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A Moment With Your BSM Hostess: *Debra Clark*

I want to personally thank all of the ladies (and men) who help provide our Wednesday Luncheon. Without your generous help I would be cooking every week and believe me, I really don't want to have to do that. I enjoy cooking, but not for 150+ people every week! This year for the Appreciation Lunch I decided to use a couple of my favorite recipes and I think the salad was a big hit. Several of you asked how it was made, so I decided the best way to get the recipe to you would be in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy



For the salad you use:

Fresh spinach
Red leaf lettuce
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Green onions
crumbled bacon
boiled eggs
avocado



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The secret is the dressing. You make it the day before using so that the flavors can blend

- 1 C. Canola oil
- 1 medium onion minced
- 1/3 C. ketchup
- 1 tsp. Worchester sauce
- 1/2 C. vinegar
- 3/4 C. sugar
- 1 tsp, salt
- 1 tsp. pepper

I usually serve the dressing on the side so that you can put the amount you like. The dressing will keep in the refrigerator for future use.

I am looking forward to another year of great lunches. Your support is so important to us and we appreciate everything that you do to help us minister to the people on this campus.

DEBRA

What the BSM Means to Me/Passion 2010

“Maybe I’m a little over the top, but why wouldn’t anyone want to plan their life around Godly, Christ-centered people that make up the BSM?”

Remembering back to when I first came to Grayson County College, there was a distinct feeling of being out of place. I had gotten to campus early that first Monday morning and my older siblings (who were also Grayson students) took me to meet their friends. I was almost ecstatic when I had to go to my first classes.

I got out of class around 11 am. I didn’t really know what to do, so I headed over to the Baptist Student Union (BSU). I had heard so many stories of it from my older brother, I was naturally curious. There were about 20 people gathered in the front area of the BSU building. Immediately to the right when I walked through the doors, there was a large bulletin board covered in pictures of the previous year’s events. Wednesday luncheons, conferences that students

had gone to, Mission Arlington, so many things! I secretly wanted to be a part of that.

I listened to the chatter about summer activities. Someone came to me and told me about the Monday Bible study, and invited me to join them. The whole experience was overwhelming as it was. Finally, at noon, a lady known as Ms. Debra, called that lunch was ready. I expected them to rush to lunch and leave me alone. I just wanted some peace and quiet. I was so nervous I was about to hurl. I didn’t have a “place”, I didn’t have friends, I didn’t know what was really going on, but I also didn’t have money for lunch. However, I think some of the students sensed this and hung back with me. “Ladies first!” one of them said. A girl stopped and asked if

I was going to come and join them, and yet another guy just stayed with me without saying a word.

This was my first experience with the Baptist Student Ministry. It was a good one. It was the first experience in my life that someone gave me a moment of their time; where someone showed how much they cared through their actions.

Two years later, my education is planned around BSM activities. Whenever I sign up for classes, I think “Will this class interfere with the Monday Bible study? The Wednesday Luncheon? The Thursday bible study? The Friday Leadership meetings?” Maybe I’m a little over the top, but why wouldn’t anyone want to plan their life around Godly, Christ-centered people that make up the BSM?

The BSM is my second home. The people there are my

family. When I had nothing, they took me in and gave me a place. Even the ladies from the local churches, when they bring food for the Wednesday Lunches, they stop and talk to me. They make me feel like family. I really don't think I could live without the BSM; the place, the people, the love. It's truly amazing.

During the past two years of involvement with the BSM, I have cleared several major hurdles in my life. Two of the most recent ones were my Baptism and the Passion 2010 world conference.

The trip to Atlanta Georgia for the Passion Conference brought me closer to my new "family". Two months had passed since my baptism and I felt my faith cooling off. What if I thought I had believed in God but really didn't? So many doubts were flooding my mind so

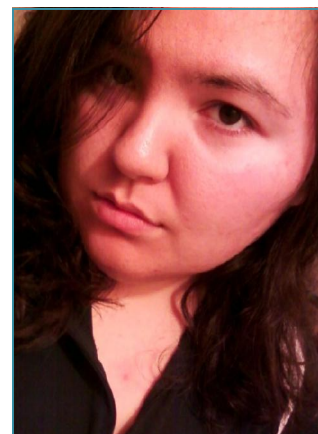
I originally went to Passion 2010 with a lot of skepticism and doubt. I was even asking my fellow BSMers if they felt complete in their faith. However, riding in a bus with 25 other Jesus-crazy kids from the BSM was nothing short of fantastic. They fired me up for God! Then we got to Atlanta. Little did I know that God was just getting warmed up!

I went through the motions at first. There was plenty of excitement, but nothing that had yet stirred my heart. It wasn't until Francis Chan's "breakout session" that I was really moved. I felt God speak to me that day. Before I had gone to Passion, I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. God had told me before what to do; I just didn't have the courage to go through with it. Francis Chan spoke how someone dear to him didn't believe Jesus was the

Messiah. And so, she died without ever having received the gift of salvation and so went to hell. Mr. Chan's tear drenched words "She died over twenty years ago and she's still there! And she will be there for eternity!" sent shivers up and down my spine and God said "You don't need to fear. My love is courage enough." Love sure is a powerful thing....

My life and mission may be far from over, but my life is now complete. And I say that with complete confidence and gratitude to God, and those who helped me to really find Him. Perhaps the BSM hasn't changed every person's life when they walk through those double glass doors and into that ministry of caring individuals. However, they have changed my life, and it has made the difference between death and life. *Thank You, Sara Horn*

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A Charge to Press On!



Josh and John-Isaac

“How much would you give to see one person come to know Christ?”

