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Experience The Life

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY • DSCC



THE "B" IS A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS ON CAMPUS

The one place on the campus of Dyersburg State Community College where students can study, meet new friends, play pool, enjoy a great meal and have an interactive Bible Study is the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center.

Often called "The B" by students who spend a lot of time at the BCM Center, this is one place that is open to all students.

One can find students sitting casually in the lounge just enjoying each others company, or studying in the media center, or planning a future event in the conference room.

And the meals are always a highlight of the week! Each Monday the "B" is host to an

event called "Hot Topics and a Hot Dog, Too"....an informal discussion where students eat hot dogs covered in chili and



Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on DSCC Campus

cheese, served with a drink and dessert for only \$1!

And Wednesdays are the big meals, sponsored by local churches who bring great

home cooking or supply the funds for each week's big meal!

Serving time on both days are from 11:30 AM until 1 PM.

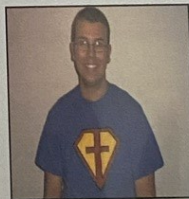
Weekly bible studies are offered several days during the week, as are special events planned for both on campus and off campus.

The "B"....a great place to keep your walk "in Christ".



Keep Your Walk in Christ

WELCOME FROM SAM BCM PRESIDENT



Hey! My name is Sam Stephens and I am serving as 2006-2007 President of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. I am very excited about what our ministry has in store for this campus and I can't wait to get started! We have already had many students come by the BCM and ask

how to get involved. The answer is simple, just come! It won't take long for you to get plugged in and become part of this growing college ministry. On behalf of our leadership team I invite you to come and check us out at the "B"! You won't be sorry you did!

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I can do all things
through Christ
who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



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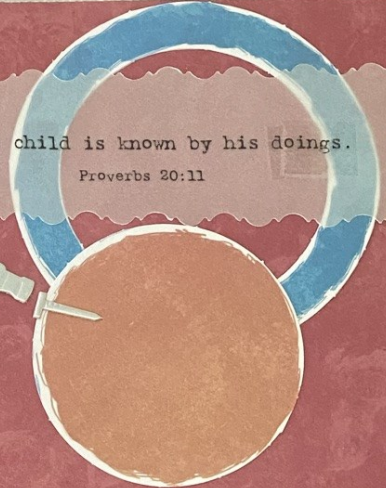
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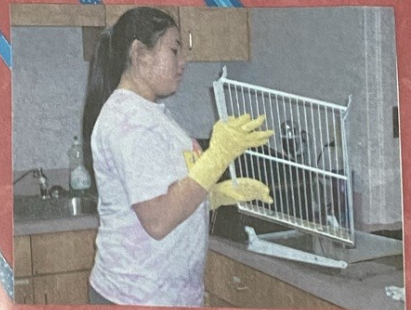
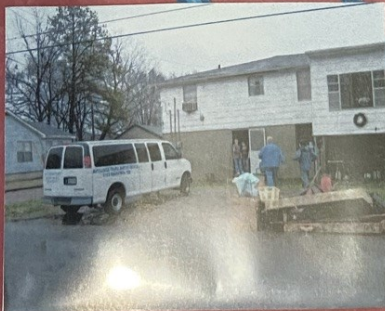
Even a child is known by his doings.
Proverbs 20:11



REMEMBER



Two are better than one





Don't let anyone look down on you
because you are young,
but set an example for the believers
in speech, in life, in love,
in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12



ALL GOOD THINGS

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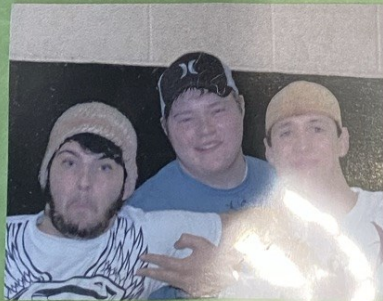
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By Dyer Baptist Association

For Baptist and Reflector

Annual Jerusalem Project held despite stormy weather

DYERSBURG — Young people and adults from 18 churches in Dyer Baptist Association "showered" the community with love on Martin Luther King holiday weekend, in spite of showers and stormy weather. A total of 268 people completed 34 projects on Monday, Jan. 15, in the sixth annual Jerusalem Project of the association located in northwest Tennessee.

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the region had raised high hopes among the teens involved in the project that a lot of outdoor work could be accomplished.

