

Jesus Week is Here! Please Participate!

After a quick four months of prep time and lots of grace, Jesus Week is finally here. The activities will begin on Monday, April 9 with faculty speakers and worship at the fence. Specifics on the schedule are available on the web site at www.jesusweek.org and on the calendars that are posted on bulletin boards throughout Carnegie Mellon academic buildings. These will also be available during fellowship time.

What else should you expect at Jesus Week 2001? There will be worship every night at the fence. Speakers Paul Hassell of Intervarsity, Mark Oh of Campus Crusade, and Magnus Moseray of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be giving talks at the fence. There will be testimonies, discussion forums, and even a Veggie Tales marathon.

How can you participate in Jesus Week 2001? First and foremost, we need your prayers. A list of prayer requests is available on the web site. You can also subscribe to the Jesus Week bboard at bb+graffiti.jesusweek@andrew.cmu.edu. People with questions about Christianity will be posting their questions here. You can also download a poster or posters to tape to your dorm room door and to give to your RA to tack up to your floor's bulletin board. You can attend the events. The times and locations of events are available on the web site and the posted calendars. **You can also invite your friends!** Most of us have friends whom we've talked to about Christianity. Let them know about this great opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ!

There's also this little thing called servant evangelism. The cell groups and small groups of ACF and Intervarsity will be serving the Carnegie Mellon campus in a variety of ways, including car washes, prayer stations, handing out free sodas, and handing out free Italian ice. If you're in a cell group, please encourage your cell members to participate.

Jesus Week will be an exciting time to worship our God and to share the good news with those around us. Please keep the campus in your prayers. Please pray that God will guard His children and keep them safe during this time of evangelism. Please look out for opportunities to participate and evangelize. Have fun and keep your focus on Jesus.

- Ron Urwongse

Pray for Jesus Week!

(from www.jesusweek.org)

You can help Jesus Week 2001 by your offering of prayer. Please pray for the following:

- that God will provide faithful hands and voices needed to bring the Gospel on campus through worship, prayer, discussions, and servant evangelism
- that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of the students at Carnegie Mellon to be receptive of the good news
- that God will provide mild weather for all outdoor activities during Jesus Week 2001

Specifically, you can pray for the following items on these days:

Monday, April 9

- for good weather throughout Jesus Week
- that those who might be interested have been reached by some form of publicity or invited by a friend
- that servant evangelism will be effective

Tuesday, April 10

- that members on the panel of the discussion forum will provide useful information to those who are seeking
- that people will come to the forum with challenging questions

Wednesday, April 11

- that God will be with the faculty members who have committed to sharing their testimony with the campus
- that students will be moved by these testimonies to further explore the identity of Jesus Christ

Thursday, April 12

- that students will not be made uncomfortable by worship at the fence, but that worship heightens their curiosity about Jesus
- that Paul Hassel can present the Gospel to the students of Carnegie Mellon in a way to which they can relate

Friday, April 13

- that Jesus Week workers will be able to endure any hostility and not be vengeful or angry and that they show Christ's love
- that evangelism does not stop after this week is over, but that Christians on campus will continue to spread the Gospel through friendships and fellowships

Saturday, April 14

- that Losing Daylight be able to minister to the campus through its music and that both Christians and their friends can enjoy the concert
- that Jesus Week workers will be able to follow-up on students who have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus

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So Easy, Yet So Hard

Whoever loves his brother lives in the light ~John 2:10

What does it mean to be Christian? Tons of things, but for this week, I focus on loving our fellow brothers and sisters. I heard long ago (a.k.a. freshman year) that Christians recognize each other by the love we have for not just each other, but all those around us. Doubtless ACF is blessed with great people in Christ living as a family in His Glory. Many who are not in ACF but who have ACFer friends have remarked about the great kindness, compassion and agape love they sense in us which is great testimony. As a friend noted, "It must be hard [being Christian] ... loving your enemies? [silence]" I could only answer a yes for I felt so very hypocritical. While my friend was right, I have been far from faithful in carrying out my own words (and better yet, *The* Word). To see (a) friend(s) doing wrong and to act in love by confronting them in the right spirit is a sheer challenge, that which begs God's guidance and refinement. To be motivated by love and not by self-righteous or haughtiness "in the eyes of God" is a dangerous yet immensely rewarding lesson. Radical, severe right-wing Christians, as often portrayed in the media and stereotypes, reminds us that love is so easy and yet can easily develop into that which is anything but love. A loving heart is humble, for a holy and loving God holds all people equal (Rom 3:9,23; Gal 3:22; 1 John 1:8) so it's clear what our example, as either Christians or humans, is. Can we fulfill our humanity and Christ's example if we discriminate people's character and fall short of being loving? Easy and hard, all at once.

