT Community

6 oct | Darrell Guder
Missional Theology

13 oct | Darrell Guder
Missional Theology

10 nov | Linda Stratford
The Immigrant Experience

3 nov | Linda Stratford
War, Suffering and Hope

8 dec | Linda Stratford
Advent and Healing

thurber lectures.

fall 2016 | 19h00 - 21h15 in the thurber room
The American Church in Paris
What’s up in Paris

By Karen Albrecht

This summer is the perfect time to see some old Parisian favorites in a whole new light

Twilight doubleheader at the Zoo

Closed from 2008 to 2014 for some much-needed renovations, the Parc Zoologique de Paris in the Bois de Vincennes is wooing visitors back with summer "Nocturnes." Entry is half-price and visitors can observe the bedtime rituals of the giraffes, baboons, sea lions, and other favorite animals. Cocktails and dinner are also on offer for night owls, along with music and even al fresco dancing for the real party animals.

Every Thursday through 28 July, 19h30-22h30
www.parczoologiquedeparis.fr

A breath of fresh air at the Rodin Museum

The leafy gardens behind the Rodin Museum, featuring the sculptor’s bronze masterworks and an idyllic outdoor café, are always a summer favorite. But this year make sure you also get inside the museum itself, which has just reopened after its first major renovation since it opened in 1919. The space where Rodin worked at the end of his life has been restored with its original furniture and the antique artifacts the master used for inspiration. But most spectacular are the newly rearranged marble sculptures by Rodin and his doomed inamorata Camille Claudel.


Sound and fury at Les Invalides

A flashy, high-tech sound-and-light extravaganza projected nightly onto the intricate façade of the Hôtel des Invalides celebrates the greatest hits of French history. It’s all there, starting out with Roman-era Lutetia and galloping through 20 centuries of regal splendor, imperial ambition and dashing military maneuvers. On Monday and Thursday evenings the audio is in English.


Thoroughly modern Moderns

Last year the Centre Pompidou’s splendid collection of Modern Art from 1905 to 1965 was given an entirely new presentation, highlighting the evolution of the major artistic movements such as Fauvism, Cubism and Surrealism that defined this seminal period. The visit itself has been streamlined, flowing from the fifth floor down to the equally impressive contemporary collection on the fourth floor. It all begins, of course, with a magical escalator ride up through those massive plastic tubes on the building’s exterior, offering breathtaking views of the city.

www.centrepompidou.fr

One giant leap for mankind

Built for the 1937 World’s Fair, Paris’s anthropological museum sorely needed not just a physical facelift but also an update of its worldview. Reopened after a 5-year closure, the Musée de l’Homme boasts sleek new interiors and a fresh angle on its mission of exploring where humans came from and where they are heading. Cro-Magnon fossils, Paleolithic sculptures and the rich prehistory and anthropology collections now share airtime with climate change and other challenges to the species' future.

www.museedelhomme.fr

Flash and splash at Versailles

The Sun King’s over-the-top gardens stretch out for miles behind his famously over-the-top Versailles palace. For the Saturday-evening “Grandes Eaux Nocturnes,” the gardens spring to life with dramatic lighting effects, and the dazzlingly ornate fountains make an even bigger splash than usual, spouting water in time to music. Don’t miss the dramatic finale, a fireworks show over the vast Grand Canal that stretches back through the gardens (and actually provides the water pressure to power those impressive period hydraulics).

Every Saturday night until 17 September
www.chateauversailles-spectacles.fr

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ACP Café
19h30, Friday 29 July
American Church in Paris

Celebrate summer with live music in our courtyard at the ACP Café. Enjoy dinner while listening to new music and covers by musicians of the 13h30 service and more. Free entry. Invite your friends!

ACP Financial Stewardship Tracker
April 2016 Year to Date

Summary of year to date actual stewardship gifts received versus budget.

