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These lyrics by Mercy Me rang through my head and heart last week quite a few times. Once was on our fall retreat as I asked students to make a list of the things they needed to get done, and then make a list of scriptures that would sustain them through these tasks. In the quiet sanctuary of 1st Methodist Church as I jotted my scriptures the words rained down on me.

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For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12) The word of God is alive and is the spirit of truth. We should read it, study it, and live by it. On Tuesday Night at Vespers we did a similar activity reading Philipians 4 and picking out our favorite verses. Again the words of Mercy Me spoke to my heart as more than 25 people silently scoured the scripture to find their favorite verse. Over and over again I am reminded of the power of God's Word. That it is a light unto our feet guiding us down the path of life beside quiet waters. Take some time each day to immerse yourself in God's word, letting it cleanse your soul, clear your mind and bring peace to your heart!

~David~

Student Testimony by Jess Morris

"I love creating characters. Creating them for comics, novels, and background work. I like to spend months, even years thinking about every aspect of them, from physical appearance down to the little quirks that make them unique and give them their unique personalities. It made me think about God in a different light. I sometimes wonder why He created people the way they are. Sometimes I even wonder why He created me the way I am. Or why He created at all. But God is a glorious artist as well. He spent a lot of time on the "drawing board" himself with each one of us, coming up with our physical appearances and our little quirks and equipping us with skills that can be used for His glory. He crafted each of us into a unique piece of art and He found it to be good. So if you're wondering why God created, or gave you little quirks that you never seem to understand, remember that you are a beautiful work of art "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) and He not only spent a lot of time to create you, He paid a great price to buy you back."

-Jess



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UPCOMING UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Worship is at 7:30 pm in the Lounge above Lola Tilly Commons. We call this worship service Vespers (meaning an evening worship service). The service consists of singing, student testimony, a short message, and a time of quiet reflection. This is a great mid-week pick-me-up.

Thursday Evening Dinners! Every Thursday we will meet at the United Campus Ministry office at 5:30 pm and head over to the Moore's for dinner. For Bible Study this semester we will be doing a study of Nehemiah.

Fall Fundraiser Dinner: Saturday, October 8th is our annual Fundraiser Dinner.

We will meet at the UCM office at 5:30pm and head to the Fairbanks Princess Lodge. Join us for a sit down dinner and entertainment in the Jade Room. The evening will include singing, a slideshow, student testimonies, and door prizes. If you have any questions feel free to contact the UCM office about this event. Come join us for an evening of fun.

Annie: Friday, October 28th, we will be watching "Little Orphan Annie" being performed by the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre. We will meet at the office at **6pm** to make the seven o'clock showing at Hering Auditorium. The cost is \$10.00. Bring some friends and we all will support the theatre community. "It's only a day away"...well, maybe a couple of days.