



The Faith Script

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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

A message from the President

CPFIF members from across the United States as far as Oregon and from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa, gathered together in June to share a time of fellowship and faith-based pharmacy education sessions at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The four-day event was packed full with activities including a total of 15 hours of available ACPE approved continuing pharmacy education credits, dynamic devotional sessions led by pharmacists Jennifer Sands and Joy Greene, lively praise and worship sessions including a concert on Thursday evening by The David Yonker Band, a silent auction, a speed networking event and an ice-cream social. This year several outside exhibitors also joined the conference: Blessings International, Kingsway Charities, and Medsend.

Pharmacists, student pharmacists, and non-pharmacist family members were treated to an old-fashioned country barbeque on Friday evening at the Springhead Pavilion near the Bonclarken Lake. Following dinner, boating, swimming, and a dual zip-line were enjoyed by many. Toasting marshmallows and making s'mores around an open campfire capped off the delightful evening.

President Fred Eckel did another outstanding job of lining up interesting and dynamic speakers. Fred stays busy at the conference in his official role as master of ceremonies, he moderates a lively panel discussion on Thursday afternoon, and before the conference even begins he leads the CPFIF Board meeting which takes place on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning prior to the start of the conference on Thursday afternoon. Many are convinced that the annual conference would not come together without all the many contributions from Fred Eckel. Many of our conference review comments this year came from first time attendees who talked about how welcome and connected they felt and how Fred's contributions to the conference played a key role in those outcomes.

The positive impact on the success of our conference by our student pharmacists continues to grow each year. The students bring an enthusiasm and energy to the conference that is 'contagious' and revives all of us! This year the student pharmacists took charge of our Saturday afternoon service project to benefit Sole Hope, a non-profit organization committed to making shoes for children in poor African nations, and the students did a fantastic job! Several students and recent graduates worked hard this year to plan and execute the National Student Retreat, and the speed networking event at the conference as well as the service project event. Board member, Daniel Wilson, and student member,

Heather Sink and Austin Greanias were among those who generously gave their time and talents. Their leadership contributed greatly to the success of the Annual Conference and the Student Retreat.

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Recently I was listening to an interview with author and builder, Brent Hall, about his new book, *Building a Timeless House in an Instant Age*. He said "what we build defines us. I think of houses in terms of a narrative. Each house we build is a story book, it is not hidden, it is not a secret diary, it is a proclamation of faith, beliefs and values."

Perhaps because I am towards the end of a long career in pharmacy, as I listened I thought his idea about buildings can be applied to one's career. Our career defines us as Christian pharmacists. Our career is actually a narrative of our life. The career we build is a story book. It is not hidden, it is not secret, but is a proclamation of faith, beliefs and values. As a Christian pharmacist we should be engaged in a ministry. As Proverbs 19:21 (NIV) reminds us, "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." The New Testament reminder that we should be engaged in a ministry is found in Ephesians 2:10 (NIV), "For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do."

So how should we approach our career as a Christian pharmacist? Colossians 3:23-24 would be a good guide to follow as you approach your pharmacy career. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

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Many others also play a major role in the success of the CPFI Annual Conference including Herbert (Herb) Hames and Keith Allhands, Co-chairs of the CPFI Annual Conference Planning Committee. Herb and Keith both joyfully work behind the scenes serving wherever they are needed. Both Keith and Herb are truly two of CPFI's most humble heroes!

Executive Director, Ron Herman, also contributes in numerous behind the scenes ways and he often serves as a conference speaker. Ron's service and support is invaluable to the conference and to CPFI.

Every year Bev Herman and Linda Allhands serve as leaders of the Spouses Program. Bev and Linda give of their time and talents and often of their personal finances to prepare programs and provide materials for the spouses to enjoy at the Annual Conference. CPFI conferences are greatly enhanced by the work they do.

There are many other 'CPFI Angels' who all play a part in the success of our conferences. Fred and Peggy Eckel and granddaughter, Hanna, Herb and Llewellyn Hames, and Keith and Linda Allhands baked hundreds of homemade cookies and sweet treats for the conference coffee breaks. Several of our conference attendees donate to the Annual Conference Student Scholarship fund which allows us to reimburse students for a portion of the cost to attend the Annual Conference. For the past two years Sue Hussar and Susan Lutz have spearheaded a silent auction which is held during a portion of the conference from which the proceeds are used to benefit CPFI efforts to build up a body of Christian pharmacists in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa.



Speakers at the meeting joyfully serve without any monetary compensation and spend many hours preparing their talks and slide presentations which not only provide challenging and interesting information to our pharmacists and student pharmacists, but also challenge them with ways they can incorporate their faith in their workplace, in their school, and in their everyday life. We are humbled by their willingness to serve in this

way and are keenly aware that our conferences would not exist but for the willingness of our speakers who give their time and talents.

This year we want to also recognize the Bonclarken Conference Center for truly being a place of spiritual renewal and restoration. Of all the locations we have hosted the CPFI conference in recent years, Bonclarken has quickly become a favorite of many. From an administrative point of view, it is a breath of fresh air to work with Bonclarken because of their deep commitment to customer satisfaction and to model Christ in the way they serve their customers. Everyone at Bonclarken, from the folks that work in the kitchen to the executive leadership, approach each event with a 'what I can I do to help you' attitude.

