

Campus Students for Christ

at Western Illinois University

July 2016



First Fall Retreat
2008



Artwork for the
new building



Levi turned 3
in June!



Baptism Celebration
2009



The Reynolds and the Zanollas

Farewell from Kristen

The Reynolds family is about to start a new adventure! Brandon has been offered an amazing teaching job in LeRoy, IL so we moved to the Bloomington area at the end of July. June 30th was officially my last day on staff at CSC. We are, of course, sad to be leaving, but are excited for this new chapter in our lives. I am especially excited to be so much closer to my family. We have seen God working throughout this time and feel at peace and confident in this decision.

I have loved these eight years on staff at CSC. Investing in and serving alongside the students and staff has been one of the great joys of my life. I am so grateful to Barry and the Board of Directors for taking a chance on an unknown person who is desperately afraid of public speaking. Thank you for allowing and encouraging me to minister here, even though I do not fit the normal role of "minister." I have been able to work within my giftedness while being encouraged to grow outside my comfort zone. My time here has been painfully challenging at times, and overwhelmingly rewarding at others. It has been an amazing eight years and I look

forward to watching and hearing how God continues to work in the lives of students through this ministry. We will continue to pray for you and ask that you pray for us as we make this transition.



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Hello! Hola! Salut! 여보세요! Hallo! Ciao! Olá! 你好

by Avery Le' Jeune, Intercultural Minister

As a Campus Students for Christ Alumni who graduated in 2013, I have firsthand knowledge of how CSC disciples students to be leaders in Christ's body. When I started the job with just two weeks left in the semester I fully expected to be "that guy" whom no one knew or cared to get to know so late in the semester. However, God and the current student body have blown me away with opportunity after opportunity to get to know students and serve them in many ways. I have had the opportunity to meet with international students for billiards, board games, and blizzards; what a treat. I joined a Wednesday night small group's final meeting of the semester to go bowling, I was blessed with the task of repairing a leaky sink, and I mingled with students at exam stacks 'til nearly midnight. I have to say that there has been no shortage of opportunity and it already feels as if I fit right back into the ministry, albeit in a different role!

When I joined CSC as a student back in 2010, I was just beginning to really live out my faith in Christ. In coming to Western from the small town of Carthage I was to encounter many things that would challenge and shape my faith, especially because I double majored in Philosophy and Religious Studies. It is impossible to overstate the value of the strong encouragement and guidance from the CSC staff and student body at the place that I called home for three years (apartment 5 rocks). I am excited and honored to have the responsibility of providing the same encouragement and guidance for other students looking to find their way in an entirely new world.

Speaking of entirely new worlds, as Intercultural Minister at CSC it will be my job to help international students adjust to a world that is radically different from their own. In doing so there are two roles that I would like to emphasize. The first is that I will seek to build bridges between our domestic students and our international students. Leviticus 19:34 reads, "The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God." As Christians we know what it means to live as "aliens" in a foreign world. My desire is that we would learn to love these students as Christ Himself loves us, and so we shall seek to know them, meet their needs, and build lasting relationships with them. Secondly, in doing so, we aim to fulfill the great commission found in Matthew 28. While we earnestly seek to help international students in their physical need, we eagerly seek to help them eternally. Many of our students from foreign lands will have their very first opportunity to experience Christianity and to hear the life saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Our real goal is to share this with them. I ask that you will partner with us and pray for us as we seek to serve not only our international students but our God and Father.

