

# **COMMON GROUND**

# Newsletter of United Campus Ministry

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#### From The Director:

I was watching the movie "The Fugitive" last night, a movie which I truly enjoy, while Eryn was in the tub. About halfway through the movie, Eryn came out and was playing around me. I asked her mother, "Can you guys let me watch the rest of this movie?" So Clarice and Eryn played in her toy room, and every once in a while Eryn would come out to the living room and grab a book from beside the couch. At one point during the movie, I peeked over my pillow and said "Peekaboo!" to her, but she ignored me and went on about her business of picking a book. As she bent down and went out of sight, I had this image that when she raised back up she would be much older, maybe seven, maybe ten, maybe sixteen. I would love to say I'm a great dad and that I immediately turned off the TV and went to play with her and her mom; but instead, I continued to watch the movie. Although I did not respond to it that night, I believe the image I saw will help me to realize how important it is to spend time with my daughter; and how much the little things mean to her.

In Max Lucado's book, The Eye of the Storm, he states some principles to live by, one of them being "Make major decisions in a cemetery". In our lives, we often make decisions based on the moment, thinking that we will always have other moments to enjoy the sunshine, do what is right, or take time for our family. When I was in fourth grade, I had a teacher tell me, "Live today as if it were the last day of your life". In other words, we are only allotted so many "moments"; we should use them wisely, as if they were our last.

In Christ, Land

#### NOW

If you have hard work to do,
Do it now.
Today the skies are clear and blue.
Tomorrow clouds may come in view.
Yesterday is not for you;
Do it now.

If you have a song to sing,
Sing it now.
Let the notes of gladness ring
Clear as song of bird in spring.
Let every day some music bring;
Sing it now.

If you have kind words to say,
Say them now.
Tomorrow may not come your way.
Do a kindness while you may.
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now.

If you have a smile to show,

Show it now.

Make hearts happy; roses grow.

Let the friends around you know

The love you have before they go;

Show it now.



### LUNCH BUNCH MEETS ITS DEMISE

For those who might not have noticed, Lunch Bunch has officially been cancelled for the rest of this semester. Due to many problems with busy students' schedules, there was just not a large enough attendance to justify continuing the program. That's the bad news. Now for the good news! Lunch Bunch is being replaced by a new session of Bible Study which is now meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Sundays in 307 Gruening. We hope that this will prove to be a more convenient time for many of you to join us. See you there! And please keep in mind our many other WEEKLY EVENTS:

\*\*MONDAY: Music -- UCM office (306 Constitution), 4:00 P.M.

\*\*TUESDAY A.M.: Early morning prayer, UCM office, 6:00 A.M.

\*\*TUESDAY P.M.: Vespers, Lola Tilly Commons Lounge, 7:30 P.M.

\*\*WEDNESDAY: Women's Bible Study, 505 SAC, 7:00 P.M.

\*\*THURSDAY: Prayer Meeting, UCM office, 7:00 P.M.

\*\*SUNDAY: Leadership, 307 Gruening, 4:00 P.M.

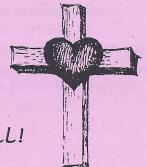
\*\*SUNDAY: Bible Study, 307 Gruening, 7:00 P.M.

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

\*\*THURSDAY, March 13 -- Young Couples Fellowship (including all married or engaged couples) will meet at David Moore's home at 6:00 P.M. for dinner and a special presentation on financial matters by Michel Scharff.

\*\*FRIDAY, March 14 thru TUESDAY, March 18 -- Here's something GRRREAT to do with your spring break! Join us for a trip to Willow, where we will be working with victims of last year's fires at Big Lake and also be spending some time with children at one of the churches. This is a wonderful chance to perform some needed service and enjoy the fellowship of UCM students. Cost is \$40. We will supply a list of things you need to bring. PLEASE LET DAVID KNOW BY MARCH 10 WHETHER YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO, so proper transportation plans can be made.

\*\*SUNDAY, March 30 -- Your special opportunity to commemorate Our Lord's crucifixion and the wondrous gift of His resurrection by worshipping at the church of your choice.



A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!