

GRF news

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GREETINGS!

We're off to a great start this semester. Our effectiveness in the Spring is closely linked to how we started the year in the fall. In campus ministry, you have six weeks (mid-august through September) to win or lose. If things start well and the right kids are involved, then

things will carry you through the entire school year. College students are like plains animals—they *travel in herds*. Having the right kind of student leadership is essential to a vibrant and growing campus ministry. This year has been exceptional in that regard.

WEEKLY MEETING

Our weekly meeting continues to go well. The singing, teaching and fellowship have been excellent. This meeting is an opportunity for many students who don't ordinarily get together, to rub shoulders. Students from UI, NSA, WSU, LCSC and a few high school seniors make up the crowd. And while the majority of the kids are familiar to us, we do occasionally have visitors.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

We had excellent student attendance at a men's leadership conference with Dave Kraft, from Mars Hill ministries. While college students are primarily in a learning rather than a leading mode, there are plenty of opportunities to lead



while in college. Dave Kraft emphasized the importance of being faithful in the little things as preparation for greater responsibilities later in life. This was a very apt charge for the young men.



CRF "PRE-SPRING" PARTY *at the 1912 CENTER*

CAMPUS EVANGELISM

This semester we invited Kirk Brower, Campus Crusade Director and elder at Bridge Bible Fellowship, to teach a Bible study on campus evangelism. Kirk is a campus evangelist and it seeps out of his pores. He exhorted us all to ask God for a passion for the lost which would compel us to befriend and genuinely care for the non-believers around us. This has been faithfully attended by 15-20 students. We're all looking for opportunities to put it into practice.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Our small groups are going well. We have well over one hundred students involved. Nancy Wilson, Meredith Wilson, Laura Gray and Deb Blakey are all leading or overseeing nine different small groups for the college gals. Along with the three Sheepdog



groups, there are seven other studies for college guys, including one over at WSU. It's great to have a presence at WSU again.

SHEEPDOGS

The Sheepdogs are an amazing group of young men. These are the guys that constitute the bulk of the student-leadership of CRF. Much of what's going on simply would not be happening without these guys. My time with them is focused on leadership development, personal

ministry skills and basic wisdom issues. These guys are the future leaders of the church. It's a privilege for me to mentor them for a short time.



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FROM YOU

Collegiate Reformed Fellowship was one of the most defining experiences during my time as a student at the University of Idaho. It was through CRF, for example, that I was first introduced to the Reformed faith, and its weekly, on-campus meetings, Bible studies, apologetics courses, and mature Christian fellowship helped me not merely survive, but positively to flourish in my faith while attending a secular university.

Later, CRF's "Sheepdogs" and campus-ministry internship programs provided further invaluable experience in such things as leading Bible studies and evangelizing non-believers. In college I had the opportunity to participate in a number of fruitful college ministries, but CRF is truly unique in its goal and success in proclaiming Christ's Lordship over all things, including the "secular" academy.

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A NEW WEBSITE!

After many months of labor and head-scratching, we've finally put together a website which will hopefully bring us into the twenty-first century. We're planning to add much more to it, but it's up and running. Check it out at:

WWW.CHRISTKIRK.COM/CRF

Until next time... **Matt Gray**

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