

BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE

CAMPUS MINISTRY SIX-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2002-03 THROUGH 2007-08

DEPARTMENT PURPOSE

The Campus Ministry Program will assist the College in advancing its Christian distinctiveness through activities, program, events, and opportunities for Christian service and missions that will prepare students for meaningful service in their local, regional, and global communities.

OBJECTIVE

Campus ministry will provide opportunities for students to participate in mission trips, ministry activities and worship events.

ACTION PLAN

- Campus ministry will provide weekly worship and bible study opportunities.
- Campus ministry will sponsor a least one campus wide evangelistic event per school year.
- Campus ministry will provide semester break opportunities for students to be involved in off-campus mission trips.
- Campus ministry will provide opportunities for students to be involved in local, regional and global mission projects.
- Campus ministry will provide opportunities for students to be involved in community mission projects.

ASSESSMENT

Campus minister will provide monthly reports on these activities and programs to the Director of Student Activities, Dean of Students and Vice President for Enrollment Management. These reports will show numbers of students involved and mission/ministry results.

RESPONSIBILITY

Campus Minister, Dean of Students, and Vice President for Enrollment Services.

TIME

Annually

RESOURCES

Time and annually budgeted funds

RELATED TO

Institutional Goal No. 4

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RESULTS & RESPONSES—2002-03

OBJECTIVE

Campus ministry will provide opportunities for students to participate in mission trips, ministry activities and worship events.

RESULTS

The last academic year has been a period of transition for Campus Ministry due to a change in leadership concerning the Campus Minister. The previous Campus Minister retired during the fall semester and was officially finished with his ministry in December. Due to certain circumstances, the new Campus Minister did not start until April creating a gap in leadership and direction.

In an effort to fulfill its purpose and reach the objective, Campus Ministry sought to provide various opportunities for spiritual growth and development during the last academic year. These events allowed Campus Ministry to make at least one contact with over one hundred twenty of the six hundred plus students on Brewton-Parker College's main campus. On Monday night of each week, Campus Ministry hosted a weekly worship consisting of music, drama, and biblical teaching. The beginning weeks of the fall semester, following a normal pattern, were the largest attendance of the academic year, over one hundred. This pattern is typically attributed to the new students trying to discover their place within the school. As the year progressed, the number of students attending the weekly worship meetings leveled. This number averaged from sixty-five to eighty-six in the fall and spring semesters. Though weekly worship was the main emphasis for the past year, other weekly events were part of the program. The campus minister met each week with the leadership team, consisting of eight students, for a time of training, accountability, and business. Dorm bible studies were also held each week with twenty-nine students involved throughout the year. Neither the studies nor evangelistic opportunities were strongly emphasized.

Various mission opportunities were offered throughout the year. On a weekly basis, mission teams were sent to local nursing homes and the boys and girls club. Only about fourteen students participated in these weekly events. The winter mission trip had a few more participants. Over their Christmas break, seventeen students went to Jacksonville, Florida to work with children and other needs based ministries. Several of these students are returning to Jacksonville for the summer to continue the work there. The spring break mission trip met several difficulties. The students did not have a campus minister to sponsor the trip and take care of the administrative duties involved in planning a mission trip. Yet, eight students arranged their own trip and spent the week in Montgomery, Alabama. This summer several students are working in local churches in

this area and their home areas, several are going to other states to serve, and one will be serving in Africa.

RESPONSE

Based upon the data shown in the Semester reports, the following modifications are needed:

- Student Leadership for Campus Ministry will consist of 12 Students during the next academic as opposed to 8 in the previous year.
- Campus Ministry will provide evangelistic training in an effort to encourage evangelistic projects on campus and fulfill Action Plan #2.
- Campus Ministry will build an ongoing Discipleship program to encourage greater participation of students.
- Campus Ministry will seek to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities.

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RESULTS & RESPONSES—2003-04

OBJECTIVE

Campus ministry will provide opportunities for students to participate in mission trips, ministry activities and worship events.

RESULTS

The 2003-2004 academic year has been a period of learning for the new Campus Minister as he ventured through his first full year of ministry at Brewton-Parker College.

In a continued effort to fulfill its purpose and reach the objective, Campus Ministry provided various opportunities for spiritual growth and development during the last academic year. These events allowed Campus Ministry to make at least one contact with approximately one hundred thirty of the six hundred plus students on Brewton Parker's main campus.