Demonstrating a remarkable spirit of flexibility, the army of youth and their adult leaders were able to transition to a list of "Plan B" projects which had been developed just in case the weather changed.

"We have a wonderful group of dedicated people in this association who love the Lord and love to serve Christ by serving others in need," said Stan Cavness, Dyer Association Jerusalem Project coordinator. Cavness serves as a consultant for youth ministry for the association, as well as campus minister

for Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg.

"They don't really care what needs doing ... they just want to serve," Cavness said.

"With five years of Jerusalem Projects behind us, we've learned just how important it is to be flexible."

The area endured constant and heavy rain and thunderstorms for three days prior to the Jerusalem Project, as well as both days of the project.

"We had projects that were underwater at 5 a.m. on Monday morning," noted Ed Benthall, director of Men's Ministry for the association who coordinated light construction projects and supervised construction teams. "We had to be flexible and re-group."

Patrick Sellers, youth minister at Gates Baptist Church, Gates, observed that the experience strengthened his faith.

At the event closing ceremony as

participants shared their experiences, Sellers reported that he was "really bummed out" because his team didn't get to build a wheelchair ramp for someone who really needed it.

But then he and his team expanded the youth room at his church. The project had been requested unbeknownst to him. "We've been really crammed in our youth room with more students than we had room for. God took care of a great need and showed me that He is in control over a lot more than just the weather!" said Sellers.

A Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief team prepared two meals for the work teams. In the process, 15 Dyer Association volunteers were trained as disaster relief cooking workers.

Jerusalem Project draws multiple churches and hundreds of volunteers together to minister in their "Jerusalem" each Martin Luther King weekend. Cavness said the M.L. King weekend is a natural fit because it is one of the few times when all students in the association area are out of school at the same time.

"The concept of people coming

together to help our neighbors in our own hometowns not only honors the Lord Jesus Christ's instructions ... but it also honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King and his desire for all of us to live together peacefully and make our communities a better place by working together," according to Cavness.

The 26 teams of Jerusalem Project this year completed projects including three light construction, five inside painting, 16 home cleaning, seven nursing home/assisted living visits, and three miscellaneous jobs.

There were seven wheelchair ramps which couldn't be completed due to the weather, but Men's Ministry teams of the association will go back and finish those within the next two weeks, according to Benthall.

Joe Wright, director of missions, thanked the association's Men's Ministry and Women's Ministry which helped lead the project. The organizations have been growing "substantially in the past few years" and "are helping our churches work together for the kingdom in exciting and innovative ways," he said.

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By Dyer Baptist Association

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Wright also thanked Randy Pool of Gibson County Baptist Association, Trenton, who helps direct the Mississippi Ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention. The ministry awarded a grant to assist with materials for some of the projects.

First Baptist Church, Halls, and Westside Baptist Church, Halls, were the two host churches for Jerusalem Project 2007. Halls High School made its gym and cafeteria available on Sunday afternoon for team-building and recreation time, meetings for each project team, a joint worship event, and the evening meal.

The Youth Praise Team from First Baptist Church, Newbern, led the Sunday afternoon worship, with Mike McCullough, youth minister of First Baptist, leading the devotion.

On Sunday night all the males moved to First, Halls, and the females moved to Westside Baptist. Worship was



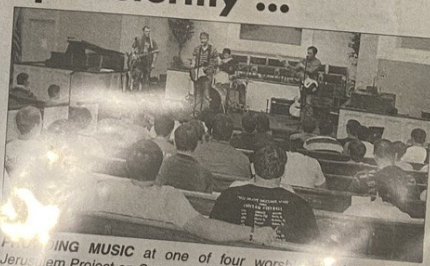
PARTICIPANTS OF the Jerusalem Project, from left, Dakota Kleistler, Sam Stephens, Randy Midkiff, and Cory O'Bryan replace lights at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center of Dyersburg State Community College. — Photo by Jessica Muse

led by an all-guy Praise Band and all-girl Praise Band from Baptist Collegiate Ministry at DSCC.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Carter were guest speakers to the two groups. Cary Carter is a veterinarian from Crockett County.

He spoke to the male assembly on "How To Be a Godly Man." Mrs. Carter spoke to the female gathering on "How To Be a Godly Woman."

