

Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship Report

Within the state of Texas there are 92 four-year colleges and universities with almost 850,000 students enrolled. This means that each year, there are 850,000 young adults that are being assaulted by the ideologies and doctrines of the world. So many of these students are just 18 years old; leaving home for the first time and (for the first time) having to stand up for their beliefs and morals on their own. These students, no matter how strong, are entering into a community that in a lot of ways is cut off from the outside world leaving them with little to no support system for encouragement and recharging spiritually, mentally, or emotionally as they find themselves tested and tempted each and every day. A college campus is a culture in itself, separate in many ways from the town or city in which it is located. Within this environment these students will find themselves surrounded by worldly peer pressure and dogma day in and day out. This is where the MBSF is designed to come in. We are to be the wedge that our churches can drive into a college campus so that the light and love of Christ can enter. Each MBSF is an outreach or extension of God's churches and therefore cannot exist or sustain itself to do it's work without the continued prayer, support, and backing of God's New Testament Churches.

There are students that enter a college campus having a close relationship with God only to be beaten down and find themselves leaving that relationship behind them, maybe to never pick it back up again; all because they had no help and no one to walk beside them. An MBSF can be right there with them. There are hundreds of thousands of students that enter college without any relationship with God to begin with only to have their time there pull them further away, choosing to harden their hearts even more as they find their life and purpose in the lies and emptiness of this world rather than in the truth of God because there was no one there willing to present that truth to them. An MBSF can bring that truth and give them that alternative to worldly living. It is so vital, now more than ever before, that we as people of God recognize that we are needed to be a lifeline of support, encouragement, and truth in these vastly unreached areas for these students, both saved and unsaved alike.

Matthew 5:14-15 states, "*14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*" If we are not shining the light of Christ into the darkness and emptiness of these college campuses then we are leaving these students at the mercy of Satan and this worldly system and endangering the future health of our own churches. MBSF is the method, but is useless unless we as God's churches put it to use.

Respectfully Submitted,
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