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## Across miles, churches combine talents

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Youth from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and Plainview Baptist Church are going to have some stories to tell and experiences to share when they're asked, "What did you do this summer?"

One week, the 34 teens were in Dyersburg conducting backyard Bible camps and vacation Bible schools. The next week, they were in Bogalusa, La., doing community service.

Through it all, the junior high schoolers through justgraduated high school seniors were making memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

It all began with conversations between Stan Cavness, who works with the Mt. Vernon youth, and Dave Mowbray, youth minister at

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Youth from Plainview Baptist Church in Bogalusa, La., pose with their new friends from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

Their mission work began June 15. After church, they posted flyers around the Calvary Hill Baptist Church neighborhood where they conducted vacation Bible school.

"We mixed the kids (into groups)," Cavness said. "They did so good together. It's a joy to see how they became instant companions and friends."

The groups "have gotten to know each other well,"
Mowbray said.

During the mornings, one group led the Calvary Hill VBS and another did cleanup around the grounds of Mt. Vernon and the Baptist Student Center on the Dyersburg State Community College campus, where the Plainview group stayed and Cavness is director. Tuesday through Thursday afternoons were spent doing backyard Bible clubs in the neighborhoods of Evansville, Bruce and Southtown.

"I learned a lot during this mission trip," said 18-year-old Steven Pierce of Bogalusa. "I see a lot of potential that's not being used that needs to be tapped in to."

They spent their evenings attending their own VBS at Mt. Vernon.

"We feel we know Brother Sam (Webb, Mt. Vernon's pastor) for life," Branch said.

During the first night of VBS, Webb asked the older Plainview youth to participate

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Background information on the Breedlove Farm project was taken from www.edailynews.info, www.bogalusa.org and freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com

in an impromptu skit.

"I liked that he asked and trusted us to pull something off for VBS," Branch said.

The Dyersburg stop also included a tour of DSCC and the new Dyer County Jail where jail administrator Paul Forrester gave his testimony.

"It was good for a lot of reasons to do this," Cavness said.
"These projects are good — not only for the kids and the churches but also for the area."

Their help to the area will be evident in Bogalusa.

"I'm excited about (Mt. Vernon) coming and being part of something different than what we did (in Dyersburg)," Mowbray said.

The Mt. Vernon group arrived in Louisiana June 25.

Bogalusa is an hour north of New Orleans. The teens will spend one day taking in its sites. It will be a first not only for many of Mt. Vernon's youth but "a lot of mine haven't seen New Orleans either," Mowbray said.

Located in Washington Parish, Bogalusa was incorporated in July 1914. Situated on the eastern border of Washington Parish on the Pearl River, it was founded in 1906 by Frank Henry Charles Goodyear. Warehouse Goodyear, William Henry Sullivan and others who erected the Great Southern Lumber Co. plant on the Bogue Lusa Creek where it flows into the Pearl River. Great Southern became the largest pine sawmill in the world and is known today as Temple-Inland Inc. In 2000, the population of Bogalusa was 13,365 and Washington Parish was 43,926.

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The Plainview group agreed that "things are almost exactly alike," Pierce said, between Bogalusa and Dyersburg.

"I never fully realized that places could be so similar," Branch said.

While in Bogalusa, the teens will be sharing the gospel in a different way than they did in Dyersburg. They'll be working at Breedlove Farm.

In January 2002, Washington Parish received a \$975,000 grant to develop rural businesses. The federal grant is recyclable, meaning the recipient pays it back over 10 years and then the parish loans it out again to another rural business.

After approval from a parish committee and at the state and federal levels, the Breedloves received the entire grant. They're using it to create a working dairy/educational center that positively impacts Washington Parish's economy by creating jobs and attracting tourists while also preserving their dairy business

and the way of life associated with it.

"The community's so rural and poor, they hope between the farm and the park it will get community pride back," Mowbray said.

The project consists of four centers. The two open-air structures are a milk-viewing station and a 10,000-squarefoot farmer's market/commercial exhibit building. The two enclosed buildings are the education/administration building and the gift shop/dining building. The education building will include static displays of various aspects of society, such as transportation, medicine, communication and others, and their impact on rural life.

The Mt. Vernon and Plainview teens will help build a static display on the role of faith in rural life.

"When you're in a rural community, there's school, work and church," Mowbray said. "Tve contacted other churches in the area so all will have input about how important church is and was."

The teens will also assist with a sports camp for elementary kids being held on the farm.

"They'll be playing kickball, soccer and basketball but it's also an opportunity to share the gospel," Mowbray said.

While these two weeks of June have been crammed with activities, all involved agree it's been well worth it.

"We had a great mission trip," said 12-year-old Stefany Jenkins of Bogalusa.

Jenkins was excited to go on her first mission trip.

"I haven't been this far north before, I haven't been in Tennessee before (either)," she said.

It was also the first mission trip for Branch. While it was an opportunity to meet new people, because she was a chaperone, it was also an opportunity to get to know the Plainview kids better.

"I learned that I'm looked up to a lot more than I realized by the younger girls so I need to be a good role model," she said.

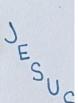
"I appreciate the fact that both churches have gotten behind and supported this," Cavness said. "This is what ministry is about — not only sharing the gospel but becoming well-rounded Christians."

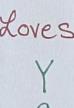
"I hope they make it an annual thing," Pierce said.

Noted 17-year-old Rustin Loyd of Bogalusa, "It's something we won't ever forget."

