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# CCH UPDATE

## UNFILTERED

It was so exciting and encouraging for our ministry to travel to Lake Ann Camp for the annual His House Winter Retreat. In a world that is all about having it all together and being perfect, we were challenged throughout the weekend to live authentic, unfiltered lives that display the glory of Christ. It was an amazing time for students to grow alongside one another. Here's what some of them had to say about their experience:

*"I'd been going to Tuesday Night Worship off and on for quite a while, and just hanging out with a couple guys in my fraternity, coming in and popping out without really getting too involved or meeting that many people. But I got talked into going on the retreat. I didn't know what to expect, and I didn't really know anyone except a few guys. God really just opened up my heart to go out and meet people, get comfortable in a group of friends I'd never met and be vulnerable. And it was such a cool opportunity to step out of my comfort zone, go on a retreat and get to meet all these awesome people that are here that I had no idea really were on campus. It's just cool to see the relationships that are built when you're together praising God, being vulnerable and opening up in small groups, and just having fun playing in the snow in Michigan. It was awesome to have that experience." - Jon Slone, Sophomore*

*"The winter retreat was definitely a turning point in my faith, and I've been able to carry that excitement and fire for Jesus with me since then. I am so grateful for the experience I had there!" - Madison Limerick, Freshman*

*"The winter retreat was such an awesome experience this year. It was amazing to not only dive into my relationship with God more, but to also see relationships with fellow CCHers and with students from other campuses grow tremendously." - Kayle Johnson, Sophomore*

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## BANQUET UPDATE

We want to thank everyone who joined us in celebrating 33 years of campus ministry and investing in the future through our Annual Banquet. Through your loving support, we now have over \$45,000 to put toward ministry transportation updates!

# Day of Prayer

We love when the Holy Spirit aligns our hearts together. A perfect example of this came as our ministry participated in a day of prayer for campus on January 10. Toward the end of first semester, some of our students felt a calling to revamp our ministry's Prayer Room. From one of the closets upstairs in our Main House, a new prayer room with request boards, praise boards, prayer suggestions and more came to fruition.

Around that same time, Travis and Jordan were beginning to prepare Tuesday Night topics for the spring semester. As they dove into the methodologies of Jesus, one of the biggest things they wanted to discuss and engage in was prayer. The first Tuesday of the semester, Jordan gave a brief message on the power and importance of prayer, and then we dove into it together for the rest of the night.

On the heels of this powerful time of prayer, we wanted to build some momentum, reminding people that prayer is not a one time thing, but that we are called to "pray without ceasing." Students signed up to be a part of a Day of Prayer, throughout which someone would be praying the entire day. All day, beginning at 8am, students came through the doors, using the prayer room as a quiet, focused space, in order to pray over this campus.

We believe that movements of God's Kingdom begin with prayer. We have been so excited to see a passion for prayer grow throughout this semester, as students and staff have carried on frequent prayer since our unified effort together. We are continuing to see students take advantage of the prayer room and go on prayer walks around campus together. God is moving powerfully, and we are so excited to be a part of it through our times of prayer. We encourage you to join us in praying for a movement of God's Kingdom that impacts campus and far beyond!



# Galentine's Day

Throughout Scripture, there are all kinds of feasts and ceremonies and traditions, where God's people reflect and celebrate. There's so much value in taking time to celebrate together, to remember God's amazing love for us.

On Valentine's Day, around 30 ladies ditched their dates and gathered together to celebrate Galentine's Day. They got all dressed up – some even wore their old prom dresses! – and met at Lake James Christian Camp. They shared a nice dinner together in the cozy Fireplace Lounge that overlooks beautiful, wintry Lake James.

The whole purpose of the evening was to celebrate the precious friendships that God has provided through Trine and CCH, as well as to encourage and build one another up. After dinner, the ladies spent some time getting to know each other better through "speed friending" – a fun activity where they rotated around the room every couple minutes, engaging in one-on-one conversation with each person. Later, while the ladies enjoyed dessert, they were each handed a blank card and asked to write a note, which would be chosen at random by another person at the end of the evening. They were told to write a note that contained words of encouragement, Bible verses, and other thoughts that would cheer them up on a tough day. While it was so sweet to get a glimpse of the messages the ladies wrote, it was even sweeter to see their responses to the notes they received. Encouraging words can be so powerful!

The evening turned out to be a fun and encouraging celebration of friendship. We thank God for each of these ladies and the ways He has moved through these relationships to impact lives!

# Passion Conference

## Nathan Chupp–Junior

Growing up as a young Christian we always hear about the stories of Heaven. How its one big party praising God without a single care. Nothing to worry about, just you, a bunch of other like-minded people and the presence of God. This is what I felt at Passion 2019 in the State Farm Arena, Downtown Atlanta. Roughly 20,000 people were in attendance at our location, just 1 of 4 across the country. I've never felt the closeness and relationship with God more than I did over those 3 days. It was a small glimpse of Heaven, all people whose sole purpose over those 3 days was to just praise God and give everything to Him.

The main highlight of my time was when Cody Carnes sang his hit single "Nothing Else" during the night session of Day 2. If you've never heard this song, stop right now and go to YouTube and watch the video from Passion and you'll start to see what I mean. I found myself starting to weep and feel guilty. The main message of the song is that God doesn't owe us anything, yet he still chooses to bless us. We need to go back to our childlike faith, when we wanted to learn everything and just focus on God's presence in our lives.

Afterwards I felt revitalized in my faith. I was ready to go out and be a World Changer. I would say the only downside is that I long for that feeling again. That's not a bad thing; it makes me realize that I need to focus more on my faith and showing people what Christianity has to offer. I want others to experience that feeling I had, and I want to experience it again when I leave this Earth. I think God allowed me to go to this event to recharge my batteries and focus on being the Christian he showed me to be.

# Staff Update–Travis Wilhelm

This spring Cheryl and I will be completing 19 years of ministry at CCH. It has been a joy to be a part of a ministry that had a tremendous impact in our lives and to see it continue to make a difference in so many peoples lives. Our children love being around college students and several of them are getting closer in age to the students that they have looked up to. Isaac is in his senior year of high school and we are preparing to send him off to college this fall. For years I have watched parents move their kids on campus and this fall Cheryl and I will get to experience this first hand. Heidi has her driver's permit, is working at a local coffee shop and teaches piano to 8 students. She is busy and does a wonderful job managing all of these things in her life. Emily turned 13 years old last month tipping the scales to where we have more teenagers than parents in the house! She loves being around people and dreaming up her next big adventure. Caleb recently had the lead role in a homeschool drama performance, enjoys doing projects around the house with dad, and is excited for spring so he can play basketball outside. Our baby Lydia is 5 years old and is learning how to read and do math. She loves learning and it is one of Cheryl's greatest joys to teach her young mind. In addition to homeschooling our kids Cheryl still finds time to invest in international students and recruit host families for international students. We covet your prayers as we continue to learn how to parent and disciple our children to follow the Lord as they are becoming adults.

