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Dear family,

Imagine looking up at the infinite expanse of skies above you. The sunlight streams through the clouds. Maybe even a few rain drops gently fall on your trembling hands.

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,
declares the LORD.*

*As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Isaiah 55:8-9

In editing, I couldn't help but notice just how faithful God has been to this fellowship; despite our own inadequacies, weaknesses, and sinful nature, God has revealed His truly infinite ways and challenged us to see that. It is our hope that this won't be about the words that are found on these bound pages, but God's work within the hearts of your fellow brothers and sisters that truly shines through.

And so, here it is, by God's grace: The Spring 2009 Edition of Bread of Life. On behalf of the Spring 09 BoL staff, thank you for allowing us to serve you!

Keep looking to the heavens; keep pressing on. Wherever you may be after you read this, keep seeking our infinite Father who sends the rains and illuminates the skies.

In His Love,
grace

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Coordinator Letter

Mandy Zhao '09

Hello CBS!

I am an undeserving recipient of boundless grace and mercy, as God shows me that there is no way I could do anything without Him, and that I truly have no good thing apart from Him. There is no way I could sum up this year in one letter, let alone one sentence or word. At the end of such a fast year, the constant and unchanging Reality of it all is both simple and amazing: God!

This entire year, being able to serve as co-coordinator of CBS, is only possible because of the blood of Jesus Christ, for what He endured on the Cross. Knowing this is very humbling, and it reflects what I've begun to realize now at the end: that this whole year has been a lesson in Humility for me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24

This is a big part of that lesson, to realize that only God truly knows me, that even I don't know the limits and potential of my own heart, no matter how much pride I have in my own ability to perceive and understand. I hold onto the hope that God will continue to change me and grow in me a heart that desires eternal pleasures, that pursues in desperation to know God even more personally. I hold onto the hope that God has prepared for me a way to serve Him more, to be in a place and state to need His grace and power even more.

I will offer up my life, in spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love in my worship to You
In surrender I must give my every part,
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart ...

I also continue to hope that God will give me strength and help me to submit everything to Him; because only through knowing Jesus Christ will we ever begin to love one another, and to know what love is.

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for being in control, for Your infinite wisdom and amazing grace, that we can be Your children, bound by Your love and Your Son Jesus Christ. I pray now for the brothers and sisters that remain in CBS, that they would cast away any idols in their lives and seek You to find comfort and affirmation. Lord, I know You will always be faithful, as we come to You in brokenness and weakness. Remind us that You are our Father, continue to teach us humility.
In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Love,
Mandy

Coodinator Letter

Henry Wen '09

As we near the end of our time together I don't feel badly at all about telling you the same things over and over again. I don't feel bad that other people can say it better than I can. I only feel bad that I haven't said it more frequently and more vigorously. It's a safeguard for you that you hear the same truths over and over again. I want to drive this nail deep into your heart and mind and mine as well.

I want to remind you of the Gospel. Somebody once preached it to you, a friend, a Sunday school teacher, a preacher, a book, the Bible, a tract, a radio sermon, some random dude on the street. You received it. The doors of your heart flew open as the beauty and truth of Jesus overwhelmed you and the grace was simply irresistible. You now stand in it and are being saved by it. Day by day the Holy Spirit, who searches the heart of God, searches your heart and makes you more like him, uprooting bitterness and rottenness of soul and planting good seed in expectation of forever with Jesus. But only if you hold fast to this Gospel. I fear there are some of us have heard it but really aren't saved. Please test yourself; see if you are really in the faith. It's not just about being a part of the CBS community, it's about being a part of the body of Christ. Please. It is a matter of life and death.

It's ironic how the most familiar things can become strangely unfamiliar, how those things we naturally assume seem most alien at times. I think it can be that way with the Gospel. It's a message that our hearts are prone to forget, in fact our deceitful hearts want to forget. The Gospel is threatening—it threatens with that holy kindness that devastates the soul and breaks the heart. Indeed, it's God's kindness that leads to repentance. Our hearts would want to live either in pursuit of pleasure and ambition or in pursuit of a self-saving performance. The Gospel leaves room for neither. It demands our true heart.

So all I want to do here is to help us grasp the Gospel just a little better by sharing a poem by John Newton, the great hymn writer who also wrote amazing grace:

[Editor's note: the poem is on the side -->]

Preach this Gospel to yourself everyday. Don't forget it. Don't graduate from this Gospel, go deeper into it. Heaven will not forget, heaven will not move on. The worst sin every committed—the murder of the Son of God—will be remembered forever and ever and Jesus will be gloried forever as the LAMB who was SLAIN. Live in the power of this Gospel. Preach this Gospel to those who have not heard. Grace be with you. See you soon.

In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopp'd my wild career:

I saw One hanging on a Tree
In agonies and blood,
Who fix'd His languid eyes on me.
As near His Cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath,
Can I forget that look:
It seem'd to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke:

My conscience felt and own'd the guilt,
And plunged me in despair:
I saw my sins His Blood had spilt,
And help'd to nail Him there.

Alas! I knew not what I did!
But now my tears are vain:
Where shall my trembling soul be hid?
For I the Lord have slain!

--A second look He gave, which said,
"I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou may'st live."

Thus, while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue,
Such is the mystery of grace,
It seals my pardon too.

With pleasing grief, and mournful joy,
My spirit now is fill'd,
That I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by Him I kill'd!

Praise Ministry

Ronny Huang '09 & Richard Kim '10

"For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods" (Psalm 96:4). As we come to the end of the semester, we feel compelled to think back to the beginning, back to the vision. The vision of Praise Team is to "know." The hope and prayer is that through a better understanding of the God we praise, we would come to a deeper understanding of praise itself. The book of Psalms begins with an emphasis on the *"delight... in the law of the LORD"* (Psalm 1:2), and ends with an exhortation to *"Praise the LORD"* (Psalm 150:6). In pursuit of this vision, we followed the heart of the Psalms. On Sunday afternoons we delved into the Word at Praise Team meetings, with the hope of deepening our praise on Friday nights at CBS Large Groups. The Word is where we have a living, growing knowledge of God, and by His grace, that will bring our hearts closer to His and expand our view of musical praise.

This lofty talk begs to question how it is practically possible for mere man to even begin to better know an incomprehensible, grand, and infinite God. There are many ways to approach the issue, including prayer and devotions. One approach Praise Team took as a group was to go through some of the attributes of God together. We began discussions on His unchangeableness and His holiness. We tried an exercise in developing a culture of gratefulness so that we may better understand God's grace and love for us. We hiked down Cascadilla gorge to see God's divine glory and invisible attributes revealed in nature. Though imperfect, we pray that we are able to foster a community of grace and that God spoke and will continue to tend to people's hearts. Praise Team meetings have been a blessing and we pray that we will press on towards the goal of a better knowledge and finally, deeper worship.

As the summer draws near, we would like to end with one last point. Do not let CBS or even church be the beginning and end of your praises to God. Do not let music be the beginning and end of your praises to God. Christianity is a relationship. Delight in the Word and deepen your love for Him. May God reveal more and more of Himself to you. Let praise be a genuine response from your heart. From your heart, thank Jesus Christ for what He has done on the Cross. Do not limit yourself to the songs we sing on Friday nights. When you think of the Cross, does a song well up in your heart or a painting? Dance as David danced, or write poems as the prophets did. Paint your praises if that will help you. There are no strict guidelines to how we are to praise God. The important guideline is who we are to praise. Align your heart with God's and offer your best to Him. Praise He who is most worthy of praise. How is your personal praise to God?

Prayer Ministry

Kersing Huang '09

While sharing with a CBS alumnus my thoughts on the prayer ministry, I realized that only God could rightfully evaluate its effectiveness because of its omnipresent nature, e.g. it plays a role in each individual and ministry. Although fewer people attended prayer meetings, it was a blessing to see consistency among the attendees and an even distribution between CCPM and NCPM. Often it was easy to blame myself for not being a good example, but thankfully God is always working powerfully (John 5:17, Isaiah 55:11, Philippians 1:6). I was surprised to learn how often prayer is practiced among classes and groups within CBS “*secretly*”. They have reaped the rewards of praying with the right heart, i.e. to please God and to trust that He knows their needs even before they ask (Matthew 6:6-8).

Perhaps the most difficult lesson God has taught me this semester about prayer is how to trust Him in times of silence or simply put: to wait on Him (Psalm 27:13-14). In fact, I started to doubt whether or not I was righteous enough to be effective in prayer (James 5:16, 1 Peter 4:7). Thankfully, my faith was gradually restored as I was reminded of His faithfulness in my life and the promises in His word (John 14:26). In Ephesians 6:16-18, Paul urges us to pray in Spirit, which is the Word of God. Before my prayers were not saturated with scripture, but this dry spell, by God’s grace, has helped me to claim the promises in the Bible. In John 15:7 Jesus tells his disciples that if they abide in him then he will grant them whatever they ask. Later in the chapter Jesus clarifies “*abiding in him*” as bearing fruit that will last (NIV).

For me, bearing fruit has taken the form of co-leading a Bible study that I never intended to lead. A brother encouraged me to consider attending the Bible study leaders meeting, so I did, out of a desire to serve more. Unwittingly I became a co-leader of the seeker’s study with two other somewhat reluctant people. It pained me to see how very few (myself included) wanted to carry out Jesus’ command of reaching the lost through teaching the Bible. Though our ineloquence was similar to Moses’ (Exodus 4:10), God showed his faithfulness in conveying the truth to the attendees by the questions that were asked. What’s prayer got to do with this? Everything. We cannot convince nonbelievers of anything, especially of Christ’s value. By nature, people are sinful and unable to see Christ’s glory on the cross (2 Corinthians 4:4, John 6:44).

In short, God has blessed CBS so much this semester in the area of answering prayers at the “*right*” time. It’s been a privilege to serve my brothers and sisters in this role and it’s my prayer that we all continue to abide in Him who gives us every good and perfect thing (John 15:4, Philemon 1:6).



InReach Ministry

Eric Yau '10 & Cynthia Kwong '09

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

-Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV), InReach's vision verse for 2008-2009

The InReach ministry is known for taking care of logistics and encouraging unity in love. This semester, we sought to build off of unity and to reach out to others. We discussed the why's and the how's, being in the world but not of the world, and finding our hope in others while forgetting that God is and will be sufficient. We reflected upon our human-ness in identifying with the people of Jerusalem during Palm Sunday, proclaiming "Hosanna" one day and shouting "Crucify Him" only a week later. At the end of it all, we did not fully expound upon everything—we still had much to talk about and still much was left to be desired. Even in the logistics, on more than one occasion, did we become so caught up in our preparations that we forgot, like Martha did when she invited Jesus into her home, that "only one thing is needed" (Luke 10:42). When pride in our work - our ministry - is established, we forget that the sweetest joy comes from waiting for God to move, placing our hopes in Him, and seeking after Him earnestly (Lam. 3:25-26). The more we try to plan and push our own agendas, the more we see our own weaknesses and sin revealed. In the end, we ended up right where we started, marveling at the awesome love and grace bestowed upon us.

The vision for InReach this year was to see a community established in truth and love. These two must go hand in hand. Truth without love is inherently condemning, while love without truth is not love at all. Only when the two are united through the Cross can we even begin to behold the fundamentals of InReach. This is truth and love: the Father sacrificed His one and only begotten Son to break the barrier of sin that separated Him from His creation. Christ took the punishment for our sins and died in humble obedience. What did this teach us? Among other things, we learned that God's love cannot be captured by the InReach team alone or by a set of rules and applications. It's so much greater than that. And where we fall short and come up empty, God's glory and majesty shines brighter and brighter. We give thanks because of the finished work on the Cross. We can try all we want, but in the end, there really is nothing we can do to deserve this. Instead, we throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...our failures, shortcomings, and mistakes. We fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, the Head of this ministry, so that we would not grow weary and lose heart.

