

# Spring 2023 Semester has Started!

Hello Everyone!

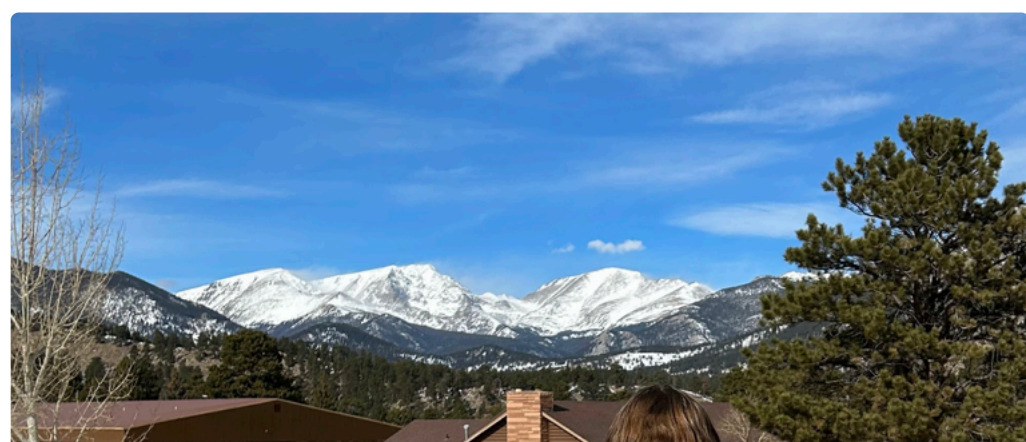
I hope you all are doing well!

We are a little over a month into the Spring 2023 semester here at CU and it has been off to a good start so far!

The weekend before the start of the semester we had a big retreat called Salt. This was a retreat with all of the Chi Alphas in Colorado and Wyoming coming together for an awesome weekend of fellowship and seeking God together. We had two students from CU and one of my roommates join Erik and I for the weekend. It was very cool to have them all come and be there.



Photo of a worship session at Salt.



Estes Park is such a beautiful town!

This year we got to have the retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO and it was so awesome to spend the weekend in such a beautiful part of God's creation. The guest speaker for the weekend was a woman named Cynthia Dobbs, who is Chi Alpha's national Cross-Cultural Missions Resource Specialist. She and her husband are the directors of Chi Alpha at Tulsa, OK. She gave three really good sermons on Kingdom Love, Kingdom Joy, and Kingdom Peace.

The sermon that stood out to me the most was the one on Kingdom Joy. In this sermon, Cynthia talked about what true joy is and what it looks like to have joy in any circumstance. She also talked about the importance of having a childlike faith and went into the difference between childishness and childlikeness. It was really thought provoking! Each of the three sermons were all really good and convicting and I would highly recommend listening to them when you get a chance. If you want to give them a listen you can click [here](#).



Cynthia Dobbs Preaching one of the sessions at Salt!



