Word On Campus

Have you ever walked around your campus and just prayed for students, for professors, for administration? What is the best way to bring good news to our campus? How does Jesus want us to make him known? I don’t know about you, but I am always praying for ways to share how good God is. Recently I made a list of Jesus’ lessons on kingdom mission and growth in Matthew 10 & 13 and I want to reflect on these for campus outreach in 2012. We begin this month with the word authority - the authority of Jesus for campus mission. “He called the twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.” (MT. 10:1). What is our authority or right to be on campus? We’re not professors, staff or a part of the college administration. What are our campus ministry credentials? It is important that we establish this right at the start and it is why Jesus words are so important. The campus can be a very intimidating place to serve. I remember taking my first steps on the UC Berkeley campus and feeling overwhelmed by the 36,000 student population, it's diversity and the campus competitive edge. What could I offer students on such a highly academic and prestigious university with an MDiv degree? However, an experience I had while a campus minister at the University of Tennessee helped ground me in Jesus authoritative words by reminding me of my real campus ministry credentials. While developing a ministry to International students at the I-House on campus, I became acquainted with some of the staff and it was through those relationships that a staff member asked me to pray for her. She recognized enough of Christ in me to trust me and ask for prayer. My right to be on campus and to minister the grace of Christ came from Jesus himself. It was in the ministry I provided and through the relationships developed, that Christ was able to work through me and to minister in his name. The university will never compel us to proclaim him and often the church is the last to consider the campus as a mission field. It is Jesus who compels and authorizes our outreach.
the church is the last to consider the campus as a mission field. It is Jesus who compels and authorizes our ministry. He commands us to remind students that they are more than the tests they are taking, the grades they receive or the degrees they are earning. We have been authorized by Jesus to point students to an even greater purpose. In Jesus name, we are sent to bless the campus and the students we cross paths with. This authority emanates directly from him because the campus and each student belongs to him. They are his by creation and through his life giving sacrifice, and it is only in his name that we can offer students so much more than the fleeting dream of academic prestige and a life long career. There are times that we will question our right to be on campus since we are not an employee of the university, but under the authority of Jesus we have a divine mandate to minister the grace of Christ to students and staff while advancing the kingdom of God on campus. This is our authority as campus ministers. We go on campus in Jesus name and we do his bidding inviting all to the ultimate truth of divine love and his supreme authority!

News & Events

1. Adventist Christian Fellowship at the North American Division Ministries Convention, Innisbrook Resort, January 15-18. Stop by the NAD Youth/Young Adult booth for the latest in campus ministries resources! For more info go to: NAD Convention

2. AMiCUS Campus Ministry Retreat, Ontario Canada, February 10-12, 2012 will be held at Camp Frenda. Guest speaker is Dr. Anthony Bueno, pastor, university professor and conference administrator. For more information go to: AMiCUS Retreat

3. NorCal Campus Ministry Retreat, February 10-12 will be held at Westminster Woods Camp near Petaluma, CA. For more information contact Ron Pickell

4. The One Project, Seattle, WA February 13 & 14: This conference is now closed, but please pray for pastors and church leaders as they gather in Seattle to draw near to Christ and exalt him together. For more information on the One Project and future dates please go to: One Project

5. Connect Campus Ministry Conference, February 24 - 26, will be held on the campus of the University of Tennessee sponsored by Advent House Seventh-day Adventist Student Center and the Georgia Cumberland Conference - the Connect Conference is now in its fifth year. This year's theme is "Hands and Feet" as students to serve their campuses through Christian witness and the gift's that God has given. For more information go to: Connect

6. Jubilee Campus Ministry Conference February 17-19, Pittsburgh, PA. Jubilee Conference is "about everything that matters" Whether you're interested in engineering and science or art and music, law and politics or medicine and mission, justice and families or college life and the years to come, Jubilee will have someone speaking about what it means to be involved in those places faithfully. It's a gathering of thousands of college students learning how to worship God with their whole lives. For more info go to: Jubilee

7. Just Claim It JCI3 Prayer Conference March 7-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC. Campus ministry will have a much stronger presence at this years JCI3 event. Evening Ignition events will include programming for college age young adults while daily workshops will include seminars like Campus Ministry and the Local Church and Living For Christ On Campus. We are also planning some on campus outreach in the afternoons on the UNC Greensboro campus. If you are a college student and planning to attend this years JCI3 please stop by the NAD Youth and Young Adult booth to learn more about sharing your faith on campus. For more info check out JCI3

8. First Annual ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Conference (April 13-15): For this first NAD conference we will be joining up with ACF at Columbia University. This will mark Columbia ACF and Church Of The Advent Hope's 8th annual conference, but it will be an even bigger event this year as ACF/NAD joins in to invite students from across the division for our first annual campus ministry conference. Pastor and professor Zane Yi will be encouraging students to make your faith known on their campus. Start reserving April 13-15. Here is a link to last years conference since nothing has been published yet for 2012: ACF@NY

Resources
1. **ACFLINK.ORG WEB SITE:** ACFLINK.ORG is the best way for staying connected with Adventist ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses. Another great connecting point is: ACF on Facebook at ACF North America.

2. **Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide:** Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at AdventSource.

3. **100,000 Adventist students are now attending non-Adventist college and universities;** This is according to a 2009 study through the Institute of Church Ministry a 2009 Study on North American Division Congregations. This means that 4 out of 5 Adventist students are now attending non-Adventist colleges.

4. **For a look at the GYC Special Edition of the Adventist Review.** Go to Review.

