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Welcome to the Mobile College Ministry!

Thank you for checking out our ministry! Our mission is to seek and save the lost and strengthen and encourage those we have.

We hope this newsletter gives you a quick glimpse of the amazing 2024 that we had!

This picture was our largest Wednesday night gathering of the year. We had 52 students!

The best part about our year: Baptisms!



Six new souls were added to the Kingdom this year! We rejoice with Christian Hardy, Ally Taranto, Matt Owens, Chris Hill, Wes Hayek, and Kiana Gardner!

Mobile College Ministry

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

As the MCM continues to grow, we are thankful for those who serve on our board and represent our area congregations. Thank you Amy Hollowell, Tate Bivens, and Nisa Besta for serving in our ministry and helping connect our students with their home congregations!

The MCM has been an invaluable resource for me during college. The things that stand out to me the most about this group are the closeness of its members and the consistent desire for spiritual growth that permeates it. The relationships I have been able to form through the MCM have not only helped me to recognize how I can grow, but they have also facilitated that growth. Moreover, through the continuous passion and kindness expressed by leaders and members alike, I have been taught many lessons about God, His view of my life, and how I can be confident in His word and provision. Between Bible studies, meals, tailgates, retreats, and game nights (among many other activities), there is constantly some opportunity to connect with others, to be encouraged, and to fulfill your diverse needs. I am so glad to be a part of this community, and I look forward to remaining active for as long as I can.

Kyle Gaviria
Junior • Spanish Fort



Nora Bally
Sophomore • Mobile

Making friends has never been hard for me; however, I had struggled to find lifelong Christian friends who share the same values as me. It wasn't until about halfway through my freshman year I found the MCM and immediately knew I had found my place. When I first got invited by a classmate, they instantly took me in with open arms and became my brothers and sisters within a short period of time. I always look forward to every time we meet, because despite what I am going through, they never fail to bring a smile to my face. I was having some struggles with my purpose and knowing where God wanted me, but this ministry has helped me to know exactly where I need to be. This ministry makes me feel valued and has taught me to be more at the hands and feet of Jesus, and my faith has never been stronger. It is such a blessing to have like-minded friends to be able to walk with in my spiritual life who encourage me every day. I would not be the same person as I am today without the MCM, and I cannot thank God enough for bringing this group into my life. It has brought me so much joy and has truly made my college experience exceed my expectations.

About two years ago I moved down from Tennessee to Fairhope, Alabama, and during that time I took two gap years working to try and save for school. During those two years I constantly struggled to find a church college group that was active on that side of the bay. I tried multiple groups but they were all lacking a real sense of community and were rarely active. One morning I decided to travel across the bay to Mobile to go to church with my grandparents. That is where I bumped into Rob for the first time. From there the MCM has kept me active in a community of fellow believers, which is something I had been searching for. The people of the MCM have not only entered my life but more importantly changed it for the better in many ways, with the main reason being that my relationship and knowledge of God has grown by leaps and bounds. Having a community of like minded believers tends to help one grow in their faith. Through this group I have been able to also make a plethora of friendships and memories that I hope to carry for the rest of my life.

Wes Hayek
Junior • Nashville, TN



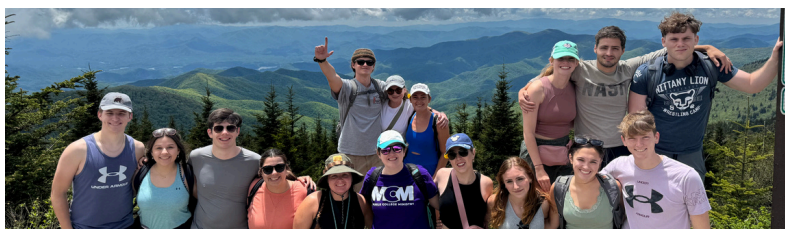


Congratulations Graduates!

Congrats to our 2024 graduates! Lydia Baker, Dorian Curry, and David Jay graduated with their undergraduate degrees, and Abigail Celuch received her masters from South Alabama. Katelyn Rogers graduated with her undergraduate from Springhill. We are proud of you!



Our FAM retreat with the college ministries from Pensacola, Hattiesburg, and Baton Rouge was our biggest yet! We looked at God's purpose for our lives and being intentional with our faith.



We went back to the Smokies for our summer trip last year. We had a lot of fun, and the best part was when Ally and Matt were baptized!



Lift U is a week of Bible camp for college students at Maywood. We looked at what it means to ask, seek, and knock for God.

We were able to take a group to help with hurricane cleanup in Valdosta, GA. Not only were we able to do our small part, but we met some awesome Christians along the way!



For our fall retreat, we looked at what we believe and why we believe it. We also tested our limits on some high ropes courses!



We started off 2025 going to Gulf! Our students helped with several things during the weekend, but were also able to grow from the college track and incredible lessons about being known by God.



We have interns!

As we continually strive to grow our student leadership, for the 24-25 school year we have our first ever MCM interns! Walker Reusser, Kyle Gaviria, and DJ Moor have been working since the fall, and Haleigh Dyer joined the team this spring. In addition to our officers, they have done an amazing job helping lead the MCM!

Guest Contributor Terry Cagle



Terry is the pulpit minister and one of the shepherds of the Azalea City Church of Christ

College ministry is a vital mission field, a unique opportunity to impact young adults at a pivotal stage in their lives. For many students, college is the first time they are away from the comfort and guidance of their home congregations, making it a critical season to establish and deepen their faith. Ministries like the Mobile College Ministry (MCM) serve as a spiritual anchor, providing biblical teaching, Christ-centered fellowship, and opportunities for service. Through the MCM, students are encouraged to navigate the challenges of college life with a firm foundation in Christ, equipping them to be spiritual leaders on their campuses and in their future careers. I am personally very impressed with the way the MCM operates and the safe haven it provides for so many wonderful young men and women.

The success of a college ministry like the MCM relies on the unified support of local congregations. When churches work together, they demonstrate the unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17:21, showing the world the power of the gospel. This partnership ensures that students receive the love and encouragement of a broader Christian community, reminding them that they are not alone in their faith journey. Supporting the MCM is not just an investment in the students; it's an investment in the future of the church. By working together, local churches create a strong network of resources, mentors, and spiritual guidance that equips these young adults to live faithfully and serve effectively in God's kingdom. Let us unite our efforts, prayers, and resources to make the MCM a thriving ministry that changes lives for eternity.

Thank you for your support!

Due to your generosity, for the first time ever we were able to reach Phase 1 of our budget! Through one time donations, support for our benefit dinner and other fundraisers, monthly giving, and so much more, we were able to help take care of our students like never before! THANK YOU!

Our ministry runs entirely off donations from individuals and congregations. If you haven't already, please consider partnering with us to accomplish our mission of reaching the lost and helping our young adults grow in their faith!

Our Supporting Congregations

Our ministry is not the work of a single congregation, but the ONE church of Christ! We are thankful for our supporting congregations and pray more will join our mission this year!

- Regency - Mobile
- Creekwood - Mobile
- Azalea City - Semmes
- Gulf Shores
- Benton - Benton, KY
- 9th Ave. - Haleyville

Please pray for us!

- That we may seek and save the lost and strengthen and encourage those we have
- As we go to Jamaica over spring break for our first international mission trip
- That we may be able to raise the funds needed to secure a student center for our ministry



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! (251) 605-0608 ro8hayes@gmail.com