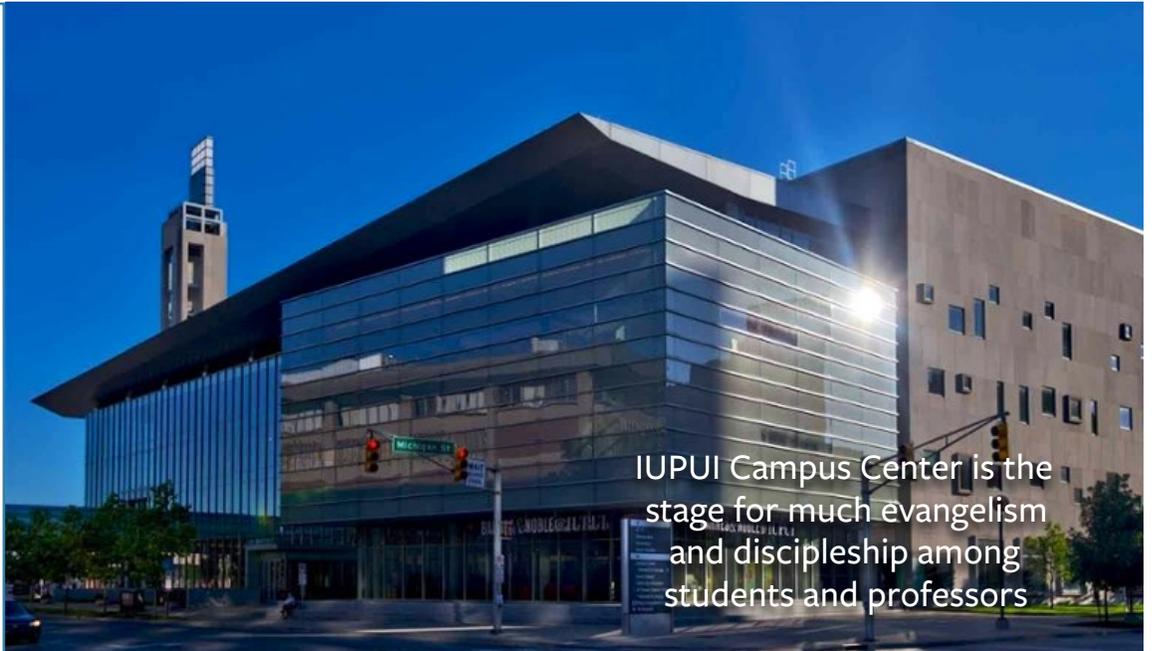


WHAT CAN BE DONE?

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IUPUI Campus Center is the stage for much evangelism and discipleship among students and professors

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We are busily preparing for our spring break mission to Stuttgart. We have 7 IUPUI students who have expressed interest and one faculty member who has committed to going.
- It has been so fun having Jerusha in town amidst her ministry trips here in the States as she prepares to return to Australia. Please do pray for her - that she will make the connections she needs to make and finds refreshment before returning to Sydney.
- While we hadn't totally forgotten what winter is like we're finding it a daunting experience. Please ask the Lord to energize us by His Spirit despite the clouds and rain.
- We thank God for you!

The sad story of the loss of the university

There was a time when Christian thought predominated in the university. Most of America's earliest colleges were founded to train ministers of the gospel. But today most departments are hostile to Christian truth and people of faith feel intimidated.

What are we to do and why is it important? Since so many of the ideas which form our western culture flow downstream from the university, it is of critical importance that we as Christians contend for the Faith in that setting. One Christian scholar has suggested that three things need to be put in motion: **First**, pastors and churches need to strengthen the intellectual grip our people have on their faith. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to

anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect," (1 Pet. 3:15)

Second, we need to reach faculty and grad students. Winning the professor can win the classroom. Imagine what the campus would be like if in the coming years retiring professors could replace themselves with young Christian scholars. **Third**, those faculty and administrators who are believers need to find ways to integrate their faith with their scholarship. Here in Indianapolis we are mobilizing Christian faculty toward this very task. By giving them opportunities to share their faith they can grow in confidence and influence. Thank you for standing with us as we contend for the gospel on campus.

Jenny & John