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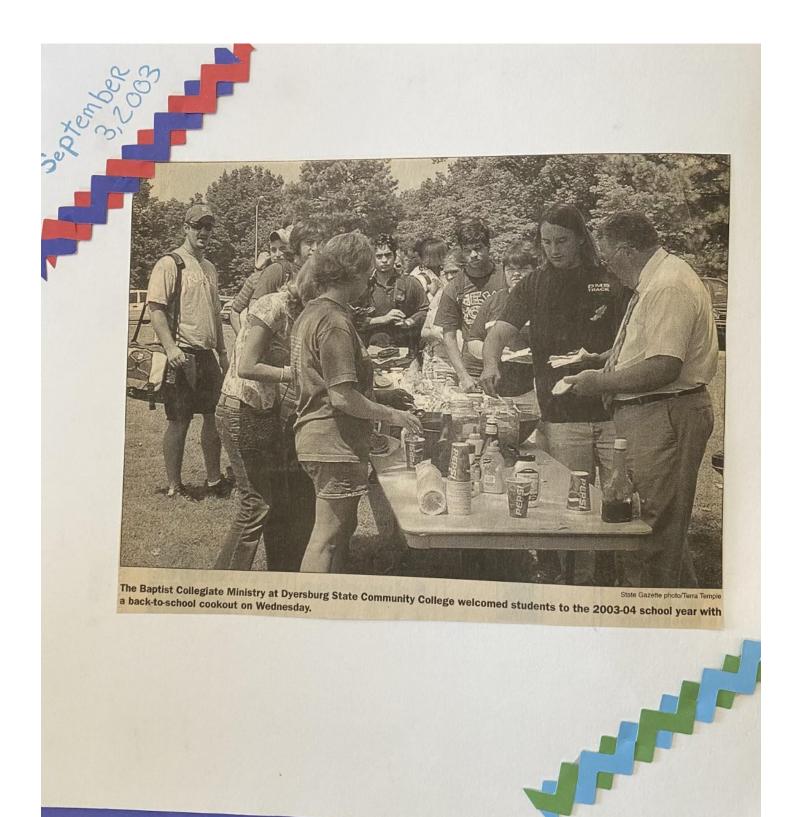












## Baptist ministry welcomes DSCC students with back-to-school cookout

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As students filtered out of the Eller Administration Building, the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs and the sounds of the Dyersburg band Flight 22 drew them to the grassy area behind the Learning Resource Center.

With classes in progress, it was time Wednesday for the annual back-to-school cookout hosted by the Baptist Ministry at Collegiate Dyersburg State Community College.

The cookout provided a chance for students to meet each other and learn more about BCM.

BCM operates out of the Baptist Student Center, located on the DSCC campus.

Open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, it provides a place for students to come between classes to hang out, play pingpong or pool, watch television, study or take a nap.

"It provides a way for students to get away from the stress of school," said Brandi Hendrix, BCM president. "They can hang out with other Christians or those they wouldn't meet in class." -

Meals are provided twice a week. Hot Dog It's Tuesday is from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The cost is \$1. Each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., it's a LunchEncounter. For \$2, students can get a home-cooked meal fixed by ladies from the Dyer Baptist Association DSCC students but to anyone

churches. Proceeds from the meals go toward the BCM's mission trips.

Thursday night at 9 p.m. is a time of music, discussion, Bible study and prayer. The evening concludes with activities like bowling or watching movies. Thursday is also when the BASIC team meets to rehearse. Brothers And Sisters In Christ performs dramas at different area events and churches.

This is Hendrix's third year to be involved with BCM.

"The year after I graduated from high school, in 2001, I came and started hanging out," she said. "I skipped a year of school but stayed involved (with BCM)."

BCM is open not only to

who's college aged.

"When you're in a (church) youth group, you have a lot of people to hang out with," Hendrix said. "A lot of churches don't have college classes. This gives them a way to meet people their own age."

With DSCC's enrollment around 1,900 on the Dyersburg campus alone, Hendrix hopes more will become involved in BCM.

"We have 10 on the Leadership team and 20 who come on Thursday nights," she said. "Hopefully, we'll grow this year."

Planned for later this year, on Dec. 5, is the Christmas Jam. The event, to be held in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the DSCC Student Center, will feature a speaker and a presentation by BASIC.

There are 38 BCMs on college campuses in Tennessee. In October, a group of DSCC BCM members will be go to Nashville to meet for the weekend with their counter-

BCM has been on the DSCC campus since the late 1970s. It is a ministry to the DSCC students by the 42 churches of the Dyer Baptist Association in partnership with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The purpose is to minister to the needs of the students," said Stan Cavness, BCM campus minister. "It's an extension of the churches to have some worship time and sponsor fellowship opportunities."

The BCM is open to any student, Cavness noted. Students come from a variety of church backgrounds - some are some aren't Baptists, Christians, some come to see and hear what the Bible has that's relevant to their own

"It gives students who are Christians the opportunity to spend time with Christians their age," Cavness said. "It's also an opportunity to reach out to students who aren't Christians."

That's why this year's theme is Experience the Life.

"It's experiencing the life that only Christ can give you," Cavness said.

For more information, call 285-3750 or e-mail bsudscc@ecsis.net

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Stan

We in the athletic department would just like to say thank you, to you and your staff for the wonderful meal you prepared for the athletes. It was great fellowship. Sometimes just coming together can mean the difference in one individual coming into the knowledge of Christ. You have given the students a great atmosphere for drawing young folks to Christ.

