

## 2006 Annual Meeting Highlights

This year's 19th Annual CPFI meeting started off with CPFI member and international speaker, Jennifer Sands delivering the keynote address. We can't thank Jennifer enough for donating her time and talents. She is truly using her spiritual gifts to provide comfort and inspiration to others. Thank you just doesn't seem enough.



For a second year in a row, we were blessed to have the band Decision perform for us after the keynote. The band members include Wayne Canipe, Eric Taylor, Brian Key, Randy Burress and Matthew Warren (a pharmacy student at Wingate University). They played both

contemporary and traditional Christian music during the ice cream social. We are so thankful to the band for their awesome music as well as their huge hearts because they played for free and performed to perfection! A love offering was taken after the service to help pay their travel expenses.

There were approximately 103 pharmacists, students or nurses registered for the meeting and about 225 total in attendance with family members. I think this sets an attendance record! Monday morning started with stimulating CE topics, and followed with a night at the Dixie Stampede. The closing banquet was held on Tuesday night. We normally sing hymns on

the beach following the banquet. But, thanks to Tropical Storm Alberto, we stayed in the banquet hall. Thanks to Brian Dial for his gift at the piano. I recommend that you mark your calendars now for next year's meeting at Springmaid Resort in Myrtle Beach on June 8 to 13, 2007.

We had a total of 23 pharmacy students in attendance from the following schools: Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Wingate, West Virginia, University of South Carolina, Palm Beach Atlantic, Campbell, St. Louis and Mercer. It was great to spend time with

such young, energetic and bright students! A student collection was taken at the banquet to help sponsor students to attend the annual meeting next year. Thanks to the CPFI members' contributions, we were able to give each student



who signed up for assistance \$120 to help with their meeting expenses this year. We would like to continue to provide support for student travel for next year's meeting. If you would like to contribute to the student fund, please send a check to CPFI and write "student travel fund" in the memo section. All money collected will be distributed to students who attend the annual meeting next year. Thank you for your willingness to invest in the future of CPFI.

## Reminder!!!! Make Plans to Attend: All in the Serve: 2nd Annual CPFI Student Retreat in Orlando

by Tom Robertson

Calling all pharmacy students and advisors! Plan to join us in Orlando, Florida on September 8 -10, for the 2006 CPFI Student Retreat. The retreat promises to provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, service, and FUN!

Topics to be presented include:

- Faith and Professional Development
- Pharmacy-based Mission Trips
- Strengthening your CPFI Campus Chapter
- CPFI National Update and More!

We'll also participate in a local service project and take in the sights and sounds of both Universal's City Walk and Disney's Night of Joy! Cost to register is only \$25 which includes a ticket to Night of Joy (a \$35 value!) and all meals except Friday dinner. Additional information can be found on the CPFI website at

[www.cphi.org](http://www.cphi.org) or by contacting Mary Ferrill at (561) 803-2736 or [mary\\_ferrill@pba.edu](mailto:mary_ferrill@pba.edu). See you in Orlando!

Night of Joy

"Rejoice to the rockin' sounds and movin' messages from some of today's most powerful voices in Contemporary Christian music. Live concert performances on stages throughout the Magic Kingdom® Park showcase the best of Christian Pop, Rock, Urban, and Gospel music. It's a magical, musical celebration of inspiration and joy!" Artists performing on Saturday night include: Kirk Franklin, tobyMac, BarlowGirl, Jeremy Camp, Smokie Norful, Hawk Nelson, ZOEgirl and Tonex. For more information on Night of Joy, go to: <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/wdw/parks/specialEventsDetail?id=NightofJoySpecialEventPage>

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## Changes at the CPFI Office



The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Allan Sharpe, current Administrative Director of CPFI effective June 30, 2006. At the banquet, Allan received a plaque from the CPFI Board of Directors: "In appreciation for 7 years of service and commitment as Administrative Director, the Executive Council of CPFI wishes to acknowledge and honor **Allan Dale Sharp** on this 13th day of June, 2006." "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12. And, of course, the Board couldn't help but recognize Helen, Allan's wife, for all of her service to the organization. Her plaque stated: "In appreciation for her continued contribution and service, the Executive Council of CPFI wishes to acknowledge and honor **Helen Elizabeth Sharp** on this 13th day of June, 2006." "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?" 1 Thessalonians 3:9. Allan will be working as a hospital pharmacist. He has agreed to work part time until the Board decides how to fill his position. Thank you Allan and Helen for your years of service. We know that we will continue to see you at future CPFI meetings.

## GLOBAL HEALTH OUTREACH MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

For more information on these mission trips, call 423-844-1000 or e-mail [gho@cmdahome.org](mailto:gho@cmdahome.org) or The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). You can also contact Ronald Herman, [ronherman@mchsi.com](mailto:ronherman@mchsi.com) to learn more about short-term mission trips.

### 2006

**Sept 28 - Oct 14**

Ghana

**October 6-21**

China

**October 14-28**

Ecuador

**November 4-12**

Mexico

**November 11-19**

Mexico

### 2007

**January 13-21**

Guyana

**January 13-21**

Honduras

**Jan 27 - Feb 10**

Ecuador

**February 2-17**

Ethiopia

**February 10-24**

Honduras

### March 9-18

Vietnam

**March 10-24**

India

**March 10-18**

Nicaragua

**March 17-24**

El Salvador

**April 14-22**

Mexico

**April 21-29**

Nicaragua

GHO is no longer accepting applications for closed trips.

\*All trips welcome Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, Nurses, Techs, Students, Interpreters, and Non-Medical Volunteers unless noted as a specialty team.

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The deadlines for each edition of the newsletter and journal are listed below. We welcome articles with a Christian focus.

