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# Cahill Update

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## Digital Corner



In light of the phishing attacks last week—see “What’s going on at work?”—here are some tips on avoiding phishing.

If you receive a message from someone that you aren’t expecting or is out of the ordinary, never click on a link in that message.

If it is an alert or warning, (like your bank telling you that there’s an issue with your account), then go to the source. Look up their number or website, *without* using the contact details in the message itself! If it’s from a person, then reach out to them using some other method than how they reached out to you. If you only have that one method of contacting them, then ask them some questions that only they would know.

And if you *absolutely have to* know what the link is, go to [virustotal.com](http://virustotal.com) to scan the link.



## This issue

- Two new giving churches
- Getting together with my GF
- Lunchtime lectures and phishing attacks
- Prayer requests

## Supporting Churches

In last month’s newsletter, I asked for prayer regarding two churches: One which was inviting me out to speak for a few minutes during the service, and one which had been considering me for several months and which also partners with my sister’s family.

Both of those churches said that they wanted to partner with me financially! This brings my support to the mid-60s percent.

I also had a very enjoyable time at the church I visited. The Sunday school sermon on authority particularly stuck out in my mind, and you’ll probably see a Spiritual Thoughts sidebar on that sometime in the future. The service was also much livelier than I’m accustomed to, and I probably said “Yes” and “Amen” a couple hundred times that day!

## Plans with Amanda

My girlfriend Amanda is on the field in Papua New Guinea, and is returning to the US for home assignment in June. She’ll be staying in the Dallas area with my mother for a few days even before she goes back to her home in Wisconsin.

I’ll fly up to Wisconsin at some point later this summer or fall to meet her family. She said that there’s not much to do in her neck

of the woods, so a week is fine to meet her parents and see a few people up there. And then she’s planning on heading back down to Dallas in the fall for a longer stay.

Mom is also planning to take us on a trip to see Antelope Canyon at some point as well.

We’ve never physically been together in the same place since we started dating, so this is going to be a really great chance to spend some quality time with her, do some activities other than talking or crosswords, and introduce her to my people down here!

## What’s going on at work?

The most recent entry in the series of Lunch and Learn technology training lectures was on thinking critically online. It covered things like chain messages, not getting news from social media, questioning the things you see or read, checking news from unbiased or differently-biased news sites, and learning to distinguish AI-generated text, images, and video.

Although I went past the scheduled end time, the talk was very well received. I had been a bit apprehensive about telling people that just because something on Facebook matched their worldview, it did not mean that particular image or message was real. But I got some very positive feedback afterwards, and it seems like the audience

## Spiritual Thoughts

I worked on the summer staff at Mount Lebanon Baptist Camp for a few summers during college. The best years on staff were when we had people who wanted to serve others and work hard. I remember one talk where we even had to be told to make sure to leave some work for others!

Romans 12:10 commands us: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

When we honor and serve one another, we are following Christ's example, such as when He washed the disciples' feet, or when He told them that "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." — John 10:43–45

Look for ways that you can serve others, maybe in ways which you wouldn't normally do.



left the talk wiser and more equipped to suss out truth from lies.

We had two incidents at work last week, where the email accounts of the victims suddenly sent out hundreds of emails to their contact lists. In one instance, the attacker had remoted onto the victim's computer and was sending messages through her already-logged-in email account. In the other case, the attacker had actually managed to log into her email account on a device somewhere else in the world.

No lasting damage was done, and it doesn't seem that any financial information or secure data was compromised. The goal of this attack seemed to be limited to propagating the attack.

Despite the lack of any apparent major consequences, dealing with this issue and securing those devices and accounts still occupied much of my attention and energy those days. And I had just done a Lunch and Learn talk on phishing two weeks before!

That made me realize that the retirement home on the linguistics center really needed those talks as well. Retirees tend to be more vulnerable and more targeted for all kinds of nefarious online activity. In the

## Did you know?

*There are 3 people in the Bible whose names in English begin with the letter F: Felix, Festus, and Fortunatus.*

following weeks, I'm going to go down there on Wednesday afternoons and do repeats of my earlier lectures.

## What are those pictures?

The photo on the front is from the linguistics center choir concert, where the dress code was "international." The photo on the back is from the missionary kid camping trip, where I shared my testimony with them.

## Prayer Points

Pray for...

- Amanda and me to honor God in our relationship, and for our summer plans
- For the particular tasks in my work, and that devices would function as they should.
- Discernment about where I am called to be long-term. (And Amanda!)
- Financial support from churches and individuals

Yours in Christ,  
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