

CAMPUS CATALYST

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Fall 2016 **Legacy**

by Lauren Schultz (UNC Women's Minister)

Last month, CCF had a big party to celebrate 40 years of college ministry. Among those in attendance were my parents, who were part of CCF at UNC in the first few years of its existence, along with a handful of their college classmates and the first CCF campus minister who started it all. It was really neat to see generations of college students who have been impacted by the message of Jesus through CCF because someone acted on a vision 40 years ago.

Weeks ago, a youth minister contacted Dean and me. He was planning to bring a group of his high school students to UNC as a part of a multi-college tour and asked if we would round up a couple of our students and have lunch with them. As we ate and talked, I was reminded of what it was like to be a young lady in high school. It seems like a long time ago for me but for those teens, it's right now. I don't know if any of them will end up at UNC but their youth minister is working hard to ensure that they are prepared for whatever college they choose.

I hear statistics and stories of people who get to college and "drop out" of church. It can be disheartening. But then I meet a college freshman like Cassidy, looking for Christian friends who live up to their faith. And I see a timid student like Ashley learn to communicate the Gospel to her friends. I hear about Austin, who started to read the Bible on his own and has a lot of questions. God *is* still working. When I see the results of playful parents and present pastors, I

FYI!

NCSU We are focused on teaching God's Word through our weekly worship nights, small group Bible studies, and 1-on-1 discipleship. This year, we have seen three baptisms, almost half our students connected to small groups, and about a dozen new faces in our ministry.

ECU As the semester finishes, pray that our students wouldn't lose sight of Jesus and that they would reach out to others who need Christ on our campus.

UNCW With Glen's new addition to his family and Adriane's marriage this summer, CCF at UNCW is in a transition. Students have continued to build transformational habits and involve others through SWAT teams and social events. We are in the process of looking for a new Women's Minister.



UNC staff and students with visiting high schoolers and their youth minister from Christ's Church in Greenville, NC

know that my job is just a link in the chain. In 1 Corinthians 3 Paul writes, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." None of the work that Dean and I do can stand alone. Sometimes we plant the seed; sometimes we water. But it is God who brings the growth.

My parents occasionally get to meet the students I work with, and I love it. It's an opportunity for the students to see the history that precedes them and for my parents to see the legacy they've created. I wonder what someone like the apostle Thomas, who is known for his moment of doubt, will say when he meets the class of 2016 in heaven. Seeds that he planted, watered, or harvested have led to college students knowing Jesus 2000 years beyond him. Thank you for your prayers and support through the years. What an incredible legacy we are part of.

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News Flash!

CCF 40 for 40 Appeal

Can you partner with CCF in raising \$40,000 to honor 40 years of ministry by December 31st? As we reflect on our many years of ministry we ask your help in preparing for the work that God has for us in the future. You can give online at our website or by mail!

Thank you!

UNC-CH Varsity Church, which many of our students have been involved in, recently merged with The Point Church. Since Dean has been a part of The Point Church, we are excited about what this partnership will mean for the Chapel Hill community, and also what it can mean for reaching students at UNC.

Alumni Impacting the World

by Michael Galin (NCSU Alumnus)

The impact that a community has on you — especially one that draws you closer to Christ and spreads His Word with love — is invaluable. To me, CCF has modeled what true Christian fellowship is called to mean. CCF has been a body of believers that loves God, loves each other, and loves our world for the sake of Christ.

I have been in the workplace for over a year now, and it has been one of the most enjoyable yet exhausting times in my life. The workplace is different than college in many ways. One of these differences is that you work with the same people every day. There aren't different classes or semesters to separate you from those you work with (and who you may work with for years to come). Through my time with CCF, I was prepared to be a witness for Christ in the workplace.

Not only did CCF teach me that spending time with God is of the utmost importance, I also saw how to more deeply apply God's truths to my life. CCF showed me that people will be people; that they are messy and in need of God. I learned how awesome it can be to let your light shine for Christ so that everyone can see how you interact with God every day (in praise and repentance). Over the past year or so, I've learned that your boss, supervisor, and peers are watching how you conduct yourself. Trying to conduct yourself to glorify God without God is impossible, and to neglect shining your light to those in your office is all too easy.



Michael Galin playing guitar and leading worship for a weekend retreat with his church's small group

I thank CCF for showing me how to shine my light on the university campus because that prepared me for taking my faith into the workplace. I thank CCF for providing a community which I can still call on to this day. I pray that CCF will continue to make disciples who love God, love each other, and love our world.

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