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Advent House News

Advent House is the campus ministry center for Adventist students at UTK



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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Christmas Party, December 1



The evenings' festivities included a Secret Santa Gift Exchange, and Talent Show. Arthur Ordelheide and friends ended the show with a delightful rendition of "Feliz Navidad."



Thanksgiving Dinner, November 18



This year, Advent House hosted 70+ students, church members, and friends for the annual holiday dinner.

**Pictures taken by Justin Jeffery*



KNOXVILLE FIRST FAMILY HOSTS

Members of Knoxville First Church opened their homes to the Advent House crew for food & fellowship.

Pizza Night at the Horton's, September 29

Mark & Jussara Horton, along with their two children Alex (who is a UT student) and Stephanie, invited people over for some homemade pizza and fellowship. The array of



toppings included spinach, onions, zucchini, peppers, chicken, artichoke, palmitas, olives, veggie pepperoni and sausage. A specialty pizza named, "La Portuguesa," had tuna, eggs, & corn which was a

Brazilian treat from the hosts. At the very end there was a chocolate strawberry pizza that was absolutely delicious, or so I am told!

***Pictures taken by Michaela Lawrence Jeffery.**



Bonfire at the Runne's, October 6



Folks were invited over to share a light meal and fellowship around the fire at Eugene & Imara Runne's home. Before eating, Eugene shared a brief devotional thought about blood; a very fitting topic for a physician. He shared that as blood needs to flow freely throughout the body, which helps to prevent inflammation (the cause of many diseases), we too must allow Jesus and the merits of *His blood* to have access to every part of who we are in order to be healthy spiritually.

***Picture taken by Casey Tipton**

Vespers with the Bermudez's, November 9

While sitting outside by the bonfire at Andy and Chrystal Bermudez's home for Vespers, Sarah Sexton began by asking everyone to share about the people that have impacted their lives. Afterwards she shared her own story about family members and academy staff that have impacted her walk with Christ. She then closed with a reading from Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 in *The Message*; which reveals where she is presently in her journey. The following is an excerpt:

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it."



What are your immediate plans upon graduation?

I am going to keep working at my current job until I pay off my student loans., which should be in June. After that I may move to Hawaii. Meanwhile, I'm going to try to establish myself in the writing community here in Knoxville.

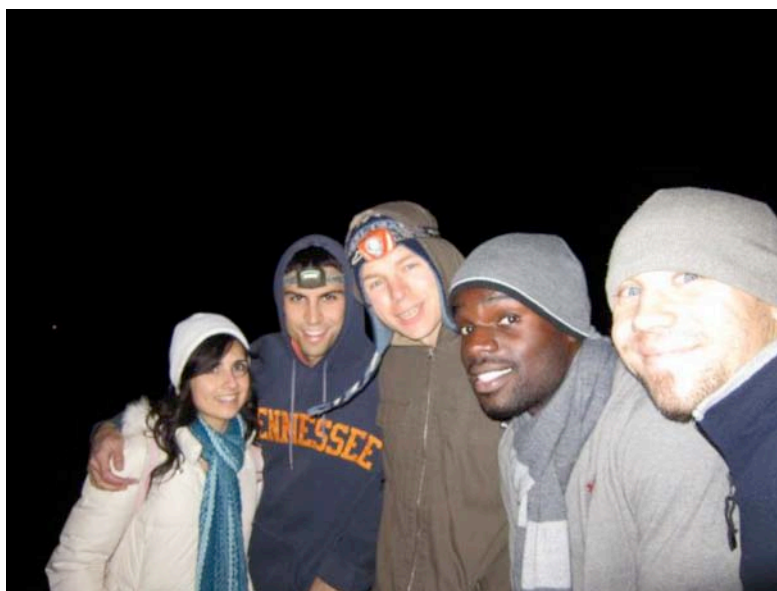
What were some lessons that you learned during your undergraduate career?

Teachers/Professors are much more willing to help you if you show them that you care about their class. They're people too; really interesting people. Also, don't stress yourself out. Your time is much better spent working at what you actually need to get done.

Finally: efficient procrastination. Sometimes, you really can only take things one at a time, one day at a time, and that's ok.

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FALL SOCIAL EVENT



Oakes Farm Corn Maze, October 24—even though the weather was a bit nippy, a dozen or so Advent House folks got together for haystacks and then headed off to Corryton to enjoy the Corn Maze.

*Pictures taken by Tom Ipes

Graduate Spotlight continued.....

What have you enjoyed most about your time at UT and at Advent House?

The amazing professors I've had, and spaghetti dinner with friends. Everyone said I'd get tired of spaghetti, but I never did.

Any famous words or words of wisdom you'd like to share?

Don't just get an education to get a job. Think. Challenge yourself. Grow. And dream. Always Dream.

--Meredith Rodriguez English/French

NOT THE TYPICAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The last Wednesday of each month has been set aside for a meal other than the traditional spaghetti dinners.

Tex-Mex Wednesday Dinner, September 26—the very first specialty dinner of the semester featured the following menu items: quesadillas, tacos, beans and rice, chips, salsa and guacamole. One of the tortillas was Jalapeño and Cheddar and it was the crowd favorite! Thanks to all the helpers that made the meal such a success!

**Right picture taken by Liesl Grady*



Pizza Night, October 30—proved to be more labor intensive but the fluffy premade dough along with the assortment of toppings made it all worthwhile.

Chili & Cornbread, November 28—the final specialty dinner of the semester included homemade cornbread and two distinct Chili recipes.

Who are we?

Our Purpose:

To facilitate an atmosphere of belonging, believing, and becoming for all students.

We desire to see each student maturing in their faith, ministering to the needs of others, being involved in mission and exploring leadership opportunities.

We are a part of the larger Adventist Christian Fellowship network of Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Interested in supporting our ministry?

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