As I reflect on the past semester, Spring 2010, I am aware of tremendous outreach and support from our associational churches. Without the Grayson Baptist Association, the gospel ministry at Grayson College and Austin College would be noticeably different. I certainly understand The Great Commission would still be fulfilled through Christians on the campuses just as it is in the neighborhoods and communities of this county, but just as our many churches and congregations serve as platforms and springboards for sharing the gospel so does the BSM.

Baptist Student Ministries is the local church on our college campuses. Just as many

people in the community know they can come to your church when they have a need, so too many students know they can come to the BSM. We strive to make a connecting point for students of all ages to know Jesus Christ and to fellowship with him and his church body. We offer the breaking of bread and the studying of God’s Word several times throughout the week. When possible we assist students with material needs like supplying furniture to students who sleep or sit on the floor at home, and we always give love to anyone who will allow us.

My purpose in this letter is to remind, refocus, and re-energize as many as will listen to the importance of the Asso-

ciation and the BSM on campus. You might ask: How valuable is this ministry? Is the funding we provide the association relevant? Friends, the answers to these questions are emphatically answered as immensely valuable and extremely relevant! My question is: How valuable are the lives of those who are lost and seeking purpose? How much would you give to see one person come to know Christ? This ministry is priceless because it is the work of our Father. We are collectively making a significant impact on the lives of this community and of many generations; so, never quit, continue your support, and PRESS ON! *Josh Burton*

A Trip to the Farm



The Norman Farm

On Friday, May 7, Brad McClenny and the international students of GCC who participated in speaking at the A.S.K. program in Howe were invited to a cook-out and tour at the Norman Farm in Dorchester/Howe. It was exciting to share American culture of farming and food with students who have been sharing their homeland culture for the past semester.

Jack and Alton Norman took turns as we learned about the farming process and equipment

used to enable it. It was incredible to learn how approximately 15,000 acres are farmed with corn and wheat each year. Not only that, but Jean and Texana Norman fixed good-ole fashion chili dogs and Oreo ice cream cake to top off the tour.

There’s no doubt this wonderful family shared God’s love with our international students, generously sharing what God has generously given them. My prayer is the seeds that were planted in the hearts of these international students will become as fruitful as the increase of the Norman Farm.

Josh Burton

Changing Lives – On the College Campus

Spring Semester 2010

As the spring semester draws to a close, I would like to share with you some of the ways God has blessed the ministry of the BSM. Combining the campuses in our county, we had an average of 250 students involved in at least one BSM event each month. Our largest weekly event was our Wednesday Noon Luncheon on the GCC (Denison) Campus that usually attracted about 160 students. In light of the numbers, we are especially appreciative of those who provided the meal every Wednesday.

In addition to the Luncheon, we hosted Bible Study groups that met at various times during the week. Our students also participated in two major off-campus events. The first was the Passion 2010 Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia in January. The second was a local mission project during spring break. Our ministry to international students, under the leadership of Josh Burton, continued to see positive results, as did our ministry to athletes on campus. God also blessed us with a wonderful group of student leaders who worked hard to enlist others into the BSM and helped each student feel welcome in our group.

We are incredibly grateful for the ministers in

the community who directly contributed to our BSM ministry this spring. These include Simon Keizer (formerly of Fairview Baptist) who worked with the group at Austin College, Brandon Bentley (Faith Fellowship) who led a Bible study group on the GCC (Denison) campus, and Chad Rogers (First Baptist, Denison) who led a Bible study for GCC athletes on Tuesday evenings. We are also grateful for the ministry of Vern and Kay Harris who teach a Sunday School class for international students at FBC Sherman.

The most significant blessing, and the reason for the existence of this ministry, is the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to this generation of college students. We want all to know that the BSM is on campus because God really does care about students and He is continually inviting each student into a love relationship with Him.

We certainly want to thank the people of Grayson Baptist Association for your support. Lives have been touched for Christ because of your commitment to this ministry. We are already looking forward to next year and ask that you pray for the BSM on a regular basis as we seek to reach and disciple students.

BSM Summer Enlistment

Every summer we try to contact college bound students from our churches to invite them to participate in BSM on campus. The BSM works in partnership with the local church to encourage students to continue to participate in church during their time at college. You can help in this effort by encouraging any students you know, especially recent high school graduates, to get involved in BSM. You can also help by sending us any names and addresses of prospective students and we will contact them.

Prayer Concerns

1. Pray for our student who will be serving as Summer Missionaries, Camp Counselors, and Summer Youth Ministers.
2. Pray for our students who will continue to be active in their own churches this summer.
3. Pray for our evaluation and planning for the next (school) year – so that our ministry can be more effective.
4. Pray for more volunteers to help us minister to college students in our area. *Bernie Gallagher*

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Grandpa and Zoe

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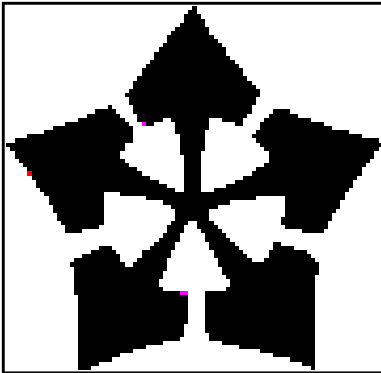
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Changing Lives—On College Campus



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.

Monthly Donations Needed:	\$2,500.00
Average Monthly Donations Received:	\$1,250.00
Difference:	(\$1,250.00)

All donations should be made through the Grayson Baptist Association.

Current Church contributors (April) :
FBC Bells, Belmont, Cherry Mound, Elmont, Forest Avenue, Mt. Carmel, FBC
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