Please consider your tithes and offerings as part of God’s call to stewardship. For more information, please contact the finance and stewardship team: financeandstewardship@acparis.org

What’s going on? Tune in: ACP Today

Looking for good listening on the beach this summer? Although ACP Today, the American Church in Paris radio show, is off air in August, you can catch up on all the shows you may have missed. Each 45-minute program of music, interviews, and inspiration is recorded and available for listening via our website, at www.acparis.org/acptoday. What better way to keep in touch with the ACP family, even when out of town? Faith Talk from Paris - it’s a souvenir that never gets old.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or would like to contribute to the show, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.
A Montreal move

By Jean-Christophe Bieselaar, ACP Parish Associate

Dear friends,

In 1996, when I received the call for ministry, the Lord clearly spoke to me through Psalm 22:30-31: *Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.*

For the last 20 years, I have tried to be part of the posterity mentioned in Psalm 22: we have spoken about the Lord in the United States, France, Japan, and more recently Canada. We previously lived in the US for 5 years, serving several years at Queens Christian Alliance Church. I graduated from Alliance Theological Seminary (M.Div) and Westminster Theological Seminary (Th.M), and became certified in Clinical Pastoral Education at Nyack Hospital. In 2002 we returned to France and served in the business and financial district of Paris at Église Protestante Évangélique de La Défense for more than 10 years.

My wife Keiko helped me greatly while in ministry. She helped at church, doing things that were often unnoticed yet important. She also worked as front-desk receptionist in a luxury hotel in Paris, day, night, and weekend shifts in order to support my ministry and our family. She has been working for the last several years at The American Church in Paris as wedding coordinator, where she has organized hundreds of weddings yearly.

Since 2012 I have been serving as chaplain at the largest hospital in Europe, and in church ministry both at The American Church in Paris (parish associate) and the Église Alliance Chinoise de Paris (consulting pastor). In the course of my Ph.D studies at King’s College University of London, I have been able to develop a unique expertise in ministering to intercultural couples. I published a book in French in 2015 and published several major articles in French journals and theological dictionaries on this subject.

We wanted to share with you that we are about to experience a major ministry change starting this summer. Since 2015, I have been traveling once a year to Montréal to teach a graduate class at the École de théologie Évangélique de Québec, a French-speaking seminary led by both The Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Mennonite Churches in Québec. Several months ago, I was asked to consider becoming the director of graduate studies at this theological institution accredited by Université Laval, and we have accepted the call, the mission, and the move.

My missionary responsibilities will be two-fold:

- Training the new generation of Christian workers in the French-speaking part of Canada and beyond, through the development of the graduate training program
- Pastoring the local Christian and Missionary Alliance church of Gatineau (close to Ottawa) on a part-time basis.

In a leap of faith, we plan to move with our children, Anne who is 16 and Paul who is 11, to Canada as early as this summer. They have been accepted in two great academic institutions in Montréal, where we plan to live. There are many things that need to be completed before we move permanently in August. One of them is fundraising required to cover the costs of ministering, moving and equipping. We still need to raise Can$10,000.

**PRAISES**

- We received our 4 visas from the immigration services in 5 weeks! A miracle!
- We have been able to secure a 2-bedroom apartment.
- We have been blessed by the support of Canadian friends.

**PRAYERS**

- Please pray for the last stages of our moving: packing!
- Please pray for a good farewell with Jean-Christophe’s parents.
- Please pray for a smooth transition.

In Christ,
Jean-Christophe Bieselaar
The Women’s Ministry has no activities scheduled during July and August but we look forward to meeting again in September.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday 11 September, 12h15-13h30 in the Thurber Room, when we kick off our 2016/2017 monthly Sunday Fellowship. As ACP focuses this year on Jeremiah 29:7, "seeking the peace and prosperity of the city," we are excited to welcome Kristina Keenan, a member of ACP and Head of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Paris Chapter, to speak. She will reflect on her time in the military, being part of a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and her current humanitarian work. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a blessed summer!

Tony Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books.

He is one of the founders of the Red Letter Christian movement and blogs regularly at his website, RedLetterChristians.org, and can also be found on both Facebook and Twitter. Dr. Campolo and his wife Peggy live near Philadelphia and have two children and four grandchildren.

Tony will be lecturing on his article, "For the Record" where he urges the church to be more welcoming to the LGBT community. The article can be found here http://tonycampolo.org/for-the-record-tony-campolo-releases-a-new-statement.

See @Twitter: redletterxians & Facebook: /redletterchristians

Tony Campolo will also be preaching at ACP services on Sunday, 4 September.

