Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are in April! Today is April Fool's Day, so I am being extra cautious not to be pranked by my friends, especially my wife. She knows that I will respond to her emergency calls and I can tell you some great stories of how she has taken advantage of my attempts to be a good husband! Just ask me about the time she "fell down the stairs."

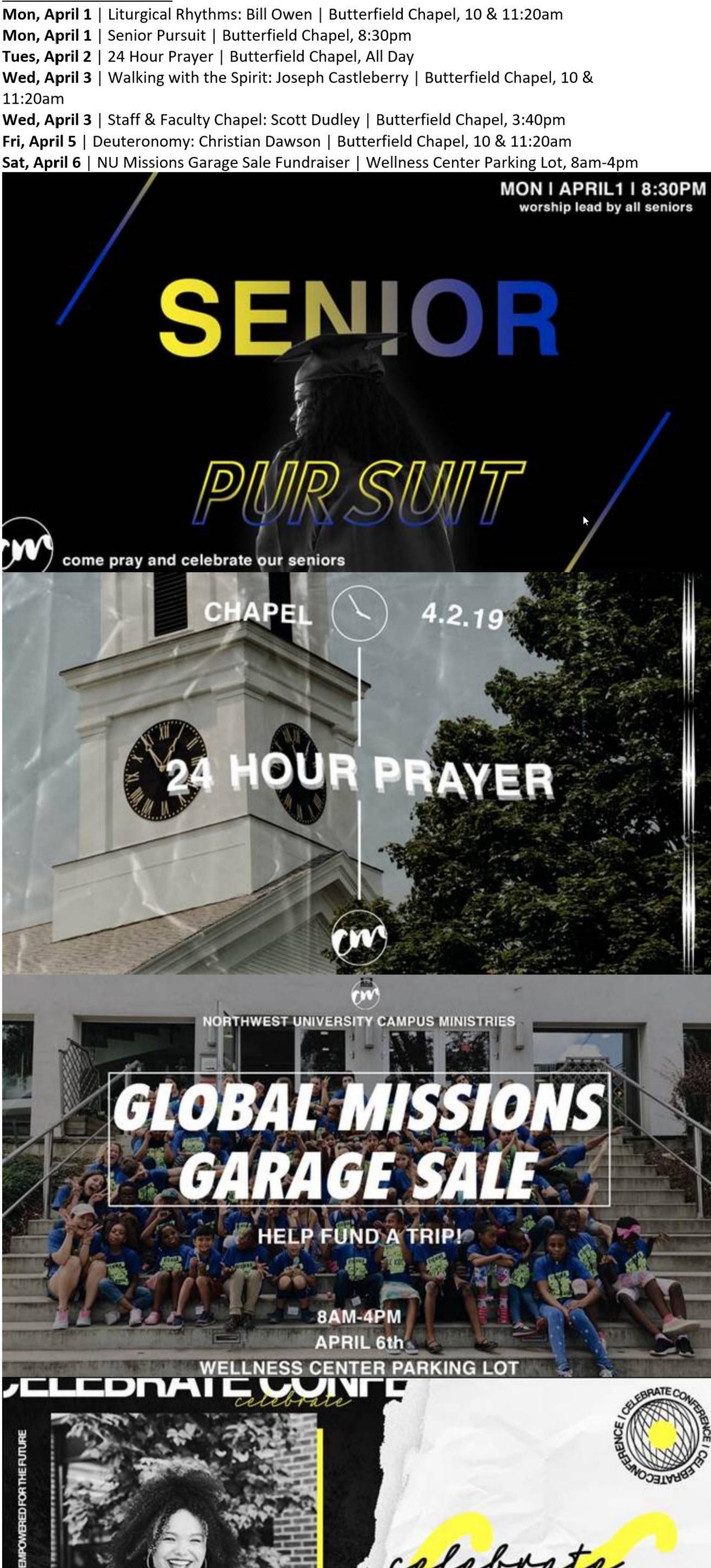
I know, pretty terrible, right? Over the past several weeks, the Holy Spirit has worked through my life in many ways. I think

about the Choralons choir tour in Phoenix and how the Lord directed us to specific locations for ministry. Many people's lives were changed through commitments to Christ or healing miracles, and that tells me that the tour could have only been directed by the Spirit. The past couple of weeks, I have been traveling and have come across people that I haven't seen in as many as 20 years in elevators or while picking up my car at valet. Some might say these are coincidences, but I know these are Holy Spirit-directed moments. If we are not aware of how the Spirit works, we might miss His leading activity in our lives, but it is there.

The Holy Spirit will direct our lives if we let Him. The Holy Spirit guided Paul and his friends as they traveled through Phrygia and Galatia. Paul was "kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia" (Acts 16:6). When they tried to enter Bithynia, "the Spirit would not allow them to" (Acts 16:7). Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia begging him to come and help, and after seeing the vision, he got ready to leave because he concluded that God had called him there to preach the Gospel (Acts 16:10). The Holy Spirit was involved in directing Paul and his friends as they went about the mission of God. If we ask God to guide us like this in our own lives, and look for these moments, they will happen. We will see God demonstrate His power through the Spirit working in our lives.

Lord, helps us to be fully aware that the places we go, the people we meet, and the opportunities You put in front of us are not coincidental. Help us to understand that we are on mission with You when we have fully surrendered ourselves to Your plan. Help us do our part to influence our world with the hope of Jesus. Amen.

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