

# Reformed University Ministries

## Presbytery of Southwest Florida

---

### Report to the Presbytery

May 14, 2013

#### I. Spring Semester Recap

- A. Spring Break Mission Trip – We took a team of 13 students to Ft. Lauderdale to work with a homeless ministry called Hope South Florida. Students served meals, performed light construction/maintenance, and learned much about the complexities of homeless ministry. I'm very encouraged that since this trip students from RUF (not just students from the mission trip) have committed to serving on Thursday nights with Holy Trinity's homeless ministry.
- B. Summer Conference – We had 15 students attend Summer Conference in Panama City Beach. I had the privilege of teaching a seminar on "Eternal Destiny: Heaven and Hell." Rev. David Jones was the keynote speaker for our week. In total over 800 students from around the country attended week 1 of Summer Conference.
- C. Large Group and Small Group Ministry – I preached through the book of Romans in our Tuesday evening meetings. Our small groups met throughout the week to discuss the RUF Bible Reading Plan as well as pray for one another. It was very encouraging to see students open God's Word together (some of whom have never read the Bible on their own) and pray for each other.

#### II. Summer Plans – USF's summer breaks down into two semesters; Summer A (May – June) and Summer B (July –Aug).

- A. Students have asked to meet on Monday nights to do a book study together. We will be reading *A Praying Life* together and discussing this book throughout Summer A. During Summer A students will meet at my house.
- B. Each year roughly half of the incoming freshmen elect for early enrollment, which starts in Summer B. Therefore, in July we will focus on reaching these incoming freshmen. This has been a strategic time for us as students are looking to get involved in University life. RUF will be meeting on campus starting in July for the remaining summer months.

- C. USF offers 13 freshmen orientations throughout the summer months starting in June. At each of these orientations RUF will have a booth set up to meet incoming freshmen and their families.

### III. Prayer

- A. Please pray for my family during these summer months – for the health of our marriage, for wisdom in raising our children, and that we will grow in our love and faithfulness to the Lord.
- B. That the students in RUF will have a heart for the lost and a yearning to see many come to Christ this coming year.
- C. That incoming freshmen will get connected early and be able to say that college was a time of life marked by faithfulness and devotion to the Lord.
- D. For the needed finances that we need to raise in response to a growing ministry as well as aforementioned changes at the national level. Thank you for your commitment to RUF, both as a Presbytery and individual churches.