Thurber Thursdays is an adult community gathering and growth time that is open to all. You can also enjoy our amazing speakers and discussions online. The videos are available at http://acparis.org/thurber-thursdays-archives.
I wrote several months ago to conclude my assignment in South Sudan. Since then, I have had the pleasure of catching up with family in the US, relaxing, and searching for new opportunities. Recently, I decided to continue my work in Amman, Jordan where the humanitarian community is supporting the Jordanian government to meet the needs of over 1 million Syrians in Jordan who have been affected by the Syrian civil war.

Now, I admit. I am your typical Millennial and I am not your typical missionary. Jordan is the fifth country I have called home in the past 7 years. I have followed the winds, to some extent. In my role, I do my best to steward money for the best ideas in humanitarian responses and community development. The NGOs (non-governmental organizations) that I work for are funded by a mix of private money from individuals like yourself, private money from family foundations and corporations, and public money from the UN and various governments, including the French and American governments.

In Jordan, I work with a team of specialists and managers to develop ideas to help Syrian refugees, and we pitch those ideas to the people representing the donors I mentioned. Sometimes, we’re successful, and sometimes we aren’t.

When we are successful, we get to help thousands. In Jordan, we help provide educational opportunities for children who have fled Syria with their families. New schools bring new opportunities for teachers to again inspire kids to pursue their dreams. And professionals trained in trauma counseling further help those same kids to escape the shadow of the five-year war in Syria. Vocational centers help develop their professional skills and prepare them for job opportunities.

Why all this? Sadly, there is no sign that the war in Syria is waning, which means that so many must settle in Jordan and call this country their home for the foreseeable future.

But these activities, like the distribution of food and shelter, are just a drop in the bucket. There are new refugees who arrive each month in Jordan, and job opportunities are slim. This is the challenge we all face, as a community. I may have had several homes in the past, but I see myself as a small part of this community wherever I am. It’s a community that stands up for the widows, the orphans, and the refugees to see to it that, at least, their basic needs can be met with the resources trusted to us by individuals, businesses, and governments. It is by no means a perfect system, but, Inshallah (God-willing), our efforts give some life to those who have lost theirs.
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Sorry, no photos!
School vacation fun

Rafiki schools are on break, so our 99 Resident children are enjoying a complete change of pace. Once again this year, God has provided a team of four young university sports managers from the U.S. to be here for the three-week holiday. They will coach sports, encourage physical fitness and skills training, participate in the Rafiki Bible Study and, especially, serve as “big brother/sister” role models for our teenagers. Kelley, Madison, Seth and Bradley shook off their jet lag in no time and are adding a big breath of fresh air to our Village.

Chores

In addition to the fun activities, the children are busy working on chores around the Village. They assist our professional kitchen staff daily for peeling, chopping, cooking, serving, cleaning up. Imagine organizing and implementing the work of 99 very willing “commis!” They take turns accompanying our purchasing agent to the market and dairy farm, and assist the gardeners with mowing and trimming. They tend the vegetable gardens and banana plantation, harvest avocados, guavas and mangoes, feed and train our three dogs, and, of course, keep their cottages and clothing neat and clean. A special crew will repaint the secondary school during this break as well. If this sounds like the ideal way for children to spend time during school vacation, well, we think it is! Our children love to work, and are always asking for more chores to do. They do not have the distraction of TV, cell phones, video games...perhaps that explains their enthusiasm for chores.

A first departure

We are feeling a mix of emotions after bidding farewell to Shillah, 15 years old. The Ugandan government, like others in Africa, is now promoting the reunion of orphan children with their extended families. “Our” Shillah’s elderly grandmother and uncle requested that she come to live with them in another part of the country. Shillah has chosen to go to help her family, who she believes will be able to care for and protect her, and God willing, support her through university studies. The court approved the family’s request. Please pray with us for Shillah to continue to thrive, physically, intellectually and spiritually, in this new phase of her life.
An Evening with Rob Bell: The How To Be Here Experience  
9 August, in the ACP Sanctuary

Do you ever feel like you’re skimming the surface of your own existence? Like you have more options and technology and places to go and things to do than ever and yet it feels at some level like you’re missing out? Like you’re busy, but it’s not fulfilling?

That’s why Rob Bell has written How to Be Here, to help us live like we’re not missing a thing. Because that’s what we all want, the right to feel like we’re fully present, here, and nowhere else, creating a life worth living. Tickets ($30) can be purchased at https://store.robbell.com/collections/events/products/the-how-to-be-here-experience-evening-edition-paris

On 4 September, make sure to look up - you may catch the drone race. The city of Paris is hosting a drone festival on the first Sunday in September on the Champs-Elysées, when the avenue is closed to cars. Co-organised by RudeBaguette, the activities on 4 September will include a drone race, programming and code-editing workshops, along with attempts to educate the public on best practice.

