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Make a list and check it twice!

Today I'm going to write about my message last night at Vespers and also some things I heard about President Lincoln as I went to sleep last night. (My wife always loves it when I run two thoughts together, we'll see how this goes.)

Last night at Vespers I shared about juggling things and how the semester is getting busier and busier. I encouraged students to make lists or to get a day planner and write down what needs to get done, and to get it done. I am sending this out as part of the newsletter because of the importance of this wisdom. I highly encourage you all to have a plan for getting things accomplished over the next six weeks. As we enter November and get into December projects, papers, and tests (Oh My) will add up, so starting in October with a plan is a good idea.

Now for a couple notes on Lincoln. One of the things that

struck me from the documentary I was listening to was that Lincoln did not enter office as the "Great Emancipator," but he grew into that role. Even Lincoln, was not born great but through facing the challenges of his time he became one of our most respected presidents. I realize you are not encountering the trials of Lincoln, but I encourage you to grow over the next six weeks. Know that we are not perfect but strive to do better, be better and live better. One more point about Lincoln; he is the leader who gave us our Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that as you are growing, making lists and crossing things off that you will take time to thank God for getting things done and the good He has given you. Many blessings to you all; finish the semester strong.

David



UPCOMING UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS

Wednesday Evening Worship Every Wednesday at 7:30PM 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.

Sunday Dinner and Bible Study Meet us at the United Campus Ministry office (306 Constitution Hall) every Sunday at 5:30PM, where we'll carpool out to the Moore's house for a dinner, bible study, and fellowship.

Thanksgiving Prep: Wednesday, November 22nd, Help UCM get ready for our Thanksgiving meal. We will be preparing the casseroles, mashed potatoes, ect. And we could always use a few extra hands. We'll meet at the UCM office at 6:30pm and then head out to the Moore's house to finish the prep work. Vespers will be canceled for this week.

Thanksgiving Celebration: Thursday, November 23rd, everyone is invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with UCM! We will be having a full thanksgiving meal, go for a walk, eat desserts, and hang out together. We will meet at the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall) at Noon on Thanksgiving Day and then carpool over to the Moore house to celebrate.

Care Package Packaging: Sunday, December 3rd, instead of our usual Bible Study we will be helping to put together finals care packages as a service project for UCM. Join as at 5:30pm to assemble the packages, clean up, and then go out to eat at a local restaurant.

Caroling and Christmas Party: Friday, December 8th, UCM will be spreading the holiday cheer by caroling at the Pioneer Retirement home. Afterwards we will be having our annual UCM Christmas party and White elephant gift exchange. Just bring an appropriate wrapped gift that is \$5 or less to join in the exchange. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. We will meet at the UCM office at 5:45pm and carpool for the caroling and Christmas party. (Wrapping paper is available for use at the UCM office)

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