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September 2026 News | Thank You Pine Lake!



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WELCOME BACK PICNICS!



We had 25 new students attend kickoff picnics, thanks to social media and Jesus! A group of BGSU freshmen came and played poker on our puzzle table, swiping bags of cookies to use as poker chips. They stayed long after other students, and as staff listened to the colorful conversations, we prayed they would become interested in Jesus. **Pray for them and many other students to come to know Jesus this year!**





UT / BG CAMPUS FAIRS!



Both UToledo and BGSU had their Student Involvement Fairs on the same day this year! It was exciting to see our students reach out and make connections with new students. Several people we met have already come to our weekly meetings. **We pray these early connections will become long term discipling relationships.**



SAVE THE DATE!

ACTIVE CHRISTIANS TODAY

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

OCT 17 NOON

lunch at noon followed by meeting

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 ESV

**student led worship, testimonies
staff updates, and alumni stories!**

Bowling Green Alliance Church

1161 E Napoleon Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402

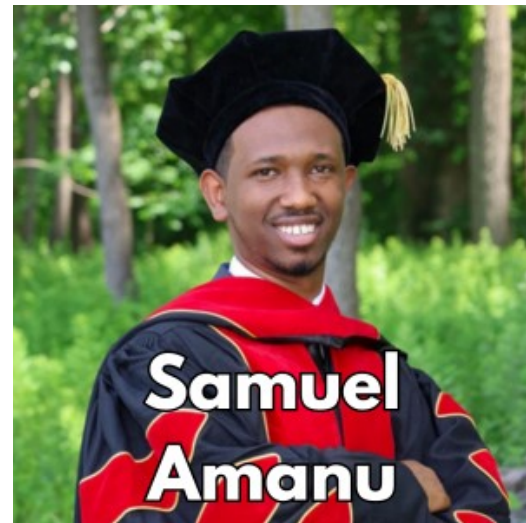
ACT Survives VBS week!



ACT was asked to be missionary of the week for Rush Church's VBS. Don, Michelle, and 8 students helped teach about ACT! It was a great week of connecting with the children, but also the many members of the church who volunteered for this outreach. It was amazing to see a church with so many committed to reaching their youth, and we were super blessed to be part of what God is doing in their community! **Together, the kids and the church raised \$5,000 for ACT!**



Congratulations Graduates!



Congrats to our August graduates **Anthony Cramer** from BGSU with his BS in Computer Science, and to **Samuel Amanu** from UT with his PhD in Theology.

International Ministry Highlights



DRIVE IN: English Corner experienced a true American event: The Drive In Movie. We sat outside under the stars and watched Toy Story 5.

COURTHOUSE TOUR: Community English Class was treated to a tour of the Wood County Courthouse by Judge Reger. He is a great storyteller and member of a supporting church!

GOODBYE PARTY: Our last summer class at BG, we said goodbye to dear friends Rishi and Champa. They are parents of a grad student from Nepal.

E4 Conference was a blessing!



A summer highlight for staff was attending the E4 Campus Ministry conference at Purdue University. Michelle and Don are two of the longest serving campus ministers with the amazing Association of College Ministry Network (aofcm.org), but we are not the oldest- yet! Michelle taught a workshop on navigating transition, and it was well received. **It was such a blessing to be with our friends (pictured below) who faithfully serve the Lord on campuses around the US!**



Kroger Community Rewards!

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Kroger's Community Rewards is an easy way to give back. By connecting your Kroger Shopper card to Active Christians Today, a percentage of each purchase goes to ACT. Since 2016, **we have received almost \$2,000.00 from this program.**

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Special Summer Moments!



Our daughter, Zoe, married Samuel Raby. It was a beautiful wedding, and **we are super proud of them.** They still live and work in town (woohoo)!

We had a great visit from ACT alumni Josh and Amber Heldwein. They are working at a church plant in Arizona, and **we miss them!**