

Baptist Campus Ministry

In Loving Memory of Frank “Buzz” Harrison



For decades, Baptist Campus Ministry has been *Changing Lives that Change the World* on college campuses throughout West Virginia. Tens of thousands of students have heard the gospel. Thousands have been discipled. Students from more than a hundred different countries have experienced the love of Christ first-hand. But none of that would have been possible without the help of the first Executive Director of BCM, **Frank “Buzz” Harrison**.

When he accepted the call to lead BCM in its infancy in 1974, Buzz didn’t know how many lives he would impact. Fresh off a tour in Vietnam where he served as an Army doctor, Buzz began his work at Fairmont State College and ministered on nine different campuses across the state. His goal was to “encourage students to grow in their faith, apply it in real life and ensure that every decision included Jesus.” He also placed a high priority on relationships, understanding that investment took time.

Stand in any of WVBC’s 350+ churches and throw a stone—you’re bound to hit someone whose life has been changed thanks to BCM and Buzz’s work in ministry. Many pastors,

teachers and current leaders of BCM sat under Buzz’s teaching in his ten years as Executive Director and saw him as a mentor and friend.

Buzz went home to be with the Lord on Christmas Day 2024. Our hearts grieve with Buzz’s family and loved ones but we rejoice that Buzz is in the presence of the Father. In lieu of flowers, Buzz asked for those wanting to honor him to make a donation to his first ministry, BCM. If you are interested in giving a gift in Buzz’s memory, fill out the slip on the back of this newsletter, or visit wvbcm.com/give.

Changing Lives that Change the World... | Ema Lilly, WVU '24

After being a part of BCM for three years, joining an I-team, being on the leadership team, becoming an I-team leader, attending other BCM events beyond the main group nights, and truly understanding what community is, BCM’s motto, *Changing Lives that Change the World*, became incredibly meaningful to me. As believers in Christ, our calling is to share the GOOD NEWS: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20)

This is our calling in everything we do. Jesus transforms lives, and as He changes our lives, He also changes the lives of those around us. *Changing Lives that Change the World* is not about us, but about Jesus working through us to fulfill the calling He has placed on our lives.

Congratulations to Ema and all the other December 2024 BCM graduates! We are so proud of the hard work you’ve done and the work you’ve allowed God to do in your lives.



The official WVU Instagram account posted Ema’s photo on graduation day, unknowingly proclaiming the Gospel to thousands of people! (photo cred. WVU)

A semester of growth for Glenville's campus

| Lance Linden, GSU Associate

Glenville State BCM has continued to see a surge of students attend our Wednesday night gatherings and small group meetings. It is evident to see God stirring the hearts of young people in this generation as they make it their goal to seek Him each week.

We are currently studying a theme of "Paths, Proverbs & Parables" on Wednesdays and gathering to discuss Scripture in our small groups.

We recently held a BCM Super Bowl Party. Our goal was to attempt to create a fellowship opportunity and outreach event simultaneously. It was exciting to see some new faces join us and to see our students enjoying sweet fellowship.

On Valentine's Day, our students told their peers about Christ's love at a tabling event on campus and invited them to join our large gatherings. It has been exciting to watch students take on new leadership roles and grow as disciples of Christ! To God be the Glory!



GSU students enjoyed a Super Bowl party earlier this month, with food and fellowship.

Prayer Focus:

- Opportunities for ministry
- Students during spring semester
- Student leadership at each campus
- Associates and volunteers: past, current and future
- Campuses reviving BCM

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.

Alumni Spotlight - Adam Hintz



Adam Hintz works in real estate and serves in the music ministry at his church.

University of Charleston
BCM, Class of 2014

From the beginning I knew I wanted to get involved with a campus ministry. Unsure of what it would look like, I was welcomed in by the leader at the time and they were so happy to have me.

BCM kept me close to the Lord during my time at college. A lot of things happened while I was there, and the community that surrounded BCM helped me through a lot of the difficulties and the joys that came with those experiences.

Fondest BCM Memories: Going to the Passion events, meeting my future wife, playing in the BCM band, and meeting so many good friends to share my time in college with.

Advice to current students: Ask questions! I cannot express how much I learned simply by asking questions that may have seemed obvious for some people, but really helped clarify things for me in my understanding of the Gospel.

Help us connect with other BCM alumni!

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