5. **God Encounters Starter Pak:** The “GODenounters Starter Pak” is the final installation of the trilogy of free, downloadable resources I have created to help you start Young Adult Ministry where you are. Pak 1 focused on RESEARCH [http://db.tt/ox6r3T4], Pak 2 on RELATIONSHIPS [http://db.tt/FWSDeI4S], and this final Pak gives emphasis to RETURN [http://db.tt/P8Y3nG1].

6. **Reject Apathy:** Looking for some great resources on getting students beyond mere spectators and into a living faith that is making a difference in the world? Check out REJECT APATHY for more information on how to go way beyond merely surviving in college to actually thriving in your faith by helping grow advance the kingdom on your campus.

7. **Veritas Forum:** To hear some great topics on apologetics and intersection of faith and life check out the Veritas Forum. Some of the greatest presentations between experienced university professors and Christian apologists are listed here for the benefit of building your faith in the academy.

8. **Daniel Challenge:** Looking for a great campus outreach program on your campus? Do you long for your campus group to move beyond nurture and fellowship and into reaching their campus for Christ? The Daniel Challenge from the Be Hive is a program of ten lifestyle principles based on the Old Testament prophet Daniel who challenged his Babylonian overseer that he would be ten times stronger if he was allowed to not “defile himself from the kings table”. In the Daniel Challenge participants are challenged to adopt ten lifestyle principles of better health that will improve well being while potentially boosting their GPA over the semester. This could be a great way of involving students in communicating the gospel on campus through Adventist lifestyle. For more information go to: Daniel Challenge.

9. **Christian University Classes On Line.** Check out classes and course work for Christian beliefs at Christian University Christian University GlobalNet is a fully online Christian university, enabling to work at your own pace and from your own home, church, office or any other location equipped with internet access! Our courses are also fully available on Web-based smart phones and other mobile devices, making CUGN an educational institution with a curriculum that is fully mobile-compatible. We currently offer three on line academic programs: certificate in Bible (16 credits), Diploma in Biblical Studies (36 credits), Master Of Arts In Religion Degree (60 credits). Next term begins April 11. First on line class is free!

10. **Can We Talk?** is a helpful article on conversation ideas between Christian’s and Atheist’s. Check it out at: Talk.

11. **College Ready:** Intended for Seniors in High School or Freshmen in College, this video-guided series helps get teenagers ready for the issues they’ll face in college. More info: Visit Family Life.

12. **College Guides:** Download free guides for choosing graduate and undergraduate schools from Relevant Magazine. Check it out at: Guides.

13. **Some Great Campus Ministry Resources:**

   - **Apps Make College Easier To Access:** No time for class? Pull out your iPhone. A small but growing cadre of online universities is developing mobile apps to help students pursue their studies whenever and wherever they want. Check out this article in USA TODAY on smart phone apps for college at: APPS.

   - **The BAYDA-iServe iPhone app** that will allow for youth and youth leaders to minister, share, and testify. Read news stories and features on topics such as religious liberty, education healthcare, church humanitarian work, mission and outreach. Browse the ANN photo gallery, access the ANN glossary and style guide, and join our global community of readers in active discussion of current church decisions and initiatives, through your iPhone. Post a comment to Facebook or Twitter to share the things that are going on around you with your local church ministry. Take and share pictures of service projects, events that you may b a part of or attend. This app will connect you with other youth and youth ministry leaders from around the world.

   - **Thriving in College AND Beyond:** Research-Based Strategies for Academic Success and Personal Development. Shares research and current trends on measuring the success of today’s student. Thriving
Cultural Trends

1. **11 Things To Know At 25 ish**: Relevant Magazine looks at what you need to know to be a real adult. Check it out at [11 Things](#).

2. **America's Four Gods**: In their book, America's Four Gods, Paul Froese and Christopher Bader look into how people's views of God affect their lives. In their research they found:
   1. 28% of Americans view God as authoritarian,
   2. 21% view God as benevolent,
   3. 21% view God as critical,
   4. 24% view God as distant,
   5. 5% of Americans are either atheists or agnostics.
   Visit: [4 Gods](#) for more info.

3. **Why American Churches Are Loosing The Less Educated**: A new study reports that white Americans without college degrees are dropping out of church faster than their higher educated counterparts has many possible explanations. To read more click [here](#).

4. **Value Of College Degree - Women compared to Men**: Fifty percent of all college educated women compared with thirty seven percent men say their college education was worth the value. WOmen are also more likely to say their college education helped them grow personally and intellectually. To read more go to [College Value](#).

Career Changes and Opportunities

- **Student Teachers For Guam-Micronesia Mission Schools**: Looking for a great student missions opportunity? GMM has 16 schools on 11 islands staffed mainly by student missionaries from SDA colleges. Unfortunately, some schools are severely understaffed and are looking for student missionaries to fill the gap. It is an easy process to connect to [adventistvolunteers.org](http://adventistvolunteers.org) to learn where the needs are the greatest. Some schools are severely understaffed and will not be able to start on time. Please email Karla Reel for more info at: [kreel@gmmsda.org](mailto:kreel@gmmsda.org).

- **Campus Ministry Internships**: We often hear about churches and conferences wanting to develop new campus ministry efforts on their campuses. If you have an interest in being a campus missionary please email us at [acflink](mailto:acflink).

Campus Ministry Training

**ACF Mission Year** is a 10 month task force campus missions program where students learn how to practice and share their faith on a non-Adventist campus and while helping others maintain theirs. Take a few classes, make friends, participate in Bible studies and engage in campus outreach through ACF Mission Year.

**ACF Institute** is a two week concentrated introduction to campus outreach. ACF prepares...
Introduction to campus outreach. ACF prepares students to win students for Christ, learn about friendship evangelism, on-campus witness and Christian apologetics. For more info about ACF Mission Year or ACF Institute go to ACF.