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## What the BSM Means to ME

### Special points of interest:

- An awesome testimony from a student of Grayson County College
- How can I contribute and get involved?
- What's been happening at the BSM?
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The BSM has been a sort of sanctuary for me since the beginning of the semester. It's where I made my first friends here at Grayson. It's where I go before class, after class, lunch, pretty much whenever I'm not in class! We've had some amazing times and have seen some great things done.

Probably one of the greatest things the BSM has provided was an opportunity to accompany other young adults from Fairview Baptist, to Atlanta, Georgia. There we attended the Passion 2010 conference. All I can say is, "wow!" Four days of being at our Father's feet is really the best way to describe it.

It was a great time of refreshing, worship, and learning. I definitely learned a lot about myself as well. Not to mention all the great speakers we had. From Beth Moore, to Francis Chan, to John Piper! Oh, and of course Louie Giglio!

Probably the speaker I got the very most out of

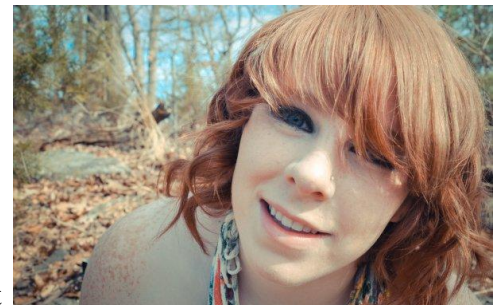
was John Piper. This was my first time hearing a message from John Piper. I wasn't sure what to expect. Some would say his message was complicated, but for me, I got it! And it convicted me.

For fear that it would confuse many others, I won't go into great detail, but let me ask, how many times have we heard, "It's not about you! It's about God."? Well I myself have heard that over and over again for years! I knew it to be true, but I still lived in selfishness.

The thing I HATE to admit is that in the past I have thought, "Well, okay... but what about me then. Why shouldn't I get credit for this or that; seems kind of selfish of God!" Oh how I hate that I had thought that in the past! Because the truth is, He is God! It is all about Him! And as John Piper said, "It is GOOD for us; It BENEFITS us, to give God all the glory!"

For some reason, that night I got it! Finally! Man, would we be in trouble if it was all about us, that's all I have to say.

Passion also helped me realized the importance of studying the Word. Beth Moore talked about how before she feeds herself with food every day, she fills up with the Word first. I realized that cramming in The Word once a day wasn't enough, and now even more so, all I want is more of Him, all the time, no matter what the cost. *Natalie Reed*



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## An International Student Testimony: A Life in the Spirit



Laetitia Meyo

**“After my prayer to accept him as the personal Savior in my life, Jesus started to do something great.”**

My experience with Jesus happened when I was a teenager. My life was lost and full of nightmares every night. I couldn't sleep in my bedroom with the light off. The darkness tried to catch my life and made my life like hell. I felt like dying every night. I felt like someone was pushing me from the top of a hill or a building in all of those nightmares. I was looking for the solution which would bring me back to rest and peace because I could see death every night.

The first time that I heard about Jesus was when I was a child because my mother used to take me, my brothers, and sisters with her to church. She was kind of a religious person; Protestant but not a born again Christian. At that time, I did not realize the reality of Jesus. I heard but I did not experience him. When those nightmares happened, my cousin who was a born-again Christian talked to me about the gospel of Jesus. Something in my heart testified that He was the truth. After my prayer to accept him as the personal Savior in my life, Jesus started to do something great. The first night I could sleep like a baby after switching off the light. However, I knew that it was not enough because the bad spirits could come back and try to captivate my attention. I knew that Jesus who I accepted would give me weapons to protect me. I needed a shel-

ter somewhere they could not see me or touch me anymore.

It happened two to three days later in my body. I felt a smooth fire and Jesus in my bedroom. For the first time of my life I could clearly hear his voice. It was like being in a peaceful and comfortable place. I could feel his hand on me like something warm on my body. I felt I was secured. He gave me his Holy Spirit. The first time I had the Holy Spirit was like being pregnant of a baby in my womb. I cannot explain exactly how but it was just divine and beautiful. I felt like someone stronger than me was living in me. I felt just like I was drunk because of the way I was smiling all day long, and walking like...I don't know. I felt like wanted to fly...I really mean it, like having some wings to fly. I realized that the Bible told the truth...all those things are true.

