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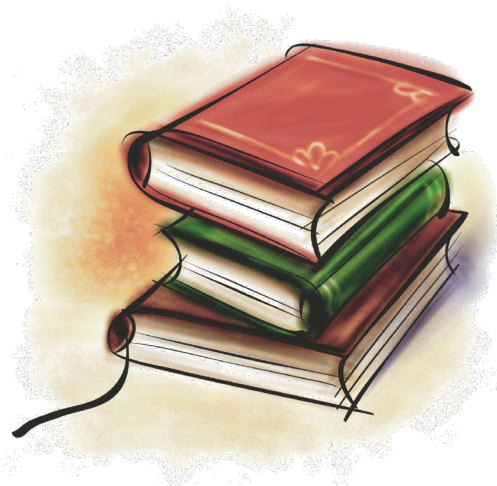
## **Reading Challenges!**

As director of United Campus Ministry I am often reading the Bible preparing for Vespers, Bible Study, and Retreats but as of late I have been gathering more and more reading challenges. I am reading through Psalms with a student, reading through the Bible with my Daughter, Eryn, and reading through John with our Leadership group as well as doing the usual reading for our weekly activities. I am enjoying it so far although it may become difficult as things get busier. Reading is a good way to renew my mind, filling my soul with the word of God. If we want to change ourselves we must realize that what we put into our minds either has a positive or a negative effect. I listen to K -Love a lot of the time on the radio, its theme "Positive Encouraging" is a place where I want to be.

With schoolwork it is the same thing. You have to fill your mind with the things you need to learn. I know that some class content is not what you want to fill your mind with but you have to do what you have to do. It is important that you fill your mind

with the information as many ways as you can. Read and Reread the text, go to class and actually listen to the lectures, take notes, study the notes. Do the homework! Daily practice helps you to stay on top of things. Go to the study sessions and quiz your professor out about where the test material will come from (Lectures, Quizzes, Textbook). Again I know that it is hard in some classes to "get into it" but the more you apply yourself the more you learn the better grade you will receive.

In both of these pursuits have a goal, set aside time to study and time to spend with God. Fill your life with good things with learning, with discipline and with the Spirit of God. ~David



### **UPCOMING UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS**

**Chena Hot Springs Trip** - Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the UCM office at 5:30PM and head out to Chena Hot-Springs for a relaxing evening under the stars. We should be back to campus around 11PM. The cost for this event is \$10; please bring a swimsuit, towel, and change for a locker (~\$1 worth of quarters). You can eat beforehand or we will prepare sandwiches and have fruit in the office.

**Fall Fundraiser Dinner** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> annual F.F.D. will be held at 6:30PM at Raven Landing located at 949 McGown Street. Students are asked to either meet at 5:30PM in the UCM office for rides or to meet us at Raven Landing at 6PM. There will be a delicious dinner, amazing slideshow, testimonies, door prizes and more. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

**Tuesday Evening Worship** is at 7PM in 103 of the Brooks Building. (Enter the front door of the building and go down one flight of stairs, the room will be on the right.) 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. (Starts September 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Thursday Bible Study** every Thursday from 1-1:50 PM. We meet at the United Campus Ministry office. This semester we will be studying the book of John. Feel free to bring your own lunch; we will provide cookies and milk.

**UCM Music** starts Monday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Come join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord and prepare to lead worship on Tuesdays. We meet at 4:30 each Monday in the UCM office. Singers, Musicians, drummers, all are welcome!

Call the UCM office at 474-7804 or email us at [office@uafucm.org](mailto:office@uafucm.org) if you have any questions!