Many commented that this year was the very best CPFI conference they have ever attended. This is a beautiful tribute to the individuals who are committed to making this event something special and spiritually rejuvenating for all who attend.

If you have never taken part in a CPFI Annual Conference or CPFI National Student Retreat, make this a priority for 2016 and beyond! Not only will you be supporting CPFI by attending, you will have a rich and meaningful experience that will no doubt impact the rest of your year in a very positive way. The next CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat will be held at Springmaid Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, June 8th to 11th, 2016. In 2017, we plan to take the conference west to the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado from June 14th to 18th.

Nena Lindrose, Adm. Director
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Although there is much packed into these verses, for space constraints let me just focus on three ideas.

1. Work hard at your career (ministry). Paul tells us to work at our career with all our heart. To me that means we should come to work each day with energy and enthusiasm. Successful people work hard and often give more than expected. They are industrious in their approach to their job/career. As Christian pharmacists we should be the best workers possible.
2. Remember that your real boss is the Lord. Keeping in mind that as Christian pharmacists we are God's servant enables us to work hard. Remembering what Jesus did for us allows us to find joy and purpose in all we do, even those things that are not high on society's value scale. Remembering the abuse that Jesus took for us makes it easier to accept the difficult co-worker or patient.
3. True career rewards will be in Heaven. After almost fifty years in North Carolina pharmacy, I have begun the process of closing down my office and disposing of a lot of accumulated "stuff." I have had a blessed career which included a lot of awards and honors, often resulting in plaques to recognize the event. If my professional rewards were only those plaques, as appreciative as I was at the time of receipt, at the end of my career I would really have achieved little of eternal value. Knowing that we are really doing our spiritual duty to God when we are faithful in doing our secular duty to men is a real comfort at the end of a career for a Christian pharmacist. Your reward for your professional contribution is not any earthly recognition you received, but the inheritance that awaits you in Heaven.

Yes, your career defines you. Does your career adequately express your faith, beliefs and values? If not, maybe you need to take time to refocus and follow the principles Paul suggests.

By Fred M. Eckel



2015 Annual Meeting Awards

Saturday night we had the privilege to come together for a special time of acknowledging individuals (and schools) who have served CPFI and the Lord in outstanding ways. This year CPFI recognized Dr. Wagdy Wahba with the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award. Also recognized was 2015 Pharmacy school graduate, Austin Greanis who received the Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award. Psalm 145:4 reminds us that “One generation shall commend your works to another (generation) and shall declare your might acts.” Mark Johnson received the Psalm 145 Award for his service as an advisor and mentor to the CPFI chapter at Shanandoah University. The Student Chapter Award this year was presented to Wingate University.



President Eckel, during the Awards Banquet, also recognized and thanked Dean Mary Ferrill for agreeing to take over as editor of the CPFI journal, Christianity & Pharmacy, and for the past eight years of committed support that she and Palm Beach Atlantic University and the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy gave to CPFI by providing office space, volunteer student support, and the numerous other ways that Dean Ferrill and the University supported CPFI’s work when the office was located in West Palm Beach, Florida.



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Upcoming Events:

- Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC)
Nov, 5th to 7th, 2015 and CPFI Board Meeting at GMHC
November 5, 2015
Louisville, KY
- 2016 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat
Retreat: June 7th to 12th
Conference: June 8th to 12th
Springmaid Beach, SC



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“For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.” II Corinthians 8:3(NLT)

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CPFI welcome's articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing an article for possible publication in our journal, Christianity & Pharmacy, please submit your manuscript directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for the journal: Spring Journal, December 1; Fall Journal, July 1.

Register now!

2015 Global Missions Health Conference
Louisville, KY
November 5 to 7, 2015

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI partners with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams are usually one or two weeks, and our goal is to have two pharmacists on each team. Below is a list of upcoming trips. For a complete list of the projects and dates, visit the [GHO website](#) which can be accessed from the CPFI website www.cphi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Jul 31 – Aug 15, 2015 Nairobi, Kenya	Nov 9 -21, 2015 Myanmar
Aug 1 – 9, 2015 Nicaragua	Nov 10 -21, 2015 Tikapur, N*pal
Aug 8 – 16, 2015 Nicaragua	Nov 14 -22, 2015 Nicaragua
Aug 14 – 29, 2015 Ind*nesia	Jan 9 – 16, 2016 Nicaragua
Sep 11 – 25, 2015 East Asia	Feb 12 – 27, 2016 Southeast Asia
Sep 17 – 27, 2015 Albania	Feb 20 – 28, 2016 Honduras
Sep 26 – Oct 4, 2015 Nicaragua	Feb 27 – Mar 6, 2016 Nicaragua
Oct 3 – 17, 2015 Ind*a	Mar 3 – 14, 2016 Eastern Europe
Oct 10 – 18, 2015 Ecuador	Mar 12 – 19, 2016 Haiti
Oct 10 – 18, 2015 Nicaragua	Apr 2 – 10, 2016 Nicaragua
Oct 16 – 31, 2015 Ethi*pia	Jul 11 – 19, 2016 El Salvador
Oct 16 – 31, 2015 Ind*nesia	Jul 11 – 19, 2016 Nicaragua
Nov 6 -22, 2015 Middle East	Jul 25 -Aug 2, 2016 El Salvador

The GHO website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of each trip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Keith Allhands, the Mission Committee Chair, for additional information at (kwallhands@gmail.com).