Throughout the year, Campus Ministry sought to extend their emphasis to other ministry areas as opposed to focusing on a single area. Based on conversations and interviews with students the Monday night gathering has become the central emphasis of Campus Ministry. A stronger emphasis is needed in other areas to provide a balanced ministry to the student body.

- *Campus Ministry will build an ongoing Discipleship program to encourage greater participation of students.*

Campus Ministry continued to host a weekly worship consisting of music, drama, and Biblical teaching every Monday night during the academic year. The beginning weeks of the Fall semester, following a normal pattern, were the largest attendance of the academic year, over one hundred. This pattern is typically attributed to the new students trying to discover their place within the school. As the year progressed, the number of students attending the weekly worship meetings leveled. This number averaged from seventy-five to ninety in the fall and spring semesters, which is a slight increase from last year.

Dorm bible studies were also held each week with fifty-five students involved. However, the studies had the tendency to decline overtime and the leaders of the small groups became discouraged.

- *Student Leadership for Campus Ministry will consist of 12 Students during the next academic as opposed to 8 in the previous year.*

By increasing from eight to twelve, Campus Ministry sought to further implement a broader emphasis. Although the campus minister met each week with the leadership team for a time of training, accountability, and business, this increase alone proved to be insufficient in spreading the emphasis.

- *Campus Ministry will provide evangelistic training in an effort to encourage evangelistic projects on campus and fulfill Action Plan #2.*

Some evangelistic outreach was achieved through the Monday night gathering. Over the academic year seven students came to know Christ at the meetings. However, this factor adds to the problem of broader emphasis. A couple of evangelistic events were held outside of the Monday meetings but there is a greater need in the training of individual students.

- *Campus Ministry will seek to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities.*

In an effort to broaden the emphasis, a strong push was made towards a Missions emphasis. Various mission opportunities were offered throughout the year. On a weekly basis, mission teams consisting of five to six students were sent to local nursing homes. Once a month, ten to twelve students were involved with an on-going ministry in a lower income community near the campus. Over their Christmas Break, six students went to Smyrna, Tennessee to work with Wherry Housing Ministry, a ministry that helps abused mothers get a new start through providing low rent housing and counseling. The Spring Break trip had a new variation this year. Instead of the normal one team, campus ministry sent out two separate teams. A team of sixteen students went to Raleigh, North Carolina and worked with Mission Raleigh, a ministry focused on reaching children and families. The second team consisting of eleven students traveled to Queretaro, Mexico and worked with International Mission Board Missionaries in church planting efforts. This summer eight students are serving in Georgia, going to other states to serve, and one will be serving in Africa through the Georgia Baptist Collegiate Ministries department. Several are working in local churches in this area and their home areas or through camps sponsored by Lifeway.

RESPONSE

Based upon the data shown in the Semester reports and the results of changes established last academic year, the following modifications are needed:

- Student Leadership for Campus Ministry will consist of a new format. This year, student leadership will follow a team style leadership approach to ministry as opposed to a council style approach. Therefore, the leadership will consist of twenty-two students serving on two teams with specific ministry goals as opposed to twelve differing leadership positions with no commonality.
- Campus Ministry will become more consistent in teaching on Monday nights by using the Campus Minister as the main speaker along with others who are closely connected to the campus.
- Campus Ministry will continue provide evangelistic training in an effort to encourage evangelistic projects on campus and fulfill Action Plan #2.
- Campus Ministry will become more focused on Discipleship through specific goal-oriented small groups and leadership training.

- Campus Ministry will continue to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities and seek to provide students with greater number opportunities.

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RESULTS & RESPONSES – 2004-05

OBJECTIVE

Campus Ministry will provide opportunities for students to participate in mission trips, ministry activities, and worship events.

RESULTS

The 2004-2005 academic year has been a period of changes in the structure and organization of Campus Ministry affecting both leadership and programming. During this process, Campus Ministry continued to provide a comprehensive program for spiritual growth and development in an effort to fulfill its purpose and objective. The various events and ministries enabled the Campus Ministry Department to make contact with at least one contact with one hundred and fifty of six hundred fifty plus students on the Mount Vernon campus of Brewton-Parker College.

Throughout the year, Campus Ministry continued to pursue the goal of extending their emphasis beyond the scope of a single focus ministry. Based on conversations with students, faculty, and staff, some success has been achieved within this effort; but the need to continue the emphasis still exists.

