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AROUND THE SOR: MINISTRY UPDATES

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- For more information on March short term service opportunities, visit the CSER homepage or click [here](#).
- Join fellow students as they petition God for missions around the world, Monday-Friday at 5 p.m. in RH 117.
- Last week, Dr. Donald Alban Sr. taught a course on Islam at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Budapest. As a result, he was able to recruit two men for the Intercultural Studies. What an encouragement!

The Center for Women's Ministries sponsored an exhibit with the Office of Student Care focusing on National Eating Disorder Awareness, Feb. 23-25. This 3-day exhibit "Expressions from the Inside Out: a Journal Towards Renewal," was open to both males and females, campus wide. Statistics reveal a growing number of students struggle with body image and health related issues. Hundreds of students walked through the exhibit held in the Center for Women's Ministries. Women's Ministry students in CHMN 403 (Professional Orientation for Women in Ministry) participated in putting up the exhibit as part of their course assignment. On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Center for Women's Ministries partici-

pated in a campus wide Women's Health and Wellness Seminar. Approximately 500 young women attended this event. The speakers included: Dr. Monica Rose, Dr. Bev Mahoney, Donna Barber and Terri Page, RN. This event served as an excellent recruitment tool as many students were made aware of the Women's Ministry program. On March 1-2, author and speaker, Dave Sterrett will be guest lecturing to Women's Ministry students on "The Influence of Oprah's Spirituality on Women." Women's Ministry students in CHMN 220, (Survey of Women's Ministry) are reading the book, "O" God: A Dialogue on Truth and Oprah's Spirituality, written by Dave Sterrett and Josh McDowell for extra

credit. On March 29-30, Women's Ministry specialist and author, Mrs. Chris Adams, from LifeWay Christian Resources will be addressing Women's Ministry students. Women's Ministry students will have the opportunity to discuss with Mrs. Adams about current trends in women's ministries, as well as, practical tips in ministering to women in the local church. Over 10 young ladies have prayed to receive Christ in the Christian Life and Evangelism for Women (EVAN 101-004) class thus far this semester! Many are making decisions to go into full time ministry. We are so excited about what the Lord continues to do in the Center for Women's Ministries. We believe the best is yet to come!



YOUTH MINISTRIES SPRING EVENTS

A new semester ushers in new events for the Center for Youth Ministries. During the fall semester, much of our focus is on Scaremare, but throughout the spring we look forward to Youth Emphasis Week and focusing on our youth ministry programs. The first event of the semester and new year for the Center for Youth Ministries involved participating in College for a Weekend in February. Staff and students attended the Getting to Know You session on Friday, Feb. 19, and connected with many potential students. This event provided the opportunity to present the purpose and vision of our pro-

gram to prospective students. The Center for Youth Ministries will facilitate the annual Youth Emphasis week March 29th through April 2nd. The keynote speaker for the week is Josh McDowell who will speak at convocation on Wednesday, preceded by John Stonestreet of Summit Ministries on Monday. Included in the Youth Emphasis Week activities, the Center for Youth Ministries will also hold the first ever Youth Ministry Luncheon on April 1. This event is being organized in order to host and facilitate relationships with area youth leaders and pastors,

as well as including many of our youth ministry alumni. The faculty of the CYM will be discussing internship and ministry opportunities for local churches, introducing new Youth Ministry classes in Adventure Leadership and Outdoor Ministry, and answering questions about Scaremare. The faculty and staff of the Center for Youth Ministries are looking forward to the opportunities awaiting us this spring.



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CHURCH MINISTRIES



From L to R: Timothy Dushaw, Caleb Rebsamen, Colton Spahr, Luke Seavers

Liberty University was born through the ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church in 1971. Dr. Falwell strongly believed in and promoted the local church, pastoring TRBC until his home going in 2007. During his years of ministry, he was also instrumental in helping young pastors to plant churches all over the world. His vision for the local church is evident here at Liberty University. Over 600 Liberty Univer-

sity students have been actively serving this year in local church ministries throughout the United States and even internationally. LU students have volunteered to serve in well over 200 different church ministries in 27 states. By the end of this academic year these LU students will have provided over 25,000 hours of volunteer service. Local church leaders consistently remark that LU students provide valuable

service for the work of Jesus Christ in their churches. LU students serve in a variety of ways in local churches. Some students evangelize the lost and disciple new believers. Others teach the Word of God to adults, teens, or children. Still other students are involved in leading worship in church services, playing instruments, or singing in the choir. Some set up church facilities; others run sound systems;

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUED

still others clean the church building. Summer camp ministries, youth retreats, college outreach ministries, and church mission trips are also some of the acts of service that LU students perform. AWANA, church nurseries, babysitting for MOPS groups, and other children's ministries provide real service to churches who need extra help. One student wrote, "I learned young girls really look up to girls my age. I am a role model whether I want to be or not and I need to represent Christ through all my words and actions." Local churches are also reaching out to the poor and needy. LU students help feed the hungry through their local churches and learn to see people through Jesus' eyes. One student wrote, "I learned to communicate with both believers and unbelievers. I also learned

to visit the needy and share with them how good God is and how God is always with them in these times of their needs." Thank you, Liberty students for being a part of this service to local churches all over the nation and the world!



L to R: (front row) Daniel Link, Zaier Harden, Timothy Dushaw, Luke Seavers, Colton Spahr, Brett Jordan (back row) Caleb Rebsamen, Brad Mitchell



On February 28, 2010, Dr. Towns' new book, The Daniel Fast, will be available in stores. Towns introduces readers to the spiritual, physical and mental basics of the Daniel Fast, coaching them through either a 10-day or 21-day period of renewal. Dr. Towns addresses practical questions, such as what to eat and when, as well as how to pray effectively. Read-

ers will learn how to encounter God during their fast, how to worship through self-discipline and how to pray for specific answers. They will also explore the role of weeping, repentance and spiritual warfare in their life of faith. "You'll love the menus for each day of your fast by John P. Perkins, internationally known executive chef. However, remember the admonition

of Jesus that your answer comes with BOTH "prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:21)," Towns said. "Let me remind you that fasting in the original language is continuous action. So fast and pray more than once, and fast with prayer for more than one day. Daniel fasted for both 10 and 21 days."

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