

Christian Student Fellowship

at East Tennessee State University -- January 2010



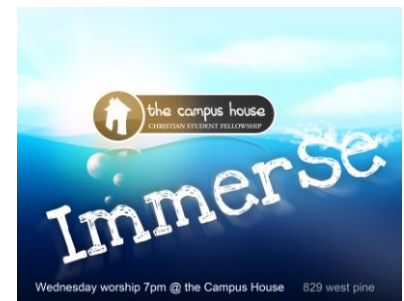
Life on the university campus revolves around transition. For most people in our culture the **the campus house** point of maturity into adulthood comes when they leave the relative stability of home to explore, to learn, and to intentionally be exposed to a wider field of influence. **Influence ... 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 environment.

The Campus House is a couple weeks into our spring 2010 semester working to affect our environment at ETSU. For our weekly worship gathering, **IMMERSE**, we are looking at the book of Romans with weekly themes of 'No Shame in the Good News' (1:1-17), 'Forgetting the Obvious God' (1:18-32), 'Willing Rebels' (2:1-29), etc ... We want to join in the conversation between Paul and the early Roman Christians as a means of building our own faith. Each week we divide into smaller groups to discuss and apply the challenge from Romans.

During **INVEST**, the weekly large group Bible study, we are exploring the Sermon on the Mount and, later, will turn to the Revelation to John. Again, we will become familiar with these important parts of God's Word in expectation of re-forming our lives and, consequently, the lives of others.

Our **Tuesday Lunch** (FREE) continues to draw people into the Campus House and connect us with local churches which provide the meal. We could use more caterers for the remainder of this semester. Call Trivia at 928-2870 to help with this opportunity.

Given that last summer's mission opportunity to Mexico was interrupted by the swine flu in mid-Mexico, we have determined to **re-visit Estancia this summer**. The Campus House has a long relationship with Cris Garcia and the various ministries of Bethshean Mexico Mission. We expect to work alongside of her in mid-May. More details coming. The **remainder of CSF's weekly activities** – our INVEST groups, our IMPACT opportunities, the intentional opportunities of hanging out visibly on campus - can be found on our website. It's sharp! Check it out!



The Campus House leads into every semester with some special activities we call "**BASH Week**". Our lineup this time included a 'HOT Party', a movie night, our own observation of ML King's birthday, and ... hosting a concert on campus featuring Campus House alum, Dave Dykes. Dave is incredibly talented, sings with a special passion and a unique sound. Check him out at www.myspace.com/thedavedykes.

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. We are also working to put final touches on a mini-retreat in June to which we will invite high-school seniors to campus and the Campus House. Alert your youth minister.

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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, 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 the Advisory Board anticipates one large room attached to the back side of Campus House. The best estimate at total cost is \$125,000. 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.

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.

The Student Servant Team is:

Jessica Criswell, Amber Bergendahl, Josh Church, Marc Montgomery, Joel Gerlach, and JT Patrick. These students work to initiate ministry to their peers on campus and pray regularly for all that happens at the Campus House.

Ministry Staff is:

Trivia Riddle and Mike Luzadder. Also, Seth & Windy Frank and Grant & Meg Foster help out, gaining experience in campus ministry as they seek a location in which to work full-time. Marc Montgomery serves as student intern.

Please Pray:

Please pray for the above as all work together for HIS kingdom to expand at ETSU.

Pray that the 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 each Monday. We would like to add you to the group that receives those.

Who's on campus? Guessing isn't much fun. Let us know.