Changing Lives Through Collegiate Ministries

At Radford University

Great things are happening at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Radford University. During their recent spring retreat, BCM leaders baptized 10 college students in the ocean at Myrtle Beach. Five were Baptists, and five were from other denominations. The BCM group of 50 who attended the retreat included current college students, some recent alumni, community members, and some graduate students—ranging in age from 18-28.

Rev. Jennifer Mullins and her husband, Rev. Rusty Mullins, led the retreat, “Making All Things New,” at the Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat Center. According to those who attended, it was an incredibly beautiful experience, and the group came back renewed and encouraged in their faith.

At University of Mary Washington

When school is closed for breaks or inclement weather, students who rely on free or reduced-price lunches and breakfasts often go hungry. Students at the Center for Faith and Leadership, an effort run by the BCM at University of Mary Washington, wanted to help those hungry children and their families.

With spring break approaching in early April, BCM students went into action in March. In partnership with the U4C Victory Ministry and school social workers, they organized a food drive to collect and distribute food and toiletries to families in need. Last year they had a highly successful food drive, so this year they hoped to have enough to distribute even beyond their immediate community.

Ritta Armistead, who runs U4C Victory Ministry, explained, “We found that throughout the entire food drive last year, God continued to reveal himself through the outpouring of love from our community, so much so that God placed it on our hearts to make it an annual benefit.”

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