



"ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE!"

- C. S. Lewis The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

This quote aptly describes how our CMC team feels after launching this first year of ministry. Our "launch" team went from vision to prayer last January, then launched our 'house church' in February at the home of Tim and Dinah Lewis in Canyon. Faithful Sunday School classes from First Presbyterian brought home cooked meals each Monday night as we had personal testimonies, worship time, and small group DBS (Discovery Bible Study). Slowly, each week more West Texas A&M students begin showing up as well as young professionals and local Canyon couples. We ended the spring with a full house.



SHARING A MEAL

Along with this weekly community, we were asked by a new venue, The Sad Monkey Mercantile (located on the edge of Palo Duro State Park), to host a monthly Sunday Gospel Brunch. Andy Chase brought his Gospel Bluegrass music and good ole southern cooked food was served, and a short Gospel presentation closed out our time.

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For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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Galatians 5.14

In attendance each month were over 120 people from local Canyon/Amarillo folks to out of towners camping in the Palo Duro Canyon, to folks from small West Texas towns, and WT students. We ended the spring with a back packing trip to Colorado with some key student leaders.



(Student Leader Abby Boyd at Monday Night's meal with the CMC community)

PRAYER REQUESTS



As we start the new year we have some exciting new developments as well as big prayer requests:

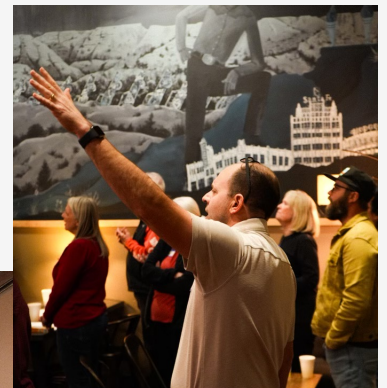
- The Lord has provided CMC with an office/student prayer room literally on the edge of the WT campus (directly across from Founder's Hall) that we will share with NOVO Ministries. This will be office space for staff as well as a room for prayer and bible study for students downstairs.
- We have secured a great place for Monday evening worship at the Cole Community Center in the heart of Canyon. (right under the huge water tower!)
- In February, we will bring on an additional new Student Staff person, Butare Rugenerwa! He is a gifted connector and has a heart for evangelism.
- We have a tremendous volunteer Leadership team of 10 people and an Executive Council of two Elders and two Deacons.

Please beseech the Lord on our behalf with the following specific prayers:

- We have many students and great volunteers from Amarillo. Please pray for adults and families from Canyon that are in need of a church home or are "seekers" to come and be a part of our family.
- While we have a stable location, we pray for the Lord's timing and provision for a permanent space.
- That we would continue to meet and build relationships with international students and others who may not know Christ.

A NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP

When students returned this Fall we kept seeking the Lord's will on what our next step should be. We quickly realized we had out grown the Lewis' lovely home. We started off meeting every where from back rooms of coffee houses, to a wedding venue (Honey Bee Farms) and finally landed in an former Episcopal church across from the WT campus that had shut it doors years ago.



GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM

We added as worship leader, a leadership team, a social media savvy student, and made it feel like a real church. Each week some **35-40 people of all ages would show up**. A young couple from Canyon, along with several other couples they were meeting with weekly, had been praying about starting a church when they found our website and decided to join us on Mondays. One of our students, Butare, a graduate student who runs track at WT, began bringing his track friends to our events. These are international students from all over the world. He began leading a weekly bible study with young men on Thursdays. Our Student Staff, Jack Price, spent one on one time with multiple students this fall including a young man from Israel who is new to the Gospel.

Another of our student leaders met a young adult from China at a coffee shop and invited him to our Monday evenings. He had never been to a worship setting nor understood the Gospel. This New Years Eve I was able to spend an hour explaining the Good News of Jesus to him and answering his questions. Many of our adult leaders have built relationships with students and frequently have them in their homes for dinner. Several of our students and one of our young adults have taken the Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) series and started their own groups on campus or at work.

(WT students preparing to compete during CMC's Pickle Ball Tournament)



In October we became an official West Texas A&M organization and have had several excellent meetings with WT College President Dr. Wendler. Along with this, our young professionals hosted a pickle ball tournament in Amarillo and had over 60 players in attendance! We continued our Sad Monkey Gospel Brunch with great turnouts and ended the year with a "Merry Monkey" Christmas Carols and Hot Chocolate Night.



(Nancee Gilmour with a CMC Small Group sharing their faith during our Monday Night Worship Gathering)

As stated at the onset of this update, Jesus is on the move and our desire at CMC is to just listen, watch, and follow Him in this exciting adventure.

Our primary goal at CMC is :

We **CONNECT** West Texas A&M students with canyon and Amarillo families to form a Christ entered community. (Acts 2:42-46)

We make **DISCIPLES** who **MAKE** disciples. (Matthew 28:16-20)

We **SERVE** the WT/Canyon community with hands on ministry. (Mark 9:41)

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MOMENT OF TESTIMONY

Ft. Matt

Below is the story of one of our young adults and how the Lord has impacted his life through the CMC ministry:

“I started going to CMC almost a year ago after I had just gone through a really rough time in my career. I was exhausted, stressed, and extremely anxious. I had for most of my life ignored Christ. I knew he was there but I found it hard to love him back even a fraction of the way that he loved me. I had tried multiple times to make myself pour into that relationship and I would feel it growing but I never really got into community to support me in my growth. I also never really spoke to anyone about my struggles of getting to love the Lord. After this season though when I was so exhausted I started to feel his loving embrace again and he put some people in my life around that time to help me realize that was what I wanted. So I started going to church again and on one of the first Sundays I was there and Kim said that he had the house church that he would like me to show up to. I was extremely nervous going the first time, I even made an excuse to show up late because I didn’t know what to expect but everyone there was extremely welcoming and friendly. It was a shock to me to do the DBS model with them on my second week there where I we weren’t just learning about the word but it was an active discussion and we were encouraged to live it out in our lives over the next few weeks. It was even more of a shock when I was asked to lead a DBS group not too many weeks later (Not realizing that the purpose of that was to learn how to minister not to already be good at it). Those combined with the fact that we were singing praise music in someone’s living room was a bit of culture shock to me. But the leadership of CMC held onto me and kept developing me. Through them I got to see more ways that the Lord loves us and learn what ministry can look like. They encouraged me to take a class on praying which seemed odd at first and was a huge culture shock to me but in the end it drastically grew my relationship with the Lord and helped me to better understand my identity in him.

One of the greatest things to me is how intergenerational CMC seems to be and it’s desire to grow even more. Getting to be guided by people of all ages through my struggles and seeing how they love the Lord in different ways has been phenomenal. The fact that no-one is giving a lecture about how loving the Lord works but instead we are discussing and guiding each other to better understand Him is a beautiful thing. Throughout the past 10 months through CMC I have gotten to see so many people love and serve each other in a way that brings glory to God and that itself has helped me to have a desire like I’ve never had before to follow him. The love that I had so desired to have for Him has started to grow and it is highly due to God working on me through this community. They have wonderful leadership and members and I am happy that CMC has been placed in my life.”

Contact us! We'd love to hear from you.



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Our newest
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member!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- CMC Spring Kick Off
Starts Monday January 22nd, 2024
6:30pm at Cole Community Center
301 16th Street, Downtown Canyon (look for Water Tower!)
- Meets there every Monday Evening
6:30pm Dinner
7:00 Worship and Small Groups
- Worship Gathering for Month of February
at Cole Community Center in Canyon, TX
February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2024

New Office Address (across from Founders Hall):
105 N. 28th St.
Unit H
Canyon, TX 79015

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