



Christian Campus House

@ Ball State University

June 2019

2019 Has Beens

Senior Sunday was May 5. Eight seniors became members of the Has Beens, an enduring tradition of the Campus House. A Has Been is a student who will be leaving the Campus House due to graduation or transferring to a different school. On the last Sunday of each semester, students attending CCH who have fulfilled their requirements at Ball State University are presented with a Has Been Certificate.

We have enjoyed watching each student to grow whether we have been with them all 4-5 years of their time at Ball State or here for just a semester.

We congratulate Esther Bower, Alex Bravard, Nikki Grossman, Abbey Meus, Morgan Rogers, Olivia Steuver, Rebecca Weber and Hannah Wesson.



Left to Right: Alex, Esther, Nikki, Abbey, and Olivia



Students praying for our seniors on May 5.

Congratulations Sarah

Easter Sunday was especially beautiful for us this year. Sarah Schafer and her family gathered in the evening for Sarah's baptism.



Sarah sharing with her family why she wants to be baptized.



Mark baptizing Sarah

Incoming Freshmen

Do you know of an incoming freshman at Ball State University? Over the course of the summer, student leaders will be reaching out to incoming students as we receive their names from individuals, churches, and summer orientation cards. If you know of someone coming to Ball State, please send us the student's name, address, phone number, and email to cathy@ballstatecampushouse.org. If the student is coming to summer orientation, we invite them to come visit us between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Student Testimony: Logan Gemmill

I first heard the name CCH from my home pastor, Stan Sutton, when I was a senior in high school. I was glad that I took his recommendation and came here [CCH] my freshman year. Ever since, I have found a small slice of home away from home and a group of people who is dedicated to seeing others walk with Christ and grow closer to Him. No matter what I have been going through these past three years, I have found some degree of comfort under this roof. It was only after my freshman year at CCH that I bought my own personal Bible, and that I felt like I should be reading it on a regular basis. I, like many of us, still fall short when it comes to keeping me accountable on my Bible reading schedule, but I have been reading it more this year than in any other year of my life.

I was baptized in September of 2015 after I felt that I was ready to make that commitment and declaration. I really appreciate how rooted the sermons at CCH are in the Word of God and how Mark, Derrick, and everyone else who has preached here weave the Bible's stories into contemporary life. In particular, CCH is an excellent example of how the "college experience" is not a singular one of illicit activities but is a unique story that every student discovers throughout their four or five years on campus.

My "unique story" has taken shape this semester when on January 31 at 3 a.m. I was diagnosed with a rare heart disorder called Brugada Syndrome. I'll give you a quick rundown of the past three months and how God, CCH, my friends, family, and girlfriend have gotten me through this tough chapter.

That night in January, I had an event that caused Anita [my girlfriend] and I to go the Emergency Room after she suspected I was having seizures. It turns out after I got an EKG, there was no seizure but instead my test showed evidence of Brugada Syndrome. That night I went from fighting the trip to the ER, to being admitted, to being officially diagnosed less than twelve hours later. We were discharged the next day and told to get a second opinion from my family doctor. I went home that day and told my family doctor about what had happened. He had never heard of Brugada and referred us to a specialist. It took two months for us to get into the appointment with the specialist, and it was during those two months at school and the weeks leading up to my surgery that I felt tremendous stress and anxiety.

I found it difficult to focus on anything for long periods of time and was very demotivated. After sharing my anxieties with Mark and our Bible study, we had a time of prayer and a great sense of relief came over me. Also, in the weeks leading up to my surgery, I was at work in the laser cutting room of CAP when one of my colleagues named Jacob came in. I know that God

was working in my life through the people at CCH, Anita, my family, and through Jacob that night. He and I talked for the better part of two hours as we quickly discovered we both had heart problems; although he never needed surgery, he poured God's love over me. It was moments like that and environments like the one here at CCH that encouraged me and actually drew me closer to God through this frustrating, scary time in my life.



Above: Anita & Logan giving their testimonies on May 5.

Summer Bible Study

During the summer, we offer dinner and Bible study on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. during the two summer sessions. We are exploring J. Warner Wallace book, [Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels](#). J. Warner Wallace was an atheist and then he realized "Christianity was a lot like the cold cases he solved as a homicide detective – colds cases that turned out to have enough evidence, eyewitnesses, and records to solve." We will investigate the Gospels, study the evidence, examine the witnesses, and learn the truth.