Imagine Campaign

July 2016 Progress Report

Total On Hand	\$600,000 needed	Total with Pledges
600k	The building process began in April 2015	600k
500k	Started with \$100,000 on hand in October 2013	500k
400k	The WICEA Board of Directors pledged over \$100,000 and has given over \$70,000 to date	400k
300k	Over \$390,000 total has been collected	300k
200k	Money collected plus money pledged totals over \$425,000	200k
100k		100k

Financial Report

Budget: July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016
Received: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

	Budget:	Received:	
Churches:	\$56,500	\$51,436.80	91%
Individuals:	\$51,900	\$56,978.10	110%
Rent Income:	\$65,000	\$60,040.13	92%
WICEA Building Fund:	\$23,000	\$30,632.91	133%
General Building Fund:	\$77,000	\$130,785.74	170%

Memorial gifts were received in honor of Jimmy McGath and Jeff Szymkoski. Jimmy passed away on April 17, 2016 and Jeff passed on May 14, 2016.



You can now make a donation using PayPal! If you would be interested in learning how to give donations electronically, please contact the CSC staff.

The CSC & Lamoine Camp Golf Benefit is September 10th at WIU's Harry Mussatto Golf Course in Macomb. Contact Barry Reed to register your team.

Connect with us...

Follow us on Facebook by joining the "Campus Students for Christ Alumni and Friends" page. Stay up to date on the latest progress of the new building and what our students and alumni are up to.

If you know students coming to WIU, be sure to refer them to our "Campus Students for Christ" page where they will get invites to all our events and connect with other current students.

Alumni Updates

Weddings:

- Jacob Balson married Amanda DeBrocke on April 1.
- Will and Kelsi Printy were married on April 23.
- Eric Kamenjarin married Sydney DePasquale on June 3, and became daddy to Ayva (3.5) and Braylin (2).
- Chase Gaumer and Chloe Simmons were married on June 5.
- Angelica Markey and Cullen Hoenig were married on June 18.
- Lindsey Havens and Zac Prunty were married on June 24.
- Caleb Markey and Michelle (Stone) were married on July 9.
- Marlaina Haberman and Randy Lindgren were married on July 23.

Future CSCers:

- Elizabeth Carin born on April 1 to Drew & Emily (Wollbrink) Hendricker.
- Ruthie Jean born on April 27 to Jeremy & Kim (Rushton) Heavey.
- Alvin Charles born on May 5 to Finley & Emily (Callaway) Edwards.
- Jaden Lewis born on May 19 to Garrett & Rachel (Shriver) Asher.
- Asa born on May 29 to Luke & Sokha (Seng) Smith.
- Josiah James born on June 2 to Scott & Laurie (Sanders) Cowser.
- Adam Uriah born on June 6 to Bryan & Erin (Callaway) Blakemore.
- Caroline Lida born on June 23 to Karsten & Rachel (Jeffers) Storms.
- Lucie Charlotte born on July 8 to Andrew & Melanie (Novak) Derry.
- Austin Anderson born on July 18 to Matthew & Valerie (Ward) Butler.

Keep us updated! Please email your happy news to barry@wiucsc.org and we will be sure to include it!

YES! We are planning to attend the Imagine Celebration on September 18, 2016.

Please call with any **additions** or **deletions** to this R.S.V.P. by September 9.

Name: _____ Total # of reservations: _____

Email: _____

Although we cannot attend the reception, we wish to support the ministry as the Lord has led us:

\$ _____ one time gift to general fund

\$ _____ one time gift to new building fund

\$ _____ per _____ commitment to general fund

\$ _____ per _____ commitment to new building fund

Please tear off this portion of the newsletter and return in the enclosed envelope.

You are also welcome to email your reservation to barry@wiucsc.org.

IMAGINE



CSC hosted WIU's Summer ESL program in July.



Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Sunday, September 18, 2016 4-7 PM

Campus Students for Christ, 1545 Riverview Dr. Macomb, IL

Brief program and ribbon cutting at 5:30 PM with guest speakers: Charles Ferguson, WIU President Jack Thomas and more.

"Not your typical Harvest Banquet" This event will be a casual reception time for guests to come and go, sit or stand, enjoy some HyVee catering, bounce houses, and tour the new (and old) facilities. Child care is not provided as this will be a casual, family-friendly atmosphere. An offering will be received.

Reservations are needed by Friday, September 9.



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