Thanks again,

Alan Barnett

Athletic Director



# Baptist Collegiate Ministrie

Stan, Orlando, Brandi, & Carolyn,

I just wanted to write and say thank you for the time you took to talk with me on the phase. I was truly inspired by your servant attitude in a time of crisis! I will continue to pray for you because I know God is going to continue to give you opportunities to minister on your campus because of this event,

Thank you again, and I hope to see You at Focus in a couple of weeks! Stanzmuphres

## DSCC students minister following gunfire

By Stacy Murphree Baptist and Reflector

DYERSBURG - When a gunman entered a math class at Dversburg State Community College (DSCC) on Sept. 17, taking about two dozen students hostage, Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) students gathered to pray.

While police officers negotiated with the gunman, BCM students fed the media and comforted the gunman's family. The gunman was later shot and killed by police.

The BCM building is centrally located on the DSCC campus and became the location where the family of Harold Kilpatrick, Jr. (the gunman) waited to hear of any information concerning the hostage situation.

Several BCM students came to the building to minister to the Kilpatrick family. The BCM had their regular Wednesday lunch counter that day, and the students began bringing out food and warming it for the family to be able to eat dinner.

These students fed, prayed with, and comforted the family, during the entire eight hours of the hostage situation.

"It was very comforting to the family that the students reached out to them," says Stan Cavness, Collegiate Ministry Specialist at DSCC.

Orlando Brown, DSCC sophomore and one of the first students in the building when the Kilpatrick family arrived, noted how he was sure it was an emotional time for the gunman's family, not knowing how other people might feel towards them

"I didn't care who they were. They needed to be shown the love of the Lord," says Brown. "I thank God we were here. They did not need anyone to show them negative feelings," he

The students also had the opportunity to minister to the media. Since much of the media had gathered outside the BCM, the students set up tables and chairs for them and carried them food and water.

"I was extremely proud when I found out how the students stepped right up and saw opportunities to minister," says Cavness. Cavness was away at the time leading a revival in Louisiana. When he heard the news, Cavness drove all night to be back on campus early Thursday morning.

"I realized we would have a lot of comforting and healing to do that day," says Cavness.

Knowing Cavness was away, Dyer County Baptist Association Director of Missions, Joe Wright, and several local church leaders came to assist at the BCM.

Cavness spent part of the early morning meeting with the president of the college and members of the police department. He noted at around 7:30 a.m. some of the same students who had been at the BCM until late Wednesday night began to show up to clean up the building and continue to pray for

Along with the BCM, local ministers and police chaplains put up posters and sent e-mails to let students know counselors would be available in the BCM building throughout the day on Thursday

"The building was full of students to talk with each other, says Cavness. "We let them talk about how they felt.'

One gunshot victim, whose injury was not serious enough to be taken to the hospital, came to the BCM that day and brought friends with her. This individual was touched by the love shared by everyone at the BCM.

"This girl said she had heard students had been praying for them all night," says Cavness.

Enduring difficult situations often causes people to turn to faith. This has proven true for the DSCC campus. "It's easy to share our faith in class after this has happened," says Brandi Hendrix, DSCC sophomore.

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### DSCC students minister ...

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"Even though it just happened Wednesday, new people have already become involved here at the BCM," she says.

Carolyn Permenter, DSCC freshman, had friends in the math class being held hostage. One of those friends is not a Christian, and Permenter believes this situation will open doors to share the gospel with her.

Cavness agrees this situation will open doors for ministry opportunities. "Even though this event was tragic, God is still in control. We have already been able to minister in ways we never expected," says Cavness.

A hostage situation on their own campus stretched and challenged these BCM students in new ways. It was a stressful night for all involved - students, family, police officers, and chaplains.

"This is one of the biggest challenges God has ever put

upon me, but by the grace of God we made it through," says Orlando Brown.

These BCM students were quick to respond with God's love in a time of crisis and with

those needing it. "It thrills me to know these students, under extreme duress, became servants," says Cavness. □ --Murphree is ministry assistant for the TBC Collegiate Ministries Group.



CAROLYN PERMENTER, left, and Brandi Hendrix, student resident managers at Dyersburg State Community College helped min ister, along with other students, during the hostage crisis last weel