Evangelism Ministry

Yvette Wong '09 & Caleb Chan '09

Being on Servant Team and leading the Evangelism (EV) ministry has definitely been different from what we expected. We realized that we could not do all the things we planned on doing, and that school made us busier than we expected – but through it all, it has been such a blessing to see how God still works despite our own inadequacies. Through leading Bible study and planning Coffeehouse, it has been good to remember that God's truth is the one thing that will sustain us, and that we have this amazing hope in Christ, which is worth sharing with others – whatever the cost. Jesus said, "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest" (John 4:35). The fields are still ripe and God is bigger than your fears, so by merely opening your eyes you will also see how God wants to use you in His grand scheme for all things.

Our prayer is that you would be mindful of what it means to "consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:8) and to really experience that greatness in your own lives. We pray that even over this summer, you would not lose sight of the eternal kingdom God has called you to. May God restore in you the 'joy of His salvation' and would you would keep seeking to be His ambassador wherever you are this summer – whether on missions overseas or right here in Ithaca. God has called us to be the 'light of the world' and a 'city on a hill.' Even though we struggle with how to do that amidst our friends and family, the truth and hope that we cling to is that God is ultimately the one who draws people to Him (John 6:44) and we are merely His ambassadors on this fading planet.

We hope and pray that you would keep seeing God's goodness over this summer and the coming year. Would you not forget the things that God has taught you through CBS, your brothers and sisters, and His word. Ultimately, would you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. God loves you with such intensity that He was willing to die for you – would you live according to the truth that God is alluring you and truly passionate.

Kathleen Chang '10 &
Alex Lee '10

Discipleship Ministry

Looking back on this semester, we as discipleship ministry are at a loss. Where did all the time go? What did we even *do*? Did we abide in His Word? Not many prayer partner pairings were done; not many discipleship emails were even sent. And again, we rejoice that it is God who works in us and not in man; that God works in us despite of us.

In meeting up with individuals, we've been encouraged by His own personal work in each of the individuals. Indeed, He is a personal God who delights in those who fear Him (Psalm 147:11). We have seen people growing to love His Word; we have seen people growing to love one another. In praying and preparing ourselves for Coffeehouse, we too have been blessed by the reminder of God's heart for the lost. The ultimate goal of discipleship is transformation *so that* others may also come to know the glory and the truth of the Cross.

We hope that you, too, have been blessed through brothers and sisters and the reading of His Word and will continue to seek passionately to make Jesus Lord of your life. In the end, discipleship comes down to an individual's pursuit of Christ. The fight may not be easy, but it's worth it (Philippians 3). We hope that as you go on your separate ways for the summer, whether you expect to come back in the fall or move on to a new phase in life and not know what to expect at all, that you will continue to walk with Jesus and that others might see Him through you. May you follow Him in abiding in His Word. Knowing Christ is not enough; we must follow Him.

"Come, follow me."

Birthdate: 6/03/1988
 Hometown: The STREETS...of Staten Island...
 Major: Biology and Society

Caleb Chan

BY: NATHAN KWONG

After failing to meet up several times, I finally headed down to collegetown to meet up with Caleb in 3E. The familiar sight of Halo 3 reminded me that I was in the right place. Walking into his room, I found our resident super junior working on his laptop. I took a seat and prepared myself for an exploration into the mind of this cool kid.

Q. CBS is...

My family. I've never been as close to people as I have been with those here in CBS.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

Biology and Society (the best major ever!).

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

I'd have to say spring felly dinner of freshman year. I promised a friend I would go to a formal and afterwards I basically ran all the way from the commons down to Tab. Downtown Ithaca at 11 o'clock is mad shady, especially when you're running around in a suit. I had to call up Ruth while I was running to find me on Google maps to get directions to Tab. Luckily, I got there in time to see the video Richard and I made for the seniors.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

It's definitely changed over the years. Freshman year I just played video games/halo all day. Now it's a mix of playing guitar, going outside, playing sports, and just chilling with people. Priorities change as we get older.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

When I was little, my feet would get cold when I slept so I had to rub my feet together to keep them warm. Now it's just a habit from doing it so much.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh

Take the time to think about why exactly you're joining CBS. Don't just come for the sake of coming, but make sure your heart is in the right place. Doing that taught me a

lot.

Rising sophomores

Stay fun and keep up the unity. Remember to keep your eyes open for people who aren't in your group right now chase after them to love them no matter what. It's a good testimony to others and it's what we're called to do as Christians.

Rising juniors

This is the biggest shift, now that you're upperclassmen. You guys will have a lot of responsibilities to take on and I know you guys have a lot going on but don't lose heart. Don't get caught up in everything and forget to care for one another.

Rising seniors

Don't miss me too much. Even though we might be the "sucky class," it's because we're human. Keep seeking after God and everything else will fall into place. As long as we put growing in our relationship with God first, the rest will follow naturally – sanctification! Also, find someone cool to replace the coolness you're losing.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

He's calmed many of my fears about the future. There were huge changes in my plans this year, but throughout it all God spoke to me through certain people and circumstances to show me that this was all part of His plan. Whatever it comes down to, I've learned to trust that God will work everything out for the best, even if I can't see it at the time. Even though I have a lot of maturing and growing to do, God is still and will always be faithful.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Wherever me and Richard are living- jame-son 1523, casc 5116, eddygate 3e. We always make lots of memories/epic stories. Plus I sleep whenever I want.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: I'm actually not graduating at the end of this semester. I'll be learning Chinese over the summer and then I'll be going

to China for 5 months. I'll be applying to medical school after that and perhaps a year of seminary.

Long term: I hope to go on medical missions in China. There are a lot of physical and spiritual needs there. It's heartbreaking, but that's why people need to go.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Pray that I keep trusting in God's plan for me, especially when there are times of doubt and I want to take things into my own hands. Also, that I'll remember that God's plan is the best plan.

Being a freshman, I haven't known Caleb for that long, but I've definitely been encouraged by his heart for the Lord and His work around the globe. One thing that sticks out in my mind is how friendly he is to newcomers to CBS and making them feel welcome. While I'm sad to see him leave a year early, I know that God has great plans in store for him after he leaves Cornell.

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. west coast (DUH)

Sleep vs. **Eat**: Eating while sleeping (cheeseballs!)

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. not showering for 3 days (I do that all the time)
 Uris vs. **Olin** (STACKS! And Uris makes me sleepy)

Left vs. **right** (wrong)

Dragon vs. Phoenix (1988!)

Floss before vs. Floss after brushing: I don't floss

RPCC vs. Appel (NASTIES)

Genesis vs. Revelation (2:20)

Collegetown vs. **North Campus** (closer to mvr!)

Glasses vs. **Contacts** (they make my eyes look bigger)

Chloe Ma

BY: SANDRA QUAH

Birthdate: January 20, 1987

Hometown: New York City

Major: English, with a minor in Education

Rushing in, full of apologies, Chloe arrived at our planned meeting place in Atrium Café a few minutes late. After a bit of consoling and assurance that it was alright, Chloe broke into a smile and we went to get some food before beginning this interview.

Q. CBS is...
A family.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?
Government.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?
Aw...so many! Hmm... felly dinners and the first week of school. They were so exciting and I won't be able to experience them again!

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to read fun books... novels... and host tea parties! And play bridge, and drink tea, like eighteenth century ladies

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?
I can weigh luggages that are 50 pounds!

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh: get plugged into a good fellowship, look around and find a good church, because these will help you build relationships; at college you either fall away or grow in your relationship with God. And have a picnic at Beebe Lake!

Rising sophomores: Branch out of the CBS bubble, keep in touch with your non-Christian friends, join other clubs and go to cultural events. Try new restaurants and new things, like hiking, farmer's market, and the gorges.

Rising juniors: Consider studying abroad—I learned to appreciate Cornell and CBS after not having them. You also learn independence and witness what you learn in class.

Rising seniors: No matter what, don't overload on credits. It's ok to take it easy, after all those years, it's ok to slack! Yeah, because I

wish I had more time to hang out and enjoy my last year.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

A fear of being alone, and having no friends, but God gave me supportive friends and a fellowship in CBS. I was also afraid of losing my keys to my room because it costs a lot to replace.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

I think its Mann library, because they have great individual study rooms and vegan food. And it's always bright in there.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: Graduate school at Stanford for elementary education

Long term: Become a competent teacher, grow in my relationship with God, and become a God-loving housewife—a spiritually loving, mature mother. "To be the Chan family" –ask her for clarification

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

To get plugged into a new church and fellowship and get involved. I also want to help with Sunday School. The one-year Stanford program is really intensive, but I hope I can continue to grow and press on.

Upon the conclusion of this interview, Chloe stated, " mine [the interview] is not funny... You have to make it funny somehow! You can put this at the end." Though Chloe thinks that she is a rather boring person, I believe she is quite the contrary. With her random remarks, weird commentaries, and her wild self-medical-diagnoses, Chloe is a fun and adorable person to talk to. She will be greatly missed here, but at least she'll be in Nor Cal, where cool kids are!!

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast "My heart belongs to NYC!! I don't know... I can't choose"

Sleep vs. **Eat** "Sleep is universal, but for eating you can try different things"

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days

Uris vs. **Olin**

Left vs. **right**

Dragon vs. Phoenix

Floss before vs. Floss after brushing "Both... sometimes I forget..."

RPCC vs. **Appel**

Genesis vs. Revelation

Collegetown vs. North Campus

Glasses vs. contacts "Like Harry Potter glasses!"

Birthdate: March 12, 1987
 Hometown: Colonia, NJ
 Major: Hotel/Finance

Christa Chi

BY: DAVID HO

Due to our incredibly packed schedules, Christa and I had to reschedule the interview date multiple times. Even after deciding a date that worked for both of us, we unbelievably even had to reschedule several times as conferences and interview meetings suddenly popped up. We eventually met at Koko's in Collegetown for dinner and finally had the chance to catch up and go through the interview!

Q. CBS is...

A safe haven. I've always seen CBS as a body of believers with passionate minds for knowing about Christ. CBS is a caring body of people that carries each other's burdens and learns to put others before themselves.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

Hospitality operations. My dream was to eventually own a Cheesecake Factory.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

Working for CHC Hospitality Consultants, the Hotel School's student run for-profit consulting firm. I really enjoyed pitching and closing deals with clients. My first time doing that was during my sophomore year, when I went to New York City by myself one weekend to sign on a client – a hotel that needed a restaurant operator.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

Hanging out with friends and meeting up with people. I procrastinate by cooking!

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

Dancing – Latin, ballroom, hip hop, etc.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh

Read scripture. Go to church. Find time to grow spiritually

Rising sophomores

Start thinking about your purpose at Cornell – what you want to do here, what you want to accomplish. Get involved with a

CBS ministry. Sit back and re-evaluate your freshman year: what were the pros? What were the cons?

Rising juniors

Don't freak out over internships, it all works out in the end. Make sure you find time for God. Learn to rely more on God. Get even more involved with CBS.

Rising seniors

Critically analyze your faith - for example, why do you pray/have quiet (QT)? Enjoy your senior year! Value the relationships you have and live life to the fullest!

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

Getting a job.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The slope over looking West Campus or Sage Chapel.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: This summer, I will be working on my business venture.

