STUDENT PROFILE: BRENTON LEHMAN

Senior Brenton Lehman is the creative machine and go-to for Dr. Gabriel Etzel, “I basically help Dr. Etzel with the creative ideas for his classes as well as gathering resources for him to draw from.” Majoring in Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Exposition, Brenton hopes to continue his education with the Liberty University Theological Seminary. Currently, Brenton and friends, are assisting in the Hope-Aglow church plant in Lynchburg. This ministry specifically reaches the downtown areas that are easily overlooked. Along with his duties at work and with Hope-Aglow ministries, Brenton is also in his third year of being an RA. Brenton proudly describes his father as the most influential person in his life. “My dad allowed me to see his mistakes and struggles and I was able to see how he grew from them. His positive growth was evidence of his relationship with the Lord.” Brenton has enjoyed his time in the School of Religion, stating that he is extremely, “confident in the education for those that are coming after me.” Brenton has also had the opportunity to build relationships with the School of Religion faculty and has, “gained experience, wisdom, and knowledge.”

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES UPDATE

The Center for Women’s Ministries was honored to have author Dave Sterrett to guest lecture in all Women’s Ministry courses on October 13. Sterrett, a Liberty University graduate, recently wrote the book, “O God: A Dialogue on Truth and Oprah’s Spirituality, with co-author, Josh McDowell. The female students listened intently concerning the discussion on relativism vs. absolute truth. This spring semester the Center for Women’s Ministries will launch a new course offering, CHMN 497, Health Issues for Women in Ministry, to be taught by Health Promotions Professor, Dr. Beverly Ma-Honey. Dr. Monica Rose will be traveling to LifeWay Christian Resources November 11 – 13 to attend a Women’s Leadership Forum. She will be meeting with key women’s ministry leaders to discuss current issues among women today and ministry methodology. Many of our female students have already found internships for the summer 2010. Several women’s ministry students will be serving as interns in the Center for Women’s Ministries this spring 2010 semester. The Center for Women’s Ministries continues to see an overwhelming interest in this field. We look forward to many more young women graduating and beginning service in the local church.
CSER: Focus on CampusSERVE

The Christian community service component of Liberty's curriculum serves to affirm the Christian worldview and provide a practical expression of God's love for all mankind. Students find many ways to fulfill this requirement, but one of the most popular outlets for service is CampusSERVE. CampusSERVE is a Lynchburg community oriented Christian Community Service that exists to help students, staff, faculty, and volunteers to become involved in their community. Students and CampusSERVE leaders have a passion to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, desiring to lead, love, build, train, and send people from Lynchburg into a life of dynamic Christian growth and spiritual multiplication. Students meet in Demoss 1114 at 10am, every Saturday morning that school is in session. From there, volunteers meet and travel together to different sites including eight urban sites, two elderly care sites, one service project, prayer site, and one evangelism and discipleship site. CampusSERVE is a ministry for all people with all kinds of gifts and all kinds of passions to do something they care about now.

From the Desk of the Dean

Dr. Elmer Towns will once again be published as he is releasing a book November 1, 2009, which is published by Destiny Image Publishers of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. The book is entitled How God Answers Prayer. This is the first in a series of seven books on the “How to Pray” series. The book How God Answers Prayer, is unusual in that it looks at prayer from God’s prospective, not from a human perspective. Most of the books in this series on prayer talk about what we must do to get our prayers answered. This latest book by Dr. Towns looks at prayer from God’s perspective, what He must do and why He does not answer many of the prayers we pray. Chapters 36-48 discuss why God sometimes does not answer our prayers. There are a total of 48 chapters in this book.

Center for Global Ministries Update

The Men’s Hockey team will be in Moscow this Christmas, working with either Samaritan’s Purse or Gleaning the World. On New Year’s Eve, they will be playing in an America vs. Russia game. The final day they will be at the Kremlin, sightseeing for the remainder of the trip where they will then be leaving for the U.S. and going to Towson University and returning back to Liberty.

The second Missionary Kid bonfire will be held November 7, 2009. This will be the second MK bonfire hosted by the CGM. The bonfire will include games, food, hot drinks, and a movie on the lawn. This is a great opportunity for MK’s to meet one another, build relationships, and to fellowship. If you are interested in attending the MK bonfire, contact the Center for Global Ministries.

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