

Churches host concert to help Ferris State University students ‘Get Connected’

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GET CONNECTED: Several area churches and faith-based Registered Student Organizations at Ferris State University worked together to create "Get Connected," a free concert for FSU students to introduce them to the faith support resources in the community. (Courtesy photo)

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BIG RAPIDS — As Ferris State University students were preparing for the first day of classes, area churches and Christian faith-based Registered Student Organizations introduced themselves through a "Get Connected" concert event on Aug. 30 at the FSU quad outside the University Center.

The concert was planned to connect students with support organizations. About 300 students participated in the event, which featured a local Christian group, the David Yonker Band. Churches and RSOs shared information about activities for students to join.

There were giant Connect Four games to play, and a Connect Four mixer game to help students meet the groups. Students were treated to pop-ices, cotton candy and fresh-popped popcorn. Ice Mountain in Stanwood provided water. Students received school supplies and could enter prize drawings. First Baptist's quilting group donated four puzzle quilts, along with gifts from Buffalo Wild Wings, Johnson's Automotive and Earth, Wind and Fire. At the close of the event, many people asked about next year's event.

This first-of-its-kind event began with an idea last January. First Baptist Church thought about having a concert in the park, but during the brainstorm session, the Ferris quad was suggested. Nancy Wencl then contacted faith-based organizations on campus to see if their members would be interested in participating. Members of two student organizations responded they wanted to help. Pharmacy student Tate Feeney, of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship, and Andy Moorehouse, of the Newman Center, joined in the endeavor. Local churches also were invited to participate.

In addition to First Baptist Church, participating churches included Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Trinity Fellowship Church, The Lost and Found Church, United Church, St. Mary St. Paul Catholic Church, Salvation Army Church and Church of the Nazarene. Participating RSOs included Christian Pharmacists Fellowship, Newman Center, His House, Real Life, Wesley House, Standing in the Gap, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fellowship of Christian Students, and Truth Discovery Project.