



Close-up On Campus

Campus Ministry in Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic



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OUR BRAND NEW ADDRESS!

Introducing David and Ashley Coffey!



January 11, 2014: we began a brand new life!

The wedding day had arrived and we were in awe at the beauty of the ceremony – the atmosphere, the friends and family, the love displayed (much more than we expected)! All our parents were in tears that day. It was a tremendous reunion; 10 generations of Cru students attended – including some from David’s Bible Study his freshman year (2004)! Family from as far as FL, TN and Erie, PA arrived in Gettysburg just in time. And despite the bitter, rainy wind we had an incredible celebration! We knew from the outset we wanted Jesus to be the center of the day. The Bible always describes marriage as a picture of what God did for us – that even when we betrayed Him and neglected Him and disappointed Him, He still faithfully came to us and brought us out of our sin (Col 1:13). We wanted our wedding (and marriage) to be one of self-sacrifice and unconditional love, just like Christ’s (Eph 5:2).

Weeks after the wedding David met with Luke, one of his new Bible Study attenders, who had survived a challenging semester with family matters at home. Over break he seemed to really thrive, though. As David probed further Luke shared that coming to the wedding and hearing the raw story of the gospel woven throughout the whole day inspired him; ‘How do I continue to grow in my faith,’ he asked. ‘What’s the next step?’

Likewise, Ashley’s good friend Lauryn (who struggles at weddings) remarked how the focus of the wedding gave her a fresh understanding of biblical marriage! We were both so blown away by how God used our wedding ceremony!



Bible Thought:

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us...

Ephesians 5:1-2

Book Recommendation:

Love & Respect

by Emerson Eggerichs

Please Pray

- Our marriage would grow strong in Christ and display Him to others
- God would prepare the hearts of non Christians for the gospel who come to the new Freshmen Party
- Campus wide outreach addressing the issue of pain and suffering in the midst of a good God (Feb 20)
- A clear path for evangelism at UPJ

Praise God!

- So many heard the gospel and were challenged spiritually at our wedding!
- Luke is thriving in his faith and inviting new guys to Bible Study every week
- Ashley’s disciples are now discipling others! Living out 2 Timothy 2:2
- Finally moved and settled into our new apartment (new address above)!

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Radiate: In Awe - Making The Most of Every Opportunity



Alex (David's study) at Radiate in DC with 1,000 other people

Radiate, our huge thousand-person conference, is hosted every year for our students to start off the New Year with their hearts captivated by Christ. Our main speaker, Tim Henderson, led the charge and painted a beautiful picture of Christ through four passages in Isaiah often called the Servant Songs. He challenged everyone to see all Jesus endured to offer us a relationship with Him, and helped us realign our expectations for our own lives by studying His life of sacrificial perseverance.

We are constantly challenged to see the world from this eternal perspective. It could be something as difficult as family loss or as simple as reacting to disappointing food service. Case and point – when Ashley and freshman, Jaimi, offered to stay behind for the check at a particularly over-crowded restaurant it would have been tempting to shoot dirty looks, grumble and miss a perfect opportunity. Instead, Ashley seized the moment to focus on this spiritually hungry freshman. Jaimi was surprisingly open about very sensitive issues from her past, especially with this being their first real conversation. Later Jaimi

expressed how much that conversation encouraged her. One of the best aspects about Radiate from a staff perspective is the tendency to foster openness and genuine caring quickly – perfect for seeing people grow spiritually! Hopefully Ashley can start discipling her soon.

*To listen to the worship song David wrote for the conference go to: soundcloud.com/coffeysongs/servant-song-3



The Body Of Christ And The Gospel

“50 involved freshman by the end of the year!” It’s been the rallying cry of the semester – that they’d not only show up at the large group meeting, but invest in weekly Bible Studies as well. They’re the most available, teachable and lasting students on campus (4 years to leave a legacy), and therefore, the best students for building movements.

So David hatched a plan to build ‘class identity’ with the freshman. He met with two freshman, Bevin and Brianna, and cast vision for a party designed for their class to meet each other, build fellowship and get excited to reach the campus. David planned all the events of the party, even roping in

Jocelyn, a senior planning to intern with Cru in the fall! Why not do all the hard planning work and delegate the inviting and leading to these students?

Rising to the occasion they, effectively brought our entire Cru freshman class! They gained valuable experience and watched their peers bond right in front of them.

Now that they know what to expect, the new plan is to have them throw an identical party with a twist: the new intended audience is non-Christian freshmen. All our freshmen will invite their non-Christian friends to a safe environment where they can encounter Christian fellowship and the

truth of the gospel in a unique way. Pray that God would prepare hearts and use this event at the end of February to draw lost students to Himself.

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Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

Until all hear, (Col 4:3-4)

David & Ashley