Participants spent the night in the family life centers of the two churches, with church



PLAYING MUSIC at one of four worship services of the Jerusalem Project on Sunday evening are, from left, Seth Armour, Joshua Escue, Andrew Wright, and Cory O'Bryan. — Photo by Teresa Wright

members preparing breakfast for the groups on Monday morning. Student leaders from the DSCC BCM led morning devotions at each site before work teams left to begin their assignments.

The disaster relief cooking team prepared lunch. A group of volunteers from Mt. Vernon

Baptist Church in Halls prepared the hot lunches to work sites.

Teams met back for the closing ceremony in the Fellowship Building of First, Halls, at 4 p.m. after completing 34 projects "in spite of cold weather and thunderstorms," reported Cavness. □

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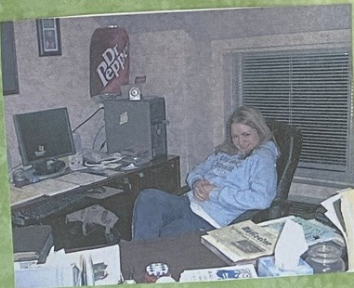
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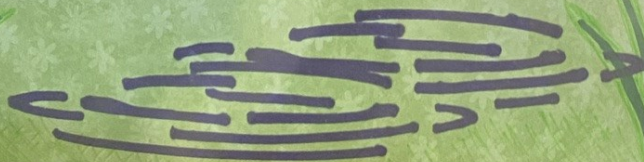
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The busier we are the
more leisure we have.
William Hazlitt



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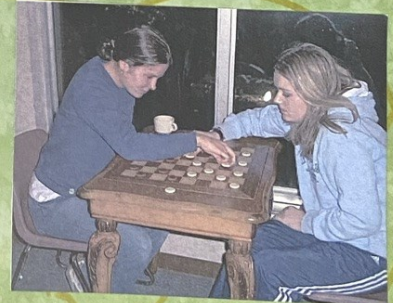




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to the ENDS of the EARTH!
Acts 1:8



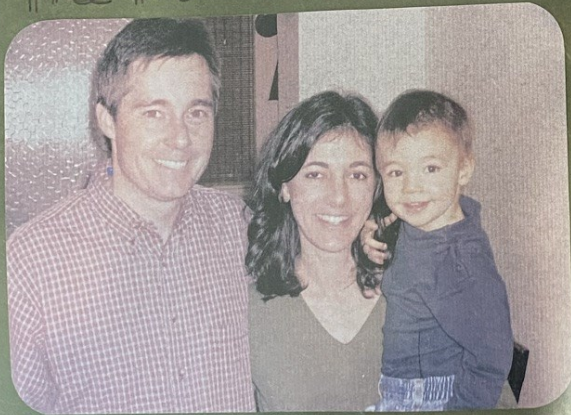
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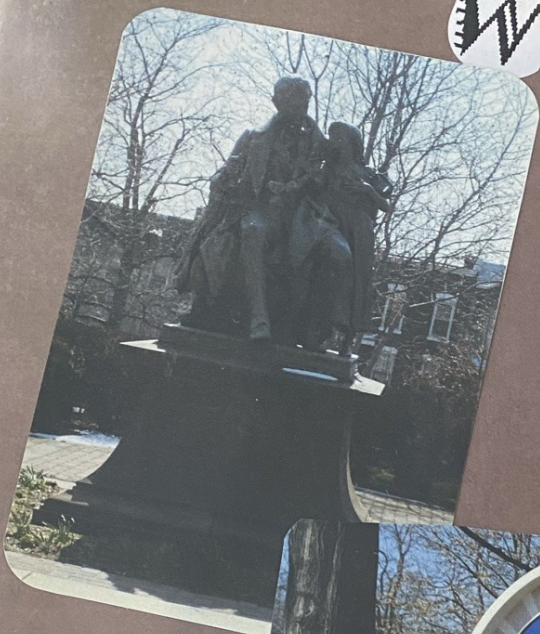
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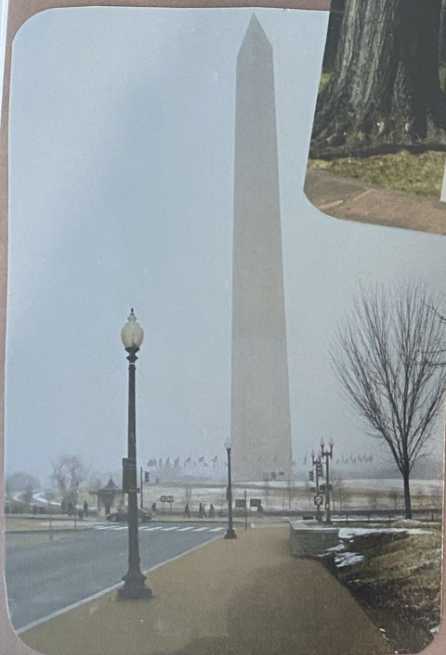
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fills our soul
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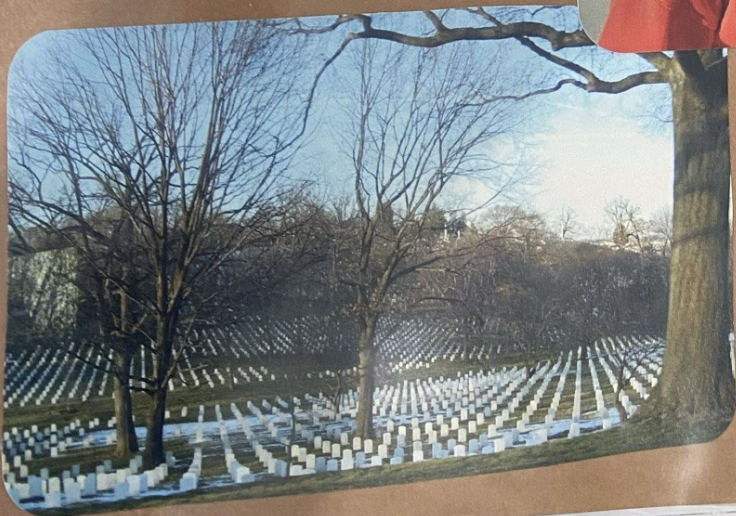


