



The CCH Update

Fall 2011

Christian Campus House at Trine University

Free Pancakes Every Friday

We all know that college students love **free food**. So, what about **free pancakes** given out from midnight till 2am? The answer, they REALLY love it! CCH is seeking to connect with campus by hosting Friday Night Pancakes every week at our Guys' House. It has quickly become the place to be on Friday nights with over 175 students showing up the first weekend.

This event is more than just giving away hundreds of pancakes and tons of syrup, it is about providing a venue for CCH students to hang out with students that would not otherwise come to a worship service. Our students are wanting to show Christ's love in a tangible way while getting to know people on campus and seek to have spiritual conversations. As CCH seeks to be the family of God on campus and



grow His family we realize that ministry starts first through developing an authentic relationship with people.

The evening is filled with real conversations where CCHers are sitting around tables full of students.

Some of these students are coming back week after week for pancakes and to hang out with our students.

The CCH Guys' House and back porch have been, at times, full of students that have just left parties, to students that are looking for somewhere to go and something to do, and God is using this platform to connect His people and His message

with lost and hurting people on campus. CCH students are growing as is God using them in amazing ways.

Girls' House is Ready...

The Girls' House is **READY** to make an eternal difference in the lives of ladies on campus. We spent the summer completely renovating the house and with the help of contractors and many volunteers, the house was **READY** for six girls to move in and begin Women's Ministry. These ladies were amazed at the beautiful house they walked into this fall. Sarah McFarland, Senior Elementary Education, said it best when she first arrived and said, "*Wow, this is nice! I am going to get spoiled!*"

The Lord has been getting the hearts of our residents **READY** to use the house to further His Kingdom. Another resident, Brandi Wilcox, Senior Accounting, said it this way as she described the house's impact on students, "*God has opened doors for Life Groups to be hosted at the house as well as random movie and game nights. Girls feel welcome at the house and feel comfortable coming over whenever. There are many opportunities to continue using the house for Women's Ministry this year and in years to come.*" The CCH students are more than **READY** to use the house for ministry!

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Ultimate Frisbee



Over the past several years, Ultimate Frisbee has become a popular free time activity for those in CCH and around campus. "Ultimate," as it is usually referred to, is a lot of fun, but God has also provided it as a means to reach others. It provides yet another opportunity to connect with freshmen. Perhaps more importantly, however, is the common

ground Ultimate has built between CCH and members of fraternities at Trine that also enjoy the sport. "I wouldn't know those guys if we didn't play together, so it's a cool friend-making experience" says Jeremiah Hardwick, Senior CCHer.

This fall, CCH purchased 50 Ultimate disks to hand out to players, and so far, they've been a big hit! It's

amazing how God can use a plastic disk to help us in our ministry here at Trine!



Latest and Greatest Ultimate Disc

The Future of CCH

As the fall begins to show itself and the year begins to unfold. We strive to see where God can work and we look to our new freshmen for the future of ministry on this campus. We wanted to share with you the hopes and goals of one such freshman; her name is Ryenn Rice. We want to introduce you to her!

Ryenn:

"I grew up in a Christian home with both parents and an older sister who lived her Christian faith in a way that made me want what she had. I attended church very regularly and was very involved in my church's AWANA program on Wednesday nights. Through AWANA and spending summers at my church camp on Kelley's Island, I had a personal relationship with Christ very early on in my life, but it wasn't until the summer of 2010 at my church camp that I realized what it means to be a Christ Follower instead of just calling myself a Christian and at that point I learned what true surrender to Christ should look like.

Now that I'm here, at Trine, I really desire to be the light that shows other students the hope that we have in Christ. I am still trying to find ways to do that, but that is the biggest thing that I want to do as far as reaching out to these students. I feel like we would all be crazy not to share the good news that we know! God doesn't tell us to keep it to ourselves, He calls us to reach out to the lost and needy.

The biggest thing that I see, daily, on campus is the need for students to

see the hope we have in Christ. As Christians we know that there is hope and I think that if we let other students see that hope a great change would occur. I think these students need to see that God loves them no matter where they came from or where they are right now. I have met a lot of lost people on this campus and I think a lot of them.

I ask you all to be praying for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the students at Trine. We can share the gospel with them all day, every day, but until the Holy Spirit works in them, there will never be a change. Also pray that we, as students, won't be ashamed of our Faith. That we will be willing to not only evangelize but to defend our Faith in the classroom as well and to be bold even when it is not the easy or comfortable thing to do."

We have such an opportunity to reach out this year and we have many other freshmen, just like Ryenn, ready and willing to be servants for the Lord. It's going to be an exciting year!



Ladies hanging out at our first outreach event: Chocolate Night!

Fall Kick Off

The first two weeks of school are an important time for ministry at CCH. Quite often, this time is the only chance we will have to connect with new students! Because of this, CCH hosts many events and activities to attract new students.

The first of these is freshmen move-in day. Returning CCHers don their official t-shirts and help freshmen move in to the dorms. (Bonus points are awarded for carrying refrigerators and TV's to the top floor!)

We do this to show God's love by serving and to invite them to CCH!

That evening, we hosted our annual Root Beer Kegger at the

Guys' House. About 150 people showed up, mostly freshmen! Having a "party" that is alcohol-free and God honoring is a great way to connect with new students.

Other events held in the first couple weeks include a CCH Plinko at a campus-wide expo and 2 pizza parties. CCH also passed out welcome bags to all students living in dorms.

In all this, we are looking forward to what God has in store for the rest of the year!





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Students Connecting through LifeGroups

Our LifeGroups are a crucial part of building community on campus. LifeGroups are the equivalent of a bible study and they are student led. We have nine LifeGroups this year:

~**Freshmen Guys' Group**

~**Freshmen Girls' Group**

Men's Groups:

~**Darts and Jesus: A study on Romans**

~**Men of Integrity**

~**Tom and Orry's Yet-To-Be-Named Life Group**

"I like the fellowship between Christian girls and having an escape from the college environment"

-Kelsey Williams (Freshman)

Women's Groups:

~**What's So Wrong With Being Weird Anyway?**

~**Life is a Marathon—Hebrews 12:1**

~**All the Little Things: Seeing God Everywhere**

Co-ed Group:

~**The Works of C.S. Lewis**

The students involved in these groups

differ greatly. It is a great chance to grow with people who are different than each other and learn from someone who might have a different perspective. Any student you talk to will tell you how much they appreciate and learn from their LifeGroup on a weekly basis!

"LifeGroups allow me to draw closer to my peers while I draw closer to God."

-Harris King (Junior)

"I get the chance every week to share what's going on in my life and get support through prayer and accountability."

-Jamie Schnarr (Sophomore)