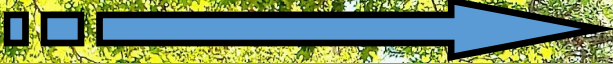




# HERBERT HERALD



## WINTER IS COMING

Hello brothers and sisters!

It has been too long since I last wrote to you, God has blessed me with a schedule packed with good work. **Since last I wrote you** I have preached to the Congregation here in Arlington, led a worship night for the college group, planned and executed service and social times, taught classes for the youth group, and so much more! God is active in His creation right now and forever and I have been blessed to serve on my field for over a year and a half! In many ways I have found my stride and place in all of the work, but I still learn new lessons at every turn. As I am writing this letter I just finished with the Tuesday Worship night. We talked about how not only is God good, but he IS good, meaning He is the standard of what good is in this world. Our God is good!

I do not believe that I will ever be able to fully see the effects of the AIM ministry on my life. Not just the many influences, but the lessons learned but unspoken. I have three main mentors on my field and would be very curious to sit with them and hear the subtle changes they may have noticed while mentoring me. What I can say is that I have grown into a confidence in my discipleship that only came through a life of complete dedication. When deciding to go to AIM I knew that my life would no longer be my own, but I am fully given to the purpose of His kingdom. I will always be grateful to my many supporters and prayer warriors who have made this adventure possible.

**The work continues on** and I am excited where God is taking the body of believers here in Arlington, TX. This field is alive and active. I shared to the AIM class currently studying in Lubbock that while other fields shut down, we adapted and stayed busy. Sometimes God says wait; for us at work in ministry, God said go. When I am finished here I will be equipped to step into any ministry and assist their efforts. Having been given a foundation and a confidence that even if my efforts fall short, God still works in the imperfection. Ministry is not only for a few who choose it for life, ministry is life. Those conversations with friends and neighbors, the example you choose to set for your family, the impact you have on your work environment, and the prayers you send on others behalf. I realize now more than ever that it is the responsibility of us all to carry on the Good News unto the world. My new focus will be understanding how to “work myself out of a job” and encourage more Workers of the Harvest. Lk 10:10

### CURRENT MINISTRIES

#### **WOODLAND WEST**

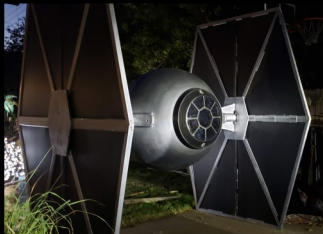
- Youth group
- Hearts & Hands
- College outreach
- Implementation Team
- AV Booth
- Ministry staff meetings
- Congregational outreach
- Spiritual development

#### **TRI-C**

- Small groups
- Service projects
- Community outreach
- Worship nights
- Friend Speak
- Tabling on campus
- Staff meetings



In September I had a chance to visit my family in WA for a short trip. We spent some quality time together doing what we love and exploring the Olympic Mountains. I helped around our family property and spent some soul filling time around a campfire. At the end of the trip I went to a small youth event in Woodinville, WA. I was able to give a presentation on AIM and what my experience has been in Arlington. It is always a blessing to share how God has been active in my life. We had a fireside devo.



That's a pic of a ten foot tall Tie Fighter I helped build!  
And a group from OC that donated food.

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# THINGS ARE GOING WELL

Recently, Woodland West has revamped their college age outreach within their own body. Before Covid hit they were active in reaching their returning students and young professionals by building a community for them. Recently they have again felt the need to reach out and develop a program for them. Too many students feel abandoned after reaching college age, that there is no place for them in their church. We hit so heavily and put so much emphasis on while they are growing up and into high school, but often have no system to work them into the main body as mature believers. This is a part of a larger issue. Studies show we are losing students who grew up in a youth group by their second year of college. With multiple contributing factors we can't blame a lack of college age programs as the main cause, but that doesn't mean that we can avoid crisis of identity in their minds by walking alongside them in phasing out of youth group and into the main body.

