# Newsletter December 2024 Baptist Campus Ministry



This school year has already seen profound movements of the Holy Spirit on all nine campuses where BCM is present. With two new campuses, three new Associates in Ministry, dozens of student leaders, and hundreds of college students being reached with the Gospel, we are in awe of all God is doing.

The Lord has been faithful to provide generous believers who are giving their time, prayers, and financial support to BCM. Will you join them in the New Year?

**By committing to give \$25 each month of 2025**, you will be helping young adults meet Jesus and walk with Him. Ten people giving \$25 for '25 supports an entire BCM campus for a year. Fifteen people giving \$25 for '25 would make meals at Beach Week free for every student who attends. And if 25 people give \$25 for '25, students would be able to serve the Kingdom of God on a mission trip free of cost.

If you would like to join the \$25 for '25 campaign, visit <u>wvbcm.com/give</u>. Thank you for helping BCM pursue its mission: *Changing Lives that Change the World*.

## Fresh new group "takes off" at University of Charleston ILori James



BCM at UC made a comeback at the beginning of the fall 2024 semester, and we've already been blessed by all God has done so far. At Eaglefest, an open house for organizations the first day of classes, we met new students and gave away a college survival kit. Our small but mighty group meets every Monday at 5:30 in the 7th floor lounge of Clay Tower. The students chose to study the book of Job, and our discussions on the book have been insightful and thought-provoking. Once a month, we have a guest speaker. We were delighted to have the State Director of BCM, Rob Ely, as our first guest speaker.

We look forward to growth in numbers, but we look more forward to deep spiritual growth and strengthened relationships with our Savior.

### Students at Tech revisit the Creation story up close I Anthony Pratt

Earlier this year, the BCM students at WVU Tech were able to visit the Ark Encounter and Petting Zoo, thanks to the churches that support our ministry: Crab Orchard, Beckley First, and Handley, and the churches who support BCM in their budget!

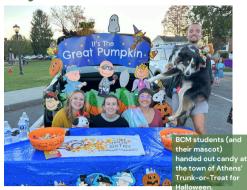
Nathaniel Carlton, one of the students who attended, says, "My favorite part aside from the fellowship with friends was witnessing up close the ingenuity of God's design. And witnessing valid arguments from outside sources that questioned the legitimacy of the Bible was fascinating. Despite the arguments having good points, every one of them had a biblical counter and they became useful weapons of defense in my 'arsenal of faith'."



# Growth and fellowship at Concord University |Laurie Starcher

Concord BCM was revived this year by student leader Emma Londeree, who worked with Rob Ely to reestablish this vital ministry. As the Associate for CU, I've been privileged to serve alongside Emma and several other students to grow this ministry. This semester we had around 12 students each week. We studied the foundations of our faith by using the Five Solas of the Protestant Reformation. After the message, students broke into small groups for discussion in the same manner as may campuses do for iTeams.

We participated in the student organization festival and worked together with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for a recreation night with food and games and a joint worship service the week before Thanksgiving break. FCA and BCM plan to work together in the future to reach each student on



campus for Christ. This partnership allows students to attend both ministries and establish a faith community on campus. For the spring semester, Pastor Ethan Starcher will bring the message each week. Concord is bursting with potential and we're excited to see what God does next. Please continue to pray for each student, student leader, Ethan, and myself.

### **Prayer Focus:**

- Opportunities for ministry New & returning students for spring
- semester Student leadership at each campus Associates and volunteers: past.
- current and future

### Help us connect with students!

Do you know a student at one of these campuses?

- **Concord University**
- Davis & Elkins College
- **Glenville State University** Fairmont State University
- Marshall University
- Potomac State College
- University of Charleston
- West Virginia University
- WVU Institute of Technology

Help us get in contact with them!

Send their info to Kayla at 304-422-6449 or kayla@wvbc.org.

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Marshall University BCM Class of 2017

### Alumni Spotlight

Baptist Campus Ministry provided me with a true example of what Biblical community should look like. It was such a bright spot in my college experience and truly shaped me into the person I am today.

I don't think I'd want to know what my life would look like without BCM. The people I met there have become my child's godparents, my neighbors, and the true community that points me closer to Jesus.

Fondest BCM Memories: My senior year we took a mission trip to Bolivia. My perspective of Christianity and who God is widened so much from that trip in getting out of my comfort zone of Appalachia.

Advice to current students: Don't take it for granted! This is a time in your life that you are surrounded by believers your age. Continue to invest in friendships and live authentically with each other.

> Help us connect with other BCM alumni! bit.ly/BCM-Alumni

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