



transforming college students
to transform the world



CCO Ohio Director & Capital University Ministry with Mike & Beth Mattes

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."

- Philippians 2:1-2

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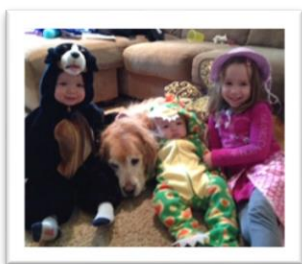
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"Getting a little stir crazy
with all this cold weather."

- Lewis,
Our Golden Retriever

The Discernment Process New Church Partnerships & New College Campuses

At this moment, what we refer to within the CCO as the "Discernment Process" is in full swing. CCO candidates are travelling around the CCO's geographical regions visiting with churches, colleges and organizations wanting to partner with the CCO to transform the lives of college students!

In Ohio, we have a handful of churches interviewing CCO candidates in hopes of transforming the lives of students on the university campuses of: Ohio State University, University of Akron, Xavier University, University of Cincinnati, Kent State University and Wittenberg University. While we already have a presence on two of these campuses, we are excited to expand our reach to more students! We also look forward to inviting more students into the life of more local churches with a heart for college students and a desire to reach the next generation with the Gospel of Christ.

The CCO is also now into it's second official year of an internship program for recent college graduates with a desire to learn more about college ministry and gain preparation for the potential of stepping into a campus staff role with the CCO. We are currently seeking an intern for our ministry on the campus of University of Findlay in partnership with Gateway EPC. We are looking forward to whom God may lead to work with CCO campus staff, Bill Corbin, in transforming the lives of college students at University of Findlay and in the Findlay area!

This is the season when we call upon laborers

for the harvest on college campuses. I am thankful for the excitement of several new churches around Ohio to take a step of faith with us in transforming the lives of college students. God continues to allow us to dream His dreams and we look forward to how the dreams will come to be in these churches and on these campuses.

God is good (All the time).



CCO Candidates enjoy a moment with
the Ohio State University's mascot,
Brutus the Buckeye, in the Ohio Union.

Pre-Marital Counseling New Discipleship Opportunity

At the start of the New Year, we have been able to begin something new in our journey in college ministry: Pre-Marital Counseling.

Beth and I are excited for this opportunity to disciple students together! It has given us the opportunity to not only help prepare students for their marriage but given us also the opportunity to re-engage marriage resources to better spur



on our own marriage. Currently we are meeting with Logan & Colleen, two seniors at Capital University (you have heard a lot about them in past newsletters), and we are thankful that they have invited us to disciple and prepare them as a couple for their marriage. Pray that God continues to grow His love and grace in our marriage as we prepare engaged students for their own marriage journey with Christ. Logan and Colleen will wed in July, and Lucy will be their flower girl!