

May Newsletter



Final Women's Study

For our final Women's study this semester we celebrated by going off to get some ice cream! Five of us went to Burke Licks Ice Cream Shop and just had some good time to hang out together. Several of us hang out one on one frequently but for all of us to get together at the same time outside of an event is unusual. We had a great time laughing and spending time in fellowship. It was an awesome way to finish up the semester!

Emilyyy!

This month Emily showed me a new coffee shop! It's called Amalie and it's about a 15 minute walk from the CSC. As you can see we got some super yummy pastries and just had a good time catching up. She will be taking an internship with a couple classmates down in Roswell for the entire month of June so unfortunately I won't get to see her for a bit, but I'm excited to hear all about her adventures when she gets back!



New Guy Caden!

As you know, during the semester we did free lemonade on campus on Wednesdays. Caden is some fruit that the Lord has brought to us from that time! When we first met Caden, he had a mix of beliefs from several religions and thoughts, and we basically disagreed on most things haha. But the cool thing about Caden is he is very open to hearing and learning and listening. I got to have a really great conversation with him about the Woman at the Well which the Holy Spirit definitely led, and was so encouraging. He had also made the comment about how he doesn't feel like he needs to read the bible because the most important thing is just his personal relationship with God...interesting thought huh? BUT after some other conversation with us, he came back and has already flown through the Gospels!! So, after weeks of him coming to literally every event, lots of long midnight talks and studies with him, he's decided to give his life to Christ- praise God!! Please keep him in your prayers as he begins and continues his walk with God!



To start off May, I took a backpacking trip with some guys! While we were supposed to hike like 30 miles, we found out there were about 17 water crossings so we ended up only doing around 22 miles because we had to take our shoes off constantly! What a great way to get know people better though. This month has been full of many graduation parties, birthday parties and back-to-back events and it has been good! I've also helped do some landscaping for our friend's backyard with some other guys and that has been good. On another occasion with a different friend, I helped dig-out and lay bricks down for an outside fire pit (even though they got re-laid again later).

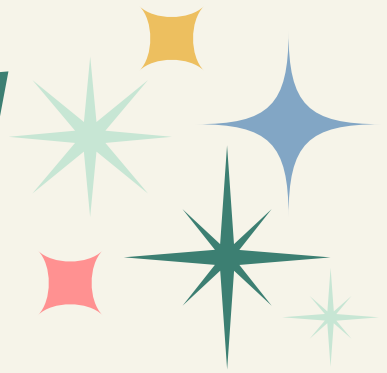
We also got to go to Lubbock & attend the wedding of one of my closest friends, Anna (who I consider my sister) and I got to DJ at it! It was full of fun and laughter and my family also came down so it was like a second family reunion!

NEW DIRECTORSHIP

As we have stepped into this new role we have met with Carson every week so that he could help teach us all of the new responsibilities. So slowly and surely we have now stepped fully into a lot of new responsibilities and although a lot of it involves more logistics, we are excited to take this new role on! To finish off the month we celebrated Carson and his 2 years at the CSC and had a cookout where we laid hands on Him and prayed over him and thus, "sent him off" to his next role in ministry in the AIM program in Lubbock, Texas.



JUNE NEWS



SUMMER = CAMP!

As per usual for us now, we teach the Super Seniors (aka incoming college freshmen) at Ponderosa High School Session. This is our second year to do so and since we are the campus ministers, it's a pretty sweet opportunity to get to hangout with potential UNM students! While we enjoy the connection and teaching, I must admit this year started out pretty rough. Schedule was different (not bad, just different) and the layout of class time was changed around a bit which made us feel unprepared in class due to most of our discussion questions being answered in the new large group setting. We also learned, each year the class is different. Last year we had some more talkers, this year....basically pulling teeth haha. By the third day we finally connected that this particular class enjoyed more lecture style teaching rather than mostly group discussion (which is what we default to because we prefer that). But things finally clicked and we had an awesome time the rest of the week and I think our students did too. We're hopeful to see a couple this fall!

ACTIVITIES

June has been full of root beer floats, movie nights, and several outdoor water activities! We took a trip to the Blue Hole in Santa Rosa and there we cliff jumped and then played on the Wibbit which is basically a giant bouncy house/ obstacle course on the lake! We also have done a couple of pool parties and spontaneous hangouts at the CSC or other places (this is not an uncommon practice). We also had a Risk game night with Caden and MC where we went to the theaters and watched *Pressure* and then went to Caden's house and played Risk till 12am! You might ask why we do so many fun events during the summer and I would tell you this: It gives people the opportunity to connect to one another in different ways and develop deeper relationships that sometimes you don't always get in only a Bible study. Both things are important though, Bible Study and living life together! We have a couple more students join us in our summer group and I think connection is just what they need! This month we also did our first service project at the CSC (under our leadership lol) and it was at our house and we fed everyone breakfast and the CSC blessed everyone by getting us sonic drinks for all their hard work!!

