



# The CCH Update

Winter 2011

Christian Campus House at Trine University

## SISTERS

As Christians, we all have been given the opportunity and the honor of spreading the incredible love of Jesus and what better way to do that than to approach people the way Jesus himself did. This year, and in the recent years past, Women's Ministry has strived to meet non CCHers where they're at, showing them no judgment, only love. That being said, we've been hosting and participating in events with many of the sororities in order to build common ground and develop relationships.

The most recent event we had was hosted at one of the sororities on campus and we had a large group of girls attend. We ate lots of snacks and painted our nails. The evening



started with simple get-to-know-you kinds of games and interactions, but by the end there were girls sharing and laughing throughout the room. It was a very cool picture of how we, as Christian women, can influence just through our actions, and what a blessing, for the women of CCH, to see the glory of God in simple acts of kindness and love.

We are looking forward to many more opportunities to grow with each other and the other "sisters" on campus. We are also praying, continually, for the women we meet and talk with. What a great chance we have to show others the true image of who Christ is.

## Wednesday Night Hot Dogs

CCH's Wednesday Night Hot Dogs has sought to provide an opportunity for our students to serve and connect in spiritual conversations with other students while giving out hot dogs from 10pm-11pm. This ministry has been affective in sharing the love of Jesus Christ with campus and this year we have seen the fruit of this ministry. While churches and Christian organizations seek to reach out to their targeted audience, we have seen campus reaching out to CCH and wanting to connect with us. Alpha Sigma Tau saw the impact we were having and wanted to join us on Wednesday nights and bring homemade brownies to give to students. This has given CCH students a chance to regularly hang out with the Sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau. In addition, Professor Lipman (Professor of Marketing, and CCH Board member) assigned students to market a BBQ sauce at Wednesday Night Hot Dogs. For two weeks his class gave out BBQ pork samples and surveyed students and we saw, again, more opportunity for CCHers to connect with campus, but this time they were coming to us. Please pray for our students who are receiving countless chances to serve and love campus in the name of Jesus.

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# FALL RETREAT



One of the highlights, if not the highlight of a CCHer's fall semester is the Fall Retreat, and this year was certainly no exception.

Sixty-five students piled into vans to head up to Lake Ann Camp in Michigan, which was a record for CCH! Of this group, twenty-four of them were freshmen, and twenty-eight were ladies, both of which are likely records for a Fall Retreat. Joining CCH were students from eleven other campus ministries from around the state of Michigan. Having so many freshmen involved early in the year is awesome and shows how God is moving in the lives of people on campus and at CCH.

At the retreat, students had the opportunity to attend main sessions and workshops, do recreational activities, and spend one-on-one time with God. The title of the retreat was "Whatever It Takes", and students were encouraged and challenge to have a "whatever it takes" attitude towards growing, loving, serving, and reaching. During the Saturday night and Sunday morning main sessions, the CCH Worship Team led worship, which was a great opportunity and experience for the team and their fellow CCHers.

Each student has their favorite part of a retreat, but for five CCHers, their highlight was surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ by being baptized! Here's what some of them had to say about God working in their lives this way:



*"I was feeling like their was this big hole and the more they talked about getting baptized the more the hole grew. I did not know what to do but it got to this point that I couldn't sit there with myself*

*anymore."* -Kyle Seacott, freshman

*"I decided that I was surrounded by friends, and I wanted to prove to them, myself, and God that I was ready to turn around completely and finally start to*

*grow in my relationship with the Lord. Since then I've seen people get that look on their face and think 'Why is he so happy?' And I can't help but tell them my story."*

-Justin Trigg, freshman

*"The experience was exciting and nerve-racking at the same time. I was ready to be baptized but didn't really know what to expect and was scared that I would never be able to go back to the old me. My favorite part was all the CCHers doing the slow clap when I got in the water. That made me feel very supported and more at ease."* -Emily Sidwell, junior

*"This was, without a doubt, the most exciting moment of my life. There's a certain indescribable joy I felt in giving myself up to my Savior. Since being baptized, I feel like I am trusting God much more than I was, and I'm also able to rely on Him more. I've also taken more time to listen to God and read His Word."* -John Kekelik, senior

Praise God for these decisions! It's awesome to see how God has worked in the lives of these students, and it's exciting to think of how He will continue to work in their lives.



# House Ministries

The ministry of CCH began in 1986 and has grown ever since. One of the most incredible things seen is the number of students committed to leading and teaching their fellow students. With the growth CCH has seen, it has been awesome to see God provide with not one, not two but now three houses for ministry. The Guys' and Girls' houses are places where students can get away from campus and build deeper relationships with other Christians or just hang out and watch a movie.

## **Guys' House:**

The Guys' House has seen generations of students pass through its doors and we look forward to many

more. The five guys who live there currently have continued a ministry that has developed through the Guys' House. We have events located at the house all the time. Pancakes are every Friday night and there are also several LifeGroups that meet on various days and times throughout the house. This house has created a welcome environment for guys to come and hang out. On any given day, one could walk through the Guys' House and see any number of guys relaxing and talking, playing video games, or even doing homework. God has been able to develop incredible things through the years this house has been in the ministry and we look forward to that kind of growth with the new Girls' House.

## **Girls' House:**

There are currently six ladies living in the Girls' House who have been using this year to get to know more women on campus and invite ladies to the house. The house itself has been the location of many women's events so far this year including: The Fall Party, Women's Retreat, Freshman Girl's Group, All the Little Things: Seeing God Everywhere (LifeGroup), and much more. The best part is seeing girls pop in just to hang out, to talk, and to get more involved. It has been such a blessing to the ladies on campus to have a house of their own.





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