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Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

Running Through the First Six Weeks!

Beginning the semester, there is always a sense of excitement. The fall semester is the most critical and strategic time to reach students with the message of salvation that Jesus brings. These first six weeks are when freshmen are making decision that will impact the rest of their college careers and lives. In the midst of a very secular college atmosphere we want to help these students see that there is an option available that is different from what they will hear from most of their professors or classmates. Jesus is the only option that is true, provides hope for a future, and brings us into relationship with God.

Because this is such an important time in the year, we are including a calendar of events. If you could put this on your refrigerator or add some events to your calendar to be reminded to pray, we would appreciate it. Events are just events without prayer. When Lord works through prayer, events become life changing!

August:

- 21-23: Leadership Advance.** Pray that a majority of the student leaders would be able to make it. Here is where we corporately pray for the year and train students in ministry basics.
- 29: Picnic in the Park:** This is where we do the majority of our surveys at UW-Platteville. It is a great first connection point with the new freshman class at UWP.
- 31: Convocation and Dinner Line Surveys:** At UW-Madison there are around 6800 incoming freshmen. We try to connect with each one and these surveys allow us to gauge their spiritual interest and to follow up with them throughout the year.
- 31: Platteville D-day:** A number of staff and students from Madison will go and help give momentum to the movement at Platteville. This event is pivotal in connecting with many UWP students in a very short amount of time. Last year we saw four students make professions of faith in this one afternoon. Pray that this year we would see even more.

September:

- 2: First Day of Class:** Pray for these students. Pray that many would come to know Jesus.
- 3: First PrimeTime!:** Our first weekly meeting. This is typically the largest of the year with an attendance of around 650 students. Many students will hear the gospel for the first time here. Pray that many would come to faith in Jesus and that others, who have grown up in the church, would decide to walk with Jesus in college.
- 18-19: Men's Campout:** One night with most of the men from the movement. This is great for community and developing Godly men.
- 25: Brewer Game:** Just what it sounds like. We want to take many students, who might never come to a meeting, to a Brewer game and have them experience Christ through community.

October:

- 9-10: Fall Getaway:** The first fall push culminates in our fall retreat. Every year students have their lives impacted for eternity at this event. Pray that God would use it greatly again.

These and many other smaller events make up the fall ministry calendar. Thanks for being a part of this with us. We are looking forward to being able to share with you some of the stories of lives that are changed as a result of your partnership with us this fall! These really are exciting times!



Students from last years Leadership Advance at Fort Howard!