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# Chi Alpha Open House

After nearly a year and a half, we are finally drawing the near to the end of our renovations on the Chi Alpha House. We have had some challenges along the way (lots of spiritual warfare, a flood that destroyed much of our flooring, etc), but the Lord has faithfully brought us to the end...and what a place He has given us! We are so thankful for all who have contributed their time, finances and prayers!

With this in mind, we would love for you to come and celebrate with us. On Sunday, July 17 from 3:00-5:00, we will have a Chi Alpha Open House to allow you to walk the building and property, to meet a few of our students and hear their

stories of transformation, and to enjoy some snacks with us. We will also be sharing some exciting developments for future ministry. Would you make plans to come and join us?

### House Parties

We have been hosting House Parties this summer on Friday evenings. They have been some rich times of fun and relationship building. The students who come not only return the next time, but virtually always do with more friends.





House Party Fun

We now even have international students joining us and having an incredible time. At our most recent party, a student from India declared that she, "wanted to be friends with God and to know His mind." Another unchurched student contacted one of our student leaders a few days after the party and asked if she would, "help her get to know God." The Lord is doing some great things!

## Prayer Walks

Every Wednesday evening, I have been leading prayer walks around our three campuses. These have been rich times of Kingdom advancement. The exciting aspect of these times has been that a majority of the people I lead are our students. Would you pray along with us as we cry out for a Great Awakening to transform our campuses?



## Prayer Focus

As we begin to draw near to August, things begin to really crank up as we prepare for the Fall and a new wave of university students to enter our cities. As we continue to prayer walk and meet new students, I cannot help but delight in Jesus' Words that we are to open our eyes and observe the fields that are ripe for harvest. This generation of students is hungry for truth, hope and what is right. They simply need someone to show them a better way...they need help to find the road to the Kingdom. Our response: here we are Lord! Send us!

As we prepare to go to these campuses, we know that we cannot go alone. There is a battle going on for our campuses. Idealogies, agendas, and plans for destruction through self-worship (idolatry) abound on our campuses. Would you join with us in this battle by praying consistently with us? We would be so appreciative for your support!

Here are some specifics that you can be praying for with us:

- CMC Conference Chi Alpha staff from around the country will gather in Phoenix for the last week of July for special times of preparation and prayer for the days ahead. Would you pray with us that we would be strengthened to receive all that Jesus has for us?
- International Students Since COVID, international students on our campuses have been very difficult to find. This past spring, a door was opened to us and now we are beginning to meet new friends quickly. The Lord is already at work in them (see story on previous page). Would you pray with us for students who are open and hungry to be put in our paths so that we could minister the Gospel of Jesus to them?
- Social Media Ministry We are preparing to launch a significant online ministry this school year. We did a test
  run in March hoping to reach 500 people; we ended up connecting with close to 6,000! Would you pray with us for
  wisdom as we plan and favor as we launch this critical ministry?
- Mid-August Welcome Week Nearly 30,000 students from around the globe will arrive on our campuses in mid-August, seeking to figure out who they are and what they will do with their lives. Would you pray that we would cross paths with some seeking students, that we could become their true friends, and that a generation of disciplemakers would arise from these relationships?