**Newsletter #1:** November 15

**Spring Journal:** December 1

**Newsletter #2:** February 1

**Newsletter #3:** June 1

**Fall Journal:** July 1

**Newsletter #4:** September 1

# Knowing How God Works

By Pastor Ron Clarke OAM JP

I have to admit that I am not mechanically minded. I get into my car, turn the ignition key and it starts. I am not sure why it starts - something to do with spark plugs, petrol and ignition - all I know is that when I turn the key, it starts. There are perhaps two significant points that arise from this: firstly I don't have to know how it works to drive the car, I can just rest assured that it does; and secondly I can be confident that it will start because I make sure that the car is looked after by people who know what they are doing.

My car is rather like my life. I know that if I put my faith and trust in God He will care for me. I don't know how that happens. I, like many, wonder just how God and His angels can do that, not only for me but for the millions of fellow Christians who put their trust in Him. But I wake each morning and giving thanks to God, rest in Him. I know that God will look after me

because He knows what He is doing, and that is very comforting because there are three things that only God knows: the beginning of things, the cause of things, and the end of things.

So many people I know worry unnecessarily. There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone beyond recall. The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and perhaps its poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow for it

is as yet unborn. As Jesus said: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Mat 6:34).

That leaves only one day, today, and I must leave that in God's care. A.W. Tozer (1897-1963) said: "If only we would stop lamenting and look up. God is here. Christ is risen. The Spirit has been poured out from on high. All this we know as theological truth. It remains for us to turn it into joyous spiritual experience." That is a terrific confidence booster. Just the same as when I get into my car and turn the ignition key - it works! I have checked on the fuel, the tyres are inflated, the lights work, all because my car has been looked after by people who know what they are doing.

Today, I have spent time with my God, I have thanked Him for yesterday and for another day, I have put before Him those matters that need attention - work, travel, safety, responsibilities, people who need our prayers - and I have asked for His covering. And I know that if I am diligent and a good steward He will care for me because whatever the outcome God is in control. I don't know how that works, I only know that it does.

**"A man can accept what Christ has done without knowing how it works; indeed, he certainly won't know how it works until he's accepted it."**

**C. S. LEWIS (1898-1963)**

Have a good week,

*Pastor Ron*

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## Storms of Life from Lessons Learned on the Journey

by Bob Snyder

Adversity, misery, heartache, pain and struggle. Much of my life I have invested time, energy and resources trying to insulate myself from problems. And although I knew that eliminating problems was not totally possible, security and safety became very important to me. Thus I worked hard to avoid storms in life.

Several years ago during a medical crisis involving my wife, I wrestled with my failure to prevent this medical problem. After all, I am a physician. Dealing with problems wisely and well is important. However, I came to realize that the important efforts were not in preventing storms in my life but rather in building a foundation of character to uphold me in the midst of the stresses of life. I have come to realize we all experience storms - some large, some small and many unavoidable.

At the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:24-27 NIV), Jesus ended with a parable. The parable described two builders and one storm. The storm was inevitable for both. The builders were differentiated not by the structure, design or materials they used but rather by the foundation of their houses.

Jesus describes in the Sermon on the Mount the spiritual foundation that will withstand the storms of life. This foundation, referred to as the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) -- is cemented by poverty of spirit, mourning, meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy, purity and peacemaking.

Jesus ends this list with an interesting characteristic - blessedness resulting from unfair persecution. "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". (Matthew 5:10 NIV). Blessedness in the midst of terrible trials -- yes!

I certainly do not seek misery in my life. However, my response to adversity needs to be based more on the foundation of my spiritual life rather than on the physical, financial, or emotional issues encountered. So I must stop writing this lesson and get to work. Will you join me in the labor on our foundations?

*Sharing the journey with you,*

*Bob Snyder*

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## Campbell University CPFI Student Chapter Update

Renewed enthusiasm for CPFI has sprung up at Campbell University. Over the past few years during my time in Buies Creek, our group has grown from a handful of students to meetings overflowing classroom space. We wanted to take this opportunity to tell each of CPFI's members what your prayers have helped us to accomplish and to encourage our fellow pharmacy students to continue developing and growing their own chapters.



For the second year in a row, an Easter service was held for students, faculty, and staff at the pharmacy school. This year, Dr. Jimmie Pope, a 1993 CU Pharm.D. graduate, spoke to the organization about the need to fulfill the Great Commission, but more importantly about the Lord's gift of salvation. Dr. Pope and his family are soon to be full-time missionaries in Kenya, working to serve the children in the slums of Nairobi and to provide medical care in the surrounding areas. Their passion and strong desire to follow the Lord's will was uplifting and inspired a large group of students to take the opportunity to pray with the family.

Additionally, the chapter has instituted a few annual events in order to not only reach out to our student body, but to the community as well. The 1st annual Chili Cook-Off was an amazing success, allowing us to send a large donation to the Xavier University School of Pharmacy to help support our fellow pharmacy students' recovery from this past hurricane sea-

son. In the spring semester, we were blessed to hold another such successful event, a Bake-Off in conjunction with our student government's annual charity auction, which allowed us to raise over \$1,000 for Falcon Children's Home in Falcon, NC.

Although our chapter has grown in numbers, and our organization has become familiar to the whole student body, the most amazing thing that has happened at Campbell is through our weekly Bible Studies. Student-led discussions have fostered spiritual growth for so many, which is the greatest blessing that any CPFI supporter could ever desire. There is no greater joy than to see students realizing their potential in Christ and growing in the Lord. On behalf of the Campbell chapter of CPFI, we would like to thank each member for your own God-given desires to support this organization. As students, it is through your leadership and examples that we strive to exhibit these same qualities on each of our campuses. We ask for your continued prayers that as new students enter and others graduate, that God will continue to provide leaders for each student chapter, in order that God's love can be shared across our country and abroad.

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