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*Striving to seek & save the lost  
Strengthen & encourage each other  
Christ working through us*



## What's been going on?

### A Great Fall Semester

We had an amazing fall semester! New students, lots of activities, and so much more! Read on for a glimpse of a great few months!

### Blessings from Others

Our ministry is run entirely off contributions from churches and individuals. We were extremely blessed in 2023 by an outpouring of support!

### Too Much for One Letter

This newsletter is just a glimpse of all we have going on with our ministry! Stay up to date by following our Instagram, check out our website, and visit with us for the full story!

## WELCOME TO THE MOBILE COLLEGE MINISTRY!

*The Mobile College Ministry began in May of 2021, and it is incredible to see what God has been doing in our ministry since then! We exist to serve all our area 18-25 year olds.*

*While most of our number are students at South Alabama, we have a large number who are students at other local colleges, as well as many hard workers in the work place! Our goal is to work with all our area churches of Christ to provide a ministry where our young adults can experience Jesus and a community of believers. Thank you for your interest and we pray you will be a part of our mission!*



# BAPTISMS!

We praise God for our new sisters in Christ! Over the summer, Abigail Celuch and Hannah Durgin were baptized for the forgiveness of sins! We celebrate with them as they begin their walk with Christ!

The MCM means a lot to me. After graduating high school, I didn't know what the future held for me, and at the time we didn't have a solid college aged group. As the months and years went by going to church felt like something I would check off my list of things to do for the week, and my faith was weakened as there were few people my age that were there to grow closer to God with. When we started the MCM it was small at first, maybe like 5-10 members. And it grew and grew and grew. And as the group grew, so did my faith. This group is very loving and helpful. When one member is down many will come to offer a helping hand. I'm grateful for this group for helping me grow stronger in my faith. They are my brothers and sisters and I will forever love and support them.

## Evyn Bodart

Sophomore • Tampa, FL



I moved from Tampa to Ocean Springs right before my freshman year, and it was one of the most challenging transitions of my whole life. I came to South Alabama not knowing a soul and feeling quite homesick and lost. MCM was the first place I truly felt loved and welcomed. It wasn't only the warm atmosphere that drew me in, it was the true passion for God that each one of us shared that was incredibly powerful. This group is full of people that love Jesus more than life and it shows. God led me here and I am so thankful that he did.

I'm so blessed and honored to not only be a part of this ministry but also humbled to be nominated and voted to be the male spiritual life director of this group! This group has grown on me and has become an integral part of who I am. I am so happy to have met every single member and even seeing them around campus always lights up my day. I'm very thankful for this group and for them bringing me closer to God.



## Ryan Holcomb

Full-time employee • Mobile



## Donald Moor

Junior • Calera



## Congratulations Jordan!

Jordan Holcomb graduated in December with a degree in elementary education. We are proud of you Jordan and all you do for the MCM!



## Fall Retreat



## Exposure



## Gulf



## Weekly Devos



## Serving

# We had a great fall!

Our school year got off to a great start and never stopped!

- We've had over ten new freshman join our ministry!
- Continued our adopt-a-student ministry with over 20 students and adoptive parents participating!
- On Wednesday nights, we are averaging 30-35 in Bible class! Our students do a great job of reaching out and inviting their friends!

## We stay busy!

Our ministry stays very active on a weekly basis, and that is intentional. With our students being involved with school, work, extracurriculars, and more, we know everyone can't make everything, but we do our best to make sure they can make something! We also stress times for all of us to be together, such as Wednesday nights and big trips!

Each week, we:

- Have a bell tower devo on Tuesdays and go to Buffalo Wild Wings after
- Meet on Wednesdays for a free meal and Bible class
- Have lunch together in the USA student center on Fridays

The last six months, we had a few trips:

- Lift U is a week of Bible camp for college age young adults
- Fall Retreat on Lake Jordan
- Exposure with over 3,000 Christians
- Gulf in Orange Beach

# Stronger Together

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## Benefit Dinner

We had our first annual benefit dinner last August. Due to the amazing generosity of so many, we were able to raise over \$8,000! THANK YOU!!!

## Supporting Congregations

There are many congregations of the Lord's church, but we are all just that: THE church! We can accomplish much, but we can accomplish so much more when we work together! We know there are many who pray for us and work in other ways, but we are so grateful for our financially supporting congregations!

- *Regency Church of Christ - Mobile*
- *Benton Church of Christ - Benton, KY*
- *Azalea City Church of Christ - Semmes*
- *9th Ave. Church of Christ - Haleyville*

## Will you partner with us?

- Pray for us!
- If you are a member of a local congregation, get plugged in with your students!
- Support us financially! We run entirely off the generosity of others. Give on our website or reach out to Rob to mail a check.

## Guest Contributor

### Tucker Presley



Tucker is the associate minister of the Creekwood Church of Christ. We are thankful for all he does and his partnership in working with our young adults!

#### Unified

In Acts 2, Peter delivered the first Gospel sermon on the Day of Pentecost. His message convicted the hearers, and 3,000 people were baptized. From this point, the church grew by leaps and bounds. The end of Acts 2 gives us a great picture of the early church. Acts 2:44-47 says, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." I don't think it's any surprise why the church grew so much in its early days. Of course, God was working in the early believers. But notice in the text that they spent time together regularly, had all things in common, and gave liberally to one another. In short, they were unified. There's so much the church can accomplish when we're unified. Here in Mobile, we have different congregations, but we all make up the church. Therefore, we should be unified. We're all working toward the same goal! We can't forget that. Let's each commit to doing our part to grow the unity of the church here in Mobile, AL.



Thank you for your support of our ministry! My name is Rob Hayes and I am the college minister. My wife is Andrea and I could not do this without her! It has been amazing to see God at work in our ministry! Please continue to pray for us, that we may seek and save the lost and strengthen and encourage those we have. If you would like to talk about the MCM more, I'd love to chat with you!  
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