



God's Plan for Spring Break

For CCH, Spring Break means it's time for a mission trip! This year, our mission trip was to South Padre Island, TX, to share the gospel with Spring Breakers through the means of handing out free food and giving out free van rides at night. Although our group's intention was to tackle South Padre Island by ourselves, we were surprised when we showed up to the island and saw that the organization, Beach Reach, was already there and had about 300 students from about 20 campus ministries with the same mission as us. We joined forces with Beach Reach and started ministry for the week.

Part of our outreach plan for the week included handing out grilled hot dogs on the beach during the daytime to spring breakers having fun on the beach. However, God had different plans. The weather, even though we were just a stone's throw from the Mexico border, was cloudy, windy, and about mid 50's for the whole week. This meant that there was almost no one on the beach during the day to meet and share the Gospel with. Although this put a wrench in our plan, we gladly took initiative to try and meet spring breakers at Wal-Mart and surf shops for a couple hours during the day.

For the other part of our outreach plan, our group hopped in our 15-passenger vans every night as we were dispatched to go pick up Spring Breakers who called the Beach Reach hotline from 10pm-2am. In the vans, we initiated spiritual and gospel conversations with people of all different backgrounds. Some people were very receptive, but even after interactions that didn't seem to bear much fruit, we always fell back on the fact that God has the ability to do something amazing with the seeds we planted.

So much of the trip may not have gone according to plan, but it was because of these circumstances that we trusted God to work all things together for the good of His purpose. Many of us walked away changed for one reason or another. Some found their love for evangelism. Some were given a look into spiritual warfare. Some found that praying for a long period of time was a lot easier than they expected it to be. Some were finding new love for the cross of Jesus because the sins of the world were acting as a mirror, showing us how each and every one of us is in desperate need of the Savior, not just the people that we were trying to evangelize to.





Matt Tells His Story

To make a long story short, I grew up in the church without forming the critical foundation of a relationship with Jesus Christ and really surrendering to Him. When I came to college, this resulted in me turning away and living comfortable in sin. To make things worse, I didn't really see it as a major issue because of that poor foundation. But God wasn't done with me yet; He put people in my way that lead me to see more and more of that flawed foundation. The summer of 2021, that all came crashing down and, in that moment, I finally let God in, to really surrender myself and be transformed by His grace. And since then, I've truly been changed.

This past year, I dove more and more into my faith and embraced the callings and opportunities I received from God. This has led to some awesome and deep conversations, including one that led me to realize that by my own definition, I was not baptized (despite being dunked when I was a kid), so I knew that was something that needed to happen. Since making that public statement of faith, the result of true surrender, I've been blessed and challenged and am taking those opportunities as they are presented because I know what God has in store in is better than anything I could conjure up.



Meet Our Newest Staff Member

LANCE WILLIAMSON — ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER

Throughout his time at Trine, Lance Williamson has been a student leader in CCH and across campus. He has served on Rep Group, led SWAT Groups, and lived in our Guys' House. In addition to the ways he has served within CCH, he has been a leader on the Cross Country and Track teams, Student Government, and in the classroom. This May, Lance graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering and obtained minors in Environmental Engineering and Sports Psychology.

It has been a joy to see him grow in his time as a student and we are excited for him to be joining us this summer as the Assistant Campus Minister. In his time on Rep Group, Lance served as our Ambassador, where he sought to make connections with Greek Life and partner with them for events. As he joins us on staff this year, he will continue to build these relationships with Greek Life and he will come alongside Ike in ministering to athletes.

"I am very excited to see how God will use me on staff at CCH. God showed me how to have a true relationship with Him while involved at CCH. He instilled in me a passion to share this and the Gospel with others. God has called me to do this full time and has altered the course of my life. I feel that my work at Trine and CCH is not yet finished, and I am excited to continue where I left off and the new people and things God will call me to." – Lance



Together Again—36th Annual Banquet

Friends, family, alumni, and students gathered for an evening in March for the 36th Annual Banquet. After being unable to gather for this event in person the past couple years, it was truly a gift to spend the evening together, celebrating all God is doing on the campus of Trine University. The program, held in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts, was powerful and encouraging. Three students shared their testimonies of how God has transformed their lives during their time at Trine, Jake Kinsey (Trine Football Coach) shared how he's witnessed God at work on the football team through CCH's new athletic ministry, and we heard an encouraging report on the progress of the Girls' House addition, which should be ready for ministry this coming fall semester!

This year's offering challenge was to raise \$50,000 to replace our old ministry van and to provide an athletic ministry fund. We praise God for the generosity of His people and for His faithful provision for this ministry, with over \$43,600 raised so far. We are so grateful to each of you who have helped provide for these needs!

Thank you to each of you who celebrated with us at this year's banquet! If you were unable to attend and would like to experience this incredible evening, you can go to cchtrine.org/banquet and watch the program online.



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