

Hi Friends,
You have only one week left! I am praying for you as you study and take your finals next week. Push through this week and remember that it will be so worth it. You can do it! For those of you who are graduating this semester, congratulations on your great achievement! You will be missed but I believe great things are ahead as you go from here confident in what God has for you.

Chapel

We've had a great semester in chapel but I am even more excited for what's ahead! We have some exciting things planned for the Spring Semester to include guests such as Natalie Grant, Pastor Judah Smith, Monty Hipp, Pastor Casey Treat and more! I'm also excited to introduce our Spring Faith Challenge to you when you return from break. I believe it is going to be another great semester!

Crews

Many of you have been faithfully attending or leading a Crew here on campus. We will have additional Crews to introduce to you in January. If you did not participate in a Crew this semester, I encourage you to join one when you return. Not only will you have the opportunity to grow with others who have something in common with you but you are forming stability in your relationship with Christ and your surrounding friendships. I hope you choose to take advantage of the many crews that will be offered to you.

Crew leaders

If you are interested in becoming a crew leader for next semester, we will accept applications through Friday, **January 14th at 5pm**. If you are contemplating leading a crew next semester, I encourage you to pick up an application and pray about it over the break. I have attached a copy of the application but they can also be picked up in the Campus Ministries office. If you are currently a crew leader, **attendance for your Crew MUST be submitted by today by midnight** in order for your crew to receive credit.

Choralons Concert

This Monday, December 13th at 6:30pm, Choralons will hold a very special presentation for us in the Chapel. They will be performing their entire set for the very first time! With almost 120 students in the choir worshipping together and sharing the message of truth, hope and faithfulness, this free, hour-long concert is not something you want to miss. I hope to see you there!

Human Trafficking

Many of you have continued to turn in your offering envelopes this week, bringing us to a grand total of \$6,122.66 toward the fight against Human Trafficking! I am amazed at the commitment of our community to put an end to this injustice. Lives are being restored in more ways than you know. The money that we've raised this semester will help two domestic protection and rehab homes in California and Michigan. Praise God! Thank you for your faithful giving!

Missions

Quite a few of you have shown interest in the mission trips being offered. For those of you that are wanting to take part in this incredible experience, I have listed a few details as well as dates and costs for the trips below.

Spring Break Haiti trip

March 5th - 11th

\$700 + airfare round trip

Must have an updated passport

1st payment due January 10th 2011(\$250 min)

2nd payment due February 7th 2011

Remainder balance due February 28th 2011

May Haiti trip

May 14th -24th

\$1000 + airfare round trip

Must have an updated passport

1st payment due January 10th 2011

2nd payment due March 14th 2011

Remainder balance due April 29th 2011

El Salvador

June 4th - 17th

\$2500

Must have an updated passport

1st payment due January 10th 2011

Remainder payment schedule-TBD

*A contract will need to be signed for each of these trips. Please stop by the Campus Ministries office by 5pm next Friday the 17th to sign the form.

Scripture

"Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you go."

1 kings 2:3

I love this verse because it reminds us that as we are faithful to the Lord, He remains faithful to us. Take a moment to reflect on the truth of this scripture and apply it to your life.

Prayer List

This will be the last prayer list that I will be sending out this semester but it is definitely not the last of our prayers. We will continue to pray and believe that every one of these needs will be met.

Good luck with finals and enjoy your break!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Phil