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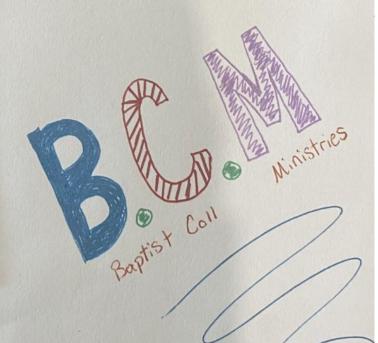
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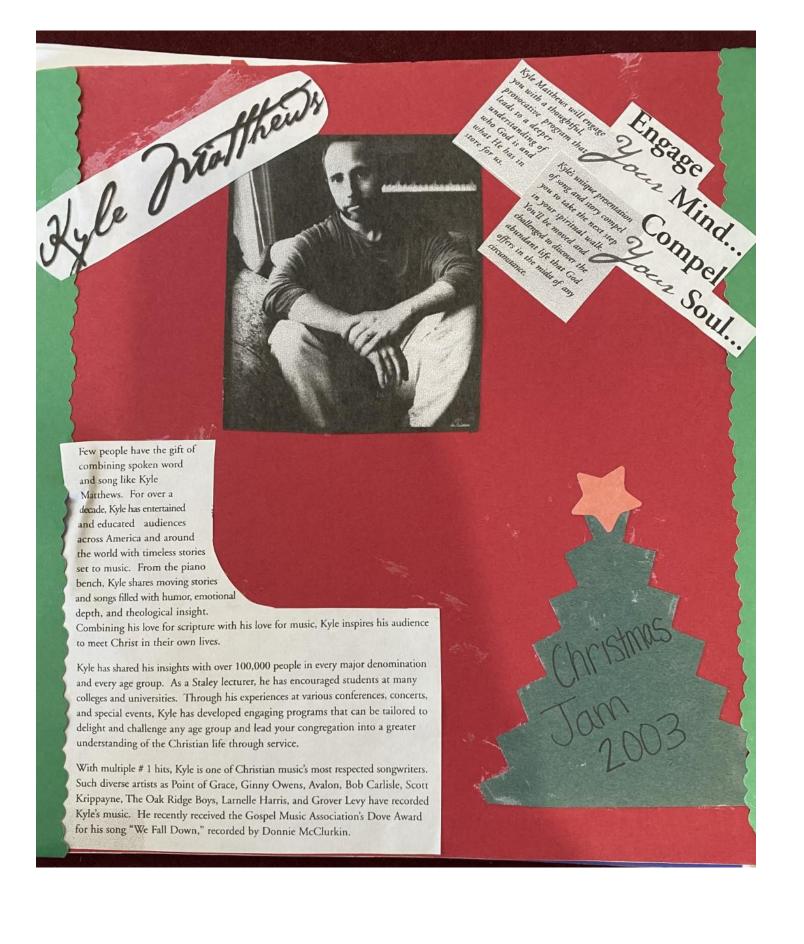
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him but you've heard his songs - "We Fall Down," "If You Want Me To," "If You Want to Lead Me to Jesus," One and the Same," "Come to My Senses" and many more.

Kyle Matthews will perform those songs Friday when the BASIC team of the Dyersburg State Community College Baptist Collegiate Ministry hosts the annual Christmas Jam at 7 p.m. at the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the DSCC Student Center.

There is no admission charge. All ages are invited. Refreshments will follow in the Student Center Grill. For more information, call 285-3750.

The Christmas Jam has been a BCM tradition for many years.

"This is an opportunity for us to reach out to area college and high school students," said Stan Cavness, BCM campus ninister. "It will be really good his year."

Cavness heard Matthews over the summer at the National Collegiate Ministers conference.

"I told the team about him nd we invited him," Cavness aid.

In over a decade of writing nd performing, Matthews as emerged as one of hristian music's most prolific ongwriters. He's received nree Dove Award nominaons for song of the year. "If ou Want to Lead Me to esus," recorded by Grover evy, spent four weeks at No. in 1997. Most recently, "We

## You may not have heard Sought-after Christian artist to highlight ght's Christmas Jam at college

Fall Down," recorded by Donnie McClurkin, earned Matthews a Dove Award for Traditional Gospel Recorded Song of the Year, Stellar Award for Song of the Year and ASCAP's 2002 award for "Gospel Song of the Y

Matthews has also received critical acclaim as a recording artist through the release of solo projects including "See For Yourself" and October 2002's "Sing Down."

The thought-provoking and emotionally relevant songs on his albums demonstrate Matthews' commitment to sound theology and in-depth Biblical teaching. His style of songwriting enables him to masterfully display truths through visual images in song.

"Good songs draw pictures. A picture tells you everything you need to know. That's why Jesus taught in pictures," he said. "I think there is a stereotype for what a recording artist should be that doesn't necessarily fit every artist's true gifts. My approach is to teach using music as an

illustrative tool."
During weekend conferences, Matthews combines spoken word and song to illustrate Biblical truths that motivate audiences to take the next step in their Christian lives.

"I am at my best in ministry when I'm seated behind a piano teaching and singing about Biblical principles," he said. "By combining these elements, I can more effectively point others to something beyond myself."

Matthews and his wife Susan live in Nashville with their two children.

"This has been a tradition here for years," Cavness said of the event. "We usually have real good participation. We want everyone to come out and enjoy it. It'll be fun for everybody."

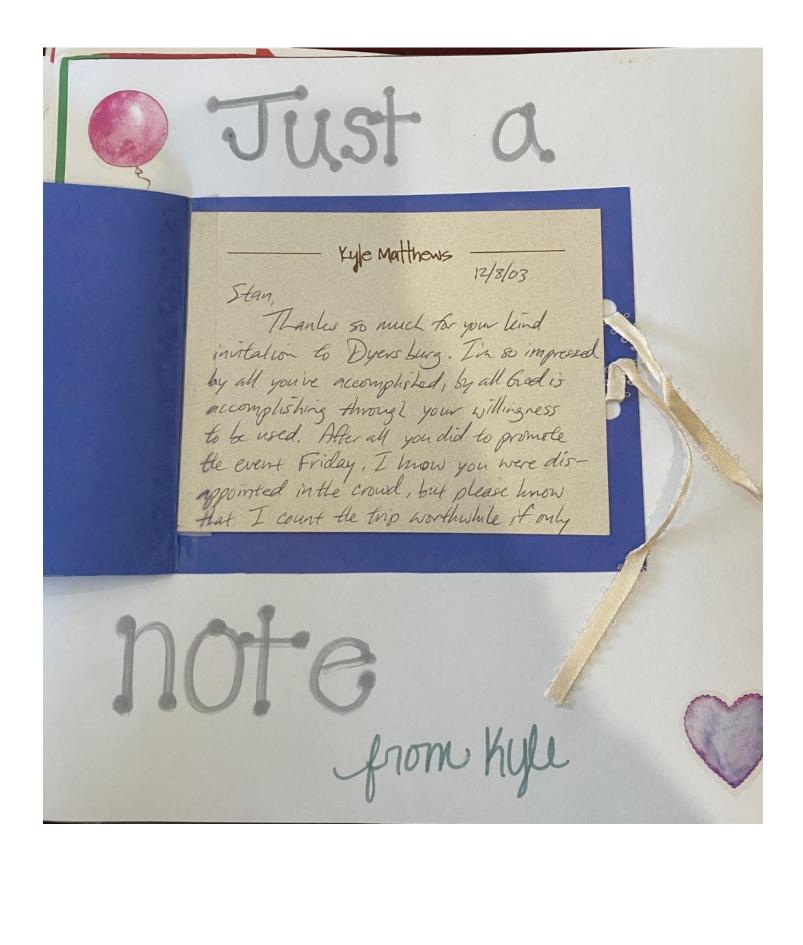
The BASIC team (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) will also perform during the evening.

