



Campus Events

FRANCIS CHAN BRINGS HARD-HITTING MESSAGE TO CAMPUS



Pastor and author Francis Chan speaks at the GCU Arena.

In a message that was about as subtle as an oncoming freight train, pastor and author **Francis Chan** called on Christians to leave their comfort zone and take the business of making disciples seriously.

Chan, speaking at a packed GCU Arena on Friday, January 20th, didn't sugarcoat what he described as "the failure of the church" to adequately equip believers to advance the Gospel message.

"We haven't been training people to stand on their own two feet," said Chan, who for the past year has been planting churches in an especially tough part of inner-city San Francisco.

"Your gifts are to equip you for the work of service. The goal is for you to be able to make disciples." Chan, 44, who formerly was the pastor of a megachurch in southern California and wrote the best-selling book "Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God," didn't spare himself from critical examination. His current ministry is unlike anything he has done before, and he said he finds the work exhilarating.

"It's been a crazy time," he acknowledged, "but I love the uncertainty. In the past, I've had the safety of preaching to people who like me, and now I don't know what's going to happen next.

"I want to feel like a continuation of this book," he said, holding high his Bible. "Like I'm right out of the Bible. Not out of the Bible Belt, but out of the Bible."

Chan said boldness was a given for the early church described in Acts. He said today's Christians have become much too comfortable keeping the company of others who are like them.

In such a cocoon, outreach constitutes a Christmas pageant, he said, instead of building relationships with unbelievers.

"We don't know how to make friends with unbelievers," Chan said, "but we're willing to dress up like a reindeer (at Christmas)."

Another pitfall for Christians, he said, is always seeking mountaintop experiences with God when He needs them to do His work in the trenches.

"We want something to happen (with God) in a safe little room," he said, "but He shows up when we're in dangerous situations. Those in the most uncomfortable places experience the presence of God."

The Irish band Rend Collective Experiment and Chan's 16-year-old daughter, Rachel, opened the program with music, with the band returning to the stage for a rousing finish after Chan's 45-minute address.

For more about Chan and his ministry, go to www.francischan.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Current – February 29th
Intramural Basketball
- February 2nd – Mr. GCU
- February 9th – NRA Barbeque
- February 10th – Photo Scavenger Hunt
- February 20th – Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL
- February 20th – Discover GCU
- February 22nd – Java Jam
- February 24th – Movie on the Lawn
- March 2-4 – Parent's Weekend
(more information to follow)
- March 2nd – Homecoming Dance
- March 7th – Intramural Indoor Soccer begins
- March 8th – NRA Barbeque
- March 10th – Serve the City Day
- March 13th – Discover GCU
- March 14th – Java Jam
- March 16th – St. Patrick's Day Barbeque
- March 17th – 25th
SPRING BREAK

* For the complete athletic schedule please visit www.gculopes.com

Campus Update



GCU Run To Fight Cancer

The GCU Run to Fight Children's Cancer will be on a flat, fast course around Grand Canyon University. The 10k is a running race only. The 5K is for walkers or runners. There will also be a cancer survivors walk at the end of the race. All 5K/10K runners are encouraged to cheer on the survivors during their walk and at the finish line.

SCHEDULE:

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| Race Date: | March 10, 2012 |
| Location: | Grand Canyon University: 3300 West Camelback Road Phoenix, AZ 85017 |
| 6:30 a.m. | Registration Opens-Packet Pick Up and Race Day Registration |
| 7:00 a.m. | Vendor Expo Opens |
| 7:30 a.m. | 10K begins |
| 7:45 a.m. | 5K begins |
| 8:30 a.m. | Cancer Survivors Walk begins |
| 9:00 a.m. | Awards: 3 deep in all age divisions for the 10k and 5k and top overall for the 10k |
| Noon: | Vendor Expo Closes |

FREE parking is available at the University, located off Camelback Road. Space is limited so please carpool.

Sign up here: GCU Run to Fight Children's Cancer



Career Services Unveils Online Job Board and Is Looking for Students to Hire!

GCU Career Services has a new online job board, 'Lopes for Hire, featuring job opportunities for students and alumni with companies located in Phoenix and beyond. Career Services has forged relationships with numerous companies and is listing only valid job opportunities for the site's users. All listings are reviewed and approved by the Career Services staff.

