



CAMPUS HOUSE

Christian Student Fellowship at
East Tennessee State University

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Friends & Ministry Partners,

We are grateful to launch into a new year and a new semester at ETSU. We are praying for each of you - for your health, your families, and your congregations. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and investment in the lives of college students, and the work God continues to do here at the Campus House and across the street on ETSU's campus.

The last year has looked so different in campus ministry, and we wanted to send you an update on life here so you can continue praying for us and the impact we're making for the sake of Christ's kingdom. Since 80% of ETSU's classes are online again this semester, we're finding the need for our students to connect is greater than ever (but also really challenging). We're continuing to offer much of what we do in a hybrid format to accommodate students who are ready to regather in person and others who want to continue meeting online. For things in house, we're requiring face masks, upping our cleaning game, and encouraging social distancing while following ETSU's guidelines for limited numbers for gatherings. Here's a snapshot of what our weekly rhythm looks like this semester:



Each week we gather on Wednesday nights for **Immerse**. We're studying the book of Romans this semester. It feels different sitting spaced apart in chairs with masks on, but we've found this gathering is central to our identity as worshippers. Slade Nakoff and Mallory Fehl are leading our band, and we look forward to this time each week. We open this event on Zoom as well and have a chat moderator who works to make the experience meaningful and inclusive.



World Cafe continues on Friday nights from 8-10pm. This semester includes a staffing change after Daniel's move to Maryville. If you haven't heard the news yet, our student intern Mallory Fehl is leading this event and our international student ministry for the spring. Mallory is a junior at Milligan University. If you haven't had the chance to meet her - she's wonderful. She grew up on the mission field in Ethiopia and truly has a heart for ministry that makes her a great fit to the team.



New this semester, we've introduced daily **Coffeehouse Hours**. From 2-4pm on Mon-Fri our student leadership team takes a turn at serving free pour over coffee and tea to any college student who walks in our doors. Until it's safe to regather for Tuesday Lunches (we're hoping Fall '21), we are encouraging students to come and grab coffee between classes or bring along some homework and hang out here at the Campus House. Since so much of their college lives are lived behind a computer screen this year, we're hoping this gives them the opportunity to gather safely and not be isolated.



As for other ministry things, small groups are also launching this week. Half of them will be offered here at the Campus House, and half of them will be Zoom-based small groups that meet online. Mentoring and one-on-one discipleship are also crucial elements of how we invest regularly in the lives of students. In the midst of Covid-19, we've seen depth flourish in these discipleship relationships. Students have all coped with the effects of the pandemic in different ways, and we're hopeful to continue pointing them to Jesus in the midst of continued uncertainty and confusion in ways that will set that pattern as a trajectory for the rest of their lives. In the same way that gold is refined by fire, we're praying that our students will emerge resilient and in an authentically refined relationship with Christ.

We ask that you will continue praying for us in all these efforts. We ask that you will pray for new students to continue walking in our doors. We ask that you would pray for our health and safety. We ask that you would pray for our international students - that they would continue to find openness, love, and community here. We ask that you would pray for our current core group of students - that they might continue to interact with other students in ways that have eternal impact for the sake of Christ.

We love you all dearly and are grateful for your continued partnership in reaching college students for Christ's kingdom.

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