

# Campus Voice

SUMMER, 2016

## INITIATING AND ESTABLISHING CAMPUS PRAYER GROUPS

*Prayer groups on college campuses are the constant connection to revivals, missionary movements, and other great movings of God.*

A close study of revivals and missionary movements throughout history almost always trace their roots to a prayer group on a college campus. Whether it is just a few young people meeting consistently or a large group, we have seen God honor and answer those prayers with the subsequent effects on history.

**Campus Aflame** is a ministry of Collegians for Christ that works to bring students together for prayer on college campuses. We try to get young people passionate about the issues facing our country today, and strive to provide students with a desire to initiate positive and lasting change. **Campus Aflame** wants to see a spiritual awakening sweep across colleges nationwide, and for it to produce revival in the hearts and lives of people everywhere. Thus, our focus is bringing all this about through the formation of college campus prayer groups. Because the answer to bringing hope to America does not lie in the perception of politics, or the potential of programs, or even the prowess of people, but in the power of prayer.

The idea for reviving student based campus prayer groups stemmed from the action taken by a few students on Appalachian's campus in the Fall semester of 2015. A handful of concerned students came together and formed a small prayer group off campus desiring to bring change to a troubled campus (Appalachian

experienced 9 student deaths that year). Therefore, as a result of diligence, dedication, and a faithfulness in God's timing, this weekly prayer group has since moved on campus, seen souls saved, and the campus impacted through their efforts.



**Campus Aflame** is now an organized effort to see prayer groups established on campuses across the nation. If you are a campus minister or a part of a ministry group on campus would you consider allowing us to share the burden and how-to of establishing a prayer group within your student group? We can do this in person or via a video call. Ethan Green is both a recent graduate of Appalachian State and former leader of Collegians for Christ at Appalachian State. He was one of two students who initiated the prayer group at App. God has called him to work with us on the **Campus Aflame** ministry. He can share first hand experience of starting and continuing a prayer group. Being a recent student, he can appeal to the students from a student-student relationship and not just leaders wanting something done. For more information on the **Campus Aflame** ministry or to contact us, please visit [www.CampusAflame.com](http://www.CampusAflame.com)

Campus  Aflame





## AN ON-CAMPUS EVENT FOR OFF- CAMPUS GROUPS

The beginning week of the Fall semester presents a tremendous opportunity to meet new and returning students. Most schools kick-off the new school year with a welcome week that is packed with events. The campus will be buzzing with new excitement and energy. During this week, registered student organizations will have a time when they can set up a table to meet and talk with new students.

Some schools will allow outside vendors to set up a table on campus during this week. If this event is open to outside groups, it is a must! This is an initial way to get your foot in the door. It will provide you the opportunity to connect students to your church and Sunday School. It will allow you to connect with students and possibly fulfill the school's requirements to move a ministry onto campus.

Check first on the school's website for any info on this event. The student activities department is a good place to start. Call the school and ask for which department to speak with about outside vendors attending their welcome week. Please contact us for any assistance regarding how to reserve or what to do for this event.

## OUTREACH TABLES

There are two methods to evangelism that you can engage in on campus. One is you approaching students to engage them in conversation or to hand them a tract or Bible. This method is you going to the student which is biblical and effective. Another method is setting up outreach tables on campus. This method brings the students to you so you can engage them in conversation or hand them a tract or Bible. This method is also biblical and effective. As a campus ministry that is active on campus both methods should be employed.



The outreach tables should not be overlooked as these prove to be effective in other areas as well. Outreach tables provide a "store front" for your group. Your campus ministry does not exist to students and faculty that have not heard about it. Outreach tables are a great method for the campus to become familiar with your ministry. It allows students and faculty to see you

interacting with the campus. Having a banner with your name displayed at these tables is key. Your ministry being active on campus consistently allows other people and groups to see and get to know you. Other outreach opportunities will open up from these tables such as with sports teams, sororities, fraternities, faculty, and other groups on campus.

So what do you do for these outreach tables and how often should they be done? The ideas are limitless to what you can do at these tables. Giveaways such as coffee, hot-chocolate, lemonade, or cookies are well received and attended. Prayer tables are another idea especially during exam times or if a hard situation arises on campus or in current events. Ideally these table should be done once a week. If time does not allow, plan them twice a month or monthly. Just be consistent and present on campus and allow God to open up many other doors of opportunity through these outreach tables.



## BREAKING THROUGH THE EARBUDS

So you are out walking through campus trying to talk with students and as you walk around you notice many students with earbuds in their ears. You want to speak to them or hand them a tract but you feel awkward stopping and interrupting what they are doing. The thought of interrupting these busy occupied students just doesn't seem right. Before you realize it, you have walked from one side of campus to the other missing most of the students you pass by because of the earbuds. Not sure about you, but that is how I feel out on campus sometimes. So what do we do?



# GET THEM INTO THE BIBLE...

*Study guides are good but the Bible is best!*

As we work with single young adults, one trait has stuck out to me. These young people come to a campus Bible study on their own accord. Mom and dad are not making them come. Another trait that stands out is the vast majority who come want to grow. Yes, these young people are coming because there is an interest in spiritual matters! There is an interest in growing closer to the Lord in their daily walk and being challenged by the scriptures. There is an interest to live out the teachings of the Bible in daily life and to be actively engaged in reaching the lost.