Puttering around: Tucked away inside the Parc Floral de Paris is a zany miniature golf course where each of the 18 holes is an iconic Paris monument in miniature. Putt your way around Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Madeleine church, and save plenty of strength to propel your golf ball up the steep gradient to Sacré Coeur. Priceless. See www.parcfloraldeparisjeux.com

Paris Plages opens for leisure for its 14th year from 20 July to 21 August. You’ll find beach chairs, music, Zumba, kayaking, and basketball courts between 9h to midnight. And this year the city of Paris has invited an actual NBA basketball player to drop in one afternoon. The sand is deposited in three locations, along the voie Georges Pompidou (1st to 4th arrondissements); the bassin de la Villette, and the parvis de l’Hotel de Ville. Life’s a beach.
The Cameroonian Presbyterian Church celebrates its 20th anniversary

By Ursula Perrier

The Cameroonian Presbyterian Church in Douala celebrated its 20-year anniversary by a week of activities that culminated in a special liturgical celebration on 22 May. A record high of 650 people attended the ceremony, with 30 pastors from the neighboring parishes.

The community made a huge effort to advance as much as possible the work on the building so that it would be both beautiful and functional on the big day. A new pulpit was constructed and installed; the electrical cables and sound system are now functional; the stairs and the exterior walls are now cemented.

The American Church in Paris has been helping this Cameroonian community to build its church since 1998. ACP’s recent donation paid for 80% of the cementing costs of the façade. A very visible gift!

After the service, the 30 pastors standing in front on the church, with its newly cemented façade.
The American Church in Paris

We’re on Trip Advisor, and getting great reviews! Make sure you return the favor, and submit good reviews of churches you visit while traveling.

“Beautiful old Christian church in heart of Paris.”
Reviewed 1 week ago via mobile


Visitor rating

Excellent 9
Very good 1
Average 0
Poor 0
Terrible 0

“Wonderful place to worship”
Reviewed March 5, 2016

So you’re in Paris on a Sunday and you’re doing all those standard tourist things but feel the need to take a break and have a worshipful experience.

Try the American Church. This venerable, left-bank institution regularly attracts a large attendance of American, African, Filipino and other worshipers. Consistently wonderful music. Coffee hour afterwards. You should feel right at home.

“A Truly Welcoming Church”
Reviewed December 31, 2016

We were hiking along the Seine and noticed people walking into this church for a 9:00am service, so we decided to give it a try. Being Catholics, we were unsure of what to expect from an “interdenominational” congregation, but these people were very welcoming and the service was truly uplifting — beautiful music, inspiring sermon, and peaceful setting. We were so impressed that we returned to other services here and found joy each and every visit.

Would you like to propose articles, write, proofread, do layout or take photos? Contact Alison Benney at Spire@acparis.org Note: Deadline for the July Spire is Saturday 18 June.

Bring up the Bulletin

Did you forget your copy of the Bulletin in the pew? Want to find the email of one of the pastors? Confirm the date of an event? Do it with the ACP app!

1. Download the app, and launch it.
2. Click on “messages” at the bottom.
3. Click on “Bulletins” at the top.
For some time, there has existed a certain good-humored animosity between French Parisians and those of the provincial ilk. The Parisians, for their part, cannot – for the life of them – imagine wanting to live anywhere else besides within the peripheral walls of their cultural and economic mecca, and “everyone else” wants nothing to do with a city whose inhabitants have been stereotyped as inconsiderate, impatient grumps.

But there is one time of the year when the two manage to get along. It’s when the coastal inhabitants as well as those in the center crave a bit of excitement and cultural stimulation, and the city-dwellers, sick of pollution allergies and a daily 3-hour metro commute, make their way to the sand and sun.

This moment – August – is when the two parties rush past one another in search of greener grass. It has been said that August, when the cosmopolites have fled the city, is the best time to visit Paris. I don’t know if it’s true that the lack of Parisians make August an ideal moment to be in Paris, but the lack of bodies in general does provide some much-needed breathing room.

