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November 2022 If You Didn't Go on the Hayride, You Missed Out!

What brings millions of corn and soybean plants, dozens of visitors from other countries, and five American couples together? Add to the mix a 50-something year old tractor, a fire, and the Gospel of Christ, and you get the Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry hayride and bonfire! We gathered in the evening of September 16 at a family farm in Audrain County, Missouri.

Our host for the evening reminded us that the first command made to humans is still in effect. We are to tend the garden. His part of that garden consists of hundreds of acres of grain fields and pasture lands, where he produces corn and soybeans, as well as raising cattle. Part of our work as Christians is to provide for the needs of other people. When Jesus tells us to pray the Lord will provide our daily bread, farmers get to be part of that provision in a very real, hands-on way.



So why do we gather a bunch of relative strangers, roast hot dogs and marshmallows, pile into a hay wagon, and roll around the fields? It's because of Jesus' love.



Just as Jesus sought us when we were strangers, we seek out and invite those people who have come to our community and may not have built relationships with local people. We welcome the strangers.

Just as Jesus gives us an identity as his people, we offer that identity, and the temporal identity as part of

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry and our local family to others. They know they have friends they can rely on, who will also point them to the God who has loved them.

Just as Jesus feeds us and cares for us, we feed and care for others. As our host farmer said, "It's just like feeding cattle." I thought



that needed some clarification, so I asked him how he meant it. He said that you never know quite how much the cattle will eat. So either you give them too little, which is bad, just enough, which is ideal, or have too much, which is fine as well. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of abundance! No empty souls, and no empty stomachs either, at our dinners.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
Psalm 145:15-16, NIV



Just like Jesus leads us around in this life, we strive to show people Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. In a way, it's like piling those thirty-some people on the hay wagon and dragging it around the farm. They see things from a perspective they may never have encountered before. They come face to face with reality that has always surrounded them but they have never experienced. As we engage in discussion about our Lord and the world he has placed us in, we invite everyone to a face to face encounter with the Lord Jesus who is the Mediator between God and man.

Just like Jesus shows us where we really are - consigned to sin and death, and where we belong - in the kingdom of God the Son, we at Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry bring God's Word to bear, asking that the Lord would convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment, condemning sin and establishing his people in the perfect righteousness of Christ.

Does all this happen on a hayride? Maybe so! You are invited to come and join us on the next one!

Wittenberg Door Financial Update

Why the bear? We'll hope to replace it with a bull soon!



The Lord is faithfully providing for the needs of Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry, but we aren't done raising support yet! Please consider whether you or your church congregation would like to be a part of the Wittenberg Door 300 through regular contributions. On the congregational level, we recommend considering how many families in the church would like to participate and multiplying it by their most likely monthly donation. If we have three hundred regular contributors we will be fully funded to have a full-time pastor, whatever office assistance we need, and to conduct many activities on campus to bring the Gospel

to all who will hear. With your help we know we can accomplish great things for Christ!

I'm now taking every opportunity to introduce the work to church congregations and remind them that we are here on the campuses as part of their work of outreach to the world. Though many of the routine operating expenses of WDCM have been covered by generous giving, we have not been able to reach the point of providing housing, health care, or a salary for Pastor Spotts. As you can imagine, this is a significant part of our budget. Please consider stepping forward with support.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Checks mailed to us are deposited with no commission paid to any intermediary. Most of our contributions are actually received this way, but we can receive funds sent through Paypal or Google Pay as well. Giving is easy! Simply visit our website at www.wittenbergcomo.com and click on "about" and "support us."

Special Prayer Updates

We have seen an increase in people stopping by the "Free Listens and Prayers" sign in the Bengal Lair and the Student Center.

Pray that the Lord will draw those who are struggling in their lives to come and receive the peace of the Lord which passes all understanding.

We haven't had people taking advantage of English coaching as in the past.

Pray that we will find many meaningful ways to reach into lives, make new friends, and introducing them to Jesus and his love.

Pray that our relationships within the fraternity and sorority system will grow in a Christ-honoring manner and that the young people will grow in their desire to live out a Christian life in all things.

Our study of John's Gospel is under way! You can join in by visiting www.wittenbergcomo.com and clicking on the picture of John the Evangelist!

Pray that the Lord's Word will show itself powerful to draw people to him.

In all things I give thanks for you and your care which you have shown for me, both now and over the past several years!



Upcoming Activities:

Mondays at 5:00 pm – Fraternity Dinner and Chapter Meeting

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm – Heidelberg Discussions (at the Heidelberg!)

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm – The Bible in Context at www.alts.edu

Thursdays at 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion at the MU Student Center

Thursdays at 7:00 pm – Greek 1 at www.alts.edu

Dinner and Conversation at Angelo's Pizza and Steaks October 30

Sunday, October 30 – Pastor Spotts at Bible Lutheran Church, Dodge Center, MN

Sunday, November 13 – Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lohman, MO

Friday, November 11 – Dinner and Conversation Evening 6-8 pm

Sunday, November 20 – Pastor Spotts at Christ Lutheran Church, Ellis, KS

Friday, November 25 – Wittenberg Door Thanksgiving Dinner 4-8 pm

Remember to get your church on my calendar!

Watch the calendar at www.wittenbergcomo.com, follow our Facebook page, and friend WDCM Chaplain on Facebook to see times and places where Pastor Spotts can be found around campuses in coffee shops or restaurants!

We always have something new at the website, the blog, and the activities calendar. Please be a friend on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. If you're in Columbia, let's get together on or near campus. Go to <https://www.wittenbergcomo.com/support-us.html> to provide financial support. The Wittenberg Door 300 needs you!