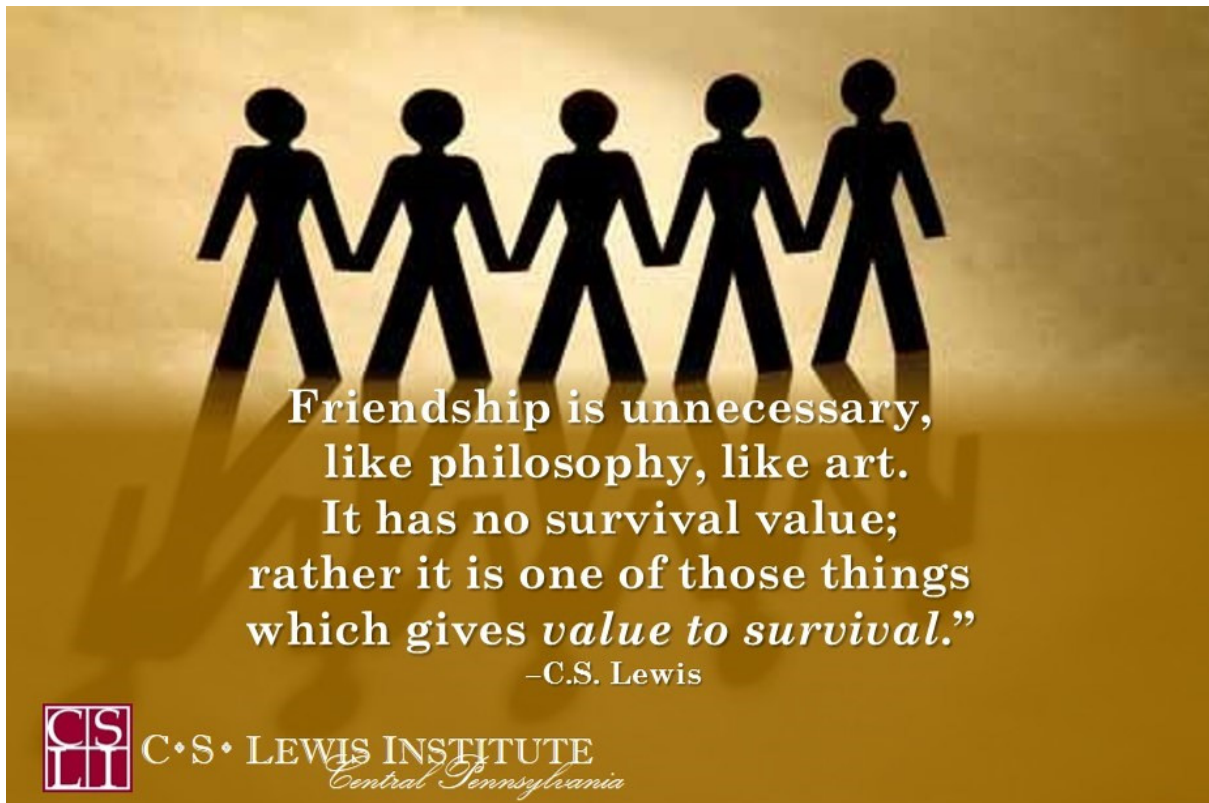


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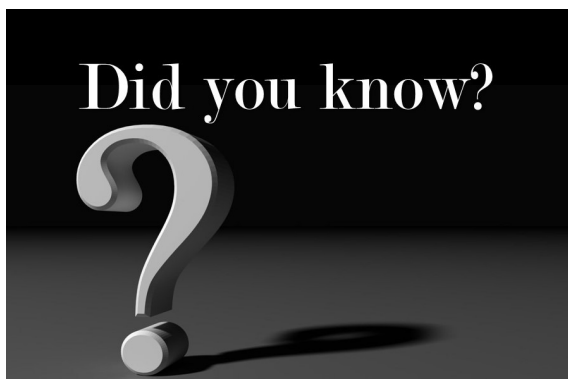
Friendship is not a typical spiritual or theological topic. However, the word is used in Scripture to describe the relationship between Moses and God (Exodus 33:11), the concept of friendship is seen between David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1), we know that Job had some pretty lousy ones, and then the best example is when Jesus calls his own disciples his friends (John 15:15).

Two weeks ago, the 2015-2016 Fellows and Mentors gathered together and friendships were formed. While not necessary for survival, these friendships do give value to life and I believe are within the promise of abundant life (John 10:10). Life is better spent together. As the fellows and mentors shared their journeys, themes of brokenness, heartache, grace, and God's faithfulness emerged. While many different denominations were present, the Body of Christ was unified in the telling of stories of

what God has done in their individual lives.

As the Fellows program year continues, we are looking forward to witnessing those friendships flourishing as they pursue deeper discipleship alongside one another month after month. Make sure you look out for the opportunity in Spring 2016 to join next year's program so that you could be a part of the friendships that God would have for you through the shared experience of the Fellows program.

****[Click here to view the 2015 Fellows Retreat Video](#)****



Did you know?

We don't charge fellows to do the Fellows Program, even though it costs the institute approximately \$3,500 per fellow for the intensive 10-month discipleship program. This cost is covered by generous followers of Christ who are partnering with CSLI to see individuals go deeper.

If you like to be a part of this ministry that takes discipleship seriously then consider setting up a monthly giving amount or a one time gift. [Click here](#) and choose Central Pennsylvania from the drop down.



No such thing as a free lunch?

CSLI-Central PA will be sponsoring our inaugural Pastors Prayer Network Quarterly Luncheon on **Thursday, October 1st, 2015 at 12 p.m.** at Duke's Restaurant in Wormleysburg as pastors, clergy, and ministers gather in a room overlooking the capital and the Susquehanna River as they pray in unity for our region.

Visit the [Pastors Prayer Network of Central PA](#) website to RSVP (**by Monday, September 28**) to the free luncheon.

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An upcoming event**

C. S. Lewis Institute of Central PA Presents:

Light in the Darkness

A Christian Response To Increasing Societal Hostility
Speaker: Dr. Ken Boa

Public Community Lecture
Friday, November 20, 7 p.m.
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