- *Student Leadership for Campus Ministry will consist of a new format. This year, student leadership will follow a team style leadership approach to ministry as opposed to a council style approach. Therefore, the leadership will consist of twenty-two students serving on two teams with specific ministry goals as opposed to twelve differing leadership positions with no commonality.*

Switching from a council approach to a team approach in our leadership proved to be a valuable transition. The increase in team members also helped in further implementing our ministry goals and emphasis. However, the new format seemed to be deficient in obtaining a broader ministry impact on the campus.

- *Campus Ministry will become more consistent in teaching on Monday nights by using the Campus Minister as the main speaker along with others who are closely connected to the campus.*

Although Campus Ministry has sought to move away from Monday nights as their primary emphasis, it still remains as a valuable part of the overall ministry structure. Because of its integral part in the ministry, Campus Ministry sought to focus the emphasis by limiting the number of outside speakers and by using the Campus Minister and other campus personalities in

the program. This arrangement enabled the program to be more centered on specific discipleship goals. Due to unforeseen situations, the goal was not achieved as quickly as had been planned. A larger number of outside speakers than desired were used in the fall semester allowing only two speaking opportunities for the campus minister and three for others connected with the campus. This pattern transitioned in the spring semester providing a greater opportunity for achieving the goal. During this semester, the campus minister along with student speakers provided over two-thirds of the program for the semester.

- *Campus Ministry will continue provide evangelistic training in an effort to encourage evangelistic projects on campus and fulfill Action Plan #2.*

Once again, some evangelistic outreach was achieved on the campus through the multiple programs. Over the year, three students came to know Christ through the various ministries. There is still a greater need for outreach to our campus in order to successfully minister to the various students that comprise our school.

- *Campus Ministry will become more focused on Discipleship through specific goal-oriented small groups and leadership training.*

Small groups have been a constant challenge on the campus. Each semester several small groups are started and each semester several small groups end prematurely due to inconsistency in the leaders and the participants. In effort to resolve this issue, the campus minister began a couple of intense discipleship and accountability groups for men, helped student leaders start a ministry specific group for women, and started a ministry program designed to intentionally disciple leaders and formulate strong and consistent small groups.

- *Campus Ministry will continue to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities and seek to provide students with greater number opportunities.*

The Missions emphasis on Brewton-Parker's campus continues to grow through continual promotion of mission opportunities and awareness. Various opportunities for participation in Missions were offered throughout the year. Once a month ten to fifteen students were involved in a local mission project in a lower income community near the main campus. Over the Christmas break, twenty-one students traveled to Ft. Ogden, Florida to help in disaster relief of damage caused by one of the several hurricanes the previous summer-fall season. Spring break provided another unique variation this year. Through Campus ministry and our Christianity department, our campus sponsored three different mission teams for Spring Break. One team of six students traveled with Dr. Hal Ostrander to Minsk, Belarus where they were trained along side of Belarusian Seminary students in Apologetics during a morning session. In the afternoons, they used their training to share with non-

Christians in Belarus. Another team consisted of eleven students traveling to Nicaragua. Throughout the week these student hiked and camped in order to distribute Bibles and show the Jesus video to remote villages in the mountains of Nicaragua. The third group, a group of twenty-six students, traveled back to Ft. Ogden to continue helping in the disaster relief effort for that area. Over the summer, fourteen students from Brewton-Parker are serving on the mission field through The Georgia Baptist Collegiate Ministries' Summer Missions program. Several others are working in local churches in this area and through camps sponsored by Lifeway.

RESPONSE

Based upon the data shown in the Semester reports and the results of changes established last academic year, the following modifications are needed:

- Student Leadership for Campus Ministry is still in transition and needs to undergo a few more changes. This year, student leadership will continue to follow team style leadership approach. However, the teams will transition in their purpose and format. The leadership will consist of twenty-six students serving on two teams with specific ministry areas.
- Campus Ministry will further develop an intentional discipleship program in order to encourage a greater participation from the student body with small groups and leadership development.
- Campus Ministry will become more intentional in its outreach effort both to the campus and the community by seeking to develop vital relationships with specific people.
- Campus Ministry will continue to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities and seek to provide students with greater number opportunities.

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RESULTS & RESPONSES—2005-06

OBJECTIVE

Campus Ministry will provide opportunities for students to participate in mission trips, ministry activities, and worship events.

