

COMMON GROUND

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Campus Celebration

Early this semester Dave Horton, who is a student leader in the Baptist Campus Ministry and hangs around with UCM also, decided he really wanted to put together a concerted effort of Christians on campus to unite for the purpose of edifying each other and reach out to our campus. Since he graduates this spring, the time frame for him was now or never. He arranged for a meeting in the Wood Center one Sunday evening to share his vision with more students. It was exciting to be at that first meeting. Almost 20 students were there sharing ideas and getting excited about communicating the joy of knowing God through Christ Jesus more effectively by coming together as a united body of Christ. We agreed together that it was important for there to be time to focus on our own growth as Christians – we called this portion the in-reach – and time to focus on reaching out to people who don't know Christ – we called this portion the out-reach.

We even came up with a vision statement: **To bring Christians together at UAF in a united effort to share the real Jesus with our campus.** We all agreed that Christian students working together, despite any differences, to accomplish what God has called us to was very important. Also showing who Jesus really is to our peers was an important concern. Living in a country where a muted form of Christianity, form of godliness which denies the power of God, is part of our culture, often people assume they know who Jesus is without really knowing. Our goal is to be vessels which allow the Holy Spirit to give people a more accurate picture of Jesus through us. He was not a religious figure, but a real man who turned the world upside down with his words and life which speak of loving your enemies; surrendering your entire will to God; and that the sinners and humble are those that God wants to forgive, lift up, and love.

We had a lot of good ideas and high ideals. As we continued to meet together over the semester our goal was to hammer these out into plans. We divided into 3 groups with the focus of the in-reach, out-reach, or prayer. Our desire was to be led by God and co-operate with Him rather than come up with our plans (the good key to success and lasting fruit in people's lives). Students from Campus Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade, Baptist Campus Ministry, College & Career, and United Campus Ministry have been involved in the planning process for the campus celebration.

We would like to invite you to participate with us in this Campus Celebration of Jesus our Lord. This Friday we will have a worship gathering in the Natural Sciences Auditorium at 7 pm, on Saturday there will be seminars from 1 to 4:30 pm in Gruening, and the in-reach weekend will close with a worship gathering on Saturday at 7 pm in Schaible Auditorium. Our focus is to meet together as Christ's body on this campus to worship God; let him convict us, call us and equip us to greater devotion; and to be equipped to share the good news of Jesus life, death, and resurrection.

The following week we want to reach out to students on our campus using several strategies. The highest profile plan is the "I agree with Ryan" campaign. Ryan Reinheller agreed to participate in the campaign after prayer on both our part and his. He is going to share his testimony in the Wood Center on Friday between 12-2 pm. There will also be a band playing during this time. T-shirts have been made which say "I agree with Ryan" and we are encouraging people to wear them on April 11 and 12th to build this event and to give each person an opportunity to stand out for their faith and speak out to those around them about what Christ means to them. During the worship gatherings on Friday and Saturday this and other plans for the out-reach week will be discussed more in detail. Come, seek God together, and find out how you can be involved.

- Rachel

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY: "Ra-Mon-Day"--Have a free Burritos lunch with friends in the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall). Drop in anytime between 11:30 and 1:30 p.m.

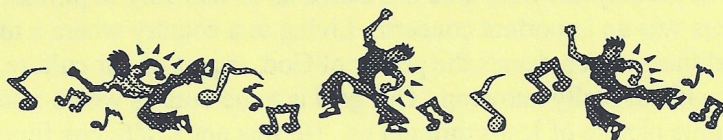
Music Practice--Come to the office at 4 pm to sing, play guitar or just listen as we practice the music for Tuesday's Vespers service.

TUESDAY Vespers--A casual worship service, Upper Lola Tilly Commons, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Dinner & Bible Study--At 5:30 pm we meet at the office and go to the home of David Moore for a great home cooked meal and a casual bible study.

SUNDAY: Leadership--Open to anyone interested in planning UCM activities and willing to make a commitment to leadership. UCM office @ 3p.m.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS



CAMPUS CELEBRATION

Friday April 6th: Celebration Meeting 7:00 p.m. Natural Sciences Rm.#202

Saturday April 7th: Celebration Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Schaible Auditorium

Friday April 13th: "I Agree with Ryan" campaign 12-2pm in Wood Center

For more information see enclosed information sheet.

Friday April 20th: Progressive Dinner 5:30 p.m. We will meet at the Office and travel to several peoples' homes for an enjoyable evening of dining. If you would be willing to provide one of the courses and host us in your home, please talk to David.

Sunday April 22nd: Annual Meeting & Dinner: 6:00 p.m. We will kick-off this event at 4:00 p.m. at University Community Presbyterian Church. Meet down stairs in the big Education building next to Beaver Sports on College Road. We will prepare dinner, have a chance to meet Board members, donors and sing some favorite songs.

UCM's Intramural Flag Football Team Schedule

Sunday April 8th @ 9:00p.m. – Sunday April 15th @ 9:00 p.m.

Sunday April 22nd @ 9:00 p.m.

CAMPUS CELEBRATION!

It's coming soon! Are you ready?

Completely student initiated, student organized, and student run! Our vision is to bring Christians together at UAF in a united effort to share the real Jesus with our campus.

Friday, April 6

Celebration Meeting: Be Empowered!
Praise & Worship, Prayer, Student Testimony

7:00 pm Rm. 202
Natural Sciences

Saturday, April 7

Seminar #1: "*Identity: Who God Says You Are!*"
- taught by Pastor Davis Harbour

1:00 pm Rm. 306
Gruening Bldg.

Seminar #2 "*Being a Christian on Campus:
A Circumcised Heart.*" - student led

3:00 pm Rm. 208
Gruening Bldg.

Seminar #3: "*Evangelism on Campus: Jesus
and Your Friends.*" - student led

3:00 pm Rm. 306
Gruening Bldg.

Celebration Meeting: Be Equipped!
Praise & Worship, Prayer, Guest Speaker TBA

7:00 pm
Schaible Auditorium

Following this weekend there will be an extensive effort of outreach and evangelism oriented events on campus, and we need you to make it happen. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved.

Up and Coming: We have purchased 150 Tshirts for the "I Agree With Ryan" campaign on faith that God will provide payment. We need everyone to wear these shirts on April 11-12. The tshirts will be distributed at Saturday night's Celebration Meeting for *free*, but please consider donating \$5-10 for the shirt if you can.

For any questions, please email David Horton (BCM) at fsdah2@uaf.edu or Julie Chang (CCC) at foxyjuli@hotmail.com

We are students involved in the following campus organizations:
Baptist Campus Ministry United Campus Ministry Campus Crusade for Christ
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Campus Christian Fellowship