

Wrapping up my time at CSU and looking toward Boulder!

Hello Everyone!

I hope the past few months has been good for you all!



Our 2022 Men's retreat!

A lot has happened in the ministry over the last half of the spring semester at CSU. One of the big things was our annual men's retreat that we have. This was an awesome weekend, and God moved a ton during this retreat! It was really good for a lot of the guys in the ministry.

We had a guy named Josh Nicholas featured as a guest speaker. Josh was one of the people on the original team that pioneered Chi Alpha CSU. So, it was really cool to meet him and talk to him. He and the ministry he helped start at CSU is a big reason that a lot of the guys at men's retreat were there. It is really cool to see the impact that campus ministry can have! He is currently on staff with Chi Alpha at



Josh Nicholas the guest speaker at our men's retreat bringing the word!

Texas A&M. He gave a really powerful series of messages about the parable of the sower and the four soils in Luke 8: 4-15. It was a really awesome weekend with a lot of brotherhood forming. Several people gave their lives to Jesus and gave up some things in their lives that had been holding back their walk with God.



Me giving the sermon.

A few weeks after our Men's retreat, the other interns and I had one of our practicals. The assignment was to give a short 10-15 min sermon. We were all assigned to give a sermon on John 17. The practical involved picking out 2-4 verses from John 17 and researching and praying about those verses. Then, we put together a short sermon on those verses that we gave in front of some of the senior staff, as well as any students that wanted to join. We were then given very good feedback on our presentation and content of the sermon. Each of the interns did incredibly well and gave really good sermons. As someone who doesn't really like public speaking, it was a little scary, but it was a lot of fun. Here is a link to mine if you want to give it a listen: [Click Here!](#)

In mid to late March, I went on a camping trip to Moab with some of my small group guys and

some other guys from the ministry for a few days over CSU's spring break. This was a really awesome few days with some great conversations around the campfire and a lot of fun fellowship activities. I had never been to Moab before, so I wasn't really sure what to expect, but it was an awesome week and it was definitely great for getting to know each of the guys that came a little better.



Hanging out in Moab!

Throughout this past spring semester, a couple of other interns and I worked on and completed our final intern project. We had been working on this since October of last year. The assignment was to put together a 5 year plan to pioneer a Chi Alpha at a university in CO that does not currently have one. I mentioned in previous newsletters that we chose to do ours for Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, which we had previously visited. This was a lot of work and took us a lot of hours to research, work on, and rehearse the presentation.



Adam, Elizabeth, and me at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO during our trip to research the campus there.

We gave an initial presentation to some senior staff here at CSU Chi Alpha and received feedback from them. We then took that feedback and tweaked our presentation. Then, a few weeks later, we presented it to a panel of pastors from around CO and got feedback from them. This was an amazing project to do and it was a big relief to have it completed. We did very well on our presentation and got some really good feedback from the senior staff and pastors on how to improve the presentation. While this was practice for us, and was meant to show us what pioneering a campus ministry would entail, the research we did might actually be used in a future pioneering effort at Fort Lewis College which is kind of cool!

In April, the staff at CSU Chi Alpha went to Network Council. This is an annual conference for all ministers in the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of AG. It is a good place to network and meet other pastors from all over Colorado and Utah that I would otherwise never get the chance to meet.



One of the panels at Network Council. The pastor of the church I attend, Rick Carlson, was on the panel!

Also in April, we had our annual chili cook off. This is a fun event we put on for students where all of the small groups in Chi Alpha make chili and compete for the best chili. It is an awesome night of fellowship and it is always fun to eat all the different chilis and just hangout and have a good time. Also my small group won which was also really awesome. Then to close out the semester we had our end of year party or as we like to call it "The Posties". This is an event we put on at the end of each spring semester to just have fun and give the students a nice break from the stress of the end of the year and finals. During this event we give out awards or "Posties" for various wacky categories for students. It's always a fun time with some pretty good jokes.



Reuel, Christian (two of the guys in small group this year), and me!



Me and a bunch of guys from my cohort group this year.



The staff team at CSU Chi Alpha this year!