BASIC is a drama group that does sign language, movement, interpretive skits/dramas and singing.

"This is a way for students to use their talents in ministry," Cavness said of BASIC.

The group practices on Mondays and Thursdays at the BCM and performs at various churches and youthgroup activities around the area. The director is student Carolyn Permenter. For more information, contact Cavness at 285-3750.



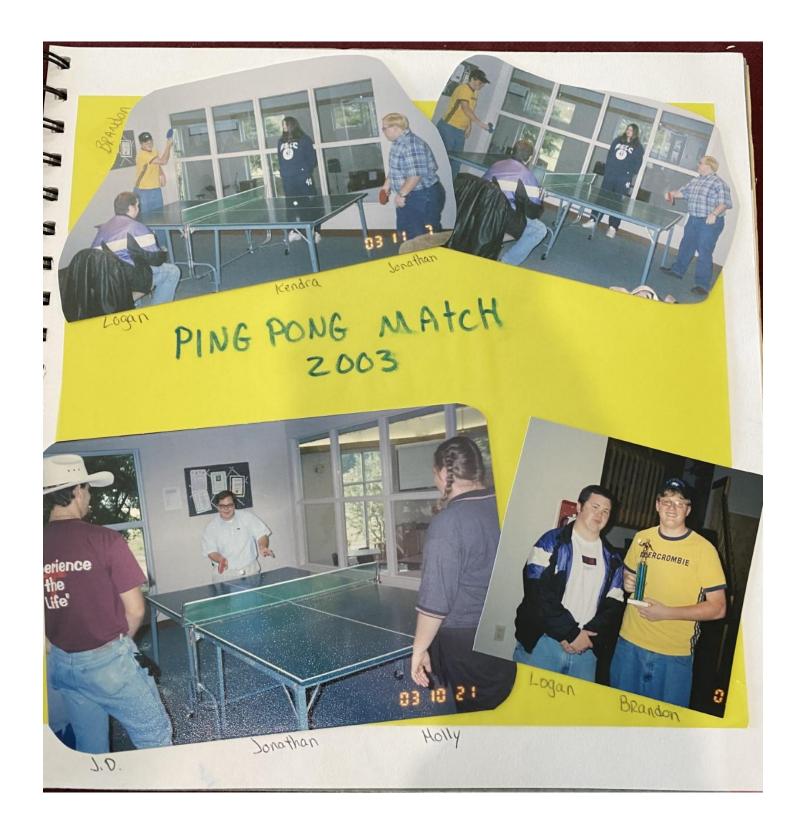


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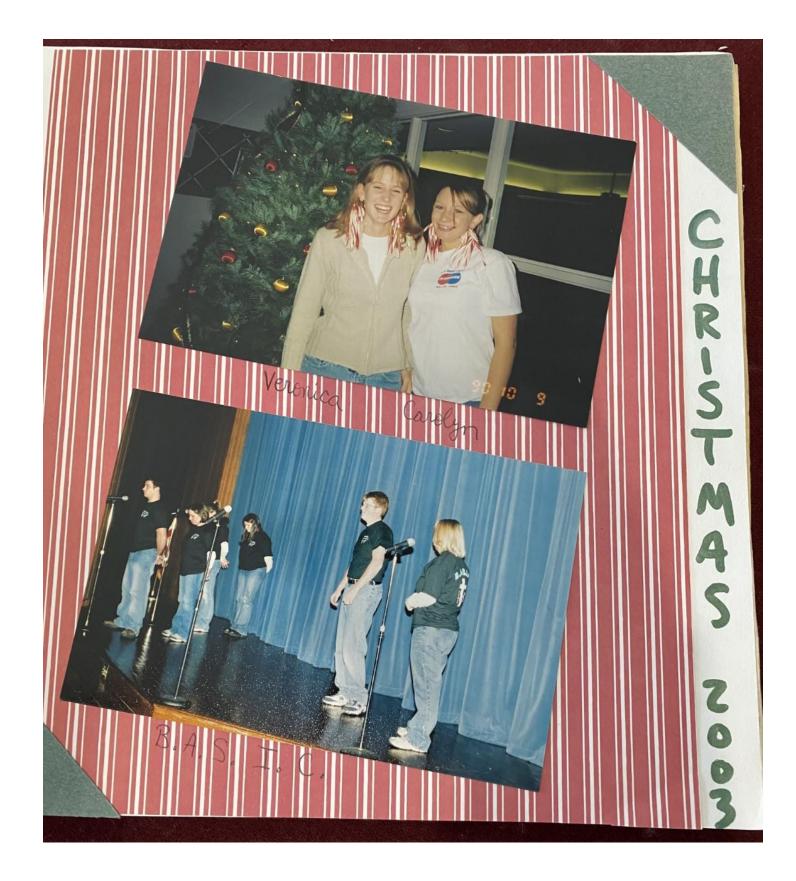
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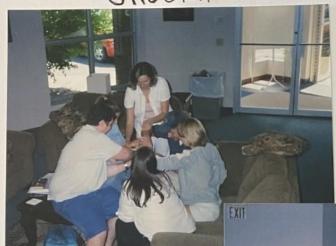
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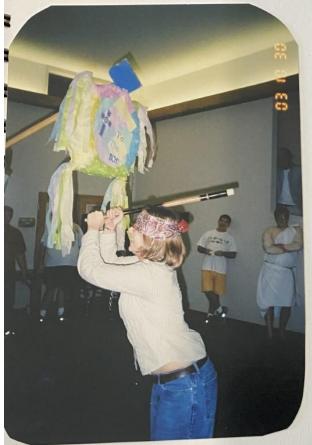
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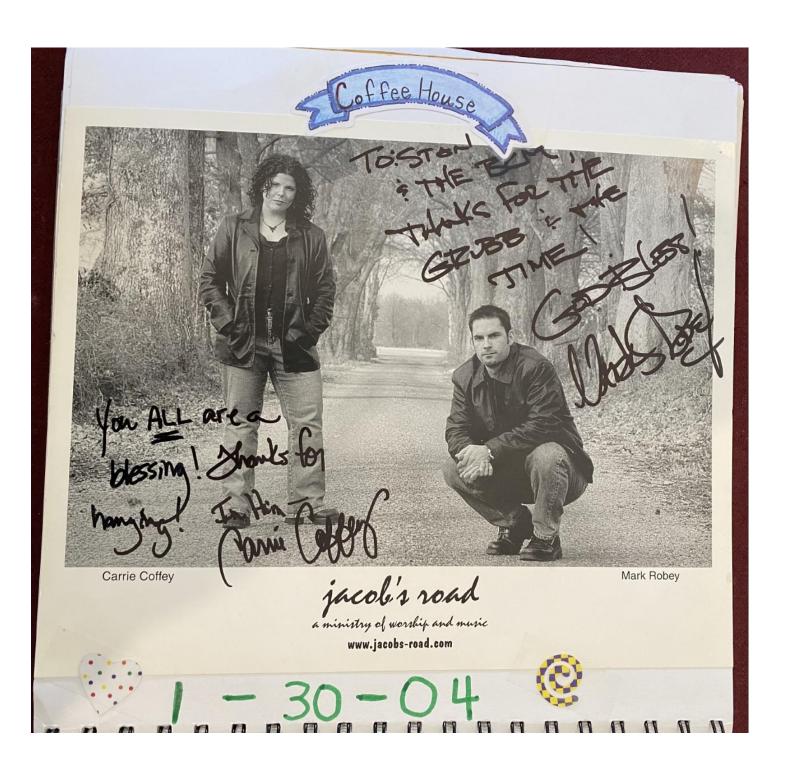


