



Fellow believers,

What a year of remarkable success Christ has given us as we seek to make disciples on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. God has blessed us with a dedicated group of student leaders who are passionate about Christ and making Him known to their peers. Let me share with you some things God has been doing this semester.

PRESENT

1. Building Expansion- In light of our growing ministry, and ongoing uncertainty pertaining to official campus recognition, we found ourselves in need of more room. Late last spring, the space next to us became available for lease. Our Board of Directors prayed and concluded this was a great opportunity to secure additional space for our ministry. This addition allowed us to expand our space for our weekly dinner which was reaching capacity many weeks. We were also able to add a new small group room to facilitate our Life Groups as well as a study room. With the facility expansion, much work had to be done. Once again, men in our area stepped up to volunteer hundreds of hours towards this effort. I want to personally thank Bill Adams (Bethany Baptist), Richard Stout (Bethany Baptist), and Dan Dickerson (Millersville Baptist) for their hard work.

2. Student Leadership- We seek to be a ministry that is student led and staff directed. Equipping student leaders is at the core of our strategy to reach the campus of Southeast. This year we have 19 student leaders who give countless hours each week to further our mission to multiply disciple makers. Each one of these leaders is disciplined by another student leader, myself, or my awesome wife, Sarah Abbott!

3. The Well: The Well is our weekly college worship service. Every week students have been gathering to praise the name of Jesus through song and Word. This is a great time to cast vision and encourage students in their walk with Christ. We've seen God work in mighty ways through the Well and look forward to what else the Spirit will do. I am currently preaching through Philippians.

4. Life Groups: These student-led groups exist to foster biblical community and encourage and equip students in four areas: the Word, prayer, service and evangelism. In 2013-14 we had 2 groups, 2014-15 we had four groups, and this year we have 6! We currently have 45 students involved in Life Groups.

5. Monday Night Meal: Every Monday at 6:15 we host a free meal at The Lighthouse. This weekly event allows us to meet numerous students in a comfortable atmosphere. We've seen many people come to know Christ as a result of the relationships that were first formed at this meal. Another main reason we have this meal is to connect students with local churches. Every meal is provided by and staffed by a local

church. This allows students to see that the churches in Southeast Missouri love them by interacting with them on their "turf".


FUTURE

1. International Ministry: Over 10% of SEMO's population is made up of international students. These students represent 57 countries. God has literally sent the nations to us! This Fall we are beginning to lay a ministry foundation to reach these students. We are partnering with the multi-ethnic church plant, led by Pastor Ednor Sebaugh, that began through the Church Planting Center of Southeast Missouri. We will begin by hosting two international fellowships this semester, with a dream of beginning a conversational English program this Spring that will be staffed by local church members.

2. Additional Staff: Current national research shows that college ministries need a ratio of one full time staff member to every 25 students. Studies have shown that ministry begins to plateau when student involvement grows past this ratio. College ministry is relationally intense which necessitates a multi-staff approach. Not only that, but staff provide the only constant in campus ministry as students are constantly leaving due to transferring or graduation.

We are excited as we kick off this year...fully believing and trusting that God will do big things through us as we seek to be obedient to His calling to make disciples. Please continue to pray for us and our mission to make much of Jesus at SEMO. Thank you for your continued support!

For the Kingdom,



BCM Campus Minister

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SAVE THE DATE!

What: Annual Fundraising Banquet

Where: Fruitland Community Church

When: Friday, November 11th at 6:30PM

Formal invitation to follow