August 15

They Came by the Hundreds

“So God created humankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” Genesis 1:27, 28

On Saturday, August 10, God sent us nearly 300 new freshman students. They came from near and far. Parents, family, and friends journeyed with their loved ones. For some they will be the first in their family to go to college. Others, walking in big shoes, will carry on the legacy from a long line of college graduates in their families.

In the image of God they came male and female. They came with big dreams and filled with hope to be fruitful and multiply. Some will be teachers, others will be artists, journalists, scientists, researchers, social workers, social scientists, politicians, all surrendering to the will of the Creator to be good stewards over themselves, fellow human beings and all of creation. What a blessed moment in history!

Prayer: Creator and Sustainer of the universe; the One who is, who was, and who is still coming. Thank you for your love and commitment to humankind. Thank you for your brand new mercies each morning. Thank you for life, breath, and hope for the future. Thank you for choosing the Rust College family to manifest your will. Bless us now to mutually love one another as you have loved the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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