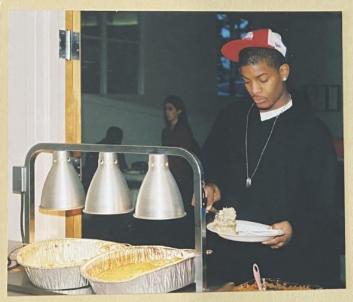
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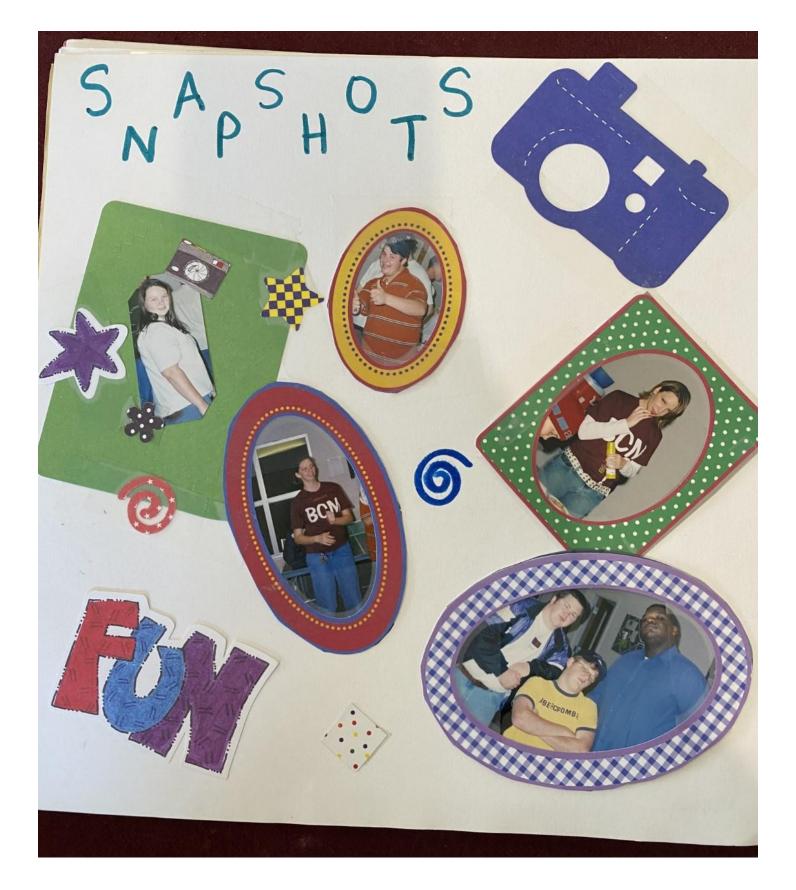
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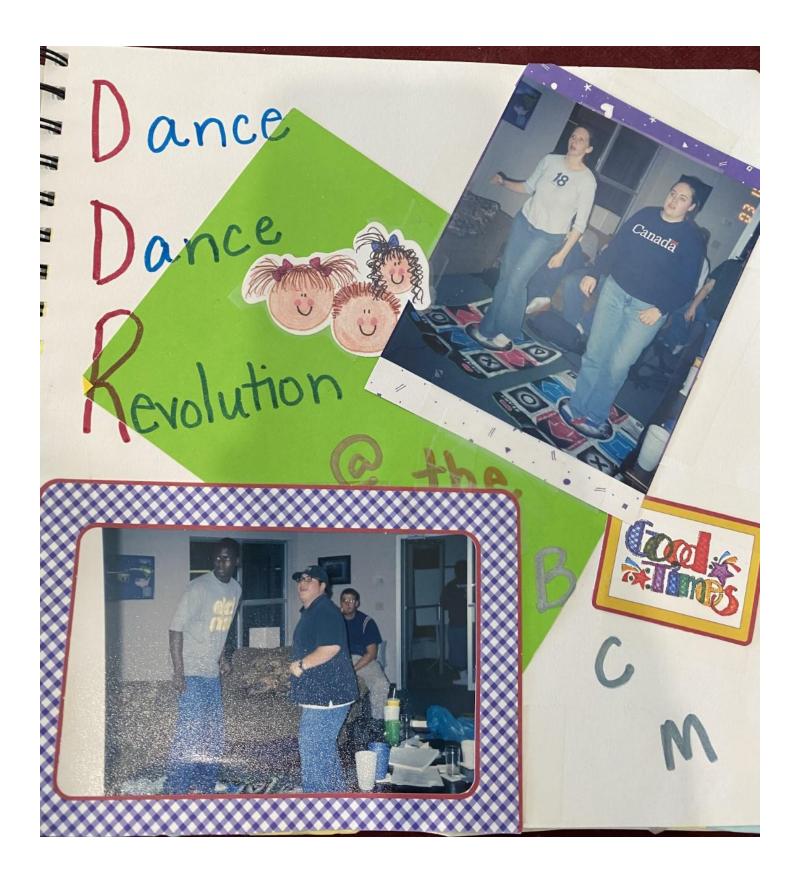


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