

## Part II

### Chapter 15

### Back To School

Those three words bring all different kinds of visions of the future, the present and the past. For many high school age and under, they are already Back To School and many college students are also slugging it out, but for students at Oregon State, the future is turning quickly into the present.

Summer has been very active at the Courtyard with a great deal of preparation for 42 students to arrive. Our leadership team students arrived September 16<sup>th</sup> with the remainder of the residents coming September 21<sup>st</sup>. Can you believe what God has done in just one year? We started with 12 and now we are at maximum capacity with a waiting list and reservations in hand for next year! God is so good.

Our calendar is full and I hope you will pray for us and keep up via the web. Here is what a week of just evenings looks like:

Monday:	5:30-8:30 pm	House dinner, worship and Bible Study with residents 43
Tuesday:	6:00-9:00 pm	Alpha Course starts September 30-November 25 50+
	9:30-11:30 pm	Navigators Greekside ministry to the Greek system at OSU- 80
Wednesday:	7:00-9:00 pm	2forty-two campus ministry of NW Hills Comm. Church – 120
	9:00-11:00 pm	Coffee House open for after 2forty-two
Thursday	7:00-9:00 pm	City-Wide Bible Study (The Truth Project) – 50
Friday	7:00-11:00 pm	Every other week Open Mic and Coffee House ministry

Praises all around as our Director, Chris Zauner, returns with more experience and he will also lead the charge of Young Life at Crescent Valley High School. Hannah Pugh will act as our Women's Director and second in charge at the house. Chef Stephanie is also back to cook up lunches and dinners for 50 every weekday and add another 50-125 on Alpha Tuesdays!

There is too much to write here of the improvements to the facility or of our depth of community involvement and what is happening. But on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 49 pastors, ministry leaders and those interested in our Corvallis City-Wide Alpha Course converged for the Thursday City Prayer at the Courtyard followed by a lunch and a forum on an initiative of many churches and ministries working together for Christ using Alpha at the Courtyard. Please pray for them, for us and for the people that God desires to come to Alpha later this month. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 13 people came for Alpha Leadership training representing eight area churches!

Our new residents are fantastic. We had some time with most of them in June in preparation for the year and they are amazing. Talent and ability are the words that come to mind in describing them. Their stories are fresh, and exciting; but most of all, new stories are being written every day and we are so happy to be a part of their life during their studies at LBCC and OSU.

Oh, Back to School means one more thing to me this year... at 51 I'm going back to school. I will start classes September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cornerstone School of Ministry as a full-time student for the next nine-months. What is even more special is that our son, Scott, after finishing two degrees at OSU in Physics and Math, will be going to Cornerstone as well before going on to get his doctorate. I'm way out of practice going to school, but I look forward to the rich blessings of Biblical instruction and learning.

Relevance at the Courtyard is active, engaged and alive. Thank you for your support of prayer and resources. Kim and I feel blessed to be involved in loving our communities to Christ. We hope you will come and see for yourself, what amazing things God is doing by just being obedient. You are apart of this ministry. Keep us in your prayers. God bless you always,

Walt and Kim