

Christian Student Fellowship

March 2011

Spring Break 2011

Katy Riley

It's that time again; Spring Break is just around the corner! WOO HOO!!! This year we will be taking around 20 CSFers to Paintsville, Kentucky from March 21-26th. Yes, it is somewhere different this year but we are excited to be trying something new. We will be helping with home repairs, remodeling, wheelchair ramps, community buildings and churches, as well as helping with an after school program in the area. We are also doing a supplies drive that we will take down to KY to help with the Appalachia Field Needs. If you are asking yourself, "What can I do to help this year?" Number one is to pray. Pray for Kentucky, pray for the families and communities we are going to be working with, pray for God to work through the CSFers on this trip as we travel. Number two is to support us financially. This year it will cost \$350 each and for 20 to go it will cost \$7000 total. Each year is an encouragement that God is in control because we always raise enough money to take everyone, including those who sometimes can't afford it. Third is to help us is to donate to our supplies drive for the Appalachia Field. The website is: http://www.crossroadsmissions.com/new/field_tripnews.php?Field=Appalachia and if you are unsure what we already have then check our Facebook event entitled, "CSF SPRING BREAK 2011!!!!" We will keep the list up to date as supplies come in. And lastly, pray. There is no such thing as too much prayer. Paul says in Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart." Here we come Kentucky!!!

* If you would like to make a financial donation please write the check out to Christian Student Fellowship. If you would like to have it go to a specific CSFer please put a note with your check with the CSFers name on it and NOT on the "Memo" line of the check.



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Kim's painting during
Sunday illustration



Fun in the snow at the Gross House



Marv Whiteman singing
during our trip to Wellsburg

CSF and Girls Group

Megan Midcap

Hey everyone! My name is Megan and I am very proud to say I am a new member of the CSF family! I am a freshman in my second semester here at WVU and started attending CSF during the first few weeks of school in August. My close, dear friend Carrie James sent me emails and texts about coming to CSF over the summer and even before I had graduated from high school, I told her I would try it out. My first Sunday was memorable, that's for sure. I cannot thank Carrie enough for sending me those emails and texts because she helped me find a home away from home. I don't think I have ever met any nicer people than the people I have met at CSF. I am now proud to call them my brothers and sisters in Christ. I have never felt closer to God than what I do right now and I think that has everything to do with CSF. The only word that I can come up with to describe the activities here would be simply amazing. Bible studies and life groups have been my favorite; life group especially. This semester we are split up in girls group and guys group. In girls group we are studying Mother Teresa's *No Greater Love* and the first few weeks have been great. We have covered prayer, giving and my personal favorite love. Mother Teresa talks about Isaiah 49 in the chapter about love. **Isaiah 49:15-16** "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will never forget you, for I have carved you into the palm of my hand". This takes my breath away and it is even more special when I get to talk to my girls about the love that God has for each of us. He binds us all together and makes everything right. He carved us into the palm of His hand for all time just like the way that CSF has been carved into my heart.

One-on-One Bible Studies

Renee Pugh

In February, we designed a pamphlet to launch one-on-one bible studies that go along with our walk through Luke on Sundays. The pamphlet includes the scripture for the week and questions that promote discussion. This is such a wonderful opportunity for CSFers to spend time reading scripture together and sharing their thoughts on the passage. The idea of one-on-one bible studies reminds me of the book Brandon (my husband) and I are reading for a devotional which talks about Godwinks. A Godwink (according to the author) is what some people would call a coincidence, an answered prayer, or simply an experience so astonishing that it could only have come from God. I feel like the whole concept of being engaged with one another in scripture through one-on-ones is a Godwink to remind us of how important it is to our faith. I'm excited to see what God has in store for us through our one-on-one bible studies.

Spring Events

3/21 - 3/26

Spring Break

TBA

Folk Dance Night



Guys Group

Brandon Pugh

We are doing Guys Group differently this year! There is no designated leader so each week a different person shares what God has placed on his heart based on how we live and how we should live. Some past discussions include: pride, why we sin, how we can give our entire life to God, and the last chapter of the book of Jonah. We have between 8-12 guys meeting in my apartment on Wednesday evenings from 7-9:30pm. I feel that having all the guys meeting at once has helped everyone open up and discuss how they feel about the topics.