



CAMPUS MINISTRY SNAPSHOT

MARCH 2025



*Every Student.
Every Campus.*



 **MBCOLLEGIATE**

www.mbcollegiate.org



@mbcollegiate



01 By the Numbers

As reported by Campus Missionaries during the March 2025 reporting period. These numbers are not exhaustive.

1480
Spiritual
Conversations

582
Gospel
Presentations

4
Student
Salvations

19
Nonstudent
Salvations*

2
Student
Baptisms

**Nonstudent salvations are those that occur among nonstudents connected to our ministries through the missions/evangelistic work of our students and campus missionaries.*

02 Spring Break Trips

The UCM BSU went to Olive Branch, MS for our Spring Break mission trip. Many of the students had never done "cold turkey" evangelism before. Every student spent at least one full day in pairs in a local park, praying for and sharing with community members at the park! The rest of the time, students broke into teams to serve the practical needs of widows at New Prospect Baptist Church. Most of the students were in awe of God's good design of the local church: multiple generations blessing one another!

—Benjamin Kirtley, Campus Missionary, University of Central Missouri, Central BSU

On our spring break mission trip, we did door knocking in the community with several members from the church. After the trip, some of our students asked if we could make some Easter invites for Relevant Church and do some door knocking around Marshall. They also wanted to invite the rest of the church to be involved as well. I love to see how this trip has pushed them out of their comfort zone and given them the confidence and tools to reach out to their own community! And I love that they want to create connections with the other members of our church and invite them along with them in doing so! Our college students may be young and at time inexperienced but they get passionate about their convictions and put feet to their faith: something that all of us "older" believers can learn a lot from!

—Marita Avilez, Campus Missionary, Missouri Valley, College, The Bridge Collegiate

Our Spring Break trip consisted of an intensive evangelism training in St. Louis. We spent multiple days traveling all around St. Louis sharing the gospel on the streets and being equipped with the tools to always better know how to share the Gospel. The big win was when we got back from our Spring Break trip. My whole family came down with a nasty sickness and I had to cancel our entire week. The next time we got together as a ministry, I learned that God had brought to our students so many spiritual and gospel conversations since they got back. It was a wonderful thing to see them see what the Lord was doing and encouraging them to share even when I wasn't able to be there with them.

—Reese Hammond, Campus Missionary, Southeast Missouri State University, Lighthouse



Love these stories? They are just a small sample.
← **SCAN ME FOR MORE STORIES**

Never miss a story of life change on our campuses.

www.mbcollegiate.org/stories

02 Spring Break Trips (cont.)

We had over 600 spiritual conversations in March, many of them during our spring break trip to Panama City Beach with BeachReach. There are simply too many amazing stories to try and include here. Thirty-nine students went on the trip. It was amazing to see them step up, be bold, and share their faith with others. They also got to see the truth of Ephesians 2:10 in action as God consistently set up situations where the right one of our students was talking to the right spring breaker. Some of the stories are so perfectly aligned that I almost wouldn't believe them if I hadn't been there to see it! Through our shuttle ministry giving rides to spring breakers, one of our students was able to lead a spring breaker to Christ. Our students also got to personally pray over 406 spring breakers during the five nights of ministry.

—Jason Yarnell, Campus Missionary, Northwest Missouri State University, Lighthouse

On our spring break mission trip, we did door knocking in the community with several members from the church. After the trip, some of our students asked if we could make some Easter invites for Relevant Church and do some door knocking around Marshall. They also wanted to invite the rest of the church to be involved as well. I love to see how this trip has pushed them out of their comfort zone and given them the confidence and tools to reach out to their own community! And I love that they want to create connections with the other members of our church and invite them along with them in doing so! Our college students may be young and at times inexperienced but they get passionate about their convictions and put feet to their faith: something that all of us "older" believers can learn a lot from!

