Adventist University Ministry Is Growing!

Every year the number of requests for direction and campus ministry resources is increasing. To date we have approximately 150 Adventist campus ministry groups operating under Adventist Christian Fellowship in the North American Division. The number of Adventist conferences and local churches getting involved is also increasing with the request for ministry training through programs like Campus Catalyst workshops for launching, sustaining and growing campus ministry. We just completed the first five campus tour around Australia with the Campus Catalyst workshop, inspiring students to thrive verses merely surviving on campus with their faith in tact by developing missional approaches for reaching their campus for Christ. We have another five Campus Catalyst workshops scheduled this fall that will hopefully inspire greater witness on campuses across the NAD. As I returned to the States, I was even more gratified to learn about ACF groups ramping up for a new academic year. With some 22 million students on the approximately 15,000 degree granting institutions in the NAD, the ministry potential is great. As we begin this fall semester, please join me in praying for our students who are actively living their faith among their peers and faith discrediting professors on a daily basis. Jesus reminded us that He is "the light of the world" and when Christ is in us, we are a reflection of that light. Let's pray that the light of Christ in us will shine bright on campus as we begin a new fall semester.

Pastor Ron Pickell
ACF Coordinator

News and Events

2013 College Rankings: Forbes magazine ranks the top 650 undergraduate colleges in the U S. To see how your college stacks up go to: Rankings

Campus Catalyst Training: Jump start your campus ministry this year with the North American Division ACF Campus Catalyst Training (CCT). CCT introduces student leaders, participating church members and pastors to the ten essentials of campus ministry helping launch,
grow and sustain Adventist public campus ministry. To learn more about CCT go to: CCT Schedules for upcoming CCT events:

- **Lincoln, Nebraska CCT**, September 6-8
- **Hawaii Young Adult/CCT, September 13-15**. For more info view and download the pdf flier at CCT/Hawaii
- **Central Florida CCT**, October 4-6
- **Miami Florida Pastors CCT**, October 10
- **Miami Florida CCT**, October 11-13
- **Texas Young Adult/CCT**, November 15-17

**ACF-GNYC Collegiate Kickoff**, September 6 & 7: Church Of The Advent Hope, 111 East 87th St., New York, NY. Professor Zane Yi will present on *The Wisdom To Doubt*. For more information go to: ACF/NYC

**Cruise With A Mission**: September 15-22, 2013, AL. For more Info go to: CRUISE.

**New York InterVarsity Invitational, The Price Of Life on human trafficking conference**: October 4-13. For more information go to: Price

**GYC Collegiate/Young Adult Conference**: January 1-5, 2014. This years GYC is actually being held the first of 2014 in Orlando Florida. To learn more go to: GYC 2013

**CRAVE Campus Outreach at NAD Just Claim It Miami, 2014**: February 19-23, 2014. Join us for CRAVE campus outreach event at Florida International University, Miami Florida, on Thursday evening, February 20. More information will be coming at: CRAVE

**Why Millennials Are Leaving The Church - Try Atheism**: Is a CNN blog illustrating that church ills and hypocrisy are not the only thing driving Millennials away from the faith. They are also being led away by their doubts and unanswered questions. For many, Christianity is no longer making sense. Informed believers are going to need to step up their game and help explain their faith in a way that makes sense to others if the new life of Jesus is going to be experienced by millennials today Read more at: Millennials

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**Resources**

*How To Choose A College And Keep Your Faith* is a great article for students and campus ministers to check out as a reminder of the issues students face in heading off to college. Check it out at: College

**Student Leadership Journal**: As we ramp up for fall semester, InterVarsity has a great resource for student leaders that you might want to take a look at. Check out the Student Leadership Journal at: Leadership

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**My Campus**

**New ACF Group**

ACF launched its first "Welcome Back” barbecue as a new ministry at Northern University in Flagstaff Arizona gets under way this fall. Please pray for this new campus outreach!

**Campus Ministry in Georgia Cumberland Conference**

Michaela Lawrence Jeffrey, campus ministry director for GCC reports updated campus organization status and increased student participation at EU Emory University in Atlanta, UTC the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, KSU Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, GTU Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, UWG University of West Georgia, Carrolton with 12 new participants at Welcome Back, UGA University Of Georgia, Athens, and GSU Georgia Southern University, Statesboro.