For some it comes naturally. If they have taken life on more of a fast track and started careers or family life, they find themselves maturing more quickly from the many responsibilities that come with these choices. Less time and more direction is common for these paths to more easily connect to the older generations and seek guidance or understanding from them. They walk in with more in common to their elders than they do with a typical college student who has the time and space to make life changing decisions. For the average college student, they can find themselves in that limbo between adulthood and title of youth. Young adult seems the most fitting as they are in more of a "safety net" stage. Making decisions while being able to relax more and take their time. This is why more mature adults will wrongfully look down on them and continue to treat them as children. This is the disservice that we fall prey to. Allowing the image of inexperience to let us continue to use the kids gloves when handling their faith. This is the time in their life where students will decide who they are and what they believe. We cannot let our children continue to walk away because we spoon feed them half answers and expect someone else to provide a place for them.

I am encouraged by any efforts towards college/young professionals in the church. Personally I am tired of seeing those I looked up to, my friends off in college, and even those younger that I have mentored, walk away from the body. As Woodland West looks at renewing efforts I put my voice forward as well, lending experience and views of myself and peers. Part of it is planning events to welcome and encourage community, but it will shift to providing spiritual outreach and development while our students are in town. Along with youth ministry I have become very passionate about reaching young adults. I don't know where this ministry will lead but I pray that as I leave I am able to give them a place to find themselves in the Body of Christ. Please pray for our students and your own as well!

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

As midterms approached, Woodland West decided to send out care packages to all their students off at college. It included some snacks, study tools, and encouraging notes from the members of the congregation. To the right is a picture of a few of the college students connected to the Tri-C. A reminder to our students that we love them and are praying for their sanity during hard study times. We are proud of their efforts!



## TABLING HAS ENDED

As the semester progresses the act of tableting on campus becomes less effective. More students have established their habits and become more focused on school work and upcoming exams. While we had the opportunity to table we met many people who were interested in checking us out, our "hook" was free snacks. Towards the end of our time we came across more students who knew about us and our reputation. Whether it was about the food pantry or just that we had a cool place to hang out and study, the reputation of the Tri-C was strongly positive and spreading. Now we are focusing on service projects for the last few weeks of the semester. Rebuilding the Tri-C's storage capacity that was lost when we renovated and expanded the food pantry operations. Our first project is a small closet to store our tabling supplies, next a series of shelves to catch food pantry donations. The ministry continues to grow!



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# JUST BEFORE YOU GO



I have continued to invest myself in the youth group. Most of the classes that I get to teach are centered on making the youth group their own. Challenging them to take ownership of not just their space, but the environment itself. I had a good example of student leadership while at the Sunset youth group and know that it is not only possible but encouraging when a student

steps up. There are many ways to do so and not all mean leading up front. Some ways that we encourage them is to care for the youth room, teach lessons, give feedback for what they want to learn, get serious about their answers, be welcoming with new students, and much more. In order to prepare them for a transition into college age, we have to also ask challenging questions about faith. Mike is really good about challenging their minds and giving them a deeper look at things. He has a great heart for the youth and dedicates himself to their spiritual development. He continues to mentor me in my own efforts with the students, teaching from wisdom and experience. God blessed me with a field that is developing me in the areas that I am passionate about. I don't see a separation between college ministry and youth ministry expect for the level of seriousness presented. They have similar needs in fellowship and understanding and often face the same struggles as well. Increasingly the dangers of this world seep down to younger ages and in a world where everything is connected, nothing is hidden. We must continue to walk with and guide the church of tomorrow, handing them the reins and teaching them to get back in the saddle when they fall. Otherwise, when it is time to let go they will not have the tools necessary to walk in confidence. That is what we are and should be doing, creating confident life-long disciples of Christ.

In 2 Timothy 2:15 Paul charges Timothy with good conduct saying, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." We must first prepare ourselves as ones worthy of God's approval. Then create more disciples who are able to say the same. We are all workers of the Harvest in our own way, do not let the children entrusted to your care be let by the wayside. Seek the children before they are counted as lost.

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