As Jesus Week starts, we have the opportunity to either begin or especially to continue showing our faith and spirits as Christians to the campus community. Praise God for the great work He has worked in us all individually and as a family in Him.

- Richard Chen

A Cliché for the Impossible?

Hey you, the person reading this. Why are you here? Are you a student? Are you not already working? Making money? Feeding a family, even? Living a comfy life with a BMW? Getting your near-perfect QPA? Looking for that perfect-someone to live out your life? Do you want to leave your mark on this world before you have to go? (Sort of a cliché opening, yes? Well there's more to come.)

Well, nothing bad with those thoughts and motivations, really. The American culture preaches a gospel of wealth to the world, and people with an Asian upbringing and cultural value are especially prone to it. Of course, success is a wonderful thing, but what do you consider as success? I hope it is not just the net worth of your stock profile.

"Think Globally, Act Locally" has been a cliché used around the environmentalist movement. It's hard to imagine one person saving the South American rain forest, for example, but it's where it starts. Now, as Jesus's followers, we need to save our most valuable resource, humans. First and foremost, we need to keep them alive before we tell them the good news of Jesus, no? =)

It's hard for American-bred folks to see the suffering around the world due to poverty, war, persecution, and natural disasters, thus realize how valuable the care and need the rest of the world can use from us. It's even harder for those of us here who have seen (and came from) the suffering around the world to let go what America offers to its inhabitants and bring salvation to the needy in a personal way.

Seriously though, who am I kidding? I don't expect most of us to donate significant amount of material wealth for the cause of saving lives and improving living conditions. I certainly do not foresee the wealthy, even Christians, to give up the comfort of their material wealth to reach out to the needy on a regular, large-scale basis. Why? As the author of this little rant, I **don't** even do it. So I beg you to do better than my hypocritical self, and give freely to those who needs it. It starts locally. It can be as little as putting in some money for the ACF pledge to as much as 10%+ of your professional income to organized causes worthy of your hard work. Remember, even the poorest CMU student is quite richer than the children starving to death in those cliché mission-promotional hand-outs. Be the living sacrifice that Paul called us to become.

I hope you don't just read this and put it in your head. It's something you just have to do. It's even worthy enough to live by. It's what Jesus did.

The Breakup of Fight Club

Sunday, March 4th saw 12 bleary-eyed guys deeply saddened; their cell group was on the verge of splitting, and they would never see each other again.

Well, actually, no. First, it's not like we don't see each other at ACF; second, it's "multiplying" technically, not splitting, and third, no, we weren't bleary-eyed or deeply saddened. Fight Club (otherwise known as "Ron's cell group" for the cell-group-name-recognition-challenged out there), however, exists no longer in its original form. After growing to a peak size of 13, we're now Ron's cell group and Dave Matsumoto's cell group.

So among our initial difficulties was what do we do about the names? We both came from Fight Club (Ron, what does this name mean anyway?) so should we both retain "fight"? or "club"? We could have been Fight Club 1 and Fight Club 2, but that was uncreative and implied that one cell group was better than the other. We could have been Fight_Club.left and Fight_Club.right, but that was eerily reminiscent of much-abhorred CMU CS-ishness (around here, that's as legitimate a word as any). To this day, I'm not quite sure what we've done about the names.

Also, upon multiplying, we realized something remarkable was going away. We probably had the most diverse cell group in ACF. Fight Club was Thai, Korean, Japanese/Caucasian, Filipino, Hispanic, Sri Lankan, Indian, and Chinese. How often do you see that in ACF?

The question remained, though, of the member composition of each new cell group. After initially coming up with a "you choose which cell group" strategy and then being shot down brutally by the cell group coordinators (no, not really brutally...we love the cell group coordinators!), we ended up coming to a decision of

Dave M., Cyrus, Kwok, and Vishal in one, and Ron, Earl, Neil, Danny, Angel, and John Jones in the other. Come to think of it...to be perfectly honest, I'm not quite sure how those groups were formed either.

Despite our small issues with administrative details though, all in all, our cell group multiplication was a good thing. It means that finally our cell groups were working according to design: coming together, growing, and expanding. In the future, both children of Fight Club and all the other ACF cell groups will do the same in faith through Christ, coming together for God's glory, growing in His light, and expanding His kingdom. May God grace all of our cell groups by helping us to remember for what purpose we meet.

