

CRF News

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GREETINGS *from* MOSCOW!

Welcome to *CRF News*. *CRF News* is a newsletter designed to keep you abreast of student ministry at Christ Church (CC) and Trinity Reformed Church (TRC). It's not exhaustive, but it is informative and hopefully, edifying. We have approximately 300 college-aged young adults attending our services. This represents a significant part of our community.

Yet among this 300 there is much diversity. Students from UI, NSA, WSU and LCSC, as well as college-aged non-students from all over the country are among us. This represents a lot of souls and a lot of energy. We kick off each school year with our fall BBQ at the Gray residence (see photos). This year we feasted on Fat Jack's BBQ brisket and had a jolly time welcoming the students back.



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WHAT IS CRF?

COLLEGIATE REFORMED FELLOWSHIP is the campus ministry of CC and TRC in Moscow, Idaho. Our goal is to see students grow in their faith and get established in a lifestyle and a trajectory toward maturity. We also desire to proclaim the Christian worldview to the

university population and the surrounding communities. CRF is not an independent ministry. All our activities are supplemental to the teaching and shepherding ministry of CC & TRC. Students involved with CRF are regularly reminded that the most important student ministry takes place at Lord's Day worship.



CRF WEEKLY MEETING



Christian students together and exhort them to grow and walk faithfully with the Lord. We exhort students to pursue a godly lifestyle that is in stark contrast to the world and that invites questions from onlookers. Secondly, our weekly meeting establishes a strategic beach-head in a stronghold of unbelief.

CRF has been a recognized student organization at UI since 1995. Since that time, we've maintained a regular presence on campus through our weekly meeting. This meeting has a two-fold purpose. First, it's to gather

From this beach-head we declare the Lordship of Christ over all things. We preach the Word and sing His battle songs in defiance of the prevailing secularism on campus. In the early years we averaged ten to twenty students at these meetings. Through the years it has consistently grown, with attendance over 100 for the first four weeks of the semester. This is our largest and most visible event.



SHEEPDOGS: COLLEGE MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

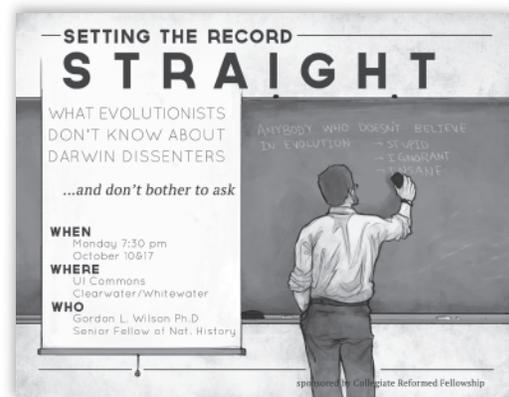


YOUNG CHRISTIAN MEN need encouragement and accountability. Some need the basics of the faith reinforced. Some need to hear what they've already heard, but from a different voice. Some need opportunities to serve with their hands. Others need to be exhorted and equipped to minister to their peers. The Sheepdogs ministry targets these things. This fall there are twenty-four young men in three Sheepdog groups. In these groups they pray, memorize Scripture, and work through a series of Bible studies prepared by Mr. Gray. The goal is for the Sheepdogs then to team up in groups of two or three, and lead other student Bible studies through the same material.

So far there are eight other studies led by the Sheepdogs. They also volunteer some of their time to serve the church and community. Recently, we gathered, split and delivered several cords of firewood. They'll also be involved in leaf-raking, snow shoveling and other projects usually organized by Sabbath House. *The glory of young men is their strength. Prov. 20:29*

EVANGELISM

IN OUR CAMPUS evangelism efforts, we've found it helpful to link arms with the local UI CRU ministry. Kirk Brower, CRU director, is providing some evangelistic training for our students through a 6-week evangelism course. This has been well-attended and very encouraging, providing helpful insight in how to sincerely befriend non-believers and how to find common ground that might connect to the Gospel. We also have Dr. Gordon Wilson and Dr. Mitch Stokes lined up to speak at our weekly meeting on topics aimed at reaching the secular scientific community (see calendar). Our goal is to have dozens of UI science majors and even professors in attendance. These



events always bring about lively discussion. We're also participating in an outreach toward international students. Later this month we'll be joining Sabbath House in sponsoring a trip to an orchard to pick apples and make hand-pressed cider.



COLLEGE WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

The college women's ministry is off to a great start. Laurie Gray and Deb Blakey are working through the book of Philippians with 14 gals who are in turn leading other college women's groups. The college gals are involved in other areas of ministry as well. Many are involved with nursing home visitation and assisting young families in with baby-sitting, house cleaning and shopping.

STUDENT HOSPITALITY LUNCHESES:

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6. / SIGN UP AT CHURCH!

EVERY SEMESTER we encourage broader student involvement in the life of the church by organizing what we call student hospitality lunches. This is a structured event where students are invited in groups of two to eight

to have Sunday lunch/dinner with a family from the church. This semester we'll be doing this Sunday, Nov. 6. Students and host families can sign up at church.

WEEKLY MEETING CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC/EVENT	LOCATION
AUGUST 22	DOUG WILSON	College Life Culture	Whitewater
AUGUST 29	BEN MERKLE	Evangelism at Your Doorstep	Whitewater
SEPTEMBER 5	DOUG WILSON	CRF Labor Day Bash	Wilson's
SEPTEMBER 12	RUSTY OLPS	Mercy Ministry	Whitewater
SEPTEMBER 19	TBA	TBA	WSU
SEPTEMBER 26	TOBY SUMPTER	Wisdom in the Details	Whitewater
OCTOBER 3	MATT MEYER	International Student Ministry	Whitewater
OCTOBER 10	GORDON WILSON	Creation vs. Evolution	Whitewater
OCTOBER 17	GORDON WILSON	Creation vs. Evolution	Whitewater
OCTOBER 24	PATCH BLAKEY	Honoring your Parents	Whitewater
OCTOBER 31	DOUG WILSON	Entertainment Standards	Whitewater
NOVEMBER 7	NATE WILSON	"Tilt-A-Whirl" Forum	WSU
NOVEMBER 14	PETER LEITHART	Song of Solomon	Whitewater
NOVEMBER 21		Thanksgiving week	
NOVEMBER 28	MITCH STOKES	The Limits of Scientific Knowledge	Whitewater
TBA		CRF Skating Party	Palouse Ice Rink

MONDAYS, 7:30 PM



THANKS!

Being in a small town with a major university provides unique opportunities for ministry. There is much more going on than what I've mentioned in this newsletter. I'm very grateful for the student-friendly congregations of CC and TRC. Until next time...

Matt Gray

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