



# City House

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## City House Welcomes “Season 7”

As I write this, the new students have been here for 19 days. Move-in day was August 23<sup>rd</sup>. One-by-one each carried in their stuff, unpacked and became acquainted with the house and one another. The Center for Faith and Practice, from Geneva, welcomed the new students with a cook-out, the first evening, and they quickly became settled in their new place.

Before classes began, the students and I spent three days together in an attempt to create a vision for the year ahead. First, Doug Bradbury helped us to begin thinking about communication, goals and commitment through a series of initiatives at the ropes course. Then, while enjoying some time at a nearby cottage, Brad Frey introduced the students to one of our texts, *Eat This Book*, by Eugene Peterson which will challenge us to absorb the

scriptures into our everyday lives, not just individually but as we pursue Christ together as a community. Finally, Dave Guthrie encouraged students to “thrive” in college and pointed to some important practices students should adopt in order to thrive. After a tour of Beaver Falls and time spent working through schedules and other details, we were ready.

We’re now 19 days in. It sure hasn’t taken long for friendships and a house culture to take root. In the weeks ahead, we’ll continue to build on these beginnings and explore topics like hospitality, table fellowship, and food in regards to what we eat, where it comes from and why this matters in light of our Christian worldview.

### Blue seemed like a good color.

After six years, the City House finally has a new kitchen! As most of you know, our old kitchen was pretty rough with refrigerators from the 60’s, only a small counter space, and cabinets that were older than Brad Frey! Not to mention the leaky door and windows.

So, with some of the grant money received from the Lily Foundation through Geneva College last December, we invested in a major remodel of the kitchen. In just three weeks this summer, everything was torn out and replaced with all new appliances, flooring, counter tops, cabinets, window and door. We then picked a bright blue to paint the walls. What a huge difference!

To Brad and I, the new kitchen feels like a major step forward to a completely remodeled home. And since it’s so central to our life together in the house, the students and I really enjoy its newness and convenience (especially the dishwasher!). We are very grateful.



“The Lord is sovereign over all that happens, but He gives us important decisions to make that affect our own experience. By engaging, knowing, and learning from this community in the house and in the larger neighborhood I hope to gain a greater appreciation for where the Lord has placed me. To thrive in this experience is to engage it fully and wholeheartedly.”

-Casey Main, Junior,  
Christian Ministry/Pre-  
Seminary

“Something I love about City House is that we make an effort to eat meals together every night. Without this, we may rarely or never come together to laugh and fellowship like we do at our little table. Praying together and enjoying food that our housemates worked hard to prepare brings us together like a family, and I am sure this contributes greatly to the house’s ability to thrive.”

-Emmy DelDuco, Junior,  
Environmental Science  
Major

## 2012 Block Party Highlights

Once again, the City House students hosted the annual block party for our neighbors and friends. Though we worried all week about the remnants of Hurricane Isaac, the rain held off and we were able to gather outside for burgers, hot dogs, root beer floats, s’mores, and much more.

The current students did a great job of pulling things together during their first week in the house. Everyone pitched in to cook, set-up, welcome guests, and entertain kids.

Each year, as we eat and celebrate



together at the block party, we are reminded of the incredible privilege it is to live in a vibrant, supportive and friendly neighborhood. The students and I feel very blessed to live in such a great place.

Perhaps this is reflected best in the food folks brought and the contributions made to help host the party. Or, in the way people stuck around into the night to sing along with the students’ guitars and simply enjoy one another.

The students, especially, had a great time meeting neighbors and said they genuinely enjoyed the evening. It seemed to have opened doors to new relationships and helped them to feel at home in their new place.

Thanks to all who came and to each of you that help and support the City House.

## A Word of Thanks from Enock

I don't really have other words to express the way I feel at the end of last semester other than THANK YOU! It was an incredible experience to be part of the City House because I learned so much. City House helped me to have a different perspective regarding Beaver Falls and allowed me to engage in the community even though I am from Haiti. I thank God for all of you who were able to contribute and allowed me to be part of that House. It was a blessing.

As in International student my goal was not only to focus on my academics, but also to get involved

in the community. Fortunately, I was able to accomplish that this past semester through your scholarship.

Even though I don't know each of you by name, you are always in my prayers. What you have done for me is not only for one individual because everything that I learn here in the States will be shared with the entire country of Haiti. My goal has always been to go back to my country to try to be a difference-maker and to rebuild the country.

Once again thank you for supporting City House. Blessings to you all!