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- A new recipe from Debra
- How can I contribute and get involved?
- What's been happening at the BSM?
- What's been happening with the ISM?

A worship gathering for college and 20some-

Thursdays, 8 PM, Austin College Chapel

Come and see what God is doing!



Marc Payne: GCC's new VP of Student Affairs

We welcome Marc Payne, new Vice-President of Student Affairs to Grayson County College. Marc is a brother in Christ who desires to see Christ honored on the college campus and in the community. The BSM appreciates him sharing his heart in this newsletter as a guest writer.

We are supposed to be different:

1Peter 2:29

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his

wonderful light.”

Have you ever wondered or felt that you were different, or that you think or act, or behave differently than those around you? If so, praise God, for you are chosen! It is clear that we live in a very different time than from past generations. There is a clear shift in culture, values, and technology. Unfortunately, as with past shifts in our country, many will be left behind because they did not see, or understand how to take advantage of the change. A good example of this would be the “Industrial Revolution”, where many left the farms to move to the cities where the plants

needed workers. Those who stepped out and into the new season were greatly rewarded with steady jobs, income, and new communities. However, many farmers who were not willing to step out or make needed changes, unfortunately, lost their farms to larger farm owners who were willing to do things differently by using new technology to farm large areas of land.

Today, we clearly have a shift in how things are done. What worked in the past does not necessarily mean it will work in the future. In today's economy we have moved to a skill based society.

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“We as believers in Jesus Christ must overcome (have victory over) this new economy.”

Having a college degree is no longer necessarily equivalent to success. Today, with the unemployment rate so high, employers are looking for those who can read, write, and think, but also anyone who has a specific skill that will help the organization thrive or succeed.

We, as believers in Jesus Christ, must overcome (have victory over) this new economy. We must give our hearts to God (live right-as an act of worship) and learn or develop our God given skills/talents. God wants us to succeed (Prov. 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed). We must also take leadership roles so the entire community will benefit, (Prov. 11:10 When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.)

We must step out and do things differently. Yes everyone must step out and continue their knowledge, but please do not leave school, or an educational program without having a skill in which you can use to earn money. This includes high school and col-

lege. Employers are more concerned with the bottom line than your GPA. We must be different and take a new path. Get the skills first, and then let the employers pay your salary and future education/training through tuition reimbursement. The job experts say there are plenty of jobs but a lack of trained/skilled workers to do specific jobs. So if you feel led to take a different career path or educational route maybe this message is for you.

Sincerely your fellow servant in Christ,

Marc Payne

“Loaves & Fishes”

Josh has decided I need to include something in the newsletter each month and since I'm not a writer, I have decided to share one of the things I enjoy about my job...Cooking! Those of you who have helped with our Wednesday lunches have probably heard me compare our lunches to Jesus miracle of "loaves and fishes". As our lunch attendance has soured, I think many times we are seeing a similar miracle as the food stretches to feed 250 people, so I have decided to title my article to reflect that.

Frequently there will be something especially tasty at one of the lunches (like the corn/green bean/ pea salad from Whitesboro!) and I wish I had the recipe, so I have decided to share some of my favorite recipes each month. This month I will share a recipe my Mother-in-law gave me. It is one of our family's favorites.

"Josephine's"

- 1 C. Hellman's mayonnaise
- 2 C. shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 can chopped green chilies

Mix together and spread on English muffins and broil until toasted. These are especially good with spaghetti or lasagna.

I hope you enjoy these tasty little treats. Make extra and share with a friend. It will make them smile!

Thank you for helping us spread God's love to the Grayson College campus.
DEBRA



Changing Lives – On the College Campus

The New School Year Is Beginning...

...and we are engaged in reconnecting with our students from last year and meeting new students on campus. There always seems to be a lot of excitement as well as a little fear at this time of year – for both students and parents. This is especially true for new freshmen on campus who are just beginning their college experience.

Thanks to the vision and the generous support of the people of Grayson Baptist Association, the BSM is on campus to minister to these students. It is no secret that young adults (ages 18-25) comprise the age group least likely to be involved in our traditional church settings. College students tend to be highly mobile. They are constantly exploring new ideas and experiences. They ask a lot of questions. Usually, they experience the freedom to make most of their

own decisions apart from their parents.

It is also during this time period in their lives that crucial life decisions are made – such as the selection and preparation for a career and the selection of a mate. Many of our students who “grew up” in church will decide whether or not to continue in their relationship with Christ.

Our role, as the Baptist Student Ministry, is to do all we can to demonstrate the love of Christ to students. Our desire is to reach, encourage and disciple students for the Kingdom. We do this by providing opportunities for Christian fellowship, Bible study, mission projects, prayer & worship events, conferences & retreats, and often just a welcome place to meet and have a meal together.

We ask that you continue to pray for this ministry. We believe in “Divine Appointments”. We believe that God has placed students on the

campuses in our area – and that He has placed this ministry on the campuses in our area to be His tool to influence students for Christ.

Thanks for all your support!

Prayer Concerns

1. Pray for our student leaders as they reach out to other students on campus.
2. Pray that God will draw students to Himself and that His name would be honored on our campuses.
3. Pray for our outreach luncheon, Bible study and discipleship groups, and ministry projects, and international student ministry.
4. Pray for more volunteers in our churches to help us minister to college students in our area.

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“Grandpa Bernie”

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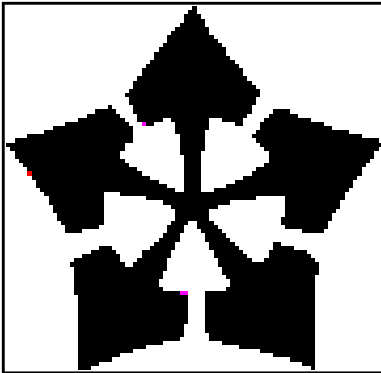
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Changing Lives—On College Campus



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.

We still need partners to contribute small monthly gifts. Many charitable Christians partner with ministries abroad and never really see the fruit of their gift. This ministry is for sharing Christ with foreign citizens temporarily living in Grayson County. *Would you consider getting involved personally or through your church to support this ministry?* All donations should be made through the Grayson Baptist Association.

Current Church contributors (August): \$950

FBC Bells, Belmont, Bones Chapel, Calvary Denison, Cherry Mound, FBC Collinsville, Elmont, Forest Avenue, FBC Howe, Ida, Baptist, Mt. Carmel, FBC Pottsboro, FBC Sherman, Twin Cities, FBC Van Alstyne, FBC Whitesboro

Individual Contributors (August): \$635