- Cryus Chung

Town Meeting

On Wednesday, April 18th, we'll be having ACF's second Town Meeting. What is town meeting? Basically it a time for everyone to discuss where God is leading ACF. A lot of the Large Group leaders, cell coordinators and advisors will be there to address any issues you want to know more about. Everyone is invited to come ask questions and make suggestions. It will be held at Hamburg Hall, Room B103 from 830-10:00pm.

Wanna know what ACF's current goals are? Take a look at the strategy map on the last page of the newsletter!

Pledges

Hey ACFer's!! Wanna know another way to participate in Jesus Week? How about giving financially to help cover Jesus Week costs? Only 10 people have submitted their pledges! How many people are there in ACF?? =) Our goal is to have each member donate \$25 or more towards the cost of getting the speakers and the band here and numerous other administrative costs that need to be covered. This is an opportunity for all of us to show God's love to our fellow students through our service and evangelize through the various events. Please, pray about it and give as God leads you to give. Every little bit helps, so whatever you can give, 2 cents or \$200, give cheerfully! Pledges can be emailed to Angela Chen (apchen@andrew.cmu.edu).

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

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Function in ACF(if any): none
Fav Hobbies: sleeping, playing Diddy Kong Racing!
Fav bible verse: Isaiah 41:10
Best advice you can give someone else: don't forget to have fun
What do you do on your spare time: sleep
If you could change one thing in ACF, what would it be: i don't know

Schedule

April

13 Jesus Week
18 Town Meeting (8:30-10pm)
20 Study 6
27 Study 7

May

4 Fun/Sharing Night

Birthdays

April

9 Becky Chang
10 Esther Chen
14 Takford Mau
15 Jeff Chuang
26 Tim Lo
26 Richard Chen



(how old do you think he is?)

One more issue of the newsletter left this school year! Write something guys! Send all your contributions to
bsh+news@andrew.cmu.edu!

Have an event you would like to see in the ACF Newsletter? Please e-mail events (and birthdays) to bsh+news@andrew.cmu.edu.

Spotlight



PCC-ACF Strategy Map; A practical working plan for 2000-2001

FOUNDATIONS

MISSION (*why we exist*)

To effectively produce devoted followers of Jesus Christ from the student bodies of the various campuses; with a strategic focus on the English-speaking Asians.

VISION (*what we are becoming*)

A community of believers devoted in: Exalting the glory of God through dynamic worship, intimacy with God, and radical obedience; Enfolded one another in love; Engaging the campuses, community, and the world for godly impact.

VALUES (*what we care deeply about?*)

- Kingdom priority
- Word focused and Prayer driven.
- Purpose centered and People minded.
- Passionate for God and Grace oriented.
- Developmental and Gift-based
- Creative and Strategic discipleship
- Local Impact and Mission Minded.

KEY GOALS

- An effective system of evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training for the student population.

- A loving and supportive community with godly and healthy relationships.

- Students with a passion to seek God first in their personal lives, on the campuses, in the community, and in the world.

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STRATEGIES & TACTICS

1a. Cell group friendship evangelism

- evangelism training
- at least one large group outreach even per semester near campus (non-orientation) e.g. movie night, testimonies, evangelistic talk, random good deeds

1b. One on one discipleship system for making disciples and disciples

- cell groups - the 3 E's - exaltation, evangelism, extension

1c. Leadership training

- Leadership training: on the job training in ACF teams, cells, BS groups
- cell and Bible study leader training

2. Community/Relationships

- IM sports, dinner after ACF, JFC, chivalry night
- cell groups, service teams (i.e. Habitat)

3. Passion in Personal Lives

- every ACFer sharing & inviting at least 2 friends to ACF per semester
- regular LGL-prayer meetings
- bible studies (equip)
- prayer meetings (formal and informal) people)

- IM sports/socials

- prayer

- orientation program for all students (helping them move in, apt. hunting, making contacts, dinners...)

- prayer

- leadership training event (with people interested, invited) -----STM, retreat, SICT
- service --- chance to learn measure

- discovering spiritual gifts

- asking every committed Christian in ACF to serve in at least one area (snacks, ride coordinator, welcome team, care team, outreach team, publicity team, bible study leader, prayer team, newsletter team, drama team, etc...)

- winter retreat

- encouraging individual's quiet times

- cell groups - accountability

- encourage missions - Urbana Conference; being mission-minded (Adopt-a-

OUTCOME MEASURE (by mid 2000)

1. Every committed ACF member is serving or taking on a role in some capacity

2. Majority of LGL's are NOT cell group leaders

3. 10 new and sustained converts each year

4. Average of 5 newcomers each week

5. Friday night attendance increase of 10% from beginning to end of semester