



Your Prayers, God's Answers...

Two recent meetings and more besides.

Email flyer for Dr. Mary Pedersen's talk to the Christian faculty network at CSU last month. (above, right)

We have a few more things to say in this update than usual and it's hard to know where to start. Before I share about two recent meetings, **let me say some things about changes coming for me.**

Changes

Especially, these last few months I've been praying and seeking the Lord about what is ahead for me and our family regarding His calling. I've been thinking about this more than a few months—actually for years—but, certain things were happening that needed some more final attention. I wanted to get this right.

One thing that kept me on track about this was the awareness that my birthday was coming up this April. That is, I became 75 years of age on April 4th of this year and I took it as a benchmark time for me to consider God's direction. The good news is that He

has given me generally good health but I am declining in some areas of my life—my hearing, sometimes my short term memory, and sometimes my ability to handle the stresses of traveling. However, my eye sight is 20/20 which is good for my age and my doctor says my heart is in good shape as well. I am also glad to say that by God’s grace I am 25 years free of the cancer that was detected in 1999.

More importantly spiritually I still remain in fellowship with the Lord. That relationship was established in 1969, but it wasn’t until the spring of 1971 that I determined to stay in closer fellowship with the Lord—moment by moment—confessing my sins when He brought them to my attention, turning from them and trusting Him to fill me with his Spirit to live and minister. That hasn’t stopped.

As I have sought the Lord about the future He has indicated that I should begin **a process** of semi-retiring from my duties as executive director of Academic Connections. I believe He has given me the desires of my heart and these have not changed. The plan is to keep doing what I’m doing without diminished spirit or enthusiasm, that is, I will continue **aiming to enlist Christian university faculty in the cause of Christ world-wide**.

I will be talking to you about this more personally in the future.

On the Field

- ♦ You saw the flyer on page 1 for Dr. Mary Pedersen’s talk, which I thought was outstanding. Mary, a former department head and Provost, now serves as the Director of the School of Education at CSU. I sent many of you an email (some do not receive this because I don’t have your current email address), a request to pray for her and the talk; I believe it was **a fully answered prayer**. By email I sent you the link to the talk, but for those who don’t get email you can view it at:

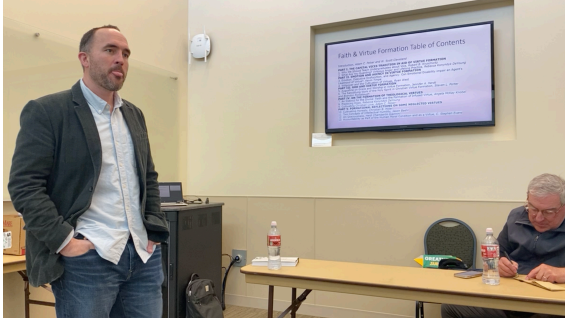
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As--rUo8jtI>



Dr. Pedersen presenting her talk on March 7th, 2024.



Some of the Christian faculty at CSU who attended Mary’s talk



Dr. Pelsler, a Christian professor of philosophy, addressed our group on April 11, 2024.

- ✦ Recently, we had **Dr. Adam Pelsler who teaches at the Air Force Academy** speak to our faculty group at CSU. I am editing the video of his talk, too, and as soon as I have it up I'll send you the link. It was an outstanding talk—one I want all of the professors I work *with across the U.S and overseas* to hear.
- ✦ Finally, we ask you for your prayers for a large project ahead of me. One that will likely take months to complete. Because of outdated software we can no longer make changes or additions to our ministry's main webpage! After a great deal of prayer and research *I have found new software that I'm learning to use*. So, I will largely re-create and improve the existing one with over 800 pages! However, the new and improved version will not go on-line until it is **completely finished**. Please pray with us that the work we put into this will honor the Lord and be useful to those committed Christians who serve Him in the academic world.

Warmly in Christ,

Jim for Phyllis and Scott

Current Ministry Website for Christian faculty:

<https://academicconnectionsgcm.org>

Our Ministry Friend's and Supporter's Website:

<https://jamesalcook.info>