

Here For You

The vision “Here for You” looks at our individual relationship with God and how that translates into the growing community that UTCCF has become, and what it means in the bigger picture of the kingdom. For Christians, the gospel is the foundation of our faith, and in it, God came to save us and to truly receive, we must be rooted in it. As a body of believers, CCF should continue to strive to be a community where relationships built will reach to the intimate title “brothers & sisters in Christ.” My vision seeks to explore the relationships in which we, as individuals, make up this communal fellowship and how this community fits into the larger picture of the kingdom.

You (Personal)/Together (Communal)/Kingdom

You (Personal).

The phrase, “here for you,” can be understood that because God came down to save us, He has enabled us to have a personal relationship with Him. God is literally here for us and it is only through believing in Jesus that we can receive Him.

“O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night...”

- Nehemiah 1:5-6

This verse from Nehemiah tells us that we are God’s people and that he takes care of us, and that we can go to Him because He is a God that listens and hears the prayer of His servant. In my own relationship with God, this verse gives me assurance that in all situations in my life I can go to God and be honest. In order to fully receive, I must humble myself to a servant, and surrender my plans to God and allow Him to work in my life.

God, you are here for me.

“As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.”

- Nehemiah 1:4

This verse from Nehemiah gives a glimpse of the character God calls us to be. That in the weeping and mourning, or in the toughest of times, continuing to put God first is the response we should have. In my own relationship with God, this verse is a reminder to seek, and lay my life to God in even the greatest hardships that cause me to weep and mourn for days. Placing Him above all.

God, I am here for you.

In our individual relationship with God, we understand that even though God is here for you, you must be there for God, and this is the reflection of an active attitude that is rooted in the gospel. Therefore, positioning God in our hearts where even in the greatest of hardships we know that He is here for us.

Together (Communal).

CCF is such a dynamic fellowship. God has blessed us to have multitudes of different components that all point back to His community. Through His working in all the leaders, we have been able to experience various perspectives of how a fellowship can exist. In my first year of CCF, I was eager to grow, and ministries and large group were different ways for me to explore worshipping God, and meet new people in the fellowship.

CCF is here for you.

As a body of believers we are united in the fellowship through Christ in common, and a continual investment in the growing community. Through active participation and serving, we become more integrated into our community, and in hope, find an inherent desire to fellowship together. Putting others first to intentionally create new, and further relationships of individuals in the fellowship. For me, this fellowship has been a place that I've found brothers & sisters in Christ that have invested in me, and through them I've grown in my faith. While serving has been an opportunity for me to grow, but more importantly giving back to the community that God has placed in my heart.

God, I am here for this fellowship.

Kingdom.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

- Romans 12:2

God has blessed each and every one of us with a unique set of gifts. As a fellowship, let us use our personal gifts to work together to further His kingdom. Just as our faith is both personal and communal, so too should our outward reflections be parallel through the renewal of our minds. In both small and large capacities, we should strive for an intentionality in our actions that push forward the gospel. Acting in accordance to His will for us and outreaching the gospel in our daily lives, as both individuals and a community to further His kingdom.

God, I am here to further your kingdom.

Practical.

Ways to implement:

- Continual utilization of IG's to:
 - Serve in hospitality to give opportunities for individuals to meet new people in the fellowship
 - Organize large group activities, events, and nights
- Furthering support for leaders through:
 - More leaders debriefing sessions to build a community of accountability, and support
 - Workshops, and committee members for specific items
- Greater emphasis and promotion for prayer ministry, and VitaMin