

COMMON GROUND

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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

In Leadership, we are reading Max Lucado's book In the Eye of the Storm. One of the chapters we read this week was called "Doubtstorms". Lucado stated that when we have doubtstorms, we should think of ways in which God's hand still moves. One of the examples Lucado gave was of a husband whose wife had had cancer for five years, and yet he was still by her side, feeding her, loving her, and taking care of her.

In contrast to the above, a minister friend of mine told me a story, before I started doing premarital counseling, about a woman who had come down with multiple sclerosis and whose ability to function was quickly deteriorating. Her husband was really struggling to deal with the changes in *his* life as well as in hers. As time went on and his wife's health continued to decline, his co-workers encouraged him to get on with his life by seeing another woman; and he soon did just that.

Although this man broke his wedding vows, which is very troubling in itself, the more disturbing fact to me is the acceptance, and even *encouragement*, he received from his co-workers, people who were not even emotionally involved in the situation. Worldly voices might whisper, "Oh, there's nothing more you can do for this person." But our wedding vows tell a different story--a story of Christ's commitment to us: that when we are sick, He will be by our side; when we are at our worst, He will forgive us; when we are poor, He will fill us with the richness of His love.

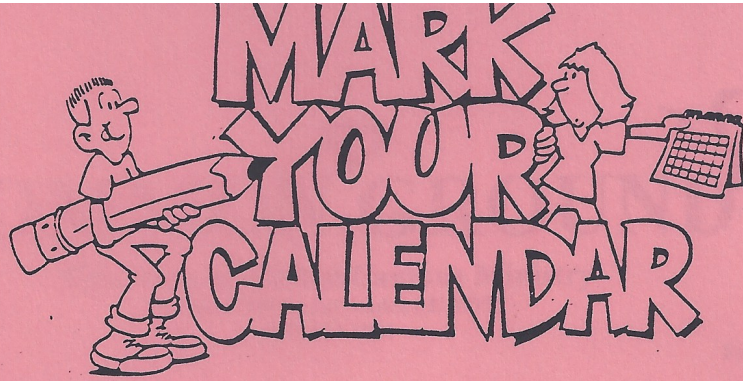
During this romantic season, I hope those of you who are unmarried will make a commitment to wait patiently for someone who is as committed to God as they are to you. Those of you who are married, I hope you will renew your commitment to each other and strive to grow in Christ's perfect love.

Dawn Moore

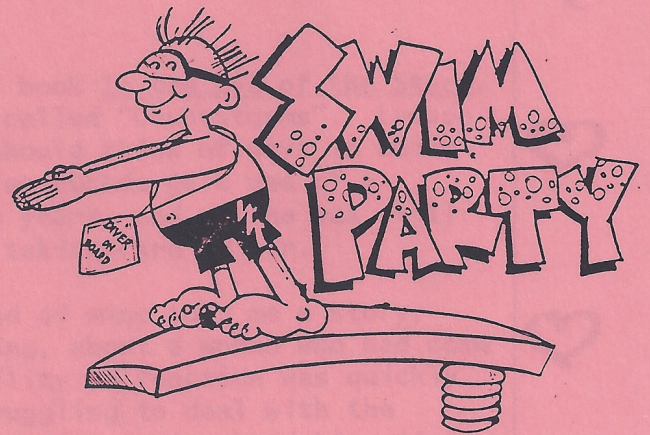
Don't forget about UCM's WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday--MUSIC at 4 P.M., UCM office
Tuesday--VESPERs at 7:30 P.M., Lola Tilly Commons Lounge
Wednesday--WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 7 P.M., 505 SAC
Thursday--LUNCH BUNCH at 1 P.M., 307 Gruening
Sunday--LEADERSHIP at 4 P.M., 307 Gruening





FRIDAY, Feb. 7 -- Take a nice break in your routine and come with us to Chena Hot Springs for a dip or a soak. Meet at UCM office at 6 P.M. for a ride. \$5 cost. Bring snacks! 



SUNDAY, Feb. 9 -- Lend your vocal talents to our SINGOUT at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Meet at UCM office at 9:45 A.M. for a ride. 



FRIDAY-SATURDAY, Feb. 21-22 -- Come along on a GRRREAT Spring Retreat at Lost Lake Camp. Subject is Missions; guest speaker Milo Thornberry of 1st Methodist. Cost is \$25. You'll receive a list later of things to bring. Meet at UCM office at 6 P.M. to caravan. This should be one of the neatest events of the semester, so PLEEZ try to come and enjoy! 

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