Compared to many metropolitan capitols, Paris is not a city in want of vegetation. But on warm, sunny spring days, especially on the weekends, finding a small square of grass at one of the city’s many well-manicured parks is almost an impossible feat. In August, the weather is a bit toastier, but the people are also scarcer, rendering the experience much more enjoyable.

Nor does the metro ride seem so long and exhausting; the emptiness of the cars, listening to the hum of the wheels racing along the tracks rather than your neighbor yelling “You’re cutting out!” into his or her cell phone, provides a pleasant interruption in the day when we’re just sitting, breathing, existing, before we rush off to our next rendezvous.

However, trying to get anything accomplished administratively is wishful thinking. Most civil servants and government officials are on holiday with the rest of the country, so your problem will just have to wait.

As the old joke goes, “If you want to invade France, do it in August.” Nobody’s home. Many businesses are also closed and/or have irregular summer hours; from your favorite bakery to your corner café, the owner might have “exceptionally” closed up shop early today.

Despite the inconvenience of inaccessible shops and offices, fun summery activities more than make up for the lack of productivity.

Outdoor cinemas, countless music festivals – and who can forget the best beach north of the Côte d’Azur, Paris Plage – entertain those lucky enough to have already used up their five weeks of congé earlier.

As alien as the Parisians can sometimes make expats feel during the rest of the year, August is our moment to shine. Devoid of native French men and women who can (and do) pick out our accents, we effortlessly answer questions from visiting foreigners. In a city inundated with tourists, for just one month no one asks you how long you’re visiting.

Then September arrives, and the Parisians come pouring back into the city, the streets and the metros and the cafés, waking Paris up from its nap.

"Dress code" – that’s the theme for this year’s cinéma en plein air series at La Villette. Some great selections this year: it floats rather than kicks off on Wednesday 13 July with “Gravity,” features Wes Anderson’s “Rushmore” on the 15th, will draw Trekkies on the 23rd with “Star Trek,” and tops that with the classic Coen brothers’ film “Fargo” on 18th August. Get your program here: https://lavillette.com/evenement/cinema-en-plein-air-dress-code/
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<td>For Youth ages 11-18. More information coming</td>
<td>22-26 Aug</td>
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<td><strong>Thurber Thursday - Tony Campolo</strong></td>
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<td>19h; 19h45</td>
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<td>On Welcoming the LGBT Community into the Church</td>
<td>1 Sept</td>
<td>Dinner;Lecture</td>
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<td><strong>ACP Café</strong></td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>19h30</td>
<td>Theater</td>
<td>Natalie Raynal /</td>
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<td>New music and covers by musicians of the 13h30 service in a café</td>
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<td>setting. Enjoy dinner. Free entry.</td>
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<td><strong>Guest preacher - Tony Campolo.</strong> Rev. Campolo is professor</td>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>9h, 11h, 13h30</td>
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<td>emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member</td>
<td>4 Sept</td>
<td>13h30</td>
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<td>at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of</td>
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<td><strong>ACP Today: Faith Talk in Paris radio show</strong></td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>20h45 - 21h30</td>
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<td>Tune in for inspiring music and interviews.</td>
<td>5 Sept</td>
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<td><strong>Ministry Fair - ACP Council committees and other groups</strong></td>
<td>Sunday</td>
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<td>showcase their projects and activities to welcome new</td>
<td>18 Sept</td>
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<td>services</td>
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<td><strong>Bloom Where You’re Planted orientation program</strong></td>
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Bloom Where You’re Planted
How to Live in France

9h30 -18h00, Saturday 8 October

Something for Everyone:
- Male or Female Employee
- Student
- Retiree
- Trailing Spouse
- Long Time Residents
- Kids 4-12
- Nursery and Toddlers

Learn about:
- French cooking and how to adapt your home recipes to French ingredients;
- Where Parisians shop for clothes and home items; Where to go for entertainment in the City of Light;
- About red tape for taxes and real estate;
- The key to thriving in the French workplace and how to stay healthy in Paris;
- Transitioning to a new culture;
- The education system and school options; plus, history, architecture and culture of Paris.

Then join us for the Wine Down, introducing you to wines and cheeses from five different regions of France. Relax, make a toast with new friends to celebrate the incredible adventure in your new Parisian home.

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Take advantage of the Early Bird Pricing before 1 September!