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Two pictures of our end of the semester party in April with me & a few students.

A SEASON OF GROWTH, A SEASON OF CHANGE

In campus ministry there is no such thing as a “slow” fall semester, especially in August and September. Those of us who do this work probably add a half-a-percent to Starbucks’s quarterly profits during that time. This fall has been no different, but the Lord has blessed, and continues to bless my labor and many of the other ministries on campus. In fact I’m so blessed in this regard right now that this edition of the newsletter will be short sweet, and to the point.

JUST THE FACTS (BUT FACTS YOU CAN PRAY FOR)

This is what is going on with the ministry this fall:

- A successful new student outreach. We met over thirty new students in our outreach to grad students in August alone. We’ve also met a lot of new students since then, some of them new Christians, just coming into graduate school. The Med and Law school fellowships had similarly successful outreach.
- Two frustrations right now: first, scheduling events that people can make it to in their busy schedules. The good news is that even when people can’t come they often on their own initiative tell me to “keep them in the loop.” Second, there has been a change of leadership at the Episcopal University Center, and we are having to relocate the Food For Thought luncheon and possibly the Dead Theologians Society as well.
- Among many of the students I work with there is “deepening” that seems to be taking place in their walk with the Lord that is hard to detect, but real. Some other campus ministers I know report the similar things, and we believe that it may be a work God is doing in many students.
- Thanks, big, big thanks to many of you who’ve stepped up and increased your giving to my ministry in the past few months. It has made a big difference though I still have a good ways to go in this regard. I’ve been remiss in not thanking a number of you personally. Something I hope to correct soon. Please keep praying for me in this area.

These are the facts. Please treat them as a way to pray for me and the ministry. I will be sending out a new newsletter the second week of December.

In Christ – Jay Woodham