

Christian Student Fellowship

at East Tennessee State University -- Spring 2011

Life on the university campus revolves around transition. For most people in our culture the point of maturity into adulthood comes when they leave the relative stability of home to explore a wider field of influence. **Influence ... campus ministry is about that**, about providing an influence in the form of peers who, despite all of the distractions, have deliberately chosen Jesus. Many challenges present themselves as most students carry some kind of baggage with them about religion, relationships, and choices. Many have valid questions about what they have witnessed, learned, and reasoned as adolescents. Many are looking for some form of truth that can replace what they suspect



might simply have been a cover for rules meant to control them. Shame, fear, greed, and pride run amok in this university community. Yet, the Christians on campus do **shine as light and savor as salt** in their unique environment.

The Campus House began our spring 2011 semester working to affect our environment at ETSU. For our weekly worship gathering, **IMMERSE**, we are applying the words of Jesus. We want to know what Jesus has taught and correctly understand how those words affect our lives today. Each week we divide into smaller groups to discuss and apply the challenge.

During **IGNITE**, the weekly Bible study, we are exploring the Old Testament “Wiz Lit” of Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Psalms. We will become familiar with these elements of God’s Word in expectation of re-forming our lives and, consequently, the lives of others. Our (FREE) **Tuesday Lunch** continues to draw people into the Campus House and connect us with local churches which provide the meal. Perhaps your congregation would desire this opportunity to influence students. Call Trivia at 928-2870 to help with this opportunity in future semesters.

The **remainder of CSF’s weekly activities** – our INVEST groups (Bible studies), our IMPACT opportunities (service groups to Pine Oaks weekly, to Camp ACC during spring break, and to international students alternating Saturdays), the intentional opportunities of hanging out visibly on campus. Additionally, CSF hosted a lecture at ETSU for the Origins Conference.

The Campus House leads into every semester with some special activities we call “**BASH Week**”. Our lineup this semester included a ‘HOT Party’ and a ‘CHILI Party’. Most likely your church’s youth group found a fine group of orange shirt-clad students from the Campus House guiding them through the new process at TCTC.

Alert your youth minister! We plan an overnight adventure May 20-21 to which we have invited high-school seniors to campus and the Campus House. Many from your youth group will study at the university. While churches value visits to Bible colleges, we propose enabling students by introducing them to the university and campus ministry. Through “**CAMPUS INVASION**” we will tour campus, play at the Campus House, discuss campus life with college students, & worship. It’s an excellent overnight adventure for \$30 – including three meals and sleep in a dorm. RSVP by April 22. Come and INVADE!



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Plans to Expand

Everyone realizes the enormous asset that is the brick building at the corner of Pine and University. The location is perfect. The building is sturdy and usable. The atmosphere is welcoming. For nearly forty years CSF has utilized every square inch of the place in ministry to the students at ETSU. Although no one

currently lives at 829 West Pine Street, the Campus House is consistently used for some kind of activity. After looking into options, CSF finds itself in a position to build. A **single room of 1150 square feet** would fit well on the property and would allow us to more sharply shape our ministry activities.

By September 2012 the Advisory Board anticipates one large room attached to the back side of Campus House. We are currently appealing to the Campus House alumni for the funds to begin this project and will then present the

local churches with a challenge based on the alumni response. Please consider donation to the special building fund. As much as the current Campus House has shaped past ministry, an addition will shape future ministry.



Significant Departures

2011 reminded the Campus House of the wonderful difficulty faced in ministry to a sharply defined age

group as an important group of individuals moved to the next phase of their lives. Twelve students graduated and two others transferred to Bible colleges. Although a couple of those transferred into ETSU, most invested four years in the ministry here. We have felt the void as they have departed.



The CSF Advisory Board is ...

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This group of men and women meet frequently and assume much of the responsibility for this ministry of the local congregations to the students of ETSU. You can see the array of churches represented and the caliber of the individuals who comprise this group. CSF will work this fall to fill a couple vacancies on this board with interested members from local congregations.

The Campus House summer mission to Kentucky

Eight of us from the Campus House will venture to Gray Hawk, in eastern Kentucky, the week after final exams to work alongside Christian Appalachian Project as it meets some of the very practical needs of needy families. While the exact nature of our labor has yet to be revealed, such will definitely be labor of both sweat and love. Each team member is working to raise \$450 to cover the expenses. Our two significant fund-raisers - a Dessert Buffet on Friday, March 25 and a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 2 – produced over \$1000 and supplemented gifts from families and churches.

A Word about Finances

Both the 2010 Financial Report and the 2011 Financial Budget accompany this letter to all supporting congregations. Both are available upon request to others. The report will indicate that, comparatively, 2010 was a strong year financially at the Campus House in that CSF spent less than budgeted and received more than anticipated. A significant portion of the abundance received was in direct response to our appeal to Campus House alumni for funds to add onto the existing structure (building fund). Also, early in the summer of 2010 the CSF Advisory Board sensed a significant shortfall in regular support and issued an emergency request to the supporting congregations. Ten congregations responded with gifts totaling nearly \$4000. Those gifts and the designated funds account for the difference in 2010 actual income compared to budget. The Campus House believes in ministering frugally.



We count such a success for the Kingdom. Apart from the previously mentioned addition to the Campus House, CSF is working to bring our part-time assistant to an eventual full-time status focusing on ministry to our women. Finances with any ministry are tight. The Campus House consistently seeks congregations and individuals who believe in the importance of campus ministry. Please invite us to come and share the vision and passion.

The Student Servant Team is:

Amber Bergendahl, Josh Church, Tiffany Buckles, Chris Wolfe, Robby Latham, & Leah Rose. These students work to initiate ministry to their peers on campus, plan activities at the Campus House, lead discussion groups at weekly worship, and pray regularly for all that happens at the Campus House.

Ministry Staff is:

Trivia Riddle and Mike Luzadder. Rekik Kemal serves as student intern for spring 2011.

Please Pray:

Please pray for the above as all work for HIS kingdom to expand at ETSU using the tool of the Campus House.

Pray that all Christians on campus (Campus House included) will make a difference for HIS kingdom by initiating conversations with their circle of friends.

We send prayer requests to a group of volunteers each Monday. We would like to add you to the group that receives those. Send a note to campushouse@juno.com

Who's on campus?

Guessing is neither fun nor efficient. Let us know. Please tell all of the students you know who are coming to ETSU this fall that they should look for the Campus House. Please tell us about all of those students so that we might appropriately invite them to become a part of this Christ-centered community that worships, studies, works, dines, helps, and loves.

Honoring the Life of a Pioneer



Jim Saunders served as part-time campus minister with Christian Youth Fellowship at ETSU (later re-named Collegians for Christ and, eventually, Christian Student Fellowship) while still a student at Milligan in 1962 and continued into the early 1970s. The concept of campus ministry was still novel. Apart from a significant tenure in Louisville, Kentucky, Jim served many churches in the area, most recently Hales Chapel Christian Church in Gray and New Hope Christian Church in Rogersville. Jim went to be with the LORD

on February 26, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. The Campus House is honored by its association with Jim Saunders.



THRILLING
ENLIGHTENING
AMAZING

CAMPUS INVASION

MAY 20-21, 2011
\$30 covers Friday evening through
till Saturday afternoon

FEATURING:
a NIGHT in the DORMS
WORSHIP a lot of FUN
COLLEGE SEMINAR

a **CAMPUS HOUSE EVENT**
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Campus Invasion

Send your youth to an overnight experience with CSF that will affect their future, and possibly, their eternity.

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“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17