RESULTS

The 2005-2006 academic year has been a period of stability and growth in the leadership structure and student participation in the Campus Ministry program. During this year, Campus Ministry continued to develop a comprehensive approach for spiritual growth and development in an effort to fulfill its purpose and objective. Through an assortment of events and ministries, the Campus Ministry Department made at least one contact with one hundred and sixty-five of six hundred fifty plus students on the Mount Vernon campus of Brewton-Parker College.

Throughout the year, Campus Ministry continued to pursue the goal of extending their emphasis beyond the scope of a single focus ministry. Based on conversations with students, faculty, and staff, some success has been achieved within this effort; but the need to continue the emphasis still exists.

- *Student Leadership for Campus Ministry is still in transition and needs to undergo a few more changes. This year, student leadership will continue to follow team style leadership approach. However, the teams will transition in their purpose and format. The leadership will consist of twenty-six students serving on two teams with specific ministry areas.*

Dividing the leadership into two teams with specific ministry objectives proved to be a valuable asset to our ministry. This transition seemed to help in the retention of students within the ministry throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. The increase in team members also helped in further implementing our ministry goals and emphasis. However, the greater number of leaders within the ministry contained some logistical issues in accountability with their responsibilities.

- *Ministry will further develop an intentional discipleship program in order to encourage a greater participation from the student body with small groups and leadership development.*

Discipleship groups have been a struggle for the last two years. This past year was no exception. The difficulty seems to center around student participation but is not the totality of the situation. Strong leadership within the groups is the key to success. The groups with leaders who were actively involved with their group members achieved committed participation and growth throughout

the year. Also, dividing the discipleship strategy into gender specific areas attributed to some successes in involvement.

- *Campus Ministry will become more intentional in its outreach effort both to the campus and the community by seeking to develop vital relationships with specific people.*

On the campus and throughout the community, existing relationships have further developed and new relationships have been created. The campus relationships have provided opportunity for discipleship and growth of the students as well as evangelistic opportunities throughout the campus. As new people become a part of our campus community, developing relationships with them is vitally important to achieving the objectives for Campus Ministry. The development of community relationships is equally important. This area is always expanding and will continue to do so.

- *Campus Ministry will continue to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities and seek to provide students with greater number opportunities.*

The Missions emphasis on Brewton-Parker's campus continues to grow through continual promotion of mission opportunities and awareness. Various opportunities for participation in Missions were offered throughout the year. Over the Christmas break, twenty-six students traveled to Pascagoula, MS to help in disaster relief of damage caused by Hurricane Katrina the previous fall season. Every year, Spring break provides another wonderful opportunity to engage students in missions. Through Campus ministry and our Christianity department, our campus sponsored three different mission teams for Spring Break. One team of four students traveled with Dr. Hal Ostrander to Russia where they were trained along side of Russian students in Apologetics. Another team consisted of eleven students and the Campus Minister traveling to Nicaragua. Campus Ministry has partnered with the IMB Missionary in Nicaragua to make it an annual trip. Throughout the week, these students hiked and camped in order to distribute Bibles and show the Jesus video to remote villages in the mountains of Nicaragua. The third group, a group of twenty-two students and two local pastors, traveled to Biloxi, MS to continue helping in the disaster relief effort for that area. Over the summer, six students from Brewton-Parker, the Campus Minister's wife, and the Campus Minister are serving on the mission field through The Georgia Baptist Collegiate Ministries' Summer Missions program. Several others are working in local churches in this area and through camps sponsored by Lifeway.

Response:

Based upon the data shown in the Semester reports and the results of changes established last academic year, the following modifications are needed:

- Student Leadership for Campus Ministry is always developing and in transition. This year, student leadership will continue to be divided into to specific ministry areas, one focusing on programs and one focusing on relational ministry. However, the Ministry team will undergo some re-formatting in order to more effectively reach the student body. The leadership will consist of twenty-five students serving on the two teams.
- Campus Ministry will further develop an intentional discipleship program focusing on small group development through ministry teams and gender specific programming.
- Campus Ministry will continue to provide evangelistic training in an effort to encourage evangelistic projects on campus and fulfill Action Plan #2 and will become more intentional in its outreach effort to the community by continuing to develop vital relationships with specific people.
- Campus Ministry will continue to raise mission awareness in order to encourage greater participation of students in local, regional, and global mission opportunities and seek to provide students with greater number opportunities.
- Campus Ministry will seek to re-develop and provide a combined program that provides outreach and encouragement to international students and athletes on our campus.