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A Ministry of Cornerstone Christian Church

**“Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you”
~ 2 Thessalonians 3:1**

The start of the Fall semester is right around the corner! Students begin to move in to the Residence Halls on August 22nd, and classes begin on the 27th. We are excited as we prepare for the arrival of new students, and look forward to welcoming back those who have been gone for the summer. We hope you will be encouraged as we share Joel's testimony with you.

My mother was dealing with the pain of an ugly divorce, I had an unhealthy relationship with my father, and I was challenged by the financial stress of school. Despite this, I thought I was a good, responsible, smart college student. But deep down inside I knew I was not living the way God wanted me to live. I filled the emptiness inside with the pursuit of girls and going to parties where God was the last thing on my mind. It was only a matter of time before I was confronted with the truth.



One afternoon, while walking back to my dorm room, I met a young man from Cornerstone who asked me if I could take a survey. He asked if I believed that I would go to Heaven when I died. Immediately, I felt convicted knowing the answer was no, so I answered honestly, “No.” He asked me why, and I responded that I believe in God, however, I know that I have done bad things and continue to do them. He revealed to me that the only way to Heaven was through Jesus. I started to attend church and meeting for Bible studies with him. However, I was not willing to give up my life. I could not give up the feelings and lust I had for girls. Doing so would mean breaking up with my girlfriend, and giving up partying.

One morning I woke up in tears, crying out to the Lord. I could no longer take the agony of my own sin. I had been disobeying God and His will for me. I could not bear the fact that if I died, I would go to Hell. I was tired of living a double life, full of pleasure on the outside and pain on the inside. I knew Jesus was the only One who could save me. By the grace of God, I surrendered my life to Jesus. Over a year later, I am currently a member of Cornerstone and a part of the Usher team, ready and willing to serve God in any way possible. I cannot thank Him enough for saving my life. Although I am young and have a long journey ahead of me, I know that I will never be alone. I am His son, and Jesus is my Savior. ~ Joel

Faithful partnership like yours is advancing Christ's kingdom on the USF campus. Thank you for making an eternal investment to see young lives forever changed!

Please Pray:

- For our **student members** and **student Bible study leaders** to be built up in faith to reach out to their peers this Fall. (Ephesians 6:18-20)
- For the minds of the **unbelieving** who have been blinded, that the eyes of their hearts be opened to see the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)
- For our **staff's** last few weeks of summer partnership development to be the most fruitful we have had all summer. I'm praying that I can add **\$385** more in monthly partnership before August 22nd. (Philippians 4:19)

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