Long term: Joining UBS in CT. I'll be working in the chief operating office.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

That I don't lose my faith and that I not only make time for the things that matter, but also clarify what matters.

After talking to Christa over dinner, it was clear to me that she definitely has a heart for God. While Christa may not always have the time to attend CBS, she has undoubtedly been seeking to glorify God and advancing His kingdom. Her wisdom and encouragement will be missed by many. Christa, good luck with everything and be sure to come back to visit!

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Cynthia Kwong

BY: JUDY LIANG

Birthdate: October 23, 1987

Hometown: New York City

Major: Biological Sciences

As Randa plays the ukulele and my laptop plays Christian songs, my interviewee tells me she has thought about the questions I sent her the week before but only has a sure answer for one of them (question about favorite memory). At least Cynthia looks prepared for the interview in her striped, button-down collared shirt.

Q. CBS is...

Christ-centered, Beloved by God, and stuffed with Students of Surpassing Silliness.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

I came into Cornell thinking I would study biology. And maybe chemistry. I had a stint in chemistry for less than a year.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

First Valentine's Day when the guys invited the girls over to Akwekon. They cooked this pasta and red velvet cake and salad. It was the first time I really hung out with the rest of my class. We got to play around with the guitar, and I got to meet the other people [in my class] in CBS. That was nice. I think that was also the time when we first started talking about a skit for felly dinner.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

If it's warm outside, I like to go outside and just walk and be distracted by things whether in New York City or on campus. I'm usually a little less bored in NYC.

[Interviewer: What if it's cold outside?] I stay inside, drink hot chocolate, watch TV, and snuggle under a blanket.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I am secretly a rabbit (not rabid) vampire. You can ask about it later.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh Get yourselves settled into a community whether it's in a campus fellowship, church, or your dorm, because it's one of the unique things about college. There are com-

munities all around you. Also, don't limit yourself, because Cornell has a lot to offer. It's pretty easy to get stuck in a bubble.

Rising sophomores You're not the babies anymore. Take care of each other and pray for each other. Make sure you reach out to the freshmen, because you will be with them for the next three years.

Rising juniors Take breaks. Go run around outside. Junior year is rough. Lean on God. Listen to Randa play the ukulele.

Rising seniors It's okay if you don't know what you're doing in life, in class... God does have a plan, and it's good. Go explore Ithaca. It's your last chance.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

God has relieved the fear that people would keep leaving me, but God has given me a wonderful community of friends at Cornell and the peace in knowing that He's always by my side.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Cascadilla Gorge on the eastern side. There's a big, flat rock that's perfect for sitting and watching the water go by and studying orgo.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: I'm going to stay in Ithaca until August. I'm going to enjoy my first Ithaca summer.

Long term: After Ithaca, I'll probably stick around NYC to be with my family and experience what NYC has to offer.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Please pray that God will reveal to me what career to pursue and that I can persevere through uncertainty.

Cynthia thinks she's boring, but looking at her answers, I can say she's just lying to herself. We know that God has been faithful to her as she seeks Him and that in itself is an amazing blessing.

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast **EAST COAST!** (hands raised up)

Sleep vs. **Eat**

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days Wear the same clothes

Uris vs. **Olin**

Left vs. **right**

Dragon vs. Phoenix Uh oh. Okay fine. Dragon.

Floss before vs. **Floss after brushing** Uh... after.

RPCC vs. Appel

Genesis vs. Revelation

Collegetown vs. North Campus

Glasses vs. contacts Not applicable. 20/20 vision interviewee.

Birthdate: 12/30/1986
 Hometown: San Francisco, California
 Major: Economics

Eric Chu

BY: ELBERT CHANG

So, I told Eric to meet up with me in Duffield. I feel like I always see him in Duffield, so it just naturally seems appropriate to meet him there. We get lunch and he buys one of the Fresh-Take sandwiches from Mattin's. Rather than peeling off the sticker from the container, he pulls out his knife and slices the sticker. Efficient and to the point. That, in essence, is Eric Chu.

Q. CBS is...

"One gigantic family."

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

Eric was originally a Physics major when he came to Cornell. As he says, "What was I thinking?"

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

He has too many memories to choose from. He enjoyed all of the random times when people were sitting around, talking about random things like summer plans, kung-fu, or walking around Cascadilla with a piano. Those sort of random, unplanned, things.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

During Eric's free time, he likes to play games, play guitar, watch TV, mess around with a deck of cards, bike, and nap [mmmm].

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

Eric claims to have no hidden quirks or talents. We know everything that is to know about Eric. Everything has been revealed.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh – To the prefrosh, Eric tells them to not get too overwhelmed with college. He encourages them to find a fellowship and local church quickly so that they can interact with people as soon as possible.

Rising sophomore- Eric commends the rising sophomore for surviving their first year at Cornell. He likens sophomore year to being an awkward teen. They are not babies anymore, but they are not ready to be on

their own. So he encourages the new sophomores to have as much fun as possible as underclassmen before school forces them to grow up. Also, watch over the freshman!

Rising juniors- Eric bluntly stated, "You guys are old, just give up". >.< To continue with the previous analogy, junior year is like being a young adult. He says that the rising juniors are beginning to become the leaders and that they are looked up to by the younger classes. It is time for the rising juniors to grow up and being to really take care of the underclassmen.

Rising seniors- Eric recognizes that senior year is scary since everyone looks up to them. He understands that although they may feel that they are not ready, he reminds the rising seniors that it is perfectly fine to feel clueless. Just continue to be ready and willing to lead.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

God has (and continues to show) Eric that he fears the unknown. He has realized how uneasy he gets when it comes to the future. Eric realizes how he is unable to fully trust in God and allow God to control his life.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Eric's favorite place is Duffield, which makes sense, you see him there all the time. He also enjoys going to Libe Slope, where he can sit and think about life.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: He will be going home and try to figure out his long term plans.
 Long term: "No idea"

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Eric asks us to pray that he will continue to remain focused on God as the year comes to a close. He asks that you guys would also pray that he continues to keep God at the core and to not push Him aside with school-work or worries of the future.

There you have it. Quick and simple, Eric Chu. He is a great guy who clearly has gone through a lot during his Cornell career. Let's keep him in our prayers as the semester is about to close.

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. **West Coast**

Sleep vs. Eat – It depends on the time of day and how hungry or how sleepy Eric is.

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days

Uris vs. Olin – "Has the Fishbowl"

Left vs. **right?**

Dragon vs. Phoenix

Floss before vs. **Floss after brushing**

RPCC vs. Appel

Genesis vs. Revelation

Collegetown vs. North Campus

Glasses vs. contacts

Henry Wen

BY: DAVID BU

Birthdate: 6-8-1987
Hometown: Miami, Florida
Major: Applied Engineering Physics

I knew exactly where to find Henry, as he is always sitting at the Duffield bar stools. I observed him from afar, and then I took him by surprise, because I was half an hour early from our appointed interview time. Giving him time to prepare, I went to buy a drink. Then it was time...

Q. CBS is...
bought with the blood of Christ.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

Mechanical Engineering. But I knew I liked physics more, so I switched pretty soon.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?
Driving on my way back from break, and listening to a sermon, and for the first time, I saw the gospel for what it really was, as in, grasp more deeply what God wanted. Everything made sense and clicked together, and I was blown away.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?
Procrastinate. But also read dead Christian authors, and listen to sermons by alive pastors. Sometimes, I like to play Frisbee and just think...think about a variety of questions, such as philosophical ones.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?
N/A

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for....

Prefrosh – Love Jesus and ask and obey God first, before choosing what you want.

Rising sophomores – Love Jesus more. It might be different because it seems like people don't care about you but its okay, preach to yourself.

Rising juniors – Love Jesus even more, and read good books and listen to good sermons, especially from dead authors.

Rising seniors – Learn to count your days and think about eternity a lot.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God

has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

Hmm, I don't really know, nothing humongous. Maybe, fear that I would end up being useless for God. But I learned by experience that God is set on keeping me, and He brings me back every time I walk away.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?
Duffield bar stools – it's the only place I can sit for a very long time without hurting my back.

Q. What are your plans for the future?
Short term: Graduate school.
Long term: If God willing, to go to Asia and be a tentmaker (someone who works there, but is also a Church leader).

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?
That I will be more consistently satisfied in Christ.

As we finished up our conversation, I felt closer to Henry. This wasn't just a regular interview, but a chance for me to talk to and know Henry more. Our conversations went from the interview questions to topics about our lives. Before I left, I needed his input and advice on one more thing...

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast

Sleep vs. Eat

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days

Uris vs. Olin neither

Left vs. right

Dragon vs. **Phoenix**

Floss before vs. Floss after brushing

RPCC vs. **Appel**

Genesis vs. **Revelation**

Collegetown vs. North Campus

Glasses vs. contacts

Birthdate: September 2, 1985
 Hometown: Singapore
 Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Justin Leow

BY: VAN-KIM BUI

After scheduling and re-scheduling and then re-scheduling some more, Justin and I finally had a chance to grab a meal at Asian Noodle House. After receiving a mysterious phone call from Shawn about Justin being kidnapped, I immediately inquired if it was his birthday. He informed me that it wasn't, but he had been on some secret business. We ordered food (pineapple fried rice with beef for the both of us) and proceeded with the interview.

Q. CBS is...

a place where you can forget about problems of school and praise God while in the fellowship of others. It's here that you can find support and encouragement for all aspects of life!

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

Engineering

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

The first time I went gorge jumping for my birthday freshmen year.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

What spare time? Drums on Rock Band or outside playing sports if the weather is nice, but it's never nice!

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I can move my ears [Interview's note: It's true! He demonstrated!]

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh- the most important thing is to find a community for yourself, whether it's CBS (hopefully) if not, then a solid group that you can hang out with (extra bonus if they are in your major!)

Rising sophomores- Don't worry about finding a major- you'll find it eventually!

Rising juniors- Nothing changes except classes get harder- treasure every moment you have with your class and friends because junior year goes by quickly... then it's senior

year! [Interviewer's note: AHHHH!!!!]

Rising seniors- Enjoy your vacations...these are the last one you'll get!

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

Being worried about where I'll end up after college. I learned to trust to follow wherever God leads me.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

NOT Phillips 318. Arts quad ONLY when the weather's nice or else I don't care.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: Hopefully find a job somewhere

Long term: Getting married, having children [sneaky interviewer's note: Justin didn't want me to put these on because they are typical plans for everyone, but I added them anyway]...to change the world! ("Vague questions get vague answers," he says)

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Pray for direction and guidance.

As we finished up the interview, Justin gave me a weird look as I wasn't able to finish the good parts of my fried rice since I ate all the parts I didn't like first. We signed our checks, grabbed a mint, and headed out. Unnecessarily, I asked him if he had work, which he did, and then we parted ways. It was great getting to know a little more about Justin and finally understanding that he went to the Singaporean Army BEFORE he came to Cornell.

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Kersing Huang

BY: RUTH CHAN



I grabbed this sister when she was in her apartment, and asked if she'd be available for the interview. We went to sit in her room (so other seniors wouldn't hear the questions!) and thus began our interview.

Q. CBS is...
Philippians 1:23-26

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

I planned to study Electrical Engineering, but that's not what happened. I ended up doing CS, because I took this class. [Eventually] I felt that God was doing it all at the end. I said "God you're crazy!" but I think God put a lot of enthusiasm into me and there have been a lot of good things from it and God just knew what he was doing.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

I think at one of the felly dinners I actually broke down crying because I realized how hard my heart was and how I had no compassion or love in me. In the room across from the kitchen, I was with [Faith] because she was praying for me and I asked her why she cared for me, and I told basically her to go home. I think she showed me a lot about how God cares. And I didn't really understand it before.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to do web design. Sometimes I do some art stuff, but that's pretty rare. I like talking with old people? I do sometimes get addicted to Chinese dramas for a while.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I don't have any hidden talents...=(I think the more I realize how God's made me, I see I don't have a complete talent, but it's all in pieces. So there's really no talent in places, but there's a good thing in that because you have to be humble and can't really be good at anything.

