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A few law students at the Fall Retreat



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Which one is not ours?

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Lawyer Joke!!!!¹ Read Here . . .

The professor of a contract law class asked one of his better students, "If you were to give someone an orange, how would you go about it?"

The student replied, "Here's an orange."

The professor was outraged. "No! No! Think like a lawyer!"

The student then replied, "Okay. I'd tell him "I hereby give and convey to you all and singular, my estate and interests, rights, claim, title, claim and advantages of and in, said orange, together with all its rind, juice, pulp, and seeds, and all rights and advantages with full power to bite, cut, freeze and otherwise eat, the same, or give the same away with and without the pulp, juice, rind and seeds, anything herein before or hereinafter or in any deed, or deeds, instruments of whatever nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding..."

Why the Lawyer Joke? A Quote from the Student who Told it

"This joke will ring home to any law student, who has been told repeatedly that law school is meant to teach students how to think like lawyers. Law school is not so much about learning the substance of the law, but it is about transforming lay people into lawyers by shaping how we think, act, speak, write, and generally behave. One cannot understate what a fundamental transformation this is. These few short years have a long range impact on our professional worldview."

"I came to law school with a long term goal of practicing law as a Christian – a Christian lawyer. Law school doesn't teach me a thing about how to be a Christian and a lawyer. Nothing! If anything we are taught to check our religion at the door. *But* that is where Christian Legal Society (CLS) at Vanderbilt has had its impact on my spiritual and professional development! It is the **ONLY** place that I can go to learn how to integrate my faith with my practice of law. In CLS, I get to explore with other Christian law students (and local attorneys) what opportunities are out there for Christians who want to impact Christ's kingdom with their professional skills. Also, I am able to find spiritual encouragement during an incredibly challenging time of life. It is difficult for me to imagine what it would be like to go through years of law school without a Christian organization like CLS."

¹ Disclaimer: This joke is not intended to be offensive to anyone, anything, or any substance bla, bla, bla. I'm throwing that in in case a lawyer takes offense!

Closing Arguments about Lawyers . . .

Perhaps more than any other time in recent history, we are aware of the way those who are trained in law are shaping the future of our country. From court rulings to arrests, lawyers and judges seem to be in the news every day. Please be praying for those in this profession and those training to be in this profession. They are playing and will be playing a vital role in the future of our country. This semester, we have had about 45 law students regularly involved, wrestling with the question, "What does my Christian faith have to do with my practice of law?"

In the Southeast Area . . .

I am blessed by a growing staff team in the southeast. What amazes me about our team is the quality of people we have hired. Cumulatively, we have 31 years of advanced degrees and 105 years of ministry experience among the 10 of us. Though we have different backgrounds and a diversity of giftedness, God has called us together to serve the 130,000 graduate students and faculty on university campuses on 20 campuses in the southeast.

Our most recent hire, **Rich Zeigler**, will be working with us at Vanderbilt serving international students and law students. Rich has five years of campus ministry experience and is an ordained Presbyterian minister. He lives in Nashville with his wife Jessie, and two children, Jordan (2) and Bradon (5 mo).

Family News:

- Spike, our dog of 12 years, passed away last month. We really miss him a bunch.
- Olivia has taken up swimming as a sport. She really enjoyed her first swim meet.
- Logan and Nolan played soccer and for the first time in three years had a winning season!
- Victoria, not quite an angel, will play a sheep in the Christmas pageant and will be a bell ringer in our church's preschool hand bell choir☺!
- Ginger is doing well. Her eyes have remained stable for over two consecutive years which is the longest stretch they have been stable for since she was diagnosed with the degenerative disease.

Financial Update:

Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministry. We are grateful to God for the partners he has given us to do the work to which He has called us. We are currently meeting budget. However, we do anticipate about a \$10,000 shortfall by our fiscal year end, June 30th. If God lays this ministry on your heart as you plan your giving, please know we are thankful. Enclosed is a postage paid envelop for your convenience.

Urbana 03

As I write this today, there are 18,857 students registered to attend the Urbana Student Missions Convention, December 27 through January 1, at the University of Illinois. The theme this year is "God's Will, Your Life, the World." The conference is put on by InterVarsity and I am sure you can imagine that it is a sizable undertaking. Please pray for InterVarsity staff, and more importantly,