

The Faith Script

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“Go quickly to the city’s streets, the busy ones and the side streets, and bring the poor, crippled, blind and the lame.” Luke 14:21(CEB)

[Prayer Wall](#)

~An Invitation~

My youngest daughter recently got married. The invitations were sent, the RSVP's were received, and the tables were set. What an honor it was for me to walk her down the aisle as is traditional in most wedding ceremonies. For those few minutes, all eyes were on the Bride, and there I was, at a place of honor, walking at the right-hand side of the Bride!!

My daughter Sarah is a humble, compassionate, caring person. She doesn't like to be introduced as "Doctor," even though she has a PhD in psychology and is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. She doesn't like for me to tell people she is a teacher at Harvard University, even though she is and has received a number of awards as Outstanding Teacher, and has received the highest scores on student evaluations! At the same time, she holds a position at the Boston VA serving the needs of our veterans and others with PTSD, advocating for better access to care for veterans, and volunteering to help those in need as well as animals at animal shelters. She is a humble person!

In chapter 14 of the book of Luke, the ongoing conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees continued with another Sabbath healing. Jesus cleverly silenced them with a parable of a great banquet. At the home of a leading Pharisee, Jesus observed that most people try to claim the seat of honor at the dinner table. In verses 7 through 10, Jesus advised taking a lower seating place when invited to a wedding feast, sitting at a lower level of honor so that you may be invited to move up to a higher seat and be honored by others, and not be shamed by being asked to move to a place of less honor. *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* Luke 14:11 (ESV) In His parable of the Great Banquet in versus 15 through 25 Jesus extended an open invitation to His Heavenly table, many had excuses why they were too busy to attend. The invitation was then sent to the poor and broken.

In the book, *The Unchurched Next Door*, author Thom Rainer says that eight out of ten unchurched people say they would attend church if invited, and seven out of ten say they have never been invited. What an opportunity there appears to exist for us Christians to reach out! As Christians we are commissioned to reach out to all nations and spread the word of Jesus. One way we can do that is to invite people to join CPFI. I receive many

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invitations to join clubs, associations, travel clubs and even subgroups of groups!!

Years ago, when I decided to join CPFI, I had no idea that I might one day be a member of the Board of Directors, but here I am!! By joining CPFI my spiritual journey has been nourished in so many ways: meeting new people, attending Prayer Breakfasts, seeing people do incredible things in humble ways, and serving people in countries of Central America on GHO trips (my daughter Sarah even accompanied me on one of those trips and it was an experience I will treasure forever.) In my days as a pharmacy student at the Medical College of Virginia, Dean Warren Weaver "invited" me to his office several times, encouraging me by saying, "I know you can make it if you try!!" Little did we know that we would be brought together again by way of CPFI. I was honored to know Dean Weaver, the founder of CPFI, and to have been "invited" to his office! The outcome of those invitations has definitely proven positive for me.

If we think of how many things we have been involved in that started with an "invitation" from someone, we then realize how important the "invitation" can become. Jesus invites us to be part of His Banquet, to eat His bread and drink His wine. In Mark 1:17, Jesus invites His followers by saying, *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."* (ESV) In John 4:29, the woman at the well invites the people of the village, saying, *"Come and see the man who told me all the things that I have done,"* (NASB) and Revelation 19:7-9 says, *"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."* (ESV)

The invitations from Jesus are many. Let's invite people to Jesus through CPFI!

Amen

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CPFI 2017 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

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Student Retreat: **June 14 to 18, 2017**
Annual Conference: **June 15 to 18, 2017**



On-line registration will open January 10, 2017 and will close May 12, 2017.

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New Member – Earle P. Barton

New CPFI Marketing Committee!

Do you love CPFI and want to help reach new members to grow and sustain our organization? A new Marketing Committee is being started to enhance our outreach efforts to more Christian pharmacy colleagues that might not know all the great things about CPFI. The committee will be tasked to research, prioritize, and implement strategic marketing options for the organization. This is an exciting opportunity to put any marketing skills you might have to use for the organization you love. All members are encouraged to prayerfully consider being involved in this committee or one of the other great CPFI committees.

Members interested in serving on the Marketing Committee may reach out to Jordan Daniel (JordanT.Daniel@gmail.com) or the CPFI office at office@CPFI.org for more information.

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