Q: What advice/encouragement do you have for....

Prefrosh: I know for a fact that I only graduated because I sought God. Even my parents tell me "I can't believe you graduated from Cornell." Seek spiritual disciplines and God because those are definitely more important than grades. This is just a phase of life and that doesn't have an effect eternally. Don't limit yourself to just to the canonical... all the other stuff disappears but God won't.

Freshmen: Don't forget to look at the people around you that are not part of CBS. It's great to have that strong bond with one another, but to know that there are a lot of people around you that don't know God and don't know joy. Also be encouraged to serve in other areas outside CBS to be a light.

Sophomores: Don't be afraid to step up and take the lead. I feel like God has really grown a lot of you. In a way, it's good they're humble and think of others as better, but one thing to know is not to be afraid to be leader in some areas.

Juniors: Don't forget the importance of prayer. God is bigger than any barrier that you may be up against, because when you're in the leadership role people look up to you a lot. You have to be really able to be vulnerable and it might be difficult because there's this sense that you're leading the fellowship and you need to be a role model and that you've got it down. But don't be afraid of opening up and sharing and asking for help.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

That I wouldn't graduate. I know it sounds ridiculous, but there are a lot of reasons why I didn't think I could graduate. Sometimes it's good to know that a lot of the things we want are not necessary. Sometimes God takes them away because they're not necessary for life.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Upson's third floor hallway. There's always a plug so I can plug in my computer. There are times when I just asked God "what kind of purpose could you possibly have for me here?" and someone would come up to me

asking me for help and I'd be reminded clearly that certain things would not have transpired.

Q. What are your plans for the future? (Short and long term) Working in Massachussets at BAE systems. I have no idea what I have in store, but I know God's called me there for a reason (or else I would've gotten more than one job offer). I think I would like to teach one day. Abide in Christ. That's my long term goal.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Trusting that God knows his plans for us and that they are good...and people may complain "why'd this happen to me? Why didn't I get that opportunity?" I think it's easy to do the whole self-pity thing. Yes. To simply trust in God.

Things I have come to associate with Kersing: bright red North Face jacket, prayer meetings, and characteristically Kersing smile! Though each of our understandings of our gentle sister may be slightly different, Kersing's heart for God and care for others is something we've seen and received as a blessing from God.

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RPCC vs. Appel

Genesis vs. **Revelation** (Somewhere in between!?! Wow, I don't know. I guess revelation???)

Collegietown vs. North Campus

Glasses vs. contacts

Birthdate: March 31st, 1987
 Hometown: State College, Pennsylvania
 Major: Biology

Mandy Zhao

BY: RACHEL PANG

It is fifteen after five and I make Mandy eat an early dinner with me. As we proceed from the lobby of Eddygate, the place where she currently resides, she pats me on the head as we walk to Asian Noodle House, one of the two places that we usually eat together at, the other being Four Seasons. For a while, we are the only customers in the restaurant.

Q: CBS is...

... a fellowship here at Cornell that is cared for by God.

Q: What did you plan to study at Cornell as freshmen?

Bio, yea, I just came in as a Bio major.

Q: What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

I have a lot but ... this past summer (summer before senior year), I got to know... you ... ["Oh!" says Rachel =)] , Ann and other girls over the summer that we had at Cornell.

I would also say Alumni weekend, this year's alumni weekend.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Reading for fun. I am going to sound so boring

Q: What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

My quirks are really not that interesting. I can do the Rubik's cube, but lots of people can do that... So, no hidden talents. [Interviewer comment: Well, still can't do the Rubik's cube... still figuring out the third layer]

Q: What advice/encouragement do you have for ...

Pre-Frosh : Hopefully they can know themselves well and their desires before they come in [to Cornell]. That will help them academically and spiritually. I Hope that they will be changed by God. I don't think I knew myself well back then.

Rising Sophomore: Don't lose track of each other, if you are called to leadership, don't

be afraid to lead.

Rising Junior: Your class... Don't worry! You guys will be fine. There is so much growth in your class, it will only go up. There is nothing you guys need to worry about.

Rising Seniors: Oh... man...hm... They had to step up pretty early, they have been asked to reach out a lot. Hope that they will keep doing that with lots of joy and willingness at the same time. I know that they will be OK in terms of class delicacies.

Q: What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

God has relieved my fear that I wouldn't be able to change. He has shown me that He can certainly change and transform His children, and that anything God does to transform us can only be good. I'm still learning to have peace with this, and to have courage to face changes :)

Q: What is your favorite spot on campus?

Olin Library. I go there so much and also Mandibles.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

Short Term: I will be working at Boston University Medical Center.

Long Term: Maybe more school, maybe another job, missions, and become a mom...

Q: How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Keep trusting God and submitting to all His will.

During Sunday school at Tab, a currently junior girl who loves steak secretly added an end piece of banana bread on a pile of goodies that Mandy already has on her left hand. Mandy finishing her bite, and stares at the pile, tilted her head a little bit, seeming to think to herself, and went back to eating, still not noticing. After finishing her seventh-eighth slice of bread, the steak lover girl asked, "Mandy, how many pieces of banana

bread did you eat?" Then, Mandy looking at her pile and the slice that she is working on, said, "NO! I never eat end pieces!"

Mandy is a quiet is quiet and funny girl, who will shy away from your camera, who always carry a warm smile on her face, and will give you a unique way of "saying-hi" hand gestures. A girl who is so loving and caring, and is loved by many... YO MAN! You are going to be missed.

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Richardson Kilis

BY: KATHLEEN CHANG

Birthdate: July 22, 1987
 Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia
 Major: Chemical Engineering; International Relations Minor

I first met Richardson during my freshmen year orientation, at the Inter-Fellowship BBQ up on Appel Commons. He was a sophomore, and I was a naïve freshman who didn't even know where Indonesia was. Now, three years later, he is graduating, and I can point out where Indonesia is on a map (and name some of its biggest islands). Much has changed, but God is faithful

Q. CBS is...

CBS is one of those things that consumes your life and you don't realize it. It's funny how you can use CBS to do things – like hang out with people. But CBS is good. It's definitely one of the best groups of people that I've met at Cornell, very encouraging.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

I started out with chemical engineering, and I stayed with it. At times, I wanted to change but thinking back now, I'm glad I didn't. The department is very helpful in preparing you for the real world. Like Design. Sometimes we're even told the department over-prepares us. Because in actuality, the real world is not as intense.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

The summer here before co-op, I got to spend a lot of time with different people from class and Summer Christian Fellowship. Summer at Cornell is a lot different – it's like Cornell during the school year but with less stress. Freshmen year orientation was also pretty amazing. Freshmen year we just met a lot of people and had a whole group that would go out and eat dinner every day called Large Dinner Group (sort of like North Dinner on Wednesday). We would hang out together and watch movies. That's how I actually met Tiffany Yu. We even have a facebook group for it.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

Listen to a lot of Chinese music. It gives a very different feel than American music. I used to like to write. I used to write Star Wars fiction in forums.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I like to karaoke. I used to sing karaoke when I was 6. Our family goes out to karaoke a lot. My dad even has a karaoke set that he keeps in his room.

A quirk ... I sleep with a bolster – full body pillow that is tubular. Indonesians sleep with it.

I use a spoon and fork to eat.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh: Explore. You don't have to stick with CBS from the start. I didn't join CBS until April. Get involved with as many things as you can and then pick the ones you want to stick with.

Rising sophomores: People will tell you that it's sophomore slump, but it really isn't; it will be what you want it to be. It's the year that you'll grow a lot. You won't be as naïve as you were as a freshman. Hang out with your class; you'll learn a lot from each other.

Rising juniors: You might find it a little harder to keep hanging out with your class but just keep in mind that you're all there for each other. Don't lose heart because junior year is probably the toughest academically and spiritually.

Rising seniors: Oh boy. Watching you guys grow a lot, it's really amazing how much you guys have changed since freshmen year. You guys have actually gotten more serious. Trust God and don't be discouraged if you think you're going to stay at Cornell for extra years because many alums have been there before you!

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

One of the hardest things has been to be open and share my burdens with someone else. Coming to the U.S. initially was hard, not having a close family around me. I've learned to build a wall up around myself. But having brothers and sisters have helped me break down the wall and enable me to share my fears with them.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The balcony of Mews that overlooks Rawlings Green and even the clocktower – it's a good place to think.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: I really don't know yet. I have the option of going to Singapore for a 6 month internship. The other option is to be in Minnesota with my brother.

Long term: I would like to go back to Southeast Asia either Jakarta or Singapore. I miss the living environment there.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Pray that I'll keep everything that I've learned here at Cornell in mind. Pray that I find a family wherever I go because that will be the hardest thing that I will have to leave behind. Pray for my family also since my parents and my siblings are all so far apart; it's hard to stay in touch.

Let's keep praying for this Indonesian brother of ours!

THIS OR THAT

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Uris vs. **Olin** because it has Kroch

Left vs. **right**

Dragon vs. **Phoenix** PHOENIX ALL THE WAY

Floss before vs. **Floss after** brushing

RPCC vs. **Appel**

Genesis vs. Revelation

Collegetown vs. **North Campus**

Glasses vs. contacts

Birthdate: 4/23/87
 Hometown: Grand Forks, ND
 Major: AEP

Ronny Huang

BY: MICHAEL CHIN

I got the opportunity to meet up with Ronny over breakfast in Appel (the first time I've ever eaten breakfast in a dining hall!). Waking up early on a wonderful spring day was a great experience, although I must apologize to Ronny for being a few minutes late. We got to enjoy each others' company, while eating and talking, before we started this interview.

Q. CBS is...

A community of messed up people redeemed by God's mercy. *What do you mean messed up?* I think that deep down inside we all have our shortcomings and fears.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

First, biology, then bioengineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, and finally AEP.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

I have a lot of favorite memories at Cornell, but I'll share one from senior year so that everybody can relate. I think that some of my favorite times during the week are when a few praise team members and I spontaneously worship God with singing and instruments in my tacky apartment. A specific instance is the time... Winter retreat, we went early and we listened to songs while driving through the beautiful winter scenery and were able to worship God without any distractions throughout winter retreat.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to [he laughs]... I'll be frank. I like to run, I like to play basketball and the guitar, and breakdance

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

For quirks, I can be purposely be rebellious against social norms? *What do you mean by that?* I used to carry a gallon of water to class everyday. I don't think I have any hidden talents... Well I can draw.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for....

Prefrosh

I don't know you guys too well. I don't know you guys yet, but I encourage you to have a teachable heart.

Rising sophomores

You guys are a huge class, and I see a lot of maturity in you guys. Don't become proud of your unity, but instead turn it outward because you have experienced such love from each other. Outsiders will be drawn by your love for one another, so use it to God's glory. John 13:34-35: 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Rising juniors

You guys are a good mix of people. You have a variety of interests, of strengths, of viewpoints. Take the risk of being vulnerable to one another because when the times are tough, being superficial will only leave you still burdened and feeling left out. But, at the same time, I encourage you to be committed to one another when your weaknesses are revealed. Show agape love. Romans 15:7: Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Rising seniors

As CBS's future leaders contend for the faith. Make it your ambition to develop a community of grace, and not a community of performance. Teach doctrine and devotion; not one without the other. 1 Timothy 4:13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

One of my biggest fears was that God would not accept me when I sin or when I missed up, and it wasn't until halfway through college I finally understood what it means to be saved by grace, that I can approach the throne of grace without needing to first clean myself.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

I don't want to say anything cliché... Noyes

Community Center because many good things happen there everyday of Spring 2009. *Do you mean MEAD?* Yeah!

