

***Ferris State Campus Ministry***  
***Report to Classis Muskegon CRC***  
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Greetings from the Ferris State Campus Ministry,

The school year is off and running and the ministry has once again taken shape as everyone has settled into the weekly routines. Our “routines” center on three main ministry components, which I encourage and try connecting students too weekly:

Our “***Fellowship of Christian Students***”- ***FCS*** This group meets on Mondays from 8-9pm and is our ‘traditional’ student ministry group that focuses on biblical teaching, worship, and fellowship. From this group we encourage students to become involved in small groups and worshipping with a local congregation.

We have seen new students showing up on a consistent basis and that has been great. We have started one small group again and Don and Mary Beth Greiner (members of Fellowship CRC) are facilitating that for me. This happens to be a co-ed group meeting on Thursday evenings. Don and Mary Beth have been wonderful and really enjoy working with the students. They not only commit to Thursday night but also participate in our large group meeting on Mondays, and attend our other events and outings.

Some of those that we are planning for are our annual square dance – out in our barn on the farm, our bi weekly bon-fires – also out at the farm, a service project, movie nights and game nights.

Our “***Fellowship of Christian Athletes***” – ***FCA*** is another ministry component where I have been very blessed to be working. God continues to open those doors wide within our athletic dept., and one of the more recognizable ways for us to attract and bring all the varsity athletes together has been through FCA. The FCA group meets on Wednesday from 8:30-9pm for worship and bible study. This has been a great way for our athletes to be encouraged, pray together, and just connect. Many of them are so busy that they do not socialize together so this provides that for some.

I continue to garner respect among our coaching staff, and over this past summer have worked very closely with our football and volleyball teams. With each team, there are selected players that I meet weekly with to facilitate and moderate meetings/discussions on the importance of leadership, developing and modeling ethical and moral behavior that help gain us credibility, trust, and respect. It will be interesting – to say the least – as to how this works within the programs. I am also looking forward to beginning a book study with some of our coaches on “the Servant: a simple story about the true essence of leadership” by James Hunter.

Our third ministry component is *Fellowship Christian Ref'd Church's* worship service. I think our service is a wonderful blend of worship styles, which I think is very appealing to our student population. On any given Sunday there are between 12-18 students and a number of "non-trad" (young married couples) worshipping with us.

Many of you are also aware that our congregation is undergoing a big transition. Pastor Ed Visser accepted a call to Webster CRC in New York. Ed and I both started our ministry here at the same time. He had served faithfully for 14 years and I know that our family and students alike have grown in our faith because of his teaching and proclaiming the Gospel. His last Sunday will be Nov.15. So please keep us in prayer as we begin that process of looking for a new minister.

When I think about ministry opportunities, it is exciting as to how many students, student athletes, and staff I have the privilege of working with. I continue to work among 155-170 students in a given week along with about 25 staff. I also continue to follow up on names of new students to Ferris, so if you know of students at Ferris or who plan to come here, please let me know and I'll do my best to contact them.

I enjoy the opportunities to fill pulpits throughout Classis' - both CRC & RCA supporting churches - and share God's word, and what the ministry at Ferris State is doing.

This ministry presence among students and staff at Ferris State is vital. It is and continues to be exciting! What a privilege to be in close proximity with people and see the transformational work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

I want to thank you again for your faithful concern over this ministry, and for your continued prayer support and the financial contribution on the part of Classis. May God continue to prosper you in all your ministry endeavors. . .

If there's anything I can ever do for you, share in your Sunday service or be pulpit supply for your congregation don't hesitate to contact me.

grace & peace,

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