**2021 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 2020-2021 school year, and despite continued limited access to campus and students, Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) on Alabama’s college and university campuses still impacted 30,740 college and university students through evangelism, missions and discipleship ministries.  In addition, there were 261 Professions of Faith, 1,374 involved in Bible Study/Discipleship Groups through BCM.

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 17 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.   691 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. “Reach Every Student” involves BCM groups across the state, local church collegiate ministries and collegiate church plants in Alabama to help us reach and disciple college students.

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 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully Submitted,