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: I plan to spend time with my sister and family this summer as well as go on a missions trip to China with Henry.

Long term: The ambition of my life is to spread the Gospel and build the Church. To that end, I am going to Boston for a few years to grow in my faithfulness and world vision.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Pray that I won't see graduation as the beginning of a life of prosperity and comfort, but of radical self-sacrifice at doing the hard things in the hard places for God's glory.

I really enjoyed being able to spend some time one on one with Ronny. I know I'll miss him a lot next year. Fortunately, Ronny challenged me to a game of chess, so one day we'll be sure to meet again, although I'm pretty sure he'll beat me!

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast (The Rockies)

Sleep vs. Eat

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. **no showering for 3 days**

Uris vs. **Olin**

Left vs. right

Dragon vs. **Phoenix**

Floss before vs. floss after brushing (I don't floss.... But I brush twice a day!)

Genesis vs. Revelation

Collegetown vs. **North Campus**

Glasses vs. **contacts**

Sandy Zhao

BY: KATARINA NG

Birthdate: 3/31/1987
Hometown: State College, PA
Major: Sociology and Government

As I sat on top of the Olin music box, Sandy ate her lunch: a salad from Statler and oatmeal raisin cookies (!!). The touring prefrosh set a good backdrop for the interview: reminiscing about the past four years but also looking forward to where God will bring us.

Q. CBS is...

A Christian fellowship where God has taught me a lot.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

I came in as a Sociology major, but then in the beginning of freshmen year I wanted to switch to Government because at that point I wanted to go to law school. So I started taking Intro to Government classes in addition to my Intro to Sociology classes. I later decided to double major in both Sociology and Government, because it was too late to back out of Government, and I liked Sociology better.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

There are a lot of really good memories I have with people from CBS from the past and present. But I think my favorite times at Cornell have been when I have been able to find a place on a nice day and just read.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to read!

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I don't think I have any hidden talents but I definitely have a lot of quirks. I don't think this is hidden but I tend to use archaic phrases and I sometimes invent my own... that make sense to me. Some archaic phrases are like "it'll all come out in the wash" and my phrase I like to use is "I have to keep my eye on the tiger" which means time because time is a tiger, I feel. There are also times when I have a streak of unreasonableness like... I refuse to believe that plants are living things. They do not have a gender. They don't have to eat. They don't turn towards the sun. They

don't move on their own. If you put one in my possession, it will die. It's going to wilt or turn ugly. Bottom line: I won't take care of it.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh: Make the most of this opportunity. Be excited about what God is gonna do. Be sure of the fact that He has brought you here.

Rising sophomores: Sophomore year is gonna be tough but all I can say is I probably grew the most in sophomore year so take heart and have a firm foundation in Christ.

Rising juniors: Even though for me, junior year was the beginning of my incredible disillusionment and bitterness toward people, don't fall into that. It'll be ok.

Rising seniors: God has already gone ahead of you. Refer to Judges 4:8-15 with emphasis on verse 14. Deborah tells Barak to take an army of men to Mount Tabor. There, the Israelites were held in the hands of the king of Canaan, Jabin. She tells Barak that Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, and his troops will be delivered into his hands. V. 14: Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! This is the day the LORD has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the LORD gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor, followed by ten thousand men. God has already gone ahead... so you should go!

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

That I won't change. That I haven't changed.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Indoors: Uris hall lobby area. The building itself. Uris is such a cool building even though it's the ugliest. You know why? Its structure is made so that if students try to make a revolt, they won't be able to tear it down.

Outdoors: Arts quad.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: Grad school at Yale University.

Long term: Same as short term because grad school IS long term. [Sociology PhD program (average of 6 years at Yale)]

Long long term: Same as my short term. Seek after God's will. And rely on HIS strength to follow it.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

To be able to forgive and be forgiven. So, to extend grace and to accept grace especially from people in CBS. To realize that God has done something good to me. Cornell was something good.

Whether we're eating oatmeal raisin cookies together, or getting to hang out on a sunny day while I grill her with questions (jk!), Sandy has always been an encouragement to me. I will definitely miss this sister next year, as well as her ability to just be available and willing to listen. Thanks Sandy! :)

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast "West coast is nice...but I have to say East."

Sleep vs. **Eat**

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days "'Cause if you're clean...the clothes will be the same...sort of. Right? It doesn't matter! Clothes. What?? It's the body that counts! You have to be clean on the inside!"

Uris vs. **Olin** "mm...that's hard! ...BOTH. Libraries rule!"

Left vs. right

Dragon vs. Phoenix

Floss before vs. **Floss after brushing**

RPCC vs. **Appel** "No contest."

Genesis vs. Revelation "The Word is the Word, man! I'm not choosing one! Silly..."

Collegietown vs. North Campus "You only like north during your first year...after you get off, it just seems really far."

Glasses vs. **contacts**

Birthdate: 4/27
 Hometown: Northern Virginia
 Major: ECE

Shawn Liang

BY: MICHAEL HWANG

Shawn, dressed in his “I love Michael Hwang” shirt, walked into Risley with a smile on his face for he was about to fulfill his dreams. Not only was he reaching his goal of eating on every food place in Cornell, but he would be able to meet and talk with me, his personal hero. We sat down with our plates full of meatloaf and pizza and throughout the whole interview, I could tell he was lost in my beautiful eyes. But with deep, deep concentration, he was able to complete the interview with satisfactory answers.

Q. CBS is...
 Phillips 101
 Homely
 Unique
 Nostalgic (in the future)

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?
 ECE and MAE. I wanted to double major.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?
 My favorite memory would be eating at McDonalds after an 8-mile hike with fellow Seniors in Tennessee during spring break. A close second would be biking back from the Engineering quad at 2 AM sophomore year. The roads were extremely icy and the ride down the slope was covered with snow. I held the brakes down the whole time, but I was still going full speed.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?
 If it's nice weather, I'll do something outdoors. If it's rainy or just freezing cold, I'll just sit inside and read sports websites.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I can withstand horrible tasting food. (I trained myself by eating whole onions raw.)

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh – Explore as many opportunities that Cornell has to offer as you can.

Rising sophomores – Share with one another your struggles, especially during major

affiliation times.

Rising juniors – Try to do more things as a group together.

Rising seniors – It's okay to let loose and act like immature freshmen again.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

God has really shown me that there are brothers and sisters that I can depend on. I came in with the mentality trying to prove everything by myself on my own and I've been learning slowly that it'll be better if I ask for assistance from the people around me.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

There's a hidden trail near Ravenwood that leads to the top of Ithaca falls. (You have to crawl through a human-made tunnel. It's really scary.) It's not really on campus, but it's near.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: I'll be in Maryland working at an applied physics lab designing power systems for a particle-detection satellite. And I'll be doing getting my Master's part time in electrical engineering.

Long term: I want to work for an aerospace company in California and get a pilot license.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Pray that I would find a church in Maryland and be actively plugged in and to keep in contact with brothers and sisters that I've grown to love.

Watching every piece of food slide into Shawn's cute little mouth was the highlight of my day and eating with him was truly a pleasurable experience. After the interview and after his dreams were accomplished, Shawn walked away as a man different from the one at the start of the interview—one with new experiences, one with meatloaf slowly passing through his small intestines.

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast

Sleep vs. Eat

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days

Uris vs. **Olin**

Left vs. right

Dragon vs. **Phoenix**

Floss before vs. **Floss after brushing**

RPCC vs. Appel

Genesis vs. Revelation

Collegetown vs. **North Campus (fields)**

Glasses vs. contacts

Xi Guo

BY: JUSTIN DENG

Birthdate: November 7, 1986
Hometown: State College, PA
Major: ECE

We're waiting for bubble tea at the Old Tea House, Xi and I. He's graciously offered to buy me a cup—he must know my weakness. Even now, I can feel my resolve to take my vengeance upon my kidnapper weakening. As we soak up the sun outside of the Engineering Quad, we commence the interview...

Q. CBS is...

It's... it's a family, a home away from home—a place of brothers and sisters that take care of you, just to hang out, to have fun, and to suffer together. It's just a... yeah.

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

I wanted to major in ECE or CS, and at first planned to double major in both [what happened to that plan, I ask]... well, CS212—that class is insane! And it's only 1 credit. I used to do stuff when I was small. One time, when I was 5, I fixed a light switch and electrocuted myself.

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

It was the second semester of sophomore year, when I was taking ECE 475. It was the first time that I really failed something... like outright. It was a project due at 5 (on Friday)—and it was after 5, you know? And it was just really, really sad to know that you failed something—lost something that you depend upon. Other times, I had gotten through, but I knew I failed this time. Afterwards, at CBS, a couple of brother hugged me—it felt... it felt really, really good to just know that it doesn't really matter. They didn't really know what was wrong, but it just didn't matter [Xi's voice wanders slightly off as he gazes to the side, lost in fond memories].

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to sleep and play games—computer games. All kinds.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I... I can sleep in almost all positions and under any condition. I can finish HW on the

last day. I can procrastinate to a degree that even I feel the danger at times. If I don't graduate this semester, you'll know why now. Is it a talent... or a curse...?

Oh! I also only use pens. [Even on math tests?] I only use pens.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh: ?! PREFROSH?! Who cares about them! They're not going to read this probably anyway.

Rising sophomores You're going to miss being a freshman. You will feel sad and break down sometime during the year, probably. Good thing you have each other—that's really a good thing. Your class unity... most of us didn't have that during freshmen year—you really have to value that and build off of that.

Rising juniors Make dumplings. Don't ask. Do stuff with each other. Make dumplings with each other. Take care of the younger classmen (yay!). Make dumplings for younger classmen.

Rising seniors They're crazy.

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

I used to fear that I was useless in this world... that I didn't know what I was supposed to do, or that I would miss it. I mean, I still don't know what I'm supposed to do, but I know there is something.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Usually places where people can't find me. I like the 3rd floor in Duffield, the "Harry Potter" room in Uris (I think it's called the Andrew White Reading Room), and the basement of Sage Hall.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: Well. I plan to graduate in the next month. Don't really have a plan, not looking for a job, partly because of busy-ness and laziness.

Long term: Really don't know. It will be fun—wherever God takes me.

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

Pray that I'll graduate next month. Hopefully something comes up so I know what I need to do (in the future).

It's been a really great interview—a great time learning more about Xi as he gets ready to graduate (hopefully), and a great opportunity to learn that he really appreciates hugs. I hope that once everyone reads this interview, they will bear hug him to the ground.

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. West Coast

Sleep vs. **Eat**: BOTH. Can't choose

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. no showering for 3 days **Uris** vs. Olin

Left vs. right

Dragon vs. Phoenix Neither

Floss before vs. **Floss after brushing RPCC** vs. Appel

Genesis vs. **Revelation**

Collegietown vs. North Campus **CGlasses** vs. contacts

Birthdate: July 9
 Hometown: Toronto, Canada
 Major: Biology & Math

Yvette Wong

BY: JAMIE TSAI

When I asked where she wanted to do the interview, Yvette said she wanted to have dinner with me in Collegetown. So, Yvette took me to Aladdin's for dinner; it was my first time eating at a restaurant in Collegetown. I took Yvette's suggestion and got the fruit and nut salad, while Yvette, who was hungrier, got something with beef in it.

