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The Psalmist says, "[God], You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ..." Psalm 139: 13-14 (NKJV)

Two critically important questions every person must ask and continue asking throughout life are *"Who am I?"* and *"Why am I here?"* 

Who Am I?

Scientifically speaking, we are a chance meeting between a male sperm and a female egg. This can make us feel kind of accidental. Above the clatter of relationships and even deeper than our DNA, our identity comes from being the beloved children of God.

When Jesus was baptized, the Heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended in the likeness of a dove, and a Voice from heaven said, <sup>[Matthew 3:17b]</sup> (NKJV) "This is My beloved Son, whom I am well pleased." O child of God, remember who you **are**. YOU ARE A LOVED CHILD OF GOD, who loved you long before family or friends.

Why Am I Here?

Twelve-year-old, Jesus had it figured out. When Joseph and Mary searched for Jesus after missing Him on their way back from observing the Passover, Jesus' statement about why He stayed in Jerusalem was:

[Luke 2:49b] (NKJV) "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

This was not an act of adolescent rebellion. Jesus finds His purpose in life by being about His Father's business. Is God at the center of our being or simply sailing around the circumference of our identity in life, at work, at home, and at church?

The Westminster Catechism says our chief purpose in life is to "glorify God and enjoy Him forever." How do we glorify God? We lift His name on high. We sing a song, say a prayer, raise a hand, bend a knee, give a gift, go to church, share a witness, or turn a good deed.

God **is** awesome. He flung the stars into space and blessed our lives with amazing grace. He is big enough to rule this mighty universe but small enough to live within each of our hearts. That, my friends, is awesome!

We do it all for Jesus. Clean the house, go to school, teach the children, fill and check prescriptions, tend to patients, read books, earn money, and serve the community. Not for our sake, but for Christ's sake. Do not let the temptations of the world derail you from giving God the honor and glory. Do it with joy, gratitude, and gratefulness.

Like Jesus, we are here to serve others. Servants do not operate by titles, positions, power, and prestige. They simply get the job done without concern for credit. Life is not about being first; it is about being faithful to the end. Servers see ministry in the workplace as an opportunity, **not** an obligation. Albert Schweitzer once said, "The only really happy people in the world are those who have learned to serve."

We are here to make a difference. We make a difference by doing what we can and giving what we have through ordinary ways. Very few in the crowd when Jesus fed the 5,000 even knew that the food came from a young boy's lunch. Yet this child, whose name we do not even know, did what he

could and gave what he had. Are we willing to do that? It's possible if we remember that our identity comes from our Heavenly Father.

Keith W. Allhands, Board Member Bennington, IN

The Following Global Health Outreach (GHO) trips need pharmacists. For more information visit <u>https://cmda.org/global-health-outreach/gho-find-a-trip/</u>

Nicaragua - March 8-16, 2025 El Salvador - March 15-23, 2025 Nicaragua - April 5-13, 2025 Ecuador - May 31-June 8, 2025 Nicaragua - June 14-22, 2025 Dominican Republic - June 14-22, 2025

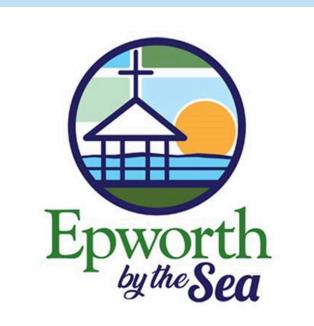
CPFI Prayer Breakfast at APhA 2025 Annual Meeting & Exposition

Nashville, TN March 23, 2025 7:45 am to 8:30 AM Location: Music City Center - RM 209A Sign up with APhA when you register for the conference!

https://aphameeting.pharmacist.com/General-Info

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### **CPFI 2025 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat**

Epworth-by-the-Sea 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

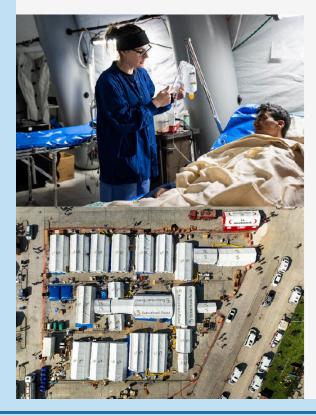
Schedule at a glance

National Student Retreat: May 28 to June 1, 2025 Annual Conference: May 29 to June 1, 2025

> <u>Pharmacists Register Now</u> <u>Students Register Now</u>

A wonderful member donor will cover the cost of your registration, room and meals this year. This gift is available to pharmacist members, their spouse and children, and student members and will be available until our room block is filled. <u>Space is limited so register early!</u> Travel expenses and incidentals are not included.

> Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)



Samaritan's Purse is seeking to hire clinical pharmacists to serve with the DART, a roster of oncall staff members who respond at a moment's notice to disasters worldwide – serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in remote locations.

You can take a look at our recent work in this <u>video</u>, and you can find more information and links to apply on our website.

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The Faith Script

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National Student Council Newsletter Join us for prayer! Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 5:00 pm ET

#### <u>Agenda</u>

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday. If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at <u>Office@cpfi.org</u>. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, January 19, 2025** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary. Fred Eckel, Director Emeritus

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