

The Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) will be hosting their Large Group worship services at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Large Group is a student-led worship service that is open to all MSU students. The service on Wednesday will include announcements, worship songs, ice breakers, a sermon and prayer. Both services offer the option to come face-to-face, but the 8:00 p.m. service will also be livestreamed.

Large Group is organized by a leadership team of students known as CORE Group. CORE Group member Jordan Smith, a junior majoring in communication with a concentration in public relations, said that COVID-19 has caused the team to put some extra precautions into place.

"We have an app called CORQ," said Smith, as she opened the app on her phone, "and basically what you can do is, everyone has their own account that is attached to your Cowbell Connect account through MSU. You'll have an event pass that is a QR code specific to you to check into our event."

Smith, who is from Birmingham, Alabama, also said that this was not the only thing that will be different due to COVID-19. Attendees are required to wear a mask, and they must RSVP to the event. Social distancing will be enforced, and the church will be sanitized between services.

Because RUF does not currently have a campus minister, the speaker for Large Group on Wednesday will be Sean Lucas, the senior pastor at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Lucas will be speaking on a parable in the New Testament.

One of the main reasons for the event is to give students a home and a community in Starkville. Tuscaloosa, Alabama native and CORE Group member Rachel Madden, a junior majoring in elementary education, said Large Group is an event for everyone, no matter their background.

"RUF wants you there," Madden said. "We want to give you a safe, welcoming space where you can feel loved and encouraged in your walk with the Lord, no matter where you are."

Service Journalism:

Question and Answer Session with Jordan Smith

1. Q: What is RUF?

A: "RUF is a campus ministry at MSU. It's for any student who wants to learn more about the Lord and find community at MSU."

2. Q: What is CORE Group?

A: "CORE Group is the leadership team at RUF. It was created by our old campus minister. We help to delegate certain tasks for RUF."

3. Q: What is your favorite part of Large Group?

A: "Worship is a really special time for me, and I really appreciate the perspective that RUF has on worship. Also, the uniqueness of the worship is beautiful."

Source: Jordan Smith

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10/8/2020 6:15 p.m. Zoom Interview

Name: Graham Roberson

Year: Junior

Major: Biomedical engineering

Hometown: Jackson, MS

RUF: Reformed University Fellowship--all around US, Presby, Spread the Gospel

→ Leader: In between - New guy coming next sem

Fellowship, a song, announcements, songs, minister, song.

Plays piano, rotates, 2 guitars, singers, bass, drums, electric guitar

→ Grace Presbyterian Sanctuary

→ 6:30 + 8:00 - LS

Normally only one large group, but COVID (to keep under 150), socially distanced, wear masks, leave immediately after.

→ Chambersingers, Eng. recruit leader, brickfire

Fave part: Talking with people after bc it creates a sense of community

Avg about <sup>100</sup> 75-90 people

CG: Fellowship team: plans major fun events



Why

- It's welcoming + friendly. It's a safe place, diverse + a great place to learn about Christ

- People from other RUF's

Oct. 9, 2020 10:30 a.m. BSU Patio

Name: Rachel Madden

Year: Junior

Major: Elementary Ed -- Middle School

Hometown: Tuscaloosa, AL

→ RUF: College Min. @ MSU -- Reformed University Fellowship -- a branch of PCA

↳ Safe + Welcoming environ. to spread the gospel.

Student led by CORE Group -- large group team makes sure it runs smoothly

COVID: • Meeting @ Grace Pres, 2 services

(6:30 + 8:00 -- also LS) • <150, • Social

distancing, • leave right after • BVP using CC

+ CORQ • QR code attendance, • Masks

→ Guest speaker bc no campus minister.

→ Welcome, worship songs, scripture, ice breaker,

→ looking forward to community

@ 8:00, @ around 100

@ 6:30, around 80

Oct 9, 2020 6:30 p.m. Strange Brew Patio

Name: Jordan Smith

Year: Junior

Major: Comm/PR minor bus admin

Hometown: Birmingham, AL (Chelsea)

Sean Lucas

RUF -- CM -- Learn more ab the Lord &  
get involved.

Large Group -- 2 services Wed nights  
6:30 & 8:00 p.m

CORE Group

Hear from a speaker / grow closer

Director of Mercy ministry -- how  
college students can get involved  
in STARKVILLE

Polled  
out phone &  
showed QR code  
@ Grace Pres.  
CORQ

Welcome → Find a seat → Worship → announcements  
→ ice breaker → Worship → Preach → worship.

Clean in between

→ Requires masks, CORQ, Temp checks / screenings.  
Location is the weirdest thing  
Fave part: worship -- hymns!  
COMFORT!



Senior Pastor

Dr.

Speaker: Sean Lucas (Independent Pres. Church in  
No campus pastor -- a parable! Memphis, TN)

Unique perspective!

14th, a new campus pastor!

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