
Hope College

**Abstract**

The Fellowship of Christian Students was a student-run religious organization of Hope College that had open membership. The organization focused on encouraging spiritual development through Biblical teaching, bringing students closer to each other and Jesus Christ through fellowship, speakers, prayer, sharing, service, and music, and group prayer. The group held retreats to area camps in both the fall and spring, with special guests discussing issues pertinent to college students. Due to a lack of member participation, the group disbanded early January 2004.

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**History**

The Fellowship of Christian Students was a student-run religious organization of Hope College, founded in 1988. The organization focused on encouraging spiritual development through Biblical teaching, worship, and group prayer. Members participated in a fall orientation luau, retreats in the fall and winter, Christmas caroling, weekend events, and weekly meetings to provide Biblical witness and promote fellowship among Christian students at Hope College. Weekly meetings included prayer, music, Bible study, future event planning, and occasionally the opportunity to hear a faculty or religious leader speak on a biblical topic. The group also participated in outreach activities by sponsoring a child through Compassion International, as well as bringing their message to others on and off the Hope College campus. Due to a lack of member participation, the group disbanded early January 2004.

**Scope and Content**

This collection consists of background information, e-mail correspondence, event calendars, meeting agendas and minutes, programming, bank statements, budget reports, and booklets relating to the fall and winter retreats of the Fellowship of Christian Students. Materials are organized alphabetically.

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