



KEEPING UP WITH KAZI

Classes

For the first term I have 5 classes. We have a new testament study, on Monday and Wednesday by our teacher Gibby, he's a great teacher and extremely informative. Also on Monday and Wednesday there's Acts. Taught by Matt Glawe, he is an amazing teacher. He starts every class with singing.

On Tuesday and Thursday there is The message of the Old Testament and The life of Christ. The old testament class is taught by Shawn Gary. I really enjoy his teaching he challenges my thinking. The afternoon class, The Life Of Christ is taught by Pat Sheaffer. His class is one of my favorites he teaches with passion and enthusiasm and is very interactive.

The class on Friday is called Kingdom Mindset taught by Cory Burns, his love for God really shows while he is teaching. The focus of this class is the sermon on the mount from the gospel of Matthew. This study goes into the depth and meaning of Jesus teaching to us.

These classes are challenging, trying to vision myself living through the stories I'm reading. There's no doubt God is already working as I am putting what I learn into practice. There is a ton of homework but I enjoy it.



Hi!

The first month in AIM has been absolutely amazing. I've been keeping busy with my classes, getting to know my classmates, and living with our hosts. The second day of orientation our class went to the skate ranch, it was so much fun getting to skate with everyone, getting to know people while we were all having fun. After orientation we got right into our classes, so far I've thoroughly enjoyed everything. Midterms are coming up so I've been spending a lot more time studying than playing.

Clovis New Mexico.

This was our first overnight class trip. We went to West 21st St Church Of Christ to worship and do our first flag presentation. The worship was incredible the singing was amazing and Cory Burns led the presentation. They split us into groups and we stayed with hosts that are members there, it was a lot of fun. After we left Clovis we headed to Amherst and they hosted a cookout party which was a ton of fun. We played 9 square and ate dinner then we had an amazing time of singing and a devotional.

SonQuest

The first big class trip was to Orlando Florida for SonQuest. SonQuest is a huge youth rally with around 1000 middle school to high school age kids. My class had to opportunity



Hosts

Since the AIM apartments are not ready for us to live in we have all been staying with families that are members of the Sunset Church Of Christ. They have been hosting us in their homes till we have permanent housing. My hosts are amazing, I am staying with Darrin and Pearl Bible. My roommate Kaely and I help make dinner and we all eat together most nights and watch movies. They're such a blessing and I'm very thankful for them.

Volleyball & Skating

Everyone meets at parks around Lubbock to play volleyball and just hang out together. It has been an amazing ministry opportunity for our class, as we were playing were meeting and sharing the message with other people at the parks that are willing to listen.

We also skate at the skateranch as a class sometimes, its a lot of fun.

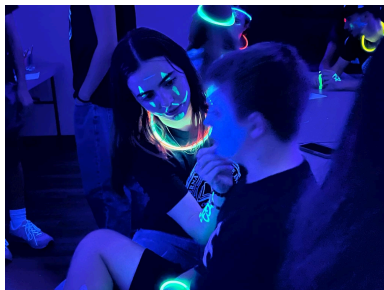


Disney Springs

While we were in Orlando we got the opportunity as a class to go to Disney springs. It was so much fun we ate lunch there and just walked around and hung out for a couple hours. My favorite part was the dinosaur build a bear store,

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to attend and help spread the news of AIM planting seeds in younger people being a Christ like example. On this trip we stopped in Tyler Texas, Robertsdale Alabama, Fort Walton Beach Florida, and Deridder Alabama. In Tyler we had the opportunity to help Shiloh Road Church Of Christ with a youth event it was a glow themed party. I was helping in the face painting station



with all age kids. We also got to spend time with the team that is in Tyler right now Betza, Julia, Aaron, and Joshua.

In Robertsdale we just hung out, it was just a good time to relax and prepare for SonQuest.

We got on the road early that morning and made it to the hotel around 6. When we pulled into the parking lot one of the bus tires blew out, it was

stressful but we managed to make it into the hotel safe. Pat called someone and they got a new tire and the bus was fine. That evening we all spread out in the room they were using to meet new people and get to know the youth there. I met a future AIMer, she told me her plan was to come to aim after she graduates in 2026.

Two men got up and led us in some fun games each night, Friday it was Thumbwars, we battled in pairs till there as just one winner, and the winners each got prizes.

The singing that night was amazing, there was around 1000 people in the room, all the different voices blending sounded incredible.

The keynote speaker for the youth rally was David Skidmore and the theme of the weekend was the Upside Down Kingdom taken from Matthew 5, 6, and 7 Jesus' sermon on the mount. His style of teaching kept everyone interested and involved, he used volunteers from the youth groups to give examples of what he was teaching.

The next morning we had what they called Encounter classes. There were so many different ones to choose from but I only had time to go to 3. the most impactful class I went to was titled Try not to think about it, it was a class on prayer. The main point of the class was that prayer should come from your heart not your head.

That night we did more singing and a flag presentation. This presentation was different than our last one, the youth came up and stood next to us and carried the flags out as a representation of Luke 10:2 "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." It was very powerful and eye opening. After that we heard another lesson from David Skidmore he went deep into Matthew 7:21-23 sharing the importance of doing the will of God and not just speaking it.

I would like to continue to ask for prayers while I'm on this journey, for my midterm coming up and for healing from a couple minor injuries.

And also prayers for my teachers and classmates, for wisdom and discernment.

Thank you so much for your prayers and for supporting me through this mission. I will be praying for all of you as well!

If you have any questions or would just like to catch up don't be afraid to shoot me a text or call I'm always happy to chat! (806)-729-3978 or you can email me at kazukoweiss@gmail.com.