



The Voice of  AVENTURA

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President's Letter:

Greetings Aventurites,

I am writing to you after a very busy weekend. (For those of you who do not know what I do, I work for a heating and cooling company) I was on call this first weekend of January when it was going to be very cold. (They said it could get down to -20 degrees) On Saturday I woke up to the phone ringing at 5:30 a.m. and proceeded to be out all day. When I got home at 10 p.m. I tried to go to sleep right away. Then I work up to the phone going off at 10:45 p.m. I had to go out once more. At last I got home at 2 a.m. I don't tell the story to have people say 'Oh, I am so sorry'. I just want to say that sometimes we have tough circumstances, times when we are running non-stop and it is in these times that we have to remember that *God is with us throughout it all*. He allowed the situation to be, and He will give us the strength and grace to get through. And not only that, He also gives us opportunities to use our gifts to serve him in the circumstances that are surrounding us. I have the gift of working with mechanical things, and was able to use it (many times!) that long Saturday to help those who were without heat. Whatever your gift is, try to find ways to serve God with it throughout the circumstances you are in. We hope to see you all at our January Reunion! Let's start the New Year off with the biggest turnout we have ever had!!!!

Matt Johnson

Aventura President

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

January Reunion:

Saturday, January 25, 6:30pm Board meeting before 7:00pm Reunion

First Congregational Church, Torrington, CT

Please consider bringing a favorite snack or soda to share! ☺

Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our ‘**prayistas**’:

- Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
- Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

Web Stuff to Note:

Art Richards and Rachel LePine are currently redesigning the [Aventura site](#). Let us know what you'd like to see on the new site by messaging us on [FaceBook!](#)

Like what you see in the Croaker? Have something you want to share? Got a Bible study

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- Follow us on Twitter [@AventuraCT](#)
- For people who have been on an Aventura weekend, join AventuraCT on [Facebook!](#)