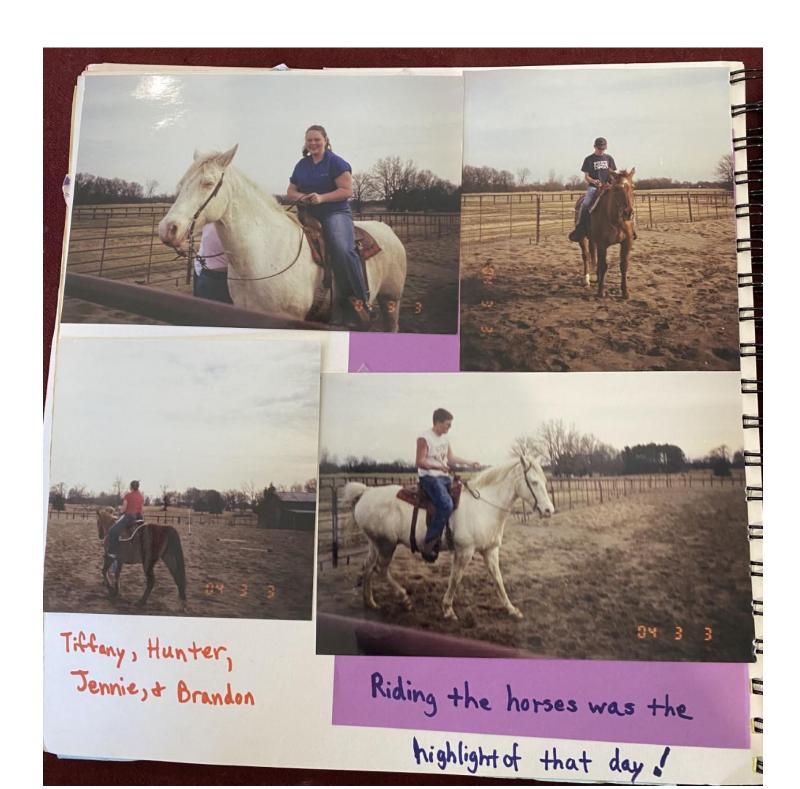
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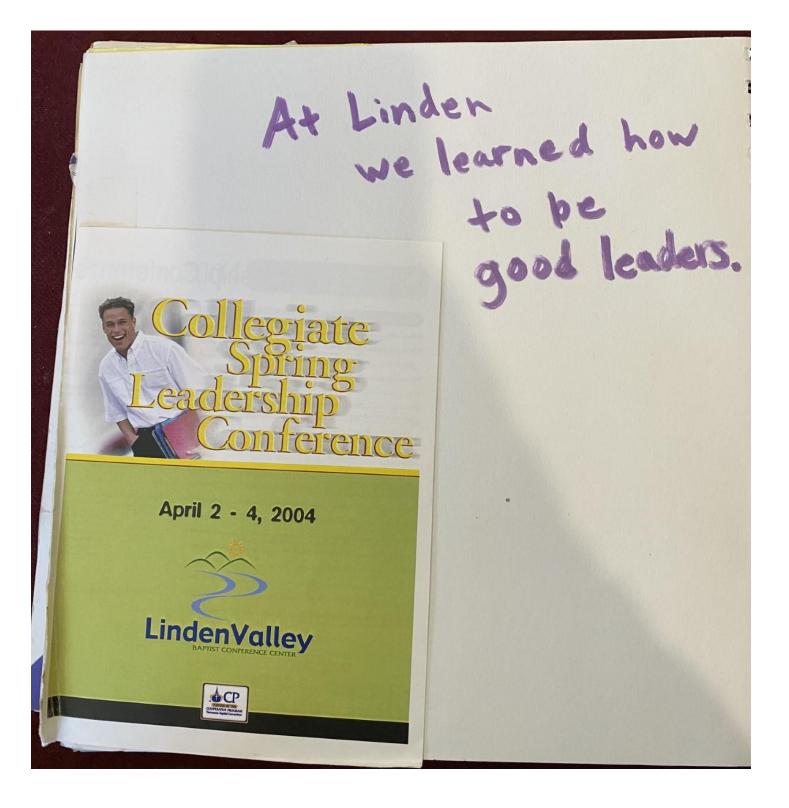
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# L-R Brandon, Jonathan, Logan, Tiffany, Jenny, Jessica, & Stephanie