Q. CBS is...

amazing, super... a family that will care for you in interesting ways

Q. What did you plan to study at Cornell as a freshman?

Math

Q. What is your favorite memory at Cornell?

There are two. A funny memory was in sophomore year, when Judy and Kathleen came into my room with towels wrapped around their heads screaming, thinking they would scare me, but they didn't realize that other people (Paul and Ray) were also in the room. So when they came in screaming and realized this, they got scared and ran. It was funny how their plan backfired. The second one was this past Easter Sunday. The alum were here and Janice and Jessie got baptized.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to play guitar, journal, call people, talk to Hannah, email high school friends.

Q. What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

A hidden talent (although not really hidden) is that I can sleep for 10 hours and still be tired.

I also like to song-write, but I'm not very good at it.

Q. What advice/encouragement do you have for...

Prefrosh Check out all the fellowships and Churches because once you get settled you won't want to check them out. Make as many friends as possible and keep in touch with them.

Rising sophomores Be nice to VK in Casc. Take care of the class above you. Don't forget your non-CBS friends because your class already hangs out so much. Be as encouraging to each other as possible

Rising juniors Keep figuring out what you guys want to do and trusting God with the impossible

Rising seniors Eat at Oakenshields in remembrance of me. Keep taking care of each other. Don't try to go through things alone. Share struggles with each other. Expect the best from each other. I'm going to miss you guys!

Q. What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

The fear of not having sisters to share with ... I feel that I have people I can call and share with now. I also learned to trust that God works through friendships in His own time.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?

At the top of Libe slope when the sun is setting

Q. What are your plans for the future?

Short term: Next year I'll be going to China with a Christian organization to teach English at a University

Long term: UPenn for grad school in neuroscience

Q. How can we pray for you as graduation approaches?

That when I'm in China, the ministry I'm doing will be fruitful, and to keep trusting God, especially with all the uncertainties with going to China, and also to still keep my sisters at Cornell accountable even when I'm gone.

Yvette says that she is still amazed that she ended up at Cornell. She also says that she has learned that God's timing is really good in terms of people and circumstances. I really enjoyed these two hours of talking and eating with Yvette. She is really a sweet and genuine person. At the end of our conversation, I revealed to Yvette that I was her angel

(for angels and mortals). However, it turns out that she had already found out several weeks ago. Oh well. Anyway, we both were glad that we had been paired for this interview. For her final comment, Yvette said, "I have an amazing interviewer." :) Well, Yvette, I have an amazing interviewee. :) God bless you Yvette.

THIS OR THAT

East Coast vs. **West Coast**

Sleep vs. Eat

Wear the same clothes for 3 days vs. **no showering for 3 days**

Uris vs. Olin ...which is which?

Left vs. **right**

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Collegetown vs. North Campus

Glasses vs. contacts

Senior Wills



Caleb

Rising Sophomores- I will to you my Halo skills; split it up evenly – it'll be more than enough.

Rising Juniors- I will you guys my normalness.

You guys are weird ... in a good way

Junior Guys- I will you my love ;)

Junior Girls- I will you all my coolness, you guys need it

Mike Chin- I will to you my amazing academic discipline

Roomie Kim- I will to you my Chineseness and my ability to actually wake up when I need to

Ruth – I will you a spot in the Olin stacks

Chloe

I leave my rubberduckies to whoever wants them. Just contact me! I have a lot.

Christa

Joanne: I leave you with the task of baking cookies for the freshmen next year.

TomTom: I leave you with the task of bringing hottellie cheer and hospitality to the Cali freshmen who will miss home and the warm weather like crazy during the winter.

David: I leave you with the task of staying strong in your faith in the midst of your career pursuit and being a strong witness to the undergrad finance community. Wall Street needs more Christian people.

Cynthia

I will to Chui Thursday night cooking for underclassmen.

I will to Michelle Ng my sheet music.

I will to Kat Chang naming privileges for my stuffed animals.

I will to the interviewer our fruit of the spirit tree.

Eric

Eric cannot think of anything.

Henry

I will, um, the good Christian books of the CBS library to whoever wants to claim them.

I will the status of the second tallest person in CBS to Tim Shin.

I will a love for Christ and the gospel for everybody!

Justin

Richard Wang- My Rock Band drum set

Edgar- A bench ... that you lift weights on ...

(Interviewer's clarification: ... a weight-lifting bench?)

Caleb- The ultimate jump serve and mad ups

Jefferson- My camera lens (which is apparently worth to him as much as his car)

Kersing

I will to Rachel Pang, leading the IM girls' basketball

I will to the prayer ministry coordinator, a more inter-fellowship role with prayer, not just as a CBS thing, but meeting up with other fellowships and praying together.

I will To Rachel Har, Leading next year's seekers study for the year



Senior Wills

Mandy

I couldn't think of anything to will ...
Maybe Bamboo to someone, but I don't know who.

[Interviewer's note: If no one wants it ...
maybe my apt can take care of that for you ...]

Richardson

I will my involvement to Asian Clubs to David Lin.

I will the ChemE undergrad lounge to Eric and Jefferson. It better be nice after the renovation.

I will CBS badminton to Sandra.

I will Indonesia representation to Patricia and Shelina.

Ronny

I will to Richard the task of magnifying the greatness of God through leading praise team.

I will to Kevin the faithfulness and humility of being a man for Jesus.

I will to Kat Ng the consistency of physical training.

I will to Eugene a relentless desperation for God even in depression.

I will to praise team to find more and more satisfaction in their worship.

I will to current and future physics students ...
Keep it up!

Sandy

I want to will my time (availability/openness) to Ruth (i.e. I want her to be a good steward of her time: to use it to serve others by being available).

I want to will the fun of Sunday school to Alex, Kat, and Jefferson.

I will the desire to guard sisters' hearts to Grace.

Shawn

I will 5 grams of black powder to the rising senior guys

I will the responsibility of MEAD to Kat Ng and Kufre

I will "being on time" to Dave Lin

I will "lemons and oranges" that I can obtain from dining halls to Mike Chin

I will the responsibility of playing in the post to David Bu

Xi

I will to Alex W Lee—order of ECE

I will to Richard Wang—the knowledge of food on campus and take people to these places

I will to Mike Chin, Mike Hwang, Alex Lee—hosting and organizing LAN parties

I will to Kat Chang—getting and sitting in Duffield cubbies

I will to Justin Deng—keeping the "other" CBS traditions

Yvette

I will Ann my 10 hours of sleep every night

I will Janice the right to pick all the flowers in front of Balch

I will all the girls in my class lots and lots of hearts and giggles

I will Joanna the privilege of representing Canada at CBS

I will the guys in my class my computer program and taking care of the girls

I will Grace, VK and Rachel, more trust that God has a good plan for you even if you don't know it.

Senior Superlatives

Best tea party hostess

Chloe Ma

Least likely to leave Ithaca before the pre-frosh

Henry Wen

Least likely to carry x amount of water

Ronny Huang

Most likely to write, film and produce his own shampoo commercial

Eric Chu

Most likely to be found sleeping...anywhere

Xi Guo

Best death stare

Sandy Zhao

The only reporter that won't appear on film

Mandy Zhao

Most likely to save lives by folding stars

Cynthia Kwong

Most likely to start her own restaurant

Christa Chi

Most likely to model pink Under Armour at a rocket launch

Shawn Liang

Most likely to stick-drive an army Humvee through fire

Justin Leow

Most likely to prevent Justin's Humvee from being blown up by Shawn

Kersing Huang

Most likely to transpose Asian pop beats into a Shimtah rhythm at a karaoke bar

Richardson Kilis

Most likely to win a hot dog eating contest on ice

Jonathan Yu

Most likely to have a pet polar bear named Stumpy and sleep by 9 pm

Yvette Wong

Most likely to sleep through a fire alarm

Caleb Chan

Most likely to graduate early

Caleb Chan & Yvette Wong

Joanna Zhang '12 &
Sydney Rainey Biler '12

Seeker's Study: Learning about Jesus

The Seekers Bible Study, also titled Learning about Jesus, is designed to provide a better foundation of the Gospel to those drawn to Christian teachings. Every Thursday, Edgar, Rachel, and Kersing went through the amazing works of Jesus Christ from the Book of John. We learned that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes the sins of the world away (John 1:29). Although Jesus has the power to judge and knows everyone's sins, He is forgiving and truly cares about our salvation. Jesus was the light that came into the darkness to show us the truth. Jesus selflessly died for our sins on the cross so that we could be saved and have eternal life through knowing and believing that Jesus is the Son of Man. Edgar, Rachel, and Kersing made sure to go through the Gospel in a manner that was understandable, and slow enough to ensure that the correct meaning of the Book of John could be deciphered. Through late night snacks and long pauses to allow for thought, the truth of Jesus Christ as the bread of life and source of living water was shown to us and we are truly blessed to be part of this Bible study.

Daniel: Our Cornell Tour Guide

What do dreams, a lion's den, and a fiery furnace have to do with life at Cornell? Not much at a first glance, but there is a lot we college students, can learn from Daniel's story.

We have all left our home to come to Cornell, much like how Daniel, Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abednego) were forced to leave Jerusalem for Babylon to learn how to serve King Nebuchadnezzar. Sounds a lot like how we are at Cornell to learn how to enter the "real" world, huh?

Daniel's "college" experience exhorts us to stay pure while we're at Cornell by not defiling ourselves with what the world has to offer. Fortunately, just as Daniel was not alone in Babylon, we have each other to mutually support here at Cornell. Sometimes this can mean experiencing difficult trials by going against what the world wants like how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego experienced the fiery furnace because they did not bow down to the statue of gold and how Daniel was thrown into the lion's den for praying to God. But, we have every reason to be brave for "... the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king" (Daniel 3:17). How comforting it is to know that we serve the same God as Daniel and his friends!

Daniel was a pretty smart guy. He interpreted the king's dreams when nobody else could, because God revealed the answer to him. As Cornell students, it's easy to think that we're pretty smart. But, we should remember that all that we have is by God's grace so we should be humble, not proud like kings of Babylon, who God punished. Instead, we should give God the glory as Daniel did:

I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers:

*"You have given me wisdom and power,
you have made known to me what we asked of you,
you have made known to us the dream of the king." (Daniel 2:23)*

The Book of Daniel also tells us about the first coming of Jesus and describes the end of times. It gives us hope: if we follow God during our time at college and wherever God places us afterwards, we will eventually be fully reunited with God when His Son triumphantly returns! So, press on!