ATTENTION PARENTS: If your student is looking for a job on campus, please provide them with the below directions:

To start using this resource, visit <http://gcuiv.experience.com>. This will direct you to the 'Lopes for Hire login page.

Your username is your primary email address.

Your password initially will be **GCU2011** (case sensitive).

You will be prompted to change your password. Please change it to ensure your security and privacy.

NOTE: If you attempt to enter the login information above and are not already in the system, you can self-register by selecting "Create an Account." From the home page, you will see important messages and instructions from the Career Services office. Please read these messages carefully.

To start, complete these initial steps:

- Complete your profile by clicking on "View/Edit Profile Data" listed under the "Profile" heading in the top navigation bar. The more complete your profile, the more we can help connect you with opportunities.
- Upload a resumé by clicking on "Upload a Document" listed under the "Documents" heading and following the simple steps to upload a resumé. Your resumé must be in Word or .rtf to begin the conversion process.
- Click on "'Lopes for Hire Calendar" listed under the "Calendar" heading, to view upcoming events and opportunities offered by Career Services.
- If you're ready to begin looking for opportunities, click on "Job/Internship Search" listed under the "Jobs & Internships" heading.

If you need further direction, there is a Quick Start Guide and a more thorough Help Guide in the Help section.



For more information about the job board, or to take advantage of the many resources offered by Career Services, visit the Student Union or email careerservices@gcu.edu.



Relay for Life Already Tracking for Successful Debut

Relay for Life, a popular event on college campuses across the country, will make its debut at Grand Canyon University this year. A kickoff party was held, giving students the opportunity to get information about the event, begin building teams and registering for the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser.

Bill Jenkins, executive director of the Office of Communications and Public Affairs at GCU and a cancer survivor, shared about his fight against colon cancer.

"There is nothing scarier than someone telling you that you have cancer," Jenkins said. "Anything we can do to raise funds to help cancer research find an end to this, that's really important."

Mallory Freeman, a junior and GCU's Relay for Life executive co-chair, said, "I would love to see GCU make a helpful statement to the community, to get out there and let them know that we care about cancer and want to help."

That's exactly what the team hopes to accomplish with this event. Goals are set

high and hopes of reaching them even higher. GCU would like to have 150 teams sign up for Relay for Life, honor at least 30 cancer survivors and raise a total of \$30,000. The University already has helped the effort by donating \$5,000.

GCU's Relay for Life will be held from 6 p.m. March 30 to 6 a.m. March 31. Teams consist of eight to 15 members, and each person must pay a \$10 entry fee. Teams will raise money and awareness until the event, then they will take turns walking around the new track on campus. GCU students, parents, staff and faculty can visit www.relayforlife.org/grandcanyonuaaz to register for the event or get more information. Participants need to be registered before the end of February.

At the kickoff party, students voted on the theme for the event. The winner was "Relay Through the Decades." A team rally will be held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 9.

There's also a competition spin on the fundraising. Team captains will sign up their teams up under Hegel, Canyon, Prescott, North Rim Apartments or Staff/Faculty. After the event, the group that has raised the most

money will win an ice cream party.

"I feel like everyone has been affected by cancer in some way," said sophomore **Jenna Chittenden**, the other executive co-chair of Relay for Life. "It was time for GCU to step up and join this fundraising event. It is the biggest one in the country. Our color is already purple, and Relay for Life is purple. And we finally have a track, so it's perfect to start it this year and keep it going forever."

In addition to Freeman and Chittenden, others on the Relay for Life committee are: **Sarah van Brockhorst** and **Audrey Staton**, sponsorship co-chairs; **Suji Shin** and **Rachel Kist**, activities/entertainment co-chairs; **Megan Keller**, team development chair; **Devin Williams**, logistics chair; and **Heather Lupole** and **Jessie Kirkwood**, ceremonies co-chairs.

Sophomore **Briana Longoria**, who attended the kickoff party, said: "Cancer doesn't just affect one type of person, one nationality or age or gender. It is imperative that as a college calling ourselves Christian we strive to make a difference."