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## Figuring Out Life and Faith



### Divine Delays By Brandy McCloud

When was the last time you saw God work through something you might be tempted to see as a bad thing? Well, this past summer, in a tiny regional airport, I was 2 hours deep into waiting on a delayed plane when I glanced up to see someone I recognized. To my delight, across the terminal was an alumnus whom I pray for consistently, and her parents, on their way to connect with family! Greeting them, we proceed to talk/pray for the next 30-45 minutes about life, faith, and how amazing a God we serve. I was reminded in this moment of how our God doesn't do things by accident. While I was a bit frazzled at a delayed plane, He had far better things in store by allowing my path to cross with these three! There was so much encouragement and reconnecting from that time of fellowship and prayer, and it was so valuable. God uses all sorts of things that we see as not good to draw us and others closer to Him! What's He using in your world?



Unexpected airport meeting



### Northwest College

### Unshakeable Unity By: Seth Carter

Last semester at our Fall Retreat, someone identified our group of students as having "unshakeable unity." They immediately had a chance to prove that statement when someone fell asleep at the wheel, endangering his peers. In the near miss, they recognized God's protection and gathered to pray at the next stop and process the event. All semester we've seen them encourage each other, intentionally reach out to peers and each week at our worship meeting that we call "Trailhead," they share "God-sightings," moments where they've seen God answer prayers. This winter many of our students have come alongside a friend who is battling with depression and suicidal thoughts, sometimes staying up long hours to be available and pray with him. Many are preparing to graduate and leave Northwest College, leaving the deep community that will no doubt shape their future. Several of these students will attend the Senior Debrief Retreat with CV Next, learning to prepare for life and community after college!



Practicing for the lip sync battle at Life Impact

King David wrote in Psalm 133, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!" This ministry year has been good and pleasant in regard to the unshakeable unity we've seen in this bunch of students. Please pray for this unity to continue as this group passes the baton to the student leaders that will come back in the fall!

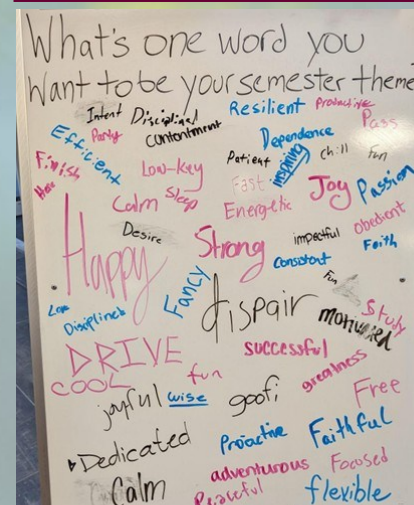


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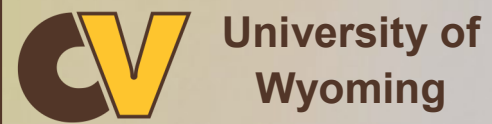
### The Spring Semester is Off and Running! By: Jeff Gouldie

Our Leaders-in-Training Team is off and running! One member was elated after sharing Jesus with an international student who had never heard the Gospel before. She said, "I realize that I can share the Gospel with people and I don't have to be a priest or minister! I can do this!" Praise the Lord for her bravery and willingness to follow where the Spirit leads. Also pray for the student, whom she invited to our next large group meeting.

In other news, we're off on our first ever spring break mission trip! From March 7-12, our staff member Beulah will be leading us to her home reservation (the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota) to serve her former pastor. Before CV started at Chadron State, it was a dream of mine to minister cross-culturally to native peoples and God is answering that prayer! Following the mission trip, I (Jeff) leave for sabbatical, so our staff members Jacob and Beulah will manage the ministry for the rest of the Spring semester. We value your prayers, so please continue to lift us up at Chadron State!



Students were asked for one word they want to be their semester theme



## Sermon on the Mount & Freshman Praying By: Heath Dancy

This semester is off to the fastest start. Riki and I are getting into the hyperactive mode around the house as we get ready for baby #4 to arrive in late April. But even with the craziness of a new family member coming, ministry has been very encouraging to our souls. This semester we are going through the Sermon on the Mount at CV and it has been one of the more convicting series for our students. This semester we have covered anger/murder, lust/adultery, and marriage/divorce. But through these hard things, Jesus has continued to remind us and our students that it isn't about behavior modification, but heart transformation. We keep pushing students back to the reality of Ezekiel 36. God has given us a **NEW HEART!**



1st LIT team meeting: sharing God's story

God has also blessed us with an amazing Freshman class this year. One of our freshman guys has to leave UW for personal reasons and it was such a blessing to see all the freshman guys encourage him and gather around to pray for him and his next step in life. Every staff member at Freshman Hood was almost in tears. It's awesome to see Freshman develop community and have a deep care for each other.



