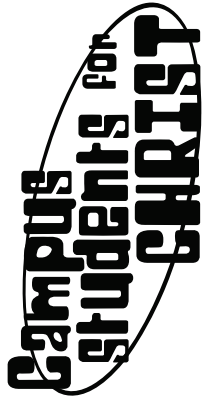


NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
MACOMB, IL
61455
PERMIT #56

HARVEST BANQUET 2021 DETAILS INSIDE



Western Illinois Campus
Evangelism Association
1545 Riverview Drive
Macomb, IL 61455

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



My name is Priscilla Ofei-Manu, and I was one of the student leaders that heads the prayer ministry at CSC. Coming to the United States from the country I used to reside in was quite a hassle. The pandemic was still rampant when I landed in the US in September 2020. Before this, I had gone through online interview sessions with Avery and was very excited to live in an apartment owned by a Christian ministry. My arrival was late in the night, but Mary Bjelica, who was my next-door neighbor at the time, welcomed me so well (shout out to my girl). After my two-week quarantine, which was total bliss for a loner like myself, I was able to meet the students and staff that were involved in CSC.



Priscilla is a grad student at WIU!

I would say among the many events held at CSC, Testimony Night has been one of the most powerful that I have attended. Testimony Nights are held once every semester. It is an event where people involved in CSC share their life testimonies. These could be how they met Christ, how Jesus delivered them from situations and addictions, or their most recent experience with God in their daily lives. I grew up in different churches including Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Reformed, you name it. I have seen the different dynamics that exist in churches that emphasize different parts of Biblical theology. I grew up in a country with a culture that avoids shame and I saw that seeping into the churches in the land. It was a rare thing to see a church member being transparent and further experiencing the act of giving grace to those who admitted their wrong or their dark past. This is why I found the event quite intriguing. Students would openly admit their past before Christ and frankly confess particular sins and addictions they struggled with.

Revelation 12:11 says "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...." I tend to emphasize spiritual warfare and intimacy with Christ in the secret place to overcome obstacles but not so much the latter part: sharing problems and/or testimonies with others. Testimony Night was an event that indeed acted out this portion of scripture. Another excellent aspect of this event is how relatable it is for students. CSC is a campus ministry where university students are at the center. Speaking from my own experience, there is a greater degree of conviction and impact made when you see people of the same age group confessing sins they had to wrestle through and boldly proclaim the mercy of God. The detailed information testified enables students who are going through similar situations to first, know that they are not alone, second, that Jesus is always ready to save no matter how much one has fallen, and finally that transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit is indeed possible and available as long as one is willing to repent.

There have been other experiences and opportunities at CSC that enabled me to grow as a Christian and as an individual. I am excited for what the Lord has for me in the second year of my stay at CSC.

FROM THE DIRECTOR AND PREVIOUS STAFF

"Dear friends and partners, Please join us for our last annual Harvest Banquet this year on November 13th. We will be changing up the way we do things in the future but would love to say goodbye to our annual Harvest Banquet with a bang! We will be switching to a spring open house starting spring of 2023, more details to follow. The Lord has been so good! Help us to celebrate His mercy and blessings."

-Avery Le'Jeune

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" Says the Psalmist in Psalm 150:6. Oh what a Great and Merciful God we serve. God has been faithful by providing me the opportunity to live in Macomb and to be a part of CSC as a Resident Assistant.

God has taught me a lot of things during the past 3 years in all areas of my life. He shaped my mind here in such a way that it would impact the rest of my life. He provided me opportunities to serve students here, participate in various mission trips and fun activities. God placed the desire in my heart to serve him by serving his children not only by helping them when they need but most importantly to share the Gospel and my testimony to them. During the last few months, my life has shifted a 90-degree angle and God provided me an opportunity to pursue the M. Div. program at The Master's Seminary in California. People at CSC have a special place in my heart. Even though it is hard to move from a place you like and leave the people you love, I believe as the Bible says that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose". Thank you all for your encouragement and support during my stay here, and please continue to pray for me as I take the next step in my life.

-Paul Kusuma (Previous CSC Resident Director)

Students at the 2021 Fall Retreat enjoying worship around the campfire



Students playing cards at Birthday Cake night after Wednesday small groups

Avery Le'Jeune, Sarah Le'Jeune, Alicia Dickerson, and Lindy Manuel in Quito, Ecuador with Oscar Aguirre, some Pan de Vida staff, and a family



OTHER HAPPENINGS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal year is July 1-June 30

	As of Sep. 2021	Budgeted
Church gifts:	\$12,017.99	\$58,000
Individual:	\$8,203.69	\$76,000
Rent Income:	\$10,447.90	\$33,000
Building Fund Accumulated Total Balance:	\$20	

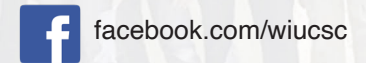
STAY CONNECTED

Office Phone - 309-837-4787

Avery Le'Jeune - Director of Ministries - avery@wiucsc.org
 Alicia Dickerson - Associate Minister - alicia@wiucsc.org
 Jesse Patton - Associate Minister - jesse@wiucsc.org



@wiucsc



facebook.com/wiucsc



paypal.me/cschrist

Campus Students for Christ celebrates the

Last Annual Harvest Banquet
November 13th, 2021, from 6-8 PM

CSC Auditorium
 (1545 Riverview Drive)

The meal will be an Italian buffet.
 A love offering will be received.

Please submit the enclosed RSVP or email cs-christ@wiu.edu

by November 8th.