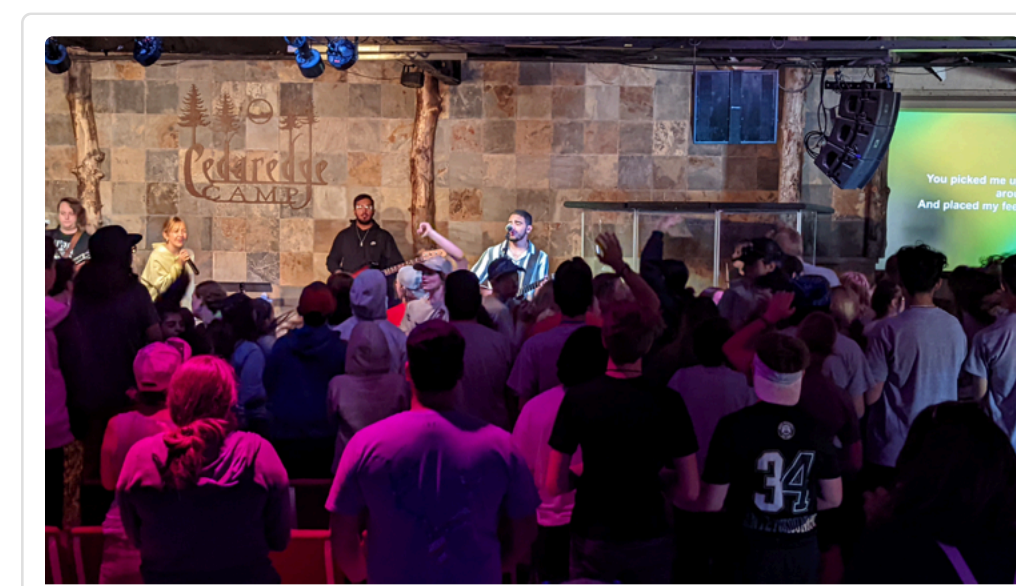
In May, I officially completed my Campus Missionary in Training internship for Chi Alpha! This took a lot of work and was admittedly very stressful and challenging at times, but God was faithful through it all and it definitely led me closer to Him. I gained a lot of great experience for Ministry and for living life. While it was really one of the more challenging things that I have done, it feels really great to have finished it. I simply cannot thank you enough for your support and prayer during this amazing time of learning in my life.

So what's next? Looking toward Boulder!

With the end of the semester, also came the end of my time here at CSU. This was a bit of a bittersweet moment for me. This is because I have been in Fort Collins for the past 9 years and have been part of CSU Chi Alpha for the last 8 years. So, it is really hard to move on from here and go to Boulder. I am going to miss the friends and brothers that I have made here a ton and I think, when I officially move to Boulder here in the next month or so, things are really going to set in for me that my time here is completed. I know that this is something that God is calling me to do and I am actually excited to be going to Boulder and starting a Chi Alpha there with some of my best friends and closest brothers. I am also looking forward to what this next season of my life in Boulder is going to entail, and the awesome things that God is going to do there!



I do not have many photos from Boulder yet, but I was there a couple weeks ago and saw a baby moose that had wandered into one of the parks there. It is a really pretty and interesting town.



Worship session at the kids camp.

So with the semester over, I have moved into the summer months. Things are normally a little slower in these months since a lot of the students are back home or traveling to different places, but we are still doing a ministry small group once a week for all of the students still in town. It is a great opportunity to interact with people that I don't normally get the time to get to know during the school year. I also got the opportunity to help out at a kid's summer church camp a few weeks ago here in CO with some of the other staff from CSU Chi Alpha. It was a busy week, but it was a lot of fun! All the kids seemed to have a really good time. It was a pretty rowdy week. Ultimately, though, this summer

will be full of support raising so that I can get fully funded to go to Boulder. I am also working to find a place to live in Boulder and just preparing in general for the move there and for my transition to pioneering a new ministry.

It has been an amazing year and I am excited to see what God is going to do with this next season. Thanks again for all your support. It really means a lot and I couldn't do it without you all!

Prayer Requests
I ask that you continue to pray for the guy that my friend and I have been helping. Please pray that he will continue to express a desire to change and that my friend and I will be able to continue to help him in that change so that he can continue to take positive steps.
I ask for your prayer that I would be able to raise my full budget for Boulder as I enter into this time of support raising this summer.
Please keep Erik and Kellyn (the couple leading the pioneering effort to CU) and I in your prayers as we are currently looking for affordable places in Boulder to live. Please pray that we will find an awesome place, soon, that will be a great place to host hangouts and other events for students at CU Boulder.
Be praying for God to prepare the hearts of students at CU and people in Boulder whom are going to meet once we move there.

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