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HOW WILL YOU INVEST?

Where will you place your investment? The stock market or a 401(k) are great places to earn money on your investment. I know a better place to invest that will yield you greater dividends.

We tend to think of saving money and investing in retirement as a wise move for our future. Yes, it can be, but only as long as you are still alive on this earth. When you leave, that wise investment will be passed on to others. Psalm 49:10 says, *“for he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.”* Psalm 46:18 goes on to say, *“for*

when he dieth he shall carry nothing away.”

There is a place you can invest that will earn rewards long after you are dead that you **can** carry with you. The greatest place to invest for eternity is in the lives of young people. Why? It is in these lives that you will continue to earn rewards after you have died. We are not judged immediately in Heaven but in the end

at the Judgment Seat of Christ. This is because your influence and impact for Christ will continue to live on long after you are dead through their lives. Your rewards cannot be measured until your influence and impact are finished which could be for generations. A wise investor would invest much time and energy into reaching and discipling the younger generation.

Dating Intentionally

Helping students see the bigger picture.

We live in a world today where dating is a casual word. It does not spark concern or seriousness. Many times it is something students “just do”. In all actuality, dating should be thought of in a serious manner. It should be intentional which means to be done on purpose or deliberate. When students are dating someone or having a date they should be very aware of that person. Did they say the blessing at dinner? Have they ever asked them about their personal relationship with Christ? Do they feel comfortable enough to ask him or her about their relationship with Christ? If any of these are red flags now, they will also be red flags later.

Dating is not the time to invest in changing or helping someone with their relationship with Christ. It should be a man and woman moving forward together to Christ, and He should be leading the relationship. Dating should be looked at as the first step to marriage. We must help our students see the bigger picture that dating is not just a fun activity, but a serious step towards their future lifelong mate. Students should date with this purpose in mind.



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A Bible in Their Native Language

We talk a lot about international students studying on our college campuses in America. Why? What an amazing opportunity we have to reach the world at one central location! Think about the opportunity you have to be a missionary to multiple countries of the world right from your own backyard giving you a world-wide influence! As I write this article, I am sitting beside two international students on an airplane who are studying at Duke University.

The average college campus is represented by 40-80 nations with many campuses reaching over 100 nations! Think of it! With all these different countries come different cultures, religions, and languages. It is important that these students hear the

Gospel and receive a copy of God's Word. Many of these students come from places that are not open to Christianity and you may be the only Gospel witness these students get. The Bible that you give them could be the only Bible they have ever held and read.

Take it a step further and get the student a Bible in their own language if possible. Contact Bearing Precious Seed or other printing ministries to see if they have some portion of the Bible available. We presented a young lady from Thailand, who is Buddhist, with a New testament in her native language of Thai. She was so excited to receive it and said it is helping her to better understand the scriptures. It is awesome to see her at Bible study with both her English and Thai Bible out on the table reading and following along. Only God knows what opportunities we may have to change a life forever!



CENTER OF A VAST MISSION FIELD



When I arrived in Greenville, NC almost five years ago, I realized God placed me in the center of a vast mission field of tomorrow's leaders. East Carolina University sits ten minutes to our north with close to twenty-eight thousand students. Pitt Community College sits ten minutes to our south with eighty-five hundred students. Kyle Austin assisted us in beginning Turning Point, a college outreach to these two schools. We now have a mid-week Bible study on campus and on Sunday's it is thrilling to look into our choir and see college students singing praise's to God!

These students have been some of the most faithful servants in our ministry. Watching God mature them in their walk and witness has strengthened us as a congregation. If you are contemplating a college outreach may I encourage you to contact Kyle. These students have added a new dimension to our church as we have seen their love for truth and righteousness develop.

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REACHING OUT TO GREEK LIFE

The weekly Bible study is just the beginning.

It was early June, 2010 when I first stepped onto the campus of the University of Tennessee, as we had brought our son to begin summer courses and football practice. Tyler and I were separated during orientation, and as I walked along I thought UT was an awesome place and a beautiful campus. I prayed “Lord, if there is any way I could come back here and influence young ladies for Christ, that would be great”. I didn’t realize then that we would be moving to Knoxville in just a matter of months, and in the fall of 2011, Todd (my husband) and I were asked to teach the Collegians for Christ weekly Bible Study conducted and sponsored by our church - Temple Baptist Church in Powell.

