



FALL KICKOFF AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN!

Fall is our favorite time of year, hands down! Its a fresh start to a new school year, students are coming back and diving in, the leaves are changing- reminding us of the beauty that can be found in change/transition, and its fun to get out the hot drinks and "warm happy food" for hosting people!

The past few months, we have been learning and growing as we establish new relationships and rhythms. We have especially been focused on building connections throughout the UW athletic department and in life as our kiddos start into a new school. All this has taken, and will continue to take, time, intentionality & patience, but we have been extremely grateful for the ways God has been providing. We especially celebrate our staff team that we have joined, finding a great church that is equipping and encouraging us, and the care and encouragement of YOU, our sending team! THANK YOU for the notes, calls and prayers that have been empowering us along the way!

We wanted to share a few snap shots of ways we have seen students growing closer to God and each other!

Pizza Eating Contest has been a great people gathering opportunity! Early in the semester, we have as many teams as possible represented so that they can join in an opportunity to connect and get a glimpse of our Monday night large group gathering "Badger Life". Each Monday night, many of the athletes gather to connect and hear from a local leader in the community and dive into the Word of God together. We have been talking about a variety of relevant topics and seeing them from God's perspective. Wednesday nights are devoted to team Bible studies and Sunday nights have been time for connecting over dinner and prayer. We really enjoyed this past weekend as athletes from UW, Marquette, and UW Milwaukee came together for Fall Retreat! The theme was on a several powerful talks from 1 Peter. We focused on what God wants to teach us from that part of the Bible about the heart of the Gospel, community, our purpose, living on mission, and persevering in the midst of trials.



Another unique opportunity came through some of the struggles our nation has been facing with natural disasters. As hurricane Irma was heading towards Florida, Florida Atlantic University's football team was in WI to play the Badgers. Their team was stranded here in Madison for almost a week. 90% of FAU's students are from the state of Florida. We saw God knit together the efforts of the UW athletic dept, our local church, Athletes in Action, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes as we did our best to show hospitality, care, and Christ's love to the athletes and coaches who were here and away from their families & friends who were facing the unimaginable. One of the most powerful moments was when FAU and Badger players came together for a time of prayer and caring after the game at the FAU team hotel. The Body of Christ provided care packages of some basic supplies for the team as they returned home to Florida in Irma's aftermath.

Rejoice

*in the Lord
always, again I will
say, rejoice.*

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand, do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication (surrender), with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 4:4-7)

This is the scripture & prayer that a close friend shared with us in the hospital as Kyle recently faced emergency surgery to remove a tumor. The ways that the Lord has been caring for us in the whole process has been so incredible and we have been thankful! We are also grateful to be able to share that the tumor was determined to be benign!



Pray with us for:

- Seeds planted in athletes' hearts through Fall Retreat, that they would grow and produce fruit in these students lives.
- For God to continue to establish and build relationships as we graft into life here in Madison.

THANK YOU for continuing to partner with our family as we trust God to see Christ followers on EVERY team, sport, nation.

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