No Middle Ground: A Study in 1 John

Sandra Quah '12 and Cheryl Sim '12

In this study, led by Alex and Ann, we learned about the different types of love, what it means to hate, the importance of living in the light, and our security in having the Spirit in us. The author of the book, John, was previously acknowledged as the disciple “*whom Jesus loved*” – he knew Jesus; the pain of the Messiah, the sacrifices to be made and the persecution to be endured – but most of all, he knew of Jesus’ Love. In 1 John, he featured the crux of Christian living – the choice for us, as Children of God, to be set apart from the world as peculiar people and to hate the world and all that it stands for. Because we come from God, we are children of light, and “*if we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth*” (1:6). We identified the differences between us and the world, and how our living out righteous lives will make others see imperfections in the lives of others. There was a strong emphasis on how having God in us would allow us to not compromise our stance against darkness. “*No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God*” (3:9). That said, we are mere humans, who at most can strive to be set apart from the world—we still stumble and sin. Therefore, in this context, God’s sovereignty and grace are made even more important. As we continue to struggle, acknowledge, and repent of our sins, God is always able to forgive us, and we have hope in God as we fight against sin. We can strive to make everything we do pleasing to Him, so that we do not keep falling into the same sins. “*This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother*” (3:9). The importance of this acknowledgement also serves as a kind of discernment, as we know how to seek out who possesses the Spirit through the fruits of the Spirit that they possess. The importance of continuing in the perseverance of our faith, even in trial, is preparation for Jesus’ second coming – “*In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him...But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment*” (4:17-19). God is the ultimate source of love because He is love, and His love is shown through the Cross, making us in His image, and His grace in not condemning us right when we sin. We should let this love that Jesus demonstrated flow out of all our actions, living in love, “*Everyone born of God overcomes the world*” (5:4). We are either children of God, or children of the devil. We either walk in the light, or follow the darkness. John concluded with this reminder: “*Dear children, keep yourselves from idols*” (5:21). If God is the center of our lives, and if we are of Him, we cannot be of anything else. There is no middle ground!

Matthew

Henry Wen '09

This semester the Matthew Bible Study set out to consider the beauty and depth of the words of Christ as recorded by Matthew. We didn’t get very far-Chapter 5? We walked slowly through the scenic garden of Christ’s words, smelled the sweet scents of His tenderness, and gazed upon the piercing beauty of His wisdom. We saw that Jesus ministered to grannies who were prostitutes, widows, and adulteresses. He was a descendent of the ‘outcast of society’, emphasizing His love, His forgiving nature, and His grace. We wrestled with difficult issues such as “testing God”, broken relationships, sexual lust, being true to our word and turning the other cheek. We saw that Christ’s words are piercing, true and relevant. He speaks straight through our façade to reveal and convict our inner heart. We hope that in dwelling deep on Christ’s words that our love for our precious Lord Jesus has increased

Jamie Tsai '12,
Jenny Cheng '12
Kathleen Chang '10

Girls Bible Study: Fruit of the Spirit

Led by Judy, Chloe and Cynthia

"Look! It's a bird... it's a plane... it's a fruit tree!"

If you happened to walk into Eddygate 5C this past semester, you might have seen some strange brown cardboard contraption with blobs of color. Upon closer examination, you would see that it was actually a fruit tree, garnished with colorful paper bananas, blueberries, apples, pears, grapes... with scripture scribbled on each fruit. Though there were some obvious lapses in memory in some of the scribbled memory verses, the girls in this study still have their laminated strips of scripture to help them to daily commit these verses to memory!

During the first week of this Bible study we covered some of the basics regarding the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit and the trinity. Each week after that we discussed one of the each of the component of the fruit of the spirit addressed in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Every week we memorized a bible verse relevant to the fruit or topic we had discussed that week. We focused on how to put God's word into practice as well as understanding what each of the fruits mean. There was a lot of godly sisterly bonding, where we were able to pray together, point each other to Christ and build each other up.

Mens Bible Study: Fighting the Good Fight

Nathan Kwong '12

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

I wasn't sure what to expect when I signed up for the Men's Bible Study. Though we're called to be men of God (the guys at least), what exactly does that look like, and how do we go about becoming one? This Bible study delved into the books of 1 and 2 Timothy to find some answers, studying Apostle Paul's instructions to his rising disciple.

Each week our Bible study leaders Eric, Caleb, and Jefferson lead us through a broad spectrum of topics concerning how to live as men of God. The first week, we went back to the roots of creation in Genesis, studying the inherently sinful and irresponsible nature of all men. With this in mind, we moved forward through the rest of the study. We went through how the Bible came to be and its validity as the true Word of God, as it is the foundation upon which we learn to be godly men. We also studied the roles of both men and women in the church and in relationships, what it means to be a "one woman man," and how to find contentment in God apart from worldly achievements. We are called to flee our own evil desires to seek after the heart of God. As men of God, we must take hold of God's calling and fight the good fight of faith.

In addition to going through the Word, we were able to share some of our struggles and encourage one another. It was comforting to know that we were not alone in our troubles. Much love to all of my fellow men of God.

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Anonymous

Why, oh heart, do you resist?
And why do you still fear?
Do you not know that God persists
and longs to draw you near?

Why, oh heart, don't you concede?
And why do you still hide?
Will he not meet your every need
and heal the wounds inside?

Why, oh heart, do you not yield
to Him who loves you so?
Will He not prove to be your shield
and take away your woe?

Why, oh heart, is it so hard
to give your God your all?
Why do you not let down your guard
and let Him be your wall?

Oh heart, just look around and see
that God is for us strong
though hardships, strife and trials be
with Him do we belong.

Our Shepherd speaks on our behalf
before the mighty throne.
Remember that his gentle staff
has claimed us as his own.

The Father's grace does freely flow
to those that he shows love.
Recall its warmth to us below
from heaven up above.

And give not in to foolish pride,
Do not be led away.
His Spirit is our gracious Guide,
and with us he will stay.

Do not be scared, oh little heart
Do not give way to lies.
A contrite spirit He'll impart
the weak He won't despise.

A prayer for a sister

(For the 2007 Valentine's Day Felly Dinner)

Oh LORD my God how high your ways
you laid the world's foundations From ancient of days
You saw that it was good
You made men and women giving them breathe

A baby sister, what is that?
A girl? What shall do with it ... her
Play, sing, color, teach her to ride a bike
And to pray and read to her Bible stories?
And tell her of the Father's glory?

Would she understand at such a young age
When barney and blues clues are all the rage
Jesus did say "Let the children come to me"
The truth too shall set the young ones free

More than all else that is of this earthly breath,
And which I would plead (if needs be) unto my death
Oh that she would be saved,
that she would be born again

What mountain shall I climb, what monster shall I slay
Oh that you would heed me as I pray
oh nothing, nothing but by your grace.
only when you take her place
...On the cross

And would that Grace be grace to her
Would your mercies find her where she hurts
More than a brother can long to hold
I lift her to you, for joys untold

Joy to carry her through this life
Where troubles abound and much is strife
And to carry her into the life thereafter
With to Christ to praise with songs and laughter

And when she comes to a lonely place
Would she hearken, always, only to your praise
That at the name of Jesus her knees should fall
And in him to find her all in all

And if she should one day marry
Give me the grace to not be too scary
To the one you have chosen for her
To be a promise of what you'll be for her

So in this life would she be filled
With the Holy Spirit by your will
With a heart of mercy and hands of care
Would she Pray and pray and pray, like a warrior

There is too much that a brother has
In his heart to pray for a sister, Alas
Would I pray a little more every day.

And for my sisters who sit before me
Would they know that this prayer not for Emily only

Crushed

(For the 2008 Valentine's Day Felly Dinner)

Henry Wen '09

I once had a cute little crush,
I was too shy so I always stayed hushed.
Another took her, great was my woe
my joy was stillborn within my soul.

I pondered and asked, love why so cold?
wilt thou shun me till I'm old?
"Stillness, peace joy to to you soul!"
"Heartbreak", the Lord said," too did I know."

He said to me:
"There was a woman that I did love,
with great passion and caring of
I made her, gave her the sweetest romance.
but it was with another she chose to dance
(Gen. 1-3)

Sin I hate, my wrath was upon her!
I stripped her, naked before her lovers
Silly, brutal a stiff necked nation
hearts set on each new sensation
(Hosea 1-4)

But the love I have could not be contained
nor could her sin still yet remain
I contrived a way hoping against hope
that my lover and I once again may elope
(Psalms, Genesis, 2 Samuel)

I wrestled in the Garden drops of blood in my sweat
sorrow to death, my love had been set.
Her sin I absorbed, Crushed from above
is this not the evidence of love?
(The Gospels)

I loved her with my undying love,
I loved her with my dying love.
My Bride! she's mine, I rejoice!"
This He told me with his own voice
(the Gospels, Ephesians, Revelation)

Brothers, Sisters, can we loved as he did?

We are more fickle than we'd like to admit.
So before you go off on your romantic search,
remember, twas Christ who first loved the Church

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother
and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become
one flesh." This mystery is profound,
and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Let each one of you love his wife as himself,
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.
(Ephesians 5)

By: Alexander Spock Lee '07

THE NAME

*I Feet swollen twice their size; The smell of
sweat clings to my robes*

I cling to my sanity
Because my mind is slipping away beneath
The phantom shadow of doubt

*Forty silent years in Sinai; the stale desert
Hangs like dull heat
Over my bones*

Last night's dull fire burned in my hollow
chest;
I cried but could not pierce your silent ears
And my heavy heart hardened
Tighter closed, to suffocate, asphyxiate
My breathlessness, this drawn out wait

*But today, Hesitate and noiseless pause
A glint of white gleams off the sand, trembling
bright
A squint between the blur of sweat soaked
brows and see:*

*A wild flame weaves a vision:
Strange sight: red bronzed, one hundred-
pronged.
I take a step and feel the reach of fire fingers
Hot against my sweat-slick face and
Am drawn, pursued and wooed, this wood
That would not burn, though flamed
Did it stand so strange? This raging fire tamed
To taunt my tired eyes*

O, that thou should give us a tongue
To cry to thee,
And then not hear it crying! All day long
My heart was in my knee
But no hearing.

*But see: My eyes ignite
With whip-lashed tongues that lick this grit
grooved face
This rugged cross-shaped tree stands still
Just steps away in the crackle snap
Of seraph cinder
But. A burning bush? A mere shrub whose
Shroud is mystery, majesty
Whose sound is soft as whispers
The angel will not silent stay*

Denial: the fire of faith, so they say
But to what avail if I can hardly pray,
Calmer now that Your voice is spent
On better ones that know how to repent
I'm content, Oh God, I am content
But when you speak I do not hear;
In not hearing... In not hearing me,
I'm wracked with fear;
This gnawing torture, that my heart,
As with my rhyme, hangs-

But for me to You deny
Leaves no storm untamed within,
For the heart as ice burns, too,
And gnaws with words reserved for You;
"God, I'm good"-

I'm false, my life is thin:
I breathe and seethe a contradiction,
So if not my will or voice,
Then my soul shall cry...
Where are You?

*Silk flames rustle and call,
A strange claim that draws me close;
Hear, quiet yet quick
And still before the alien glow
The whisper takes on a voice*

*It speaks my name, and then again:
Here I stand on holy ground;
I slip my sandals from my feet,
Embarrassed at the scabs and dirt
The calloused feet reflect a heart's deceit
I scarcely life my eyes to greet
This One who shines and knows full well my
fallen mind*

I had forgotten how even call,
Yet to me with strength He answers

Who are you, You who are love, yet slow to
hear?
How can You see this pain and still refrain,
restrain
Mercy's hand to touch this untuned heart
that beats
In tone-deaf discord? Who are You that
sounds
So good, yet makes no sound?

Facedown in fear

*His presence near, this God who speaks,
Who knows, who hears, my heart;
My heart that pounds and pounds and
Burns! The fire-tree brands me and I am
Ruined, broken, His voice has spoken
Father! Teach me how to listen*

Trembling, I ask
... What am I

A hollow lie
That You should call to me?
Though truth
would set me free...
A sinful man from birth
Who labors long
on earth
Whom you still know and chase
The tears run
down my face...

A flame now burns my lips a kiss
A kiss a VOICE a hope a Name:
Who are you?

I AM WHO I AM
Who is the voice
Who speaks, who knows

I AM
Who knows my name and calls me loved?
I AM
Who is love that knows no end,
Who, though King, would condescend
To dine with my, to dine with... me?
I AM

YOU ARE
Fairer than the moon
You are

Brighter than the sun
You are
*Lover of your soul and lasting light
The Living word, the way, the truth and life*
You are

Redeemer, Healer, Friend
Name above all names
Christ,
Name by which I
am saved
I AM WHO I AM
And I am not
alone.