Many Crown College students go to UT’s campus to invite young people to the Bible studies – our regular Monday night study and the Thursday night study for International students. One of our young ladies met a UT student who suggested we come into their sororities to invite them to our Bible studies and, within a few weeks, I was allowed to present the Bible studies to a host of sorority girls. Having never been in a sorority, I had no idea what to expect when I walked through the door for the first time. Amazingly, there were some 200 beautiful girls either standing or sitting on the floor making a path for me, and I kind of felt like Miss America with them cheering me on as I was led to the front of the room. As the room got

quiet, I knew I would only be able to influence them for a brief time and to present the CFC ministry while I had been invited into “their world”. I began by telling them how our Pastor Clarence Sexton had graduated from UT and that his burden and vision for young people had launched this ministry.

The second week we went in, I thought I should say something about being available to start a Bible study in their sorority, so I told them we could come in and have an all-girl Bible study! I left my contact information and, by the time I arrived home that night, there was already an e-mail from a sorority chaplain inquiring about a Bible study. Believing that the Lord worked greatly in all of this, I’m also quite sure that being the mother of a UT Quarterback helped to open doors and give me a genuine connection with the girls, as I would end each speech with “GO VOLS”. Years later, a sorority girl who had been with me since the very beginning said “Mrs. Angie, our chaplain e-mailed us that first night stating that we need to have this lady come do Bible study for us - because she said ‘GO VOLS!’” This past fall marked our seventh semester in the Alpha Chi Sorority - God is good!

While walking through campus one day, I met another young lady from the Phi Mu sorority. I told her



about the Alpha Chi Bible study and gave her my information. The story with Phi Mu goes much the same, as we started our fifth semester with them this past fall.

The Lord allowed us to be in a third sorority for a couple of semesters where we continue working to regain entry. It is truly a privilege to go into a place that has many negative stereotypes with liberty to open and distribute copies of the Bible every week, sharing the gospel along with the practical truths found within God’s Word. One young lady who had never been to Bible study requested a private meeting saying “I knew if you cared enough to come each week into our sorority, you would take time to meet me and help me when I need it”; and there are many stories like hers that I could share with you.

The Lord has blessed me to see girls saved, join other Christian groups, serve the Lord, and make better decisions in these important days of their lives.

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Pastor Sexton wrote a Bible lesson entitled *God Hears and Answers Prayer* with one of the points being “Pray to Confess your Sins”. When reading that aloud, a young lady said “I really like that second sentence - to confess means to say the same thing that God says about our sin, I’ve never heard it that way before”.

Along with being a great opportunity, it is a huge responsibility to teach these truths, to seize this moment and not be weary in well doing. Like any ministry, we get discouraged when we show up and no one is there, people interrupt us by coming in or out, or there is some meeting in the background distracting us. Every two semesters we have a new chaplain to build a relationship with. Bethany – a very special chaplain, had a great burden to have

the girls come to Bible study, starting a second meeting to give them more opportunities to attend. God has used John 17:15 in my life this year - *“I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil”*. Sometimes, we as Christians want to stay in our box - our comfort zone, however, God’s Word says *“He prays not to take us out of the world, but that we should be kept from the evil”*. How are we going to be kept from the evil or how are we going to help others be kept from the evil? John 17:17 reads *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth”*. What a wonderful thing to be a part of the family of God and have the gospel of Christ to share with others! I’m



grateful to God for His answers to a simple prayer in June, 2010 – specifically fulfilling the desire of my heart.

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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Collegians for Christ Campus Ministry is excited to announce the launch of a new website in January 2016. It will be a valuable resource for students, leaders, and parents. The new platform will give us the ability to provide more content that is user-friendly and the ability to further our ministry in training and reaching college students for Christ. Please take a few minutes and glance around the site. The new web address is CFCCampusMinistry.com



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