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The New School Year Is Beginning...

Special points of interest:

- Calendar Events
- How can I contribute and get involved?
- What's been happening at the BSM?
- What's been happening with the ISM?

...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 stu-

dents 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, en-

courage 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!

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BSM Weekly Activities for Fall 2011

- Monday:** GCC Noon Bible Study
Tuesday: GCC Viking Dorm Bible Study
Wednesday: GCC Noon Luncheon Program
Thursday: Austin College FUSE Bible Study
 IGNITE Worship Gathering



Bernie Gallagher

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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 minister to college students.

Loaves & Fishes

Emma Welch SERVED as secretary for Forest Ave. Baptist Church for over 50 years. I stressed the word "served" intentionally because she didn't just "do her job", she served with a loving heart and was as much a "minister" as any of the pastors. I don't think I have ever known anyone who loved and took as much pride in their job as Miss Emma. She was definitely someone who should have been referred to as Ministry Assistant. The recipe I have to share this month is one of hers that I continue to enjoy making. My brother-in-law was recently diagnosed as diabetic and he wants the recipe converted to sugar-free! I don't think it is possible, but if anyone would know how to successfully change it, I would love to hear from you.

Miss Emma's Cow Patties

- 1 C. Sugar
- 1 C. Karo Syrup
- 1 1/2 C. Peanut Butter
- 6 C. Special K Cereal

In a large saucepan, cook sugar and syrup until the sugar melts and it begins to boil. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter until melted and then stir in cereal. Drop with a spoon onto foil or waxed paper to let cool.

I hope you enjoy this special treat as much as I enjoy the memory and legacy of Miss Emma.



Debra Clark

Calendar Items and Special Events

Fall Semester 2011

Sept. 9 GCC – Dinner/Fellowship for International Students
 24 GCC – Frisco Soccer Game for Int'l Students
 28 GCC – “See You at the Pole”

Oct. 7-9 Northeast Texas International Student Retreat

Nov. 11-12 GCC BSM Fall Retreat
 23 GCC Campus-wide Thanksgiving Dinner
 30 GCC BSM Christmas Open House

Spring Semester 2012

Jan. 1-6 Passion 2012 Student Conference – Atlanta, GA
 27-28 Abide Prayer Conference

Mar. 12-16 Spring Break Mission Trip

May 2 WMU/Church Appreciation Luncheon

“Thanks to the select churches and individuals who give to make this happen. This ministry is not part of your church’s Associational giving.”

International Student Ministry

International Student Ministries is in full-swing! We’ve already donated furniture to 4 new and needy students from Africa. Friday Sept. 9th, at the BSM, we will be have a welcome dinner for new int’l students with their native food. Gifts bags have been made with all kinds of toiletries. If you can join us please come and meet these students and welcome them to the greatest nation in the world. Welcome them to where God wants to change their lives. Thanks to the select churches and individuals who give to make this happen. This ministry is not part of your church’s Associational giving.



Joshua Burton

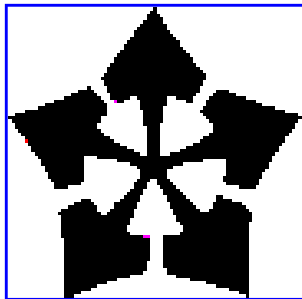
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Important! The International Student Ministry is NOT supported through the GBA budget. Only through specific church or individual contributions will this ministry continue.

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.

Current Church contributors (August) :\$995
FBC Bells, Belmont, Bones Chapel, Calvary Denison, Cherry Mound,
FBC Collinsville, Country Chapel, Elmont, Forest Avenue, Ida, Mt Carmel,
FBC Pottshoro, FBC Sherman, FBC Van Alstyne, FBC Whitesboro
Individual contributions (August) : \$310