

Coming Up at TPOG in Fall 2013

All are welcome! Please join us at any events listed below

- **The Gathering:** *Nothing New Under the Sun* with James Hein at Marquette on Wed., Nov. 6th, 2013 at 7pm in the Alumni Memorial Union Room 227
- **The Gathering** at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Wed., Dec. 4th, 2013 at 7pm
- **Weekly TPOG Bible Studies:**
- **MSOE** : Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in CC47
- **UWM:** Wednesdays at 7pm @ TPOG Campus Ministry House
- **Marquette:** Thursdays at 6pm in William Wehr Physics Building Room 150
- **Women's Group** : Thursdays at 1pm @ TPOG Campus Ministry House

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What's Happening at TPOG

Thanks to our Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) students who organized our October **Gathering**. We were very impressed with their willingness to address the creation / evolution debate on their campus, especially surrounded by their science- & engineering –focused peers! A daring expression of faith! **Jay Seegert** of the **Creation Education Center** gave a talk entitled “Creation/Evolution—the Case from Science.” The talk was well-received by the students. You can find out more about Jay’s ministry at <http://www.cecwisc.org>. We are planning to invite Jay back next semester to speak at UWM.

Did you miss a Gathering recently? Or are you just curious to see what all this Gathering buzz is about? Check out our video archive to see recent presentations:

<http://tpog.net/the-gathering-videos/>

Hope you can join us in the future!

Here is a portion of Scripture that came up in the conclusion to *My Zombie Life*, The Gathering presentation from last March. Christians are the “living dead”!

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Supporters, please pray for:

- Our upcoming **Gatherings**, that they proclaim Christ on campus!
- Our students as they approach **midterms**. Please ask for guidance to use their time wisely!
- Our **“non-campus group”** to grow & define themselves (see letter on backside)

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An Student Perspective

Philip Sebald

—Non-Campus Group—

To supporters of The Point of Grace Campus Ministry:

I'd like to take a minute to tell you **my story** with The Point of Grace.

Last year I **attended the Gathering at Marquette not expecting much. I was surprised by how interesting the presentation was.** The presenter was talking about popular TV shows like **The Walking Dead**, and **American Horror Story**, how Christians should view them. Despite not knowing much about the TV shows, I found it the presentation interesting and encouraging. The focus was that in these television shows, there is little hope for a future, whereas Christians have eternal hope through Jesus. One thing that attracted me to TPOG was the fact that I could have fellowship with my peers. **I had been feeling out of touch with my home congregation, so TPOG was a great alternative.** When Mike [Westendorf] pitched the Collegiate Council idea, I was on board. I thought that the idea was great because the new direction included outreach to people in my situation. **I still live at home and attend Technical College and felt left out of campus ministry, even though I am in the age group.** Since the idea was hatched, **I have been the representative for what we are calling the “non-campus campus” group.** It has been a little difficult to reach out to this group because everyone is so spread out and busy. It has been a slow start, but we are confident that it will continue to grow.

Since I graduated high school I have changed my mind a lot on what I want to do as a career and where God is leading me. I first attended technical college for welding, got laid off from my welding job, volunteered at Camp Phillip for a year, moved home and worked for a year and now back to technical college for maintenance. Through all these changes, ups and downs in life, I have learned just how faithful God is. Whatever path I chose, God was always there to provide. **A passage that someone reminded me of the other day from Proverbs talks about this exactly. “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps” (Proverbs 16:9).** I find this so comforting because I know that wherever this life leads me, he will always establish my steps.

I am thankful that I have gotten involved with TPOG. I am excited about the direction and the potential of growth in the future. To know that we have a hope for a future through Jesus, and to be able to spread that hope throughout campus is such a blessing.

Your Brother in Christ,

Philip Sebald

Do you know a college-aged (18-25) person in the Milwaukee area who is not attending school right now? Get them in touch with TPOG to join our “non-campus group”!