With these young people's desire to grow, there is a tremendous desire to learn the Bible. The average campus ministry group will consist of students from all different backgrounds. These students want to get into the Bible and understand it for themselves. They want to open the Bible and learn how to navigate through it. They want to learn how to deal with each verse of scripture while keeping to the context. They want to have an overall understanding of the books of the Bible. It is vitally important

that we teach these young people how to interact with each passage, chapter, and book of Scripture.

In order to accomplish all of this, we must make sure the Bible study is done in a way that gets the students actively engaged in their Bible. There are numerous Bible study helps that are available and many are excellent resources. Bible study helps and study guides can also become an issue. If the study guide is used as a replacement for the Bible, this can prove to be a disinterest in a student who longs to grow and learn how to use the Bible for themselves. If you use a Bible study curriculum or the study guides we provide, please do not use these as a replacement for digging into and interacting with the text.

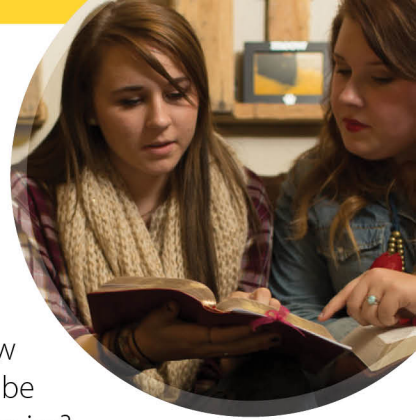
Yes, we can teach a great lesson allowing the students to use the student guides. Many guides will have all the verses laid out right there for the students to read. Make sure you have the students reading and looking into the Bible and not just at the book. If not, the book becomes a distraction and a disservice. Something that is good takes the place for something that is best.

How can this be a disservice?

Students hear the teaching but cannot associate its location directly in the Bible. It does not prepare and teach students how to navigate through their Bible if they are relying on a study guide. It will train them to rely on outside sources for information rather than the Bible itself. It can cause a disconnect between the student and the use of their Bible.

In this day and time, we want to lead students into their Bibles. We want to get them familiar with navigating through it. They need to feel comfortable opening and reading scripture right from the pages of their Bible. We want them to read and study scripture for themselves outside of church and Bible study.

People come to a Bible study to do just that, study the Bible. The Word must be opened and the verses must be read and interacted with. We must constantly lead these young people back to the Bible. ■



***Continued from previous page...***

We have to battle the earbuds! We have to catch their attention enough to stop them. We must have confidence in the Gospel and the necessity of it to every student

on our campus. We must be moved by the urgency of the hour and realize no earbud is worth someone going to hell. Grab their attention. Walk a little more in front of them to get their attention. Speak up so they cannot act like they do not

hear you. Break through the earbuds and get the Gospel to your campus. The three seconds of awkwardness trying to get their attention or even them ignoring you speaking is every bit worth getting the most important message to them! ■

# A MINISTRY SUCCESSFULLY WORKED BY LAYMEN

Todd Page is the campus minister for the Collegians for Christ ministry at the University of Tennessee which started over twenty years ago through Temple Baptist Church in Powell, TN. He works a full-time job and leads the ministry there. He and his wife are great examples of the ability of laymen in the church running a successful campus ministry. Read as he shares his testimony below:



"My wife and I accepted the responsibility to lead the Collegians for Christ ministry at the University of Tennessee in the 2011 Fall Semester, shortly after our move to Knoxville. Due to an extremely turbulent financial situation following the 'great recession', I had been forced to dissolve our family business to accept a sales position for an international manufacturer of industrial printing technologies, requiring heavy travel within the Carolinas and East Tennessee. Although the demands of this position have kept me on the road at an average of 65,000 miles per year, it is also an autonomous sales role offering the liberty to coordinate my own work and travel schedule.

"As such, I have been able to plan accordingly to allow us to be on campus to share the Gospel, greet, and invite hundreds of wonderful UT students to our Bible study each Monday evening from 8:00-9:00. Along with a number of other laymen from our church who truly

have a burden to reach these multi-national students with the Truth, we are also able to spend occasional evenings, weekends, and special events there, all focused on evangelizing the campus with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.



"Collegians for Christ, like all ministries, definitely requires a commitment of time, labor, patience, and love; but Angie and I have witnessed the salvation of many precious souls while also making lifelong friendships with some of the most wonderful young adults we've ever been privileged to meet.

I most highly encourage that every Bible-believing church in cities or towns with a college or university seek to engage fully in reaching our future physicians, dentists, engineers, chemists, veterinarians, professional athletes, musicians and so on – each of whom needs to personally know of the saving grace and forgiveness of sin that can only be found in the Lord Jesus Christ."

## PRE FALL SEMESTER Checklist

1. Spend time in prayer seek God's direction and wisdom for the semester.
2. Sign-up for freshman move-in
3. Sign-up for your welcome week club fair
4. Make sure you have a meeting place secured
5. Set the date for your kick-off meeting

The kick-off to the Fall semester and your first meeting is right around the corner. Below is a list of things to prepare yourself with before your kick-off meeting takes place.

6. Have your event calendar for the semester or year ready
7. Make sure your recognition status is renewed
8. Have all promotional material printed and ready to go
9. Know what direction you are going with your actual Bible study
10. Meet with your leadership to cast the vision for this semester

*Campus Voice*  
is a publication of Collegians for Christ



Kyle Austin, Director

 (828) 832-6505

 austin@CFCCampusMinistry.com

 [CFCCampusMinistry.com](http://CFCCampusMinistry.com)