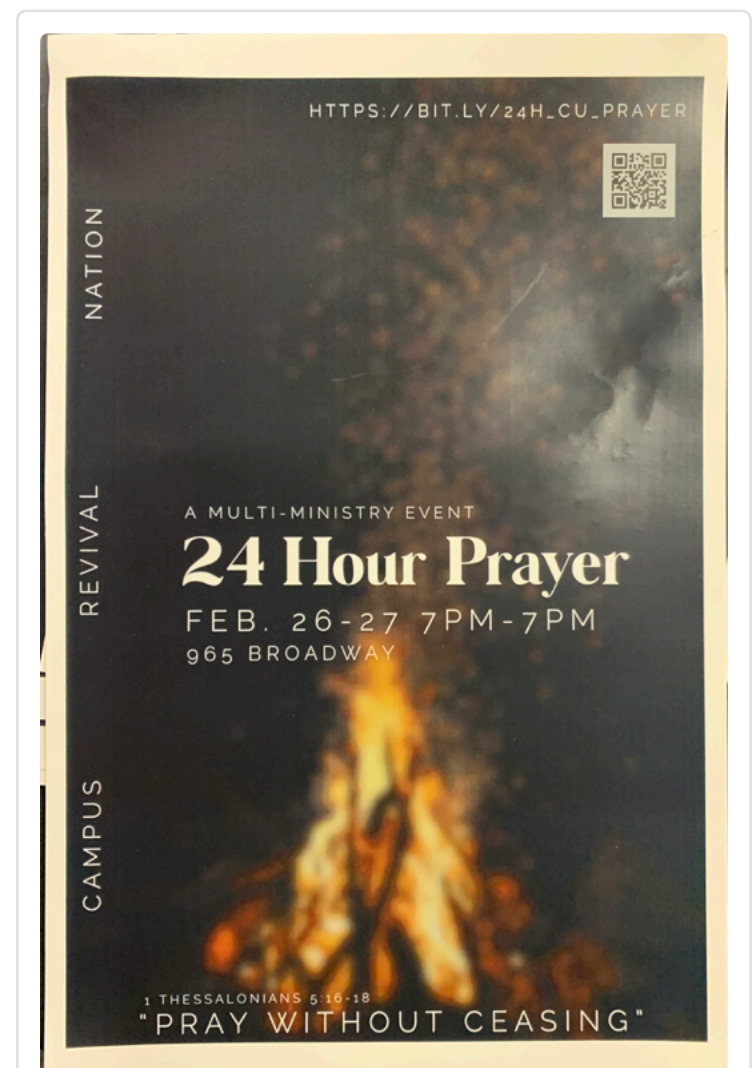
Playing Campus Golf at CU for small group.

After the conference the semester started and has been great so far. This semester, we have continued with our small groups which have been a lot of fun and going well. We are doing a combined guys and girls small group once a month and earlier in the month, when we had it, we had a good amount of students attend. We had a great discussion on the grace of God.

We have also been having people over dinner regularly and continue to grow our relationships with students that we have met. We are also meeting some new students by being on campus and either tabling, or trying to get a meal or hangout with students in order to strike up conversation with them.

Something that God has really been laying on my heart this semester is the importance and power of prayer. As well as the importance of shifting my mentality from I can do nothing but pray to I can do nothing until I pray. Also during this time, Ezekiel 22:30 has stood out to me a lot and the importance of interceding in prayer for the campus and the students that I meet.

This leads into another awesome thing that has been going on on campus and that is the culture of prayer that is growing among christian campus ministries and students at CU! February 23rd was National Collegiate day of prayer and the students organized 3 prayer meetings throughout the day to pray over CU, and all of the different colleges and departments on the campus. Then, this past weekend there was a 24hr prayer meeting for the campus where a lot of the christian campus ministries and even some of the local churches came together to continuously pray for CU for 24hrs. It was such an awesome event! God's presence was so strong in the room you could feel it immediately when you walked in the building where we were having prayer. For the whole of the 24hrs, someone had said that there were no less than 5 people in the room praying at all times throughout the time of prayer. It was so awesome and great to see students that are showing a desire to pray for their campus and see their campus redeemed to Christ!



Flyer for the 24hr prayer.

So, this is what the first month of the spring 2023 semester has been. Thanks again for all your support. It really means a lot and I couldn't do it without you all!

### Prayer Requests

We have a student in small group that is expressing a desire to share the gospel more with their friends and people in their dorms. So, please be praying for him to have the boldness to step out and share the gospel more with the students around him.

Be praying that the Christians on campus will continue to develop heart and culture of prayer and that the 24hr prayer meeting will be the start of this as well as for a continued, and/or new desire to just spend time with God in prayer and reading His Word.

I ask for your continued prayer that I would be able to raise my full budget for Boulder.

We have some students and some young adults from our church that will be going through our Discipleship Training Course (our training for students wanting to lead small groups next year), which started yesterday, so be praying for them to seek God more during this time and for God to be giving them more and more of a desire to make disciples on the campus.

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