

# COMMON GROUND

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## Feel the Spirit Flow

Over this weekend we had a fantastic retreat! Everyone was amiable and we went with the flow. No matter how much going with the flow works for the good in my life, when I come to a snag in my plans I want to curse and fume and fuss. A million times God has told me "Be still and know that I am God." but my ability to trust is often challenged and I give into ranting and raving and the woe is me syndrome. (I spell it that way for a reason) because when we fly off the handle we are saying to God, "You can't handle this." Oh sure, you could part the Red Sea, turn water to wine and raise Lazarus from the dead but my problems... well they are too big for You and way too big for me. On Tuesday evening we got shuffled around a bit because of the Conference of Alaskans and we ended up meeting for Vespers back in the office. I was not very happy about the shuffle and my attitude was not the best. But I made a decision that it was a warm night and for Vespers we would take a walk. We gathered in the office shared our prayer concerns, prayed, and then took a wonderful walk around campus in the beautiful 40 degree weather with a chinook breeze blowing on us. It was a great time for me to relax, a great time for our group to fellowship by throwing snowballs and tossing each other in the snow. We returned to Constitution Hall for a wonderful time of visiting and enjoying the snacks that Molly Deming had brought for us.

So many times with God we put Him in a box and say, "God, this is how we must worship you." But God is to be worshiped anywhere and everywhere. In all that we do and in all that we say and in all that we are. Please take on your problems this week realizing that the warm refreshing wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing on you and that God wants you to take a walk with Him today and every-day, and that whatever problem you have, it is never too great for you and God together.

Go With God,  
David

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**MONDAY: "Lunch Bunch"** --Have a free lunch with friends in the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall) Drop in anytime between 11:30 and 1:30pm.

**MONDAY: Music Ministry** -- Come to the office **at a new time, 11:30am**, to sing, play guitar or just listen as we practice the music for Tuesday's Vespers service.

**TUESDAY: VESPERS**--Come join us for an informal worship service held upstairs in the **Wood Center Room E & F** every **Tuesday night at 7:30 PM**. It's a great opportunity in the middle of your busy week to "take time out" for God!

**THURSDAY: DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY**--is what's happening on Thursday evenings this Fall. **Meet at the UCM office at 5:30PM** and we will head over to the Moore's for a fine home cooked meal. This semester we will continue to study the book of Acts.

**SUNDAY: LEADERSHIP**--will meet **Sunday at 6PM**. We will be focusing on serving the group and caring for others. We are looking for a few good leaders...so come with your positive outlook and ideas.

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

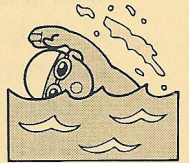
**Day of Prayer and Fasting: February 19th** On Thursday February 19th we will have a day of prayer and fasting for our campus and our group. I hope that all of you will participate in some way. We hope to have 10 hours of continued prayer in the office and each of you can sign up for a 30 minute time slot. We will break our fast Thursday evening at Dinner and Bible study.



**Working at the Food Bank Distribution Table, February 21st** On Saturday, February 21, we will meet at the office at 10:30am and head over to the Food Bank to assist with food distribution. We will also be carrying food out to cars so dress appropriately.

**Saturday, February 28th: Game Day at the Pioneer Home.** We need 5 volunteers including 1 or 2 drivers. Meet at the office at 1:30 and the games will begin at 2pm.

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:** We will meet at the office at 1pm and go to **Chena Hot Springs** for an afternoon swim in sub zero temperatures. After swimming we will eat at the Trails End Lounge and return to campus about 9pm. The cost is \$15 plus what you eat at the restaurant.



**Friday, March 12-16: Spring Break Extravaganza III** We will head down to Chugiak and Girdwood for some service, some singing, and some skiing. Cost is \$125.00 if you don't ski and \$175 if you want to ski. This has been a great trip the past two years and should be another wonderful excursion.



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