**2019 Suggested Report**

# COLLEGIATE AND STUDENT MINISTRIES

In partnership with associations and churches, the Office of Collegiate and Student Ministries of the Alabama Baptist Convention’s State Board of Missions, works to reach middle, high school and college students for Christ and help them grow in faith and service.

During the 2018-2019 school year, Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) on Alabama’s college and university campuses impacted 43,345 college and university students through evangelism, missions and discipleship ministries.  In addition, there were 616 Professions of Faith, 1,754 involved in Bible Study/Discipleship Groups through BCM. Ministry to international students is a major aspect of BCM—International Friends Retreat was held at Camp WorldSong in September.

Associations and churches provide critical local ministry funding for Baptist Campus Ministries throughout the state.  The State Board of Missions provides and maintains 10 Baptist Student Centers on college and university campuses and employs 16 Baptist Campus Ministers.  Baptist Associations partner with the Office of Collegiate and Student Ministries to train, equip and provide campus ministers on many of Alabama community college campuses. The Collegiate and Student Ministries office also works in cooperation with the campus ministers at Samford University, Judson College and the University of Mobile.

Evangelism is a major focus of students serving through collegiate missions.   1,244 students served in short-term mission projects through BCM and worked in the areas of evangelism, church planting, church and community ministry and other ministry venues. ENGAGE24 is a national effort to engage college students with the Gospel. Alabama campuses use 24 days in October to help and encourage students as they focus on personal evangelistic opportunities. “Reach Every Student” an emphasis to help Alabama churches understand and reach college students near them launched at the State Convention Meeting in November.

Churches and associations can receive help from the Office of Collegiate and Student Ministries in developing a comprehensive student/youth ministry strategy. Reaching and developing today’s middle and high school students through the local church ministry is supported by association training events, individual church consultations and Southeast Youth Ministry Conclave. Churches are challenged to make evangelism a focal part of their total youth ministry in order to reach lost students. That challenge is communicated through ongoing evangelism training in state and regional conferences and the annual SPEAK conference (formerly YEC) held in July. Opportunities such as Super Summer Alabama and hands-on mission experiences are ways to challenge youth in their personal faith development.

As a critical partner in this Great Commission ministry effort, our association is working with churches to reach middle, high school and college students in Alabama.  Association committees, ministers/workers with students and volunteers from our churches work closely with Campus Ministers to reach Alabama students for Christ.  In addition, this past year our association gave $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the work of Baptist Campus Ministries at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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