—Marita Avilez, Campus Missionary, Missouri Valley, College, The Bridge Collegiate

Over spring break, 20 Bridge students traveled to New Orleans to serve through a program called Mission Lab, staying at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and partnering with Metairie Baptist Church for ministry. Our team jumped into action, helping with church maintenance and distributing 2,000 Easter invitations throughout the community. More importantly, we prayed with 30 people, had 35 spiritual conversations, and shared the gospel 20 times. What stood out was how few people walked away—only 20 of those we engaged chose not to continue the conversation, a powerful reminder that people are open to hearing about Jesus. Beyond our work in Metairie, we also went downtown to engage in prayer and gospel conversations with those we met. One of the most encouraging moments of the trip was seeing our students continue witnessing even on the way home—sharing Christ at gas stations and during meal stops. This trip reinforced that evangelism isn't an event—it's a lifestyle. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in New Orleans, and we're even more excited to bring this mindset back to Mizzou!

—Scott Westfall, Campus Missionary, Mizzou, The Bridge Collegiate

This year for spring we did a service trip to St. Louis to work with Aaron Werner and Dan Freeze from MBC Disaster Relief. We rebuilt the basement of a family who were victims of the flood in 2022. As the week unfolded, the family's need for the basement became critical upon the death of a relative whose own children would subsequently need a home. We did a massive yard cleanup, finished the enormous basement, and took great care of the family as well. We not only accomplished the objective of ministering to the family but also the objective of sharing life as followers of Jesus with those who truly need him.

—Jon Smith, Campus Missionary, Missouri Southern, BSU



Love these stories? They are just a small sample.
← **SCAN ME FOR MORE STORIES**

Never miss a story of life change on our campuses.

www.mbcolligate.org/stories

02 Spring Break Trips (cont.)

Easily the biggest win of the semester so far, let alone the last month, was our spring break mission trip from March 14-22 going to BeachReach in Panama City Beach, Florida. Our team of 20 joined with nearly 700 other people representing 20 different college ministries to give free shuttle rides and share the Gospel with college students on spring break. Even though we were doing ministry from 9pm-2am for five nights in a row, I was encouraged by the willingness of our team to step out of their comfort zones and be bold for Christ! Several of our quieter students took big steps in starting conversations with the spring breakers while several of our experienced leaders stepped up to model evangelism and encourage those with them. All in all, our team shared the Gospel with 163 people throughout the course of the week, and two of our guys got to pray and talk with a spring breaker as he made a profession of faith on the 3rd night! One especially unique story from this year is that one of the students who went down to BeachReach with us this year had actually been at Panama City Beach to party three years ago, and now by God's grace he got to share the gospel and God's work in his life in the exact same place!

—Isaac Whitman, Campus Missionary, Missouri Western University, Christian Challenge

03 Salvation & Baptism Stories

Last fall, a freshman student at Missouri Valley College met a Bridge Collegiate Ministry student leader who introduced her to several other Bridge students. In January, her dad passed away, but not before he talked with her about baptism. Stricken by grief after his death, she reached out to talk with another Bridge student, Hailey. Hailey shared about what baptism is and how to receive salvation. This freshman student accepted Christ and is going to be baptized at Relevant Church on April 13!

—Marita Avilez, Campus Missionary, Missouri Valley College, The Bridge Collegiate

We had a group of Spurgeon students come out and do gospel conversations with us. In the course of this, three of us from UMKC got to have a gospel conversation that led to a salvation.

—Toby, Student Leader, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Collegiate Impact

One of our small group leaders has a childhood friend who recently returned to her faith. They have been praying for her boyfriend to come to Christ. He has attended some of our worship gatherings and has been attending one of our supporting churches. One Sunday in March he went forward to surrender his life to Christ!

—Jason Yarnell, Campus Missionary, Northwest Missouri State University, Lighthouse

A Blue River student has been meeting regularly with one of our volunteers from a partnering church, Life Connection. He gave his life to Christ and will be baptized soon!

—Lizzy Rosenbaum, Campus Missionary Apprentice, Blue River, Collegiate Impact

One of the young African ladies has been growing in her understanding of the true gospel and following Christ. She committed to being baptized as a believer at our church after working through the biblical reasons why.

—Reese Hammond, Southeast Missouri State University, Lighthouse



Love these stories? They are just a small sample.



SCAN ME FOR MORE STORIES

Never miss a story of life change on our campuses.

www.mbcollegiate.org/stories