Bible study on May 15

Student Testimony: Anita Nguyen

My religious journey has been a long one, and it's not done yet. I come from a Buddhist family, but I didn't know anything about Buddhism. I just went with it and prayed alongside everyone else. We would pray for luck, good fortune, peace for our deceased ancestors, and a better year every New Year's. However, I never felt like I belonged. When I was in 2nd grade, a volunteer showed up knocking on my front door and asked if I wanted to learn about the word of God. At this point, I didn't know much about God or Jesus or anything like that because I didn't know they existed. I became friends with this woman, her name was Sonia. She gave me a book that broke down the stories of the Bible in easier terms and colorful illustrations. She came over once a week and we read one story at a time and talked about it. Then, I moved away and lost contact with her. I lost my interest and motivation to learn more about God and went on with my life. My dad started seeing this woman and she was Catholic. She put me in Sunday school to learn more about the faith but I ended up dropping it because she and my father had broken up. Again, I fell out of the loop with God.

However, whenever I needed someone to talk to, I always found myself speaking to God. I was an only child so I had no one to talk to but as I stared at the ceiling and began talking, I realized that I was talking to God and not Buddha. Years passed and I ran into Sonia at the supermarket when I was 14. We exchanged numbers and we started up our bible studies again. Then due to unforeseen circumstances, I moved away again! Many of you probably don't know this but I'm actually from Honolulu, Hawaii. I moved to Noblesville, Indiana and told myself that this new chapter in my life would include strengthening my spirituality and religion. However, with no one around me to help me, I felt like I had no guidance. That is, until I met Logan who embodies the Christian faith amazingly. We were told to try out Christian Campus House by our friends Meredith and Malequi and Logan's home pastor, Stan Sutton.

To be honest, I was afraid to come and was very shy. I remember the first worship I attended here at CCH, I was having second thoughts. I didn't want to sing along to the worship songs. But, after attending multiple services, I felt more and more in God's presence at CCH from the people I met here. Now I love singing the songs because they just accentuate the feelings I have for God. During Logan's diagnosis and surgery, being at CCH gave me comfort especially the Bible studies that somehow related to my life in some way every time. Having both pastors, Stan and Mark at my side comforting me while Logan was being operated on made me feel less alone. I appreciate everything CCH has done for me to get me through such a tough time. Even though I had some bumps in the road, I can now say that I am actively and consistently finding my way closer to God and look forward to the day I am baptized.

Meet Our New Staff

Kyle Mann will be doing an internship with us this summer and through the fall semester. His roles will include men's ministry, preaching some, maintenance, and janitorial. While at Ball State pursuing a degree in Classical Cultures with an emphasis



in Classical Greek, he has found himself pondering his role post college. As an intern, he will have the ability to explore multiple facets of campus ministry. During the 2018-2019 school year, Kyle served as our men's ministry assistant, and for several years, he has also served as a drummer on the worship team.

Ivory West will be joining our staff in August as our part time worship ministry director. She is a 2018 Campus House Has Been with a degree in Organizational Communication Studies and a Hospitality & Food Service minor. Ivory enjoys singing, writing songs, playing guitar, and leading worship. While attending Ball State, she served as one of our worship ministry assistants for three years. Ivory has a servant's heart and will be a terrific asset as she oversees the student worship ministry assistants and the worship team.



Welcome Week

During Welcome Week at the beginning of the fall semester, we invite students to come for these events:

- S'mores and Music on the Patio, Fri., Aug. 16 @ 7 p.m.
- Brownies & Ice Cream, Sat., Aug. 17 from 2-4 p.m.
- Worship Service & Welcome Lunch, Sun., August 18, @ 11 a.m. Lunch will be served after the worship service.'

Summer Projects

We have several work projects that we would like to see done this summer at the Christian Campus House. These would be ideal projects for a class, youth group, men's or women's groups, a family, or a mission team. Let us know if you would like to adopt one.

First Floor of CCH

- Repair and paint the ceiling in the west hallway
- Install LED lighting fixtures in the west hallway
- Paint office ceilings
- Paint Mark Pike's office

Second Floor of CCH

- Install LED lighting fixtures in the stairways
- Remove fluorescent lighting fixtures
- Install LED lighting

Outside

- Flower beds at the Beechwood House
- Flower beds at the Christian Campus House.

Meet our Board of Directors



Our board of directors met for our annual retreat in April. The 2019-2020 directors are Sarah Coy, Brad DeRome, Jan Frazier, Charles Glunt, Rion Lahr, Zach McDaniel, Pat McLaughlin, Ted Mitchener, Carly Powell, Jay St. Peters, Steve Williams, and Paul Wilkinson.

Giving to the Ministry

Your prayer and financial support provides students with the opportunity to find a family away from home, to grow spiritually, and to learn to lead. There are multiple ways to bless the ministry through your gifts:

Mail Your Check to

Christian Student Foundation
1411 W Riverside Avenue
Muncie, Indiana 47303

Online Giving

Go online at www.ballstatecampushouse.org
Click on the "Give" link on the home page
Then click on the "donate" button

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Ball State Foundation

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- Write number 7506 on the memo line of your check
- Send your gift to the CSF office

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- Write Legacy Fund on the memo line of your check.
- Send your gift to the CSF office

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