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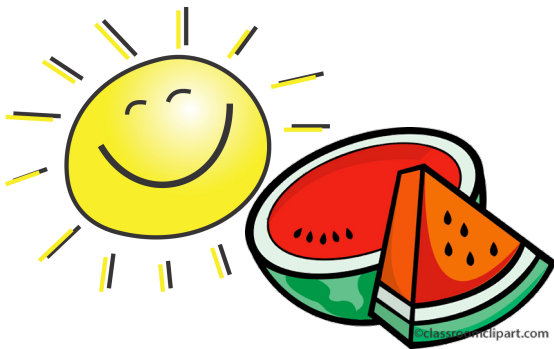


April/May 2014

The Future in Question

Joshua 24:15

Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."



"So what are your plans after graduation?" I stare out the car window last summer, slightly stunned and not quite sure how to answer my atheist boss in the seat next to me. Usually I tell people "I'm waiting to see what God wants me to do", but I know that won't go over well. A safe answer would be "I'm not sure yet." but it feels wrong to leave God out of the picture.

As a Christian I sometimes feel like I'm playing "catch 22". God constantly reassures me that I don't have to worry (Matthew 6:25-34) that he has planned out my future (Jeremiah 29:11) and will always be there with me (Romans 8:38-39), but I know he also

expects me to do my part. I shouldn't sit on my hands and expect God will drop everything in my lap, but feeling the need to micromanage my life is probably taking things a little far. I don't believe there is a universal answer to this question; I think it is one of many things we work out individually with God through prayer and contemplation. It helps when we have Christian friends or family members who understand our faith in Christ and can support and encourage us in our walk.

Inevitably though, we face the question what are OUR plans? This isn't just a question of what we are working towards; it's also a question of whose plans we are following. God has given us the freedom to choose not only the path we walk but also the chance to acknowledge His role in our life. As Believers we can fearlessly declare our future has been entrusted to Christ.

-Bethany McMilin





UPCOMMING UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Worship Every Tuesday at 7PM in **Brooks Building Room 302**. We call this worship service Vespers (evening worship service). Vespers consists of singing, student testimony, a short message, and a time of quiet reflection. The last Vespers for the year will be held **April 29th**.

Thursday Lunch Bunch will be meeting at the United Campus Ministry office (306 Constitution Hall) every Thursday from 1PM-1:50 PM. This semester we will continue our study of the book of John. Feel free to bring your own lunch; we will provide cookies, milk, and Ramen. The last Bible Study for spring semester is May 1st

Annual UCM Thank You Dinner! On Sunday, April 6th, UCM will be having its annual "thank you" lasagna dinner at 6:PM at University Community Presbyterian Church. We'll begin setting up at 4:pm (moving chairs, cooking food, setting up the projector, etc.) at the church. If you would like to help with set up you can either meet us at the church (located next to Beaver Sports) or a group will be walking down from the UCM office at 3:40pm.

Kiva! Thursday April 10th we will meet at the UCM office at 1PM and do Kiva. Kiva is an interest free loan program that lets us make microloans to people across the globe. These loans are usually \$25 and can provided individuals with the capital they need to start a business, send their kids to school and more.

Volunteering @ the Food Bank Saturday April 19th we will be volunteering at the local food bank putting together boxes for people in need. If you would like to come with us we will meet at the UCM office at 11:00AM and head over, we should be done around 2PM. Afterwards we will go out to eat at a local restaurant so we should get back to campus by 3:30PM. Lunch is on Us!

End of the Year Cook Out! Friday May 2nd we will meet at the UCM office at 5:30PM and head to David's house for our annual cookout (complete with games) to celebrate spring and the end of the semester. Please come join us for this awesome event. If you would like to meet us directly at David's house we will be starting dinner around 6PM, let us know if you need directions.