Later my cousin invited me to read the book of Acts in the Bible and I felt the Spirit in me happily. I realized that He needed to eat now that he was in me. The only way I could feed him everyday was to read my Bible. It was like eating my breakfast, dinner, lunch, etc. My body needed food and so did the Holy Spirit in me. He needed to become mature in me in order to speak and teach me. Day

by day, I could experience his presence and I felt strong. I forgot to fear those bad spirits because I was in another step of my life. All my family accepted Christ in their life when they saw the Holy Spirit working in me. I could clearly hear Him talking to me everyday.

I experienced what the apostle Paul says about the desire of the flesh and the desire of the Spirit within me. It is always a battle. I felt the Spirit was walking in me when I was walking. He was talking through my mouth; I was just an instrument. I can tell you that it is not easy but it is an awesome experience that all my family members and friends can testify to as well.

Eventually, I got too involved in many personal activities and I got too deeply involved in my own personal issues. I forgot to continue experiencing more with the Holy Spirit. However, from my own experience I can say that The Holy Spirit is the most sensitive person of the Trinity. I heard him crying, I felt him dancing, and I heard him praying to Almighty God. He doesn't like to be forgotten or insulted. Even though I am busy in all my goals and issues of my life I know that this experience reminds me what is best and it is a strong support for my Christian life when I face some difficult steps. *Laetitia Meyo*

## International Students Speak @ Trenton ISD

**It is important that you know Brad McClenny and Grayson County College are working to bring cultural awareness to our texoma-land area. This is an academic venture in which the ISM voluntarily supports and sponsors. Here is a testimony of a recent trip to Trenton High School:**

Brad—Let me just say to you and your group that ya'll were a hit! I have not heard a negative comment. One of the most positive things I've heard have been from adults who commented that students that you would not guess would be really into the information were excited

when they returned from the assembly.

I can't thank you enough for sharing with us. It has truly been one of the best things we've done. Don't hesitate to give my name to any school you work with as a reference. Thanks, also, to Mattie who served as our "connection." I know you do way more than is necessary or than is in the parameters of the job and I appreciate that. Hopefully your students and administrators do as well.

An interesting side note is that Ither is a cute little gal

from Senegal that works in the convenience store at Savoy. Danny, my husband, was talking to her this weekend and found that she had gone to GCC and is now at SE.

We have written an article for the local paper and it will be out this week. I will mail a copy of that when I have it. Thanks so much again and my team is really interested in doing a round table discussion. *Jan Snow*



## Changing Lives – On the College Campus

*Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.* Isaiah 26:8

Attempting to live for Christ on the college campus today is an adventure filled with challenges and opportunities. As our culture continues to move away from traditional values our Christian students often find themselves “swimming up-stream”. It takes a great deal of courage to proclaim the uniqueness of Christianity in a culture that tends to be accepting of just about any religion or philosophy of life. It takes a great deal of courage to commit to moral

purity in a culture that has abandoned the idea that sexual relationships are to be saved for marriage. It takes a great deal of courage to commit to prayer, worship, fellowship and ministry in a culture that demands so much of our time and attention for other pursuits.

Campus ministry is crucial today for many students seeking to live for Christ because through the BSM students can support each other in their walk with the Lord. For example, on the Grayson campus this semester we are sponsoring separate Bible studies for our guys and girls entitled “How to Be a Godly Man” and “How to Be a Godly

Woman”. At Austin College we are involved in a study of the Holy Spirit using a resource called “The Forgotten God” by Francis Chan. Our goal is to equip students to be solid disciples of Jesus Christ.

We realize that many of our students have the potential to become the future key leaders in their churches and in the kingdom. The time we have with them while they are students is very precious. Please pray for our ministry – specifically that God will continue to use the BSM to truly disciple students for Christ. *Bernie Gallagher*

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## Baptist Student Ministry

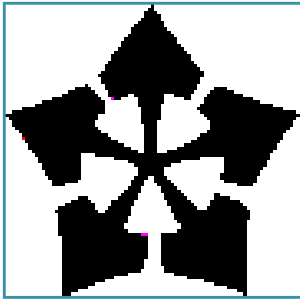
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### Changing Lives—On College Campus



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**Important! The International Student Ministry is **NOT** supported through the GBA budget. Only through specific church or individual contributions will this ministry continue. *With the current giving this ministry will expire in November 2010.***

All donations should be made through the Grayson Baptist Association.

Our mission is to introduce students to Christ and help them grow through BSM and church based college ministry. The GCC BSM began in 1967 as the Baptist Student Union and has thrived since conception. The ISM began in 2005 due to the need of ministry to a new and developing international student population at GCC. The BSM is funded through the Grayson Baptist Association. The ISM is funded solely through generous contribution commitments from individuals and churches.

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