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Going Home

I remember my first trip home from college during Christmas break many years ago. I was only away from home for a few months, but it seemed like an eternity. I was excited and eager to see my family as I got aboard a Greyhound bus from Columbus, OH, to Syracuse, NY. My anticipation grew more intense with every small town we stopped in along the way. Each stop meant I was a little closer to home. At long last, when we arrived, at a very late hour, my father was at the bus station to meet me with a smile and a big hug to take me to my final destination—home.

As I reflect on the trips I made back home during my college days, it reminds me of our journey through this world on our way to heaven. The circumstances surrounding the trips were never the same. Some were trouble-free and pleasant, while others involved difficulties such as car transmission issues and getting stranded in a blizzard. There were two commonalities with each trip. One, I had to deal with any problem along the way, and two, my motivation was always to get home. The more focused I was on my final destination; the better I dealt with the trip.

As we go through life in this world, we are to have an eternal perspective. In Philippians 3:12-21, Paul tells us to "press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus," and that our citizenship is in heaven. As the hymn says, "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through, my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue; the angels beckon me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

How "at home" do you feel in this world? The world utilizes many techniques to distract, discourage, and deceive us for the purpose of steering us away from our service to Jesus. The Greek word for deceive is *planaō*, which means "to lead astray, to cause to wander." When we focus on circumstances, we wander from our God-given responsibilities, such as sharing the gospel message with others. My prayer for CPFI is that we maintain our focus on Christ as we serve Him through the profession of pharmacy. If we achieve that, our rewards will be waiting for us in heaven, starting with a big smile and a giant hug from Jesus as He takes us to our real home—heaven.

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Schedule-at-a-glance

Pharmacist Registration

Student Pharmacist Registration

CPFI Prayer Breakfast

APhA 2024 Annual Meeting & Exposition
Orlando, Florida
Sunday, March 24, 2024

Time: 7:30 am - 8:45 am

Location: Orange County Convention Center

Room: 307B Cost: \$25.

Register: https://aphameeting.pharmacist.com/Attend

(If you have already registered for the convention and did not register for the prayer breakfast,

you can log back in and register or call APhA customer service and they can help you.)

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Join us for prayer! Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 5:00 pm ET



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 Office@cpfi.org. 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 21, 2024 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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