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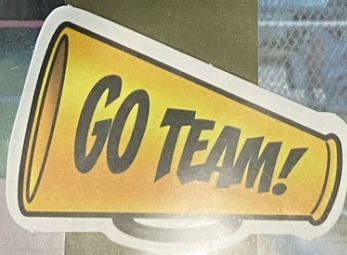


BLESSINGS



Create
YOUR OWN STORY.





Baptist Collegiate Ministries, DSCC, helps student find new faith

By Stan Cavness
For Baptist and Reflector

DYERSBURG — Mia Hartzog sat in classes each day on the campus of Dyersburg State Community College and suffered in silence for weeks. She was searching for answers, but didn't know where to turn. Hartzog had been raised in a family that attended the Jehovah's Witness church faithfully. Since she was 14 she began to suspect that something wasn't right about her family's religion. The more she studied, the more her heart ached for answers that she couldn't find in the Witness literature.

Then Hartzog began to see a group of students that would always come into class with a different perspective. And they were happy. She soon learned that they were involved in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Dyersburg State Community College.

"There were several stu-

dents that I would see in class every day," Hartzog said, "And they were always nice to everyone ... and they were just ... happy ... and they were just ... they were different. Whatever it was they had, I knew that's what I was missing in my life."

One day during the first few weeks of fall semester, she approached one of the students, Sam Stephens, president of the BCM at DSCC.

"I asked Sam," Hartzog remembers, "Why are you and your friends always so happy? And he didn't hesitate to say, 'We have Jesus in our heart! That just shocked me. I had never had anyone be so willing to just say, 'Jesus will change your life.'"

Hartzog and Stephens and several of the students began a one-on-one dialogue that lasted for weeks. Hartzog would ask questions. The BCM students would help her find answers in their Bibles. Stephens gave Hartzog a Bible, but she was

reluctant to take it, because she was afraid her family would get mad at her for having a Bible that wasn't a Jehovah's Witness bible. But she took it and kept it hidden for several months.

When the BCM sponsored "See You At the Pole" on the DSCC campus last September, Hartzog went and watched and listened as the students circled the DSCC campus flag pole and prayed for other students on the campus. They prayed for the faculty and the administration. They prayed for the community leaders and the national leaders.

"I had never seen so much love ... they were praying for everyone," she said. "And as they prayed for students on the campus who didn't know Jesus in a personal way, I realized that was me. I didn't know Jesus in a personal way."

Hartzog had been invited several times by the students to come to the BCM to the Bible studies and worship times and



HARTZOG

other activities, but she was always afraid to attend. She was afraid her family or other members of the Jehovah's Witness family would find out. Hartzog knew the consequences of meeting with anyone other than Jehovah's Witnesses.

