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Go Play in the Sprinkler Issue

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Carolyn



Mark



DP (me) and Franklin

*Left to Right →
Olivia, Logan fishing, Nolan
skim boarding, Victoria
holding flowers, 5 of us
eating ice-cream*

Engrossing News

June 2004

Again, A CLS Student Leader Wins Prestigious Award

Carolyn, a third-year law student and a leader in the Christian Legal Society, was awarded the prestigious "Davidson Award." Each year, the Vanderbilt Law School gives the award to a student who "provides exemplary leadership in service to the law school and the greater community." From the platform at graduation, she was publicly characterized as one who "loves justice, loves mercy, and walks humbly". A year ago, the award was given to another CLS leader, Carrie. Both of these young women have had a redemptive influence on the University's people, ideas, and culture.

Leaders Leave

Please forgive me for the tabloid title. Two young men who have played a significant leadership role in the ministry for several years have moved on in the past month. We will miss them and their ministry among us. Yet, God is taking them to new places to serve Him in different ways. Below is a little more about them.

Mark

Mark finished with a PhD in Biomechanical Engineering. In May, he moved to Harvard to work on a Post Doctoral Fellowship. Mark got involved in the Graduate Christian Fellowship 6 years ago at a point when he was struggling with his faith. He has grown in his walk with Christ and became our resident "apologetics expert" in recent years. He is a very caring individual and was always quick to reach out to others.

Franklin

Franklin completed a PhD and MD at Vanderbilt. He is currently driving to Stanford where he will begin his medical residency. Franklin has lead one of our small groups for several years as well as served on the leadership team. He always brought creativity and thoughtfulness to the ministry and even talked the small group into reading The Brothers Karamazov, by Fyodor Dostoevesky!



Prayer Bookmark

Please Pray . . .

Sunday: For us as a family - that this day will be one of rest, a time of good worship, and a time of renewal for the coming week.

Monday: For me, Don Paul, that God would grant wisdom, vision, and love as I serve staff and students in the southeast.

Tuesday: For student leaders on the various campuses – that God would be at work in their hearts and use them for His purposes.

Wednesday: For funding for the ministry – that God would raise up new financial partners for us and for staff I supervise.

Thursday: For God to bless our staff, volunteers, and student leaders in the various campuses in the southeast.

Friday: That God would raise up staff to minister to graduate students and faculty where we have no staff.

Saturday: That God would renew the hearts and minds of Christians in the academic world and use them to make a significant difference for Him.

Please tear, or if you prefer cut, along the dotted line. If possible, please put it in a place that will remind you to pray for us. In a car? In a boat?

Fiscal Year End Update

I want to thank all who have given financial support of the ministry this fiscal year. Because of generous giving, I have been able to continue ministry to graduate students, law students, and care for, develop, and supervise staff. As I have said before, I cannot do this work without partnerships with others. This ministry is a team effort and participation on the team is greatly appreciated and valued. Thanks.

A year ago I wrote you letting many of you know that the funding for the ministry was at 70%. God has blessed giving this year; it looks like meeting our budget goal for the June 30th deadline is within reach. To meet our goal for this fiscal year, we need to receive an additional \$3000 before June 30th.

As we look to the coming fiscal year, our hope and prayer is that partnerships from this previous year will continue and new partnerships will develop. If giving from this past year repeats, we enter the coming year 95% funded. Wow! We have never been in this position before. Thanks again!

If you would like to make a gift to the ministry at this time, I have enclosed a postage paid envelop for your convenience.

Family Update

The kids are out of school, summer is here, and the house is rockin! Ginger loves having everyone home during the summer. At the same time, peace and quiet become a thing of the past. We are enjoying the unique confusion this season of childrearing offers us, realizing that it will one day be gone and we'll have more peace and quiet than we can bear.

We have been gone for two of the first three weeks of summer. The first week of summer we were off to the beach with Ginger's family. The third week we were in Chicago. I had meetings there and the rest of the family came along to enjoy some time with my sister's family. The in between week we have Vacation Bible School at church.

Upcoming summer plans for family:

Knoxville, June 30 – July 8

July 12th, DP & G's 18th wedding anniversary!

Hosting Backyard Bible Club, July 19-23 (please pray)