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In the Beginning

It was the era of overhead projectors, Window's XP, the Motorola flip phone, and there was no Facebook (hard to believe, I know!). On August 8, 2001, I stepped onto the UW Oshkosh campus with a calling from the Lord and my Bible. It started out as a small Bible study. I had four students that joined me around the Reeve Memorial Union's fireplace. Over the two semesters, we had many curious students who would walk over to our group, genuinely wanting to know what we were doing. Some chose to join us.

By the Fall of 2002, we had gained both momentum and the official UWO student group status. This meant that we were able to participate in the student activities of Welcome Week. My wife and I were so blessed that we had 21 students show up for our very first worship and Bible study meeting in early September. She played the keyboard and I was leading on acoustic guitar, and we praised God for all He had done to get us to that point.

Among my favorite events that we did were both our service trips and our annual Faith Community Cook-out (FCC). FCC was an idea we had to connect area church pastors with UWO freshmen before classes began. We held this event at our campus house, inviting the freshmen we had met earlier in the day at a university event held just for freshmen. What a blessing it was to facilitate new students connecting with a pastor at this event, and then feeling comfortable to show up in that pastor's church.

The service (mission) trips have been such a joy as well. What a joyful opportunity it has been to take students (and some of my children) to places like Bakersfield, CA; Atlanta, GA; Galveston, TX; North Carolina, Morocco, Africa and many more. These experiences are rich and full of meaning to these impressionable young adults. For many students, it is the opportunity that the Lord uses to call them into missions or ministry. For others, they learn life lessons that will stay with them for years to come.

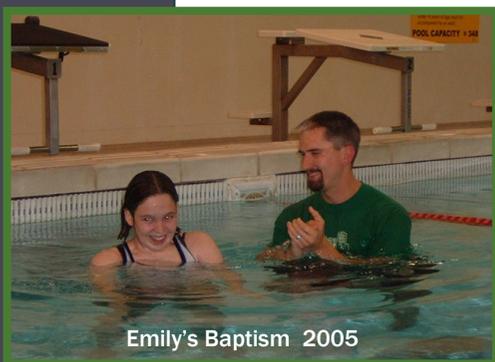
As I look back over these 16+ years of ministry, I am humbled to see all that the Lord has accomplished. Countless lives have been impacted with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Titan Christian Fellowship and now His House. Throughout my tenure in this ministry God provided great student leaders, generous donors, faithful prayer warriors, wise Board members, commissioned staff members, favor on colleges and universities, and students who desperately need Someone to save them from the edge of eternal damnation. I am humbled and grateful for His leading in this ministry yesterday, today and for years to come. —Jeremy Rush



Lori & Jeremy Rush
2002



1st semester Titan Christian Fellowship 2002



Emily's Baptism 2005

FAITHFUL (Part 1)

As I reflect on the transitions that His House is experiencing right now, a word that comes to mind is “faithful.” First and foremost, I praise God for He is faithful. As the song “One Thing Remains” rightly proclaims, He is “constant in the trial and the change.” Or as the old hymn reminds us, “Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee.” What an amazing blessing to serve an always perfect, holy, loving, faithful, steadfast God Who never changes!

“Faithful” is also a perfect word to describe our ministry director Jeremy Rush, his wife, Lori, and their entire family. For the past 17 years they have given faithfully of themselves - their time, talent, and treasure - to see college students in Wisconsin live for Jesus. And God has used their faithfulness to help bring His House to where it is today, reaching students on four campuses across the state! I am so excited to see how God will continue to use my brother and his family as they head into pastoral ministry. I know I speak for all of the staff when I say that we affirm his gifting for and calling to pastoral ministry!

In 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, God reminds us, “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” As we look to the future of His House Christian Fellowship, I praise God for His faithfulness, for the faithfulness of His servants the Rush family, and I ask you to pray for all of the current staff, that God would find us faithful servants and stewards of the glorious mystery of the Gospel!

In closing, I want to proclaim this word of blessing over the Rush family, over His House Christian Fellowship, and over all of us whom God has called to be His children by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.”

~1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

-Luke Hatfield, Ministry Director and Lead Campus Minister at Ripon College

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FAITHFUL (Part 2)

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On March 30th, I shut the door to my mostly empty office and said a prayer. I thanked the Lord for the generosity of His people over the years that have turned a simple calling from a young man into a state wide campus ministry. I thanked Him for the amazing support staff who do so much behind the scenes; for the dedicated frontline staff who sacrifice to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to college students; and for the wisdom of our Board of Directors as they lead and guide this ministry by their sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. I asked the Lord to bless His servant, Luke Hatfield, for stepping up to lead the staff team and for God to give him guidance and direction in fulfilling the vision of His House campus ministry that God has laid out for our Board and staff team. Finally, I asked the Lord to steady our staff and student leaders to run this race with perseverance and hope, always leaning on Christ Jesus to be faithful in completing His work. As I walked towards the front door and out onto the sidewalk, I had a wave of joy come over me that filled me with hope and excitement for the days to come. God’s hand is on this ministry and on His servants who are carrying out His work. He is faithful!

-Jeremy Rush