

# CAMPUS MINISTRY Areopagus

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## For Christ and His Kingdom in All of University Life

### Prayer Requests:

- That our students would get connected with Trinity CRC
- Opportunities to build strong relationships with international students
- That our students would grow in their understanding of the interrelation of their faith and vocations
- Potential Graduate Student Bible Study & Lectures

"I appreciate your thoughtful answers to the questions I've asked. It has been really helpful, and encouraging."

This quote from a student exemplifies one reason why Areopagus exists, and the ways in which God is using this ministry to provoke students to think more deeply about their faith. *Pray that this would continue.*



Another academic year has begun, and with it, a host of Areopagus events all centered on reflecting that Christ is King over all, including the university and all that it encompasses.

On Friday, August 22, Christina and I welcomed back returning students by hosting a cookout and our home. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with students, hear about their summers, and plans for the upcoming year. It also served as a time to share a little about Areopagus' fall plan to engage students, the university, and wider Ames community.



Monday, August 25, marked the first day of classes, and September 2, marked the first Areopagus Bible study of the new academic year. Ten students attended to read the opening chapters of Esther, and discuss how we, as Christians, are called to respond to issues of racism, violence, and segregation in light of the Gospel. The following Sunday, Trinity CRC hosted a kick-off "Bacon Day" party for the students. We enjoyed an (over)abundance of amazing bacon-related treats, and watched the Kevin Bacon movie, *The River Wild*.

A lot has happened in two short weeks of the new semester, and much more is on the way. This Friday begins our involvement with Coffee, Tea, and English, and hosting international students for dinner and Bible study. I am eager to see how God might use our students, my wife, Christina, and I in this new endeavor. This Saturday is the annual Skunk River Clean-up, and at a recent meeting, we confirmed our Veritas speaker for January 2015: Dr. Troy Van Voorhis of MIT will give a lecture related to his book, *Certainty: Is Science All You Need?*

Each of these events, whether ongoing or not, reflect an aspect of a Reformed worldview: Biblical-theological study, academic engagement, creation-care, and serving the good of others. This is the goal of Areopagus. -Tyler Helfers (Director)



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