**ACF At UC Berkeley**

Twelve people signed up to participate in the ACF group at UC Berkeley at the annual *Jesus In Berkeley* all campus
**XP3 College**: is a great college ministry web site resource. Pastor and former campus minister, Chuck Bomar, has authored several books on students and college ministry. His latest is *Worlds Apart: Understanding The Mindsets And Values Of 18 - 25 Year Olds*. Check out these campus ministry resources at [XP3](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f). 

**I Shall Stand Resource On College Sex and Dating**: Check out I Shall Stand for books and resources on sex, abstinence and dating in the college scene. Go to: [Stand](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f) for more info.

**Why Trust Jesus?** Some basic apologetics that will help students learn why they can trust Jesus for their life and salvation. Author Dave Sterrett encourages students that in a day when the world seems to be crumbling under their feet from economic collapse to moral failure of world and religious leaders why Jesus can be trusted. Sterrett believes that one of the big reasons that Millennials are turning away from religion and the church is a basic lack of trust or uncertainty about who to trust. "Why Trust Jesus" is a reminder of how worthy our trust in Jesus is by answering some of the common most asked about Jesus. Check it out at: [TRUST](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f).

**Come To College And Save Your Faith?** Jordan Monge with the Veritas Forum argues that the university may actually be the best place to acquire the necessary knowledge for a faith that can stand the rigor of hard questions in a recent Christianity Today's article: *Why Intelligent People Are Less Likely To Be Religious*. Monge debunks some of the arguments supporting this theory and blames the prevailing skepticism more on social convention instead of greater intelligence. Afterall, some of the worlds greatest scientists, philosophers and theologians have been believers. To read more go to: [College Faith](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f).

**ACFLINK.ORG Web Site**: [ACFLINK.ORG](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f) 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](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f).

**Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide**: Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at [AdventSource](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f). Quick Start guides are now downloadable from the ARC Campus Ministry Resources Web Site by going to: [ARC](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f).

**Veritas Forum**: The Veritas Riff Podcast continues to provide relevant, insightful commentary on today's most pressing issues. Check out one of the latest in the series of campus talks on "Why Health Care Reform Needs Spiritual Reform" by Dr. Ray Barfield of Duke University. Check it out at [Veritas](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=9dc76dd4de&ea=498f83c24f).

**Empowering Leaders**

**Mission Over Membership**

Every year students inspire us in the way God uses them in service to others both within our outreach. We also have a number of new and returning Adventist students as we begin the fall semester. Students planned the church worship service this past weekend and are preparing for our fall conference scheduled for September 13 - 16. We also have a larger NorCal campus ministry conference planned for October 18 & 19 weekend including students and colleges around Northern California.

**ACF In New York City**

The *Wisdom To Doubt* is the kick off weekend for campus ministry at Columbia University and for students on campuses around the City. Zane Yi, PhD in Philosophy will encourage students by reminding them how questions lead to faith and faith leads to questions as students return to campus next week, September 6 & 7 at Church Of The Advent Hope on the Upper East Side.
campus groups and beyond. This month we are featuring a student at the University Of Florida campus, Gainesville, who is already embodying this Christlike spirit. Sarah Barthie, a second year Microbiology major already has a lot on her plate with her major as well as Compassion Coordinator for her ACM group at UF. Sarah surprised her college chaplain, Angelo Grasso by compassionately agreeing to be the student leader for the dwindling InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF-nationally recognized Christian campus ministry group) student group on campus. Barthie was saddened to see the IV chapter loosing ground at UF since it had been such a blessing and boost to her faith while a student at St. Petersburg college in high school. She wants to give back toward all that IVCF once invested in her. Chaplain Grasso reminds us that, "Sarah embodies the spirit that so many of our ACM members do. While we embrace and highly value the message and culture of our faith as Adventists, we recognize that in order to live out the mission of God’s Kingdom we must do more than merely gather with like-minded individuals and pat ourselves on the back for our “otherness”. Adventist students at UF truly are salt. Scattered broadly around campus in labs, classrooms, student organizations and dorms, we seek to flavor our campus with the undeniable essence of what it means to be Adventists; an unquenchable desire to be with, and like Jesus."
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