SHOUTOUTS



Dear Junior class and CBS,
Thanks for sending me two care (BOX) packages while I'm abroad! I treasure your goodies, gifts, photos and encouraging notes. Know that they came at times when I needed support most. Miss you all, see you soon, Esther.

To Kersing Huang: 1 Corinthians 1:17. God doesn't need us but we definitely need Him. Don't forget about how far He has brought you. Thanks for being a blessing!

Hey you in the back,
Thanks for everything.
Press on,
~Your sister in Christ, always.

Patricia thanks for reminding me what it looks like to trust in our Heavenly Father. (Psalm 62) - PP

Caleb,
Thanks for planning coffeehouse when I wasn't there most of the time. Thank you for your leadership and for being a brother that seeks after God. It's been a blessing serving with you and seeing God shape you and teach you to trust Him more. I know He has amazing plans for your future- even more amazing than what you think- and I'm excited to see what happens.

Cynthia, Mandy, and Sandy it's been a great blessing to live with you all in 5C for the past 2 years. Thank you all for your patience and kindness. (Hebrews 12:2) - Kersing

key,
God gives us friends for college.
Sometimes He gives us friends for life.
Keep on chugging bro.
-your pp

Jamie thanks for your snail mail (sometimes it's hard to wrap my mind around it though) and devotion to EBPM. (Hebrews 10:24) - Kersing

Janice,
I still cant believe we met in evo.
Oh the irony. Thanks for keeping me sane over the summer, for your sincerity and your faith, your heart for missions, and your truthfulness in love. God's taught me a lot of things through you and I am so thankful for that.

JEE! welcome to the BoL staff :)
may God continue to grow you and bless you!

Ann, Try not to Ann out to much in Guatemala!

Mike H: I'm thankful for you and am glad to see that God's working in you and using you to encourage many others.

Jane Y: I'm so glad you're at CBS!

Mike C: Your heart to honor God is really a blessing.

Jessie & Patricia,
I'm so glad we went on spring break together and I got to know you guys a bit better. Thanks for all the fun memories!

to MEADers,
thank you for giving me something to look forward to every morning at 6:30am! It's been fun to see your faces go from blurry-eyed and yawning-mouthed to sweaty and adrenalized after each intense game of bball. Even more, it's been a joy to see Noyes Comm Ctr become a sanctuary for the reading of God's word every single morning of spring 2009. Definitely couldn't have done it without you guys! Keep it up!
-ronny

Cheryl your desire to serve others is encouraging. (Romans 12:6-7) - PP

To: megaman
Thanks for all the hard work on BoL (and all the encouragements while we're bowling =)

To Rachel Har:
Trust that God has a plan for you. Know that He is good; He is mighty! Psalm 93:4. And thanks for being a blessing to me. =) Monday afternoons!

Sandra: Don't worry about it. God will show you in His time.

Jamie,
You're the best human angel I know!
Thanks for all the notes and encouragements.



SHOUTOUTS

Hi junior girls. You are a physical blessing, each and every one of you, even if I'm not as close with you as I wish I were. Thank you for bearing with me during my stressful, energetic, and blah days. I'm thankful for your prayers as you pray for me when I lack strength to continually pray for certain things. Praise God for your faithfulness to Him and your laughs, rebukes, and sharings that encourage me each day!

Hi junior boys. You are cool too. Thank you for encouraging all the sisters in this class!

To Jessica Lin:

God's got yo back. Ya hear? No, really. Remember that. Psalm 107:8-9. Thanks for being a blessing...keep striving after God!

Jamie & the gardener

John 16: 20-24 =)

May God of great love be the source of all your JOY!

-pp

Sandy,

You've encouraged me to grow so much since being my prayer partner from freshmen year. Thank you for always taking the time to meet up and sharing your life with me, for your sincerity and love, and just for being an older sister I can look up to. It's been a blessing going through so much of the same things with you.

Mandy: I'm thankful for you

to the sketch ~

i praise our heavenly Father for the blessing of your constant encouragement and prayers!

- xiao g.

Caleb,

I do not own a polarbear. Sorry to break it to you.

Joanna,

I'm really glad I met you! I've been so encouraged to see you seek after God. Keep trusting in His plans and His goodness in everything that happens. I hope I see you over summer!
- yvette

To Sydney Rainey Biler:

I will always be Switzerland but I'm glad we are friendly nations to each other. Thanks for being a blessing...keep seeking after God! Know that He has always loved you...even before you knew Him! Romans 5:8

Sandy: God's changed you a lot, and much more is on the way! He's faithful.

Ronny & Richard,

Thanks for leading praise team, and for having that servant attitude and desire to see God's name glorified.

jackie: allergic reactions... have their place sometimes. but let's strive to keep those at a minimal while remaining honest with our feelings :) and don't be afraid of asking and seeking for accountability.

Ruth thanks for sharing at prayer meetings. You've been a great blessing to me, especially in those moments we're thinking the same thing. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 3:18) - Special K

sandra: fight the good fight; may God be molding you into a woman of Proverbs 31

To Mike Chin: Your worth is not found in the things of this world. But give your best to the Lord. 2 Timothy 2:15. Thanks for being a blessing!

Judy,

I am so excited to see how God will keep using you for his glory over the summer and next year at CBS. Thank you for your servant heart and your love for God's word. You've been such an encouragement. Hearts!

Tiffany: Our Heavenly Father knows you and will protect you.

henry, ronny, rachel, van kim, kat ng, ann, anthony, tim shin, victor liu, jefferson, jessie + anyone else doing missions: Ephesians 3:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 1 Corinthians, 1:7, Isaiah 55:10-12, Romans, 10:12-14, John 10:16, Psalm 86:8-9, Galatians 3:14, 2 Corinthians 3:4, Ephesians 6:19, Romans 15:18-19, John 14:13-14, Acts 4:31

vk: lar!

Rachel: Don't lose heart.

SHOUTOUTS



Ann,
Keep growing in your faith and devotion to God, and trust that He'll guide you where He wants you to go. I'm so excited for you this summer and I know you'll see God's provision abundantly. Keep me updated next year!
Your PP.
ws you and will protect you.

Chui (chewy) -
thanks sister!
1 Corinthians 13:11

To Sandy Zhao: Love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:18-20. Thanks for guiding me through SS and for being a blessing!

To Judy Liang:
God is good, all the time. Do everything to the best of your ability because God deserves your best. Do the work He has given you. Psalm 90:17. And thanks for being a blessing! And for feeding me numerous times. =)

Chloe, Cynthia & Judy,
Thanks so much for leading the girls bible study this semester: for the memory verses and fruits and all the time you guys put into preparing each week. It's been a blessing to study God's word with you guys and I've really learnt so much.

rachel: pang pang! don't doubt His sovereignty... in all things. shy from complacency. don't doubt His power.

To Rachel Pang: Jeremiah 29:11. Your life is in His mighty hands. Thanks for being a blessing to me! ...Dinner?

Van-Kim: It's been an encouragement to watch you grow. I thank God for our prayer partnership and giving me the privilege to continue praying for/with you. Remember that whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31) <>< tiffany~

Kathleen,
My dear not-so-awkward sister. It's been good to have those girly and serious talks with you this year. Keep me updated on life, ok?

Grace: you've grown so much and I'm so proud of you! Keep serving Him and keep praying! :)
<>< tiffany~

Junior guys,
I'm really thankful for having met you brothers and for your sincerity of faith. Watching you guys grow since freshmen year and being able to pray for you guys has been really encouraging. I know God will keep growing and strengthening you for his glory.
- yvette

To Ronny Huang:
Psalm 130:5-6. God's timing is perfect. Keep running after Him! Thanks for being a blessing (and for MEAD)! I look forward to a Boston run.

vk - i like your posters.
Matthew 6:34
psalm 51
TWINKIES unite.

mandy: boon #1: Hide His Word in your heart.

Praise team!
The joy of serving with you (each and every one of you) has given me unspeakable joy. I don't think I'll ever experience anything quite like this ever again till heaven. Keep exhorting the fellowship to KNOW and follow hard after the Most High.
-ronny

yduj, kirbymaster, muffles: HONEY-MOON!

Pangpang,
Hey you, im so glad I got to know you - from leading bible study together to talking over the summer. Thanks for being willing to share so much with me and plz keep me updated on life next year. Keep seeking after God's kingdom and His righteousness, and I am so excited for you this summer!

Thanks Court 505 Guys for letting me have a temporary home on your couch at Cornell this year! Stay rooted in His word after graduation!
- A grateful alum who won't stop visiting.

Dear Elbert,
You are my Po.
Cheers to a start of something new!
KFP

To the grandson:
Keep on a run
Of the long race
That's already been won



SHOUTOUTS

Thanh,
Thanks for letting me sublet over the summer. Sometimes I still think its my room. Haha. Im always so encouraged by your care, servanthood and grace for others – thanks for being such a blessing.

My Dearest Senior Class,
It's been a blessing to walk and grow with you these past four years. I love all of you dearly and thank my God every time I remember you. (Philippians 1:3) The time of transition coming up may be tough, but stand firm in your faith... be patient and embrace what God has planned ahead of you.
<>< tiffany~

Randa,
Thanks for making me the bag for Christmas. It is so cute and I really like it and I think I will bring it with me to China

Dave (Ho), Joanna, Joanne, Tomtom:
Keep up the hotelie spirit and pride :)
-tiff yu

Justin,
You still owe me 2 odwallas. JUST KIDDING. Thanks for serving with pteam, it's been encouraging having you as a brother.

Girls IM basketball team thanks for your patience with the slow and inactive alumna. Hope you enjoyed the time of fellowship as much as I did. (Hebrews 10:25) - Kersing

shawn & richardson.
thanks for the BoL support, even in your senior year :P

Junior girls,
I'll always be in your class at heart. Thanks for all the praying, sharing, struggling & encouraging we've been through together. I really thank God for having you guys as my sisters.

Muffles,
I am so thankful to have you as a sister. Thanks for the walks back to west and for sharing bits of your life with me this year. And thanks for reminding me: God cares about our friendships and he works in his timing; and keep trusting God, not yourself.

Caleb: I LOVE YOU BIG BROTHER!
I'm glad we got to be in CBS together. It's been a huge blessing to see you grow.

BOL staff: thank you for your hard-work and dedication!

Henry & Mandy,
Thanks for serving God through being coordinators this year. It's been such a blessing to have you guys lead the fellowship and steam.


Seniors guys thanks for bearing with my tendency to walk home at night after NCPM and desire to protect a sister. – Kersing

Eric & Judy,
I'm really excited that you guys are letting God use you to serve CBS next year. It'll be tough and challenging but God has such good plans for you guys as well as for His people – don't ever forget!

Ronny,
I enjoyed playing at every minute of MEAD thanks to you. -Jee

Cynthia & Kersing,
Thank you for taking care and watching over me. I will miss you guys. I will pass on your love to other peeps. -Jee

To the departing seniors,
Thank you for your service to the Lord and for being such a blessing to not just CBS, but the Cornell Christian community. As you leave Cornell, know that God is forever with you and may you continue dwelling on His word and being a blessing to the world that so hungers and thirsts for Him, yet may not know what can quench their desires. Here are some verses which I find may be useful to you at this point in your lives.
“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (John 20:21) “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” (Joshua 1:9)
In His Love,
Cheryl

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Hebrews 12:1-4

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