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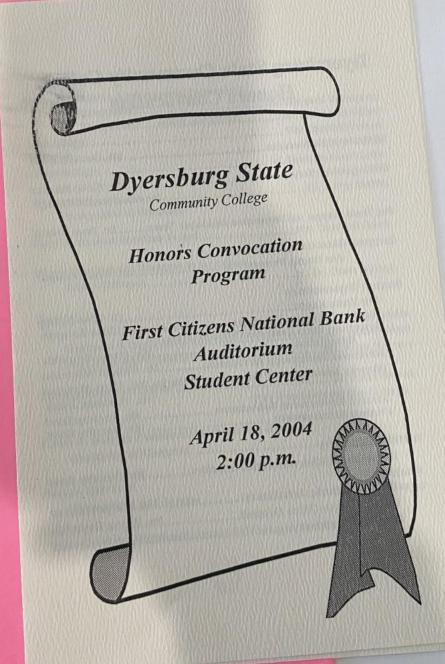
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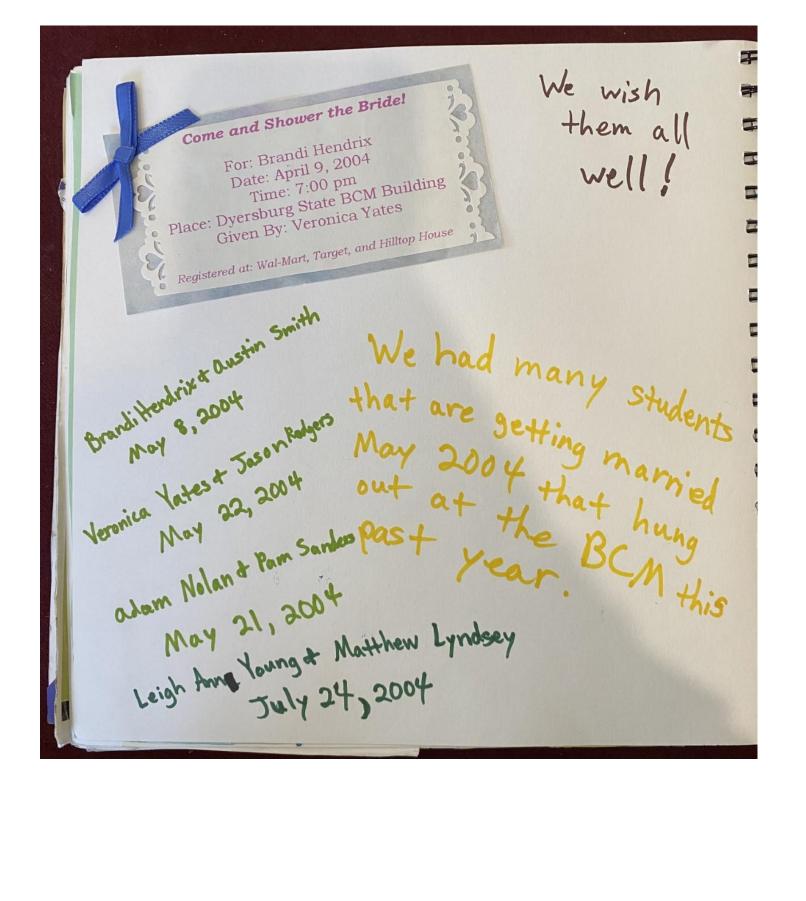
### Commissioning Service



- We are gathered tonight to offer our prayers, our support & our encouragement to these Christian young women who have volunteered to serve Christ by serving others in mission work this summer.
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry thanks you for your support



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