## Growing and Multiplying By: Hannah Katz



School of Mines students at the Life Impact Conference in January.

have seen multiple Bible studies being started by students, new discipleship relationships forming, the gospel being shared, and increased prayer for the lost on campus. God is very much at work here and continuing to grow and multiply His Kingdom. Please pray these students would truly know the lasting love of Jesus in their lives.

If you have been following along with what's happening at Mines the last few years, you'll know that we've been going through some staff changes and are still in the process of looking for a new full-time director. In the world's way of thinking it may seem easy to conclude that due to leadership changes an organization may suffer and even decrease as a result of so many changes. Thankfully, we are not under the world's way of operating. God has been gracious to continue meeting the needs of students here at Mines as He always has. This spring we

## Prayer requests:

- Pray for the eleven students going to Project Impact this summer in Denver, CO. Project Impact is a discipleship program training students to share Jesus in the workforce.
- Vision for the OneLink overseas project. CV is sending seven students from four campuses to share the gospel in Central Asia.
- Long-term replacement for Campus Director at South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City.
- For our ten new interns next year and their support raising journey!
- Praise that the Assist fund reached 99% of it's goal!

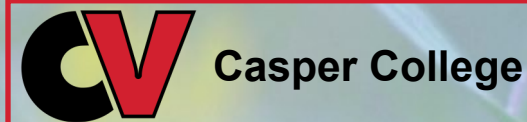
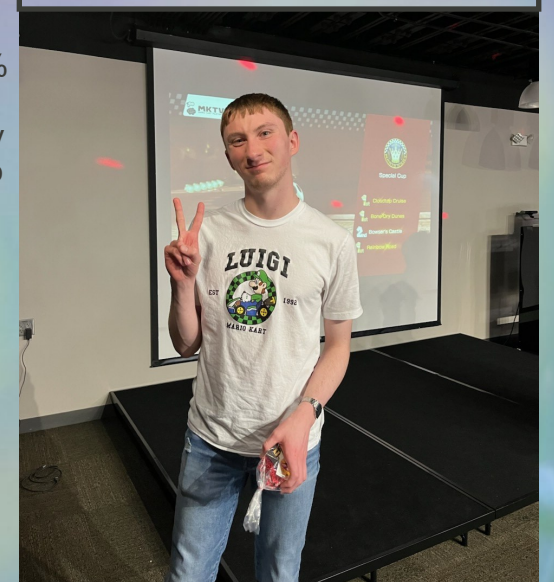


## Parties With A Purpose By: Shane Vietzke

Personally, I don't like video games. But according to the Entertainment Software Association, nearly 61% of Americans play video games weekly. The largest demographic is 18-34 year olds (38% of players) and 5-10 year olds have the highest engagement (79% of Gen Alpha). Paul wrote, "I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel..." so we applied that by hosting an Arcade Night on our campus.

We did this last year and met Matthew. A junior who none of us had ever met before, who LOVES Mario Kart. He easily won the tournament. More importantly, he started coming to CV. An upperclassman met with him and shared the gospel. That upperclassman started discipling him. This year we hosted the Arcade Night again and had nearly double the attendance of our weekly meeting. Matthew won the Mario Kart tournament again. But more importantly he said, "I'm really glad I got to help do something for others that made such a big difference for me." That's the goal. Serve people where they're at. Point them to Jesus. Then equip them to serve and disciple others.

Matthew claiming his Mario Kart championship



## Seems Simple By: Tyler Owens



Fun at the party

For around 30 years Campus Ventures at Casper College has hosted a party to watch football's biggest game. The goal has always been to provide a fun space for students to gather on campus for a fun event. We host games, give away prizes, and try to facilitate activities that lead to conversations and meeting new people. This year our student leadership team came up with an excellent activity to try during the half time show. They unplugged from the screen and gave a variety of fun conversation topics that allowed students to participate in a game where one lucky winner would receive a large prize. It was a breath of fresh air to see students initiating and having laughter filled conversations about why they should be president, best super hero powers, and favorite memories. No phones, no screens, no media conglomerate dictated entertainment, just friends being made. Jesus' love on display. In a time of intense discord people of many backgrounds were able to enjoy one another. Pray for the CV students as they continue loving others through simple friendship.