

Relationship, Relationships, Relationships April 2023

What will Madison Professors be interested in over the Summer?

Because this is my first summer in Madison, I didn't know the answer to this question. But because of the difficulty in getting consistent time with faculty during the school year, I knew we wanted to maximize the **number and quality of connections** we could make, developing stronger relationships that we can build on once school starts.

Brainstorming

Here are the ideas we came up with:

1. Have a weekly time that we invite faculty to come to for lunch. Many enjoy lunch on the Memorial Union Terrace anyway so why not gather faculty at that spot?
2. **Small groups** – Ask professors to commit to 3 weeks to study a book like *The Reason for God*.
3. Picnics – Invite faculty and their families to enjoy time together at a beautiful Madison park.
4. **One on one Discipleship** – Who might like to meet and study key topics of the Christian life?
5. Dinner! Could I keep developing my cooking skills and have profs over to my condo?
6. **Friday nights with The Chosen** – Would any like to watch an episode and discuss over dessert?

Results so far

1. We just had our first Wednesday Noon Lunch at the Terrace and had **10 faculty and staff** show! We decided to expand it to an additional day for those who couldn't come on Wed. Great time.
2. I've had about 15 faculty say they are open to a small group time. **Pray** we can set them up!
3. Our **first picnic** is this Thursday, June 22. **Pray** for good, natural connections.
4. Have had several say they are open to one on one times, still to set up.
5. I have my **first faculty of the summer** coming for lunch after church this Sunday!
6. No one seems able to do the Friday night event. Oh well, live and learn.

Family

Tamara's birthday was June 13 and our anniversary June 14. Wonderful memories along with **the ache of missing her**.

I enjoyed seeing family and some of you during my time in California and Hawaii. Isaac and Katie are doing Travel Nursing in Honolulu. I found some cheap tickets flying out of San Diego (Nathan's home) and this is a pic of us by the beach.

Thanks so much for your love and prayers. May God use you in wonderful ways **to touch lives** this summer.

In His amazing love and grace, Dave



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