"One thing they always stressed," she said, "They made us learn from the very beginning as children that the Jehovah's Witness Church is the one church that is right and everyone else is wrong. They always

talked down about everyone else and showed more anger than love. It was plain and simple, if you turn your back on the Jehovah's Witness, they turn their back on you. I was afraid that they would kick me out of the church and that my family would turn me away."

The students encouraged Hartzog to come to the BCM on Wednesday's at noon for the weekly meal, explaining that a lot of students came over just to eat lunch, more than just Baptist students. She finally got the courage to walk into the building for lunch.

By late fall, Hartzog had been reading her new Bible and started asking deep, doctrinal questions. She didn't know that the BCM students were praying for her regularly. Stephens asked BCM director Stan Cavness for guidance on how to best answer her questions and lead her to accept Jesus Christ. Cavness gave Stephens a copy of

the "Baptist Faith and Message" and suggested that Stephens meet with Hartzog with some of the other students away from the BCM, elsewhere on campus, and just slowly go through the different doctrines that Baptists believe. He suggested they look at each doctrine and read the scriptures that form that doctrine and help her get things sorted out slowly.

The students continued to meet with Hartzog and eventually began to pray with her about asking Jesus Christ to be her personal Lord and Savior. By the end of the semester, she began to come into the BCM to attend some of the Bible studies and worship events.

A few weeks before the end of the semester, Hartzog was talking to one of her friends who encouraged her to pray to ask

Jesus Christ to come into her heart, and then the friend left Hartzog alone to think about what they had been talking about.

"I knew that all those things I had been taught all my life were wrong," Hartzog said, "I didn't have any peace in my life. ... I just prayed, Lord, I need you to change me. I want you to be the Lord of my life and forgive me of my sins and make me a new person."

Hartzog couldn't wait to share her decision with her friends. She immediately began to get involved in all the BCM activities and Bible studies. Every day she would sit in the BCM lounge and read her Bible and talk with the other students about what God was doing in her life.

As the semester ended and all the students prepared for

Christmas break, Hartzog knew that there was one more thing she had to do.

"I knew I had to tell my family and my old church about my decision," Hartzog said, "I was totally different person since I had invited Jesus Christ into my life. Since I have been reading my Bible I knew that it was my responsibility to tell others about Jesus Christ, and I had to tell my family."

Hartzog told her church leaders of her decision and they immediately put her out of that fellowship. She told her family about how Jesus Christ was God's Son and had died for her so she wouldn't be separated from God by sin. She encouraged her mother to let her share with her about Jesus Christ. But the fears she had were real. Hartzog's family told her to get her things and leave the house immediately.

"The way I look at it is this: They're lost. They don't know any better. They don't have Jesus Christ in their heart. I'm not angry at them. I just have to keep trying and maybe one day they'll let me talk to them. I keep sending my mom cards letting her know I'm doing fine, and I tell her that Jesus Christ has changed my life," Hartzog says.

"My family won't have anything to do with me, they've cut me off totally," she said.

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day at Wal-Mart and all she would say was, "Well ... you do look happy."

"I told her as she walked away from me, Mom, I am happy. Jesus Christ has given me a peace I've never known before."

Hartzog also learned that God has a plan for her life. When her family

When her family turned her out, she had no where to live. It was during Christmas break, and her family had put her on the street. She stayed for a few days with a girl she had met at Dyersburg State. But God provided a long term answer.

One of the student resident managers at the BCM moved out at Christmas to get married. So the other girls and Cavness asked Hartzog if she wanted to move into the BCM.

Hartzog has since been baptized and joined Three Oaks Chapel Baptist Church, Dyersburg, and the fellowship of believers has welcomed her and loves her dearly. She has been a faithful member, attends the college, and career Sunday School class, and has helped use her talents in American sign language to help with a new deaf ministry at the church.

Hartzog graduated from Dyersburg State Community College in the spring and will be entering the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall.

She has already visited the BCM at UTM and plans on spending a lot of time there the next couple of years. □ — Cavanaugh is Baptist Collegiate Ministry director at Dyersburg State Community College.



SAM STEPHENS was awarded recently the Pneuma Award of BCM, DSCC, for displaying the spirit of the BCM last year, and was awarded the BCM Leadership Award. Min Hartzog was presented the BCM Journeyman Award for remaining faithful in spite of the trials of her life.