

Summer is officially here, and I want to recap the semester with you. God has been doing great things through the ministry of RUF at Arkansas and the students involved.

Summer Conference



Summer Conference is the grand finale of RUF each year. Right after the semester ends we go to Panama City Beach for a week with 35-40 other schools. There's a thousand students together enjoying the beauty and fun of the beach and the goodness of great teaching throughout the week. Every year it is so encouraging to see

so many students spend their first week of summer at this Christian conference. We had an amazing week!

The theme of the week was justification. Every night at our large group meeting we heard a different sermon on the biblical truth of justification. We were reminded often of 2 Corinthians 5:21, which says, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Please pray with me that all of these students learn to rest in God's atoning sacrifice for sin through Jesus and the transfer of his righteousness to undeserving people like us.



Small Group At His Feet Studies

This year we had a few students leading small group Bible studies. Our groups went through a study called Psalms: At His Feet Studies, which is part of an amazing series if you haven't heard of them. The student leaders facilitated discussions around God's word and helped connect God's word to practical places in each other's lives.

At the end of Summer Conference we had a time for students to share encouraging things they saw God doing in their own life or in someone else's life throughout the semester. Multiple students

talked about how good the small group studies were this year, and even spoke about the ways they saw their peers leading them towards Jesus and the goodness of his love during these Bible studies.

In RUF we talk often about equipping students for ministry. Having peers who are loving Jesus, knowledgeable of his word, leading you into open discussion about his word, and connecting it to your life is powerful and God has used students in each others lives to draw them closer to himself this year. We need this at every stage of our Christian life, and I am thankful to see God at work in and through these students.



Growth in Grace

We had two students who were involved with RUF last year make professions of faith in the fall and watching them grow over the last eight months has brought me so much joy and thanksgiving. We've also had many other students who've grown up in church talk about the ways they have grown in their faith and love for Jesus this

year. One student talked recently about the difference she's begun to see in knowing and loving God for who he is versus doing Christian things to feel better about herself and keeping God happy with her. Praise the Lord for his salvation and growth in faith and resting in God's grace!

Goodbye to our female Intern

Rebecca Spurgeon just finished her third year of the RUF internship, and we are so sad to see her go. She has done an amazing job loving our female students and modeling what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around you. We are thankful for her service and care for all things RUF at Arkansas in the past three years. Please pray for her as she and her husband transition to Pennsylvania where she will be in law school at Penn State Law. Thank you for praying for our staff!





We had a great camping trip!



Tacky Prom!



Sk80's Night

Summer Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for the ministry of RUF at Arkansas. Here are some specific summer requests:

- For students who are away from community this summer without their usual rhythms and for them to continue to grow in their faith and trust in Jesus
- For us as we care for and minister to the students who are in Fayetteville this summer
- My work of planning for the fall semester and creating Bible Study curriculum, leadership meeting material, and our sermon series
- God's blessing on connection and outreach with incoming freshman and transfer students
- Rest for my family and me this summer



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for praying for us and supporting this ministry. It is a joy to minister to the students at the University of Arkansas, and you help make that possible. Please reach out with any questions to learn more about how God is at work or to learn more about what we are doing this summer.

Grace and peace,

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"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:10
