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Campus Strives to Create Meaningful Worship Experiences

Student Chapel Committee Redefines Spiritual Atmosphere

By Marcy Buckner

Students now worship at Montreat-Anderson College in a new context. Thanks to the work of the recently formed Student Chapel Committee, led by Juliana Lassiter and Ed Bonner, Thursday Chapels are no longer, according to senior Scott Ward, "uninteresting" and "unfulfilling."

The Spiritual Life Committee began examining the spiritual life on campus, of which chapel is only a part, last spring. Their desire for chapel was that it would be a time set apart for faculty, staff, and students to come together for dynamic, meaningful, and worshipful fellowship with each other and God.

As a means to accomplish this goal, the Spiritual Life Committee

wanted direct input from students as to what Chapel should be like. When the request was made known for help in the reformation, there was a response from approximately 12 students--enough to necessitate dividing volunteers into two teams.

Jennifer Hinman, a sophomore member of team B, decided to become involved because, she stated,

Team A
Jessica Bonard
Jennifer Hardman
Tim Hatton (ex officio)
Marla Henderson
Sheila Huntly
Scott Ward

"If I'm not involved with what is going on in Chapel, I can't condemn it."

Team A and team B alternate weeks in planning the chapels. During this time, group members co-

ordinate their ideas with feeler ideas they have received from students, and also focus on campus issues that need to be addressed.

Lassiter, a MACTEER volunteer under Bonner, has been influential in the success of the Chapel Planning Committee. Bonner compliments, "The person who has led the student input has been Juliana, who has strong relationships and is gifted in worship leadership."

The Chapel Planning Committee met almost every week in the latter part of the spring semester last year in order to look at every aspect of Chapel, starting at ground zero, and talked about hopes, needs, etc. The committee wishes to make a very clear distinction between Chapel and Convocation, Convocation having its own unique definition and purpose.

One of the major changes in Chapel, as a result of student input,

has been the transition from hymn singing to choral singing. Ward, a

Team B
Jennifer Hinman
Rob Lewis
Tracey Morrison
Greg Stienbarger

member to team A claimed of the Chapel changes, "It's been an opportunity for the students to mold their intake."

Chad Smith, a junior majoring in English Communications, admitted, "I wish that I could say that Chapel is something that I enjoy going to, and it should be. However, the speakers, in general, are still uninteresting and boring. But I also feel that speakers such as Ed Bonner and Richard White, for example, do an outstanding job."

The Chapel Planning Committee requests feedback from students about Chapel. Their desire is to make Chapel what it needs to be--meaningful worship.

Glassford, Mixon Guide Others Through the Analysis of the New Testament

Tuesday Bible Group Breaks Path to Scriptural Understanding

By Jennifer Moore

A group of students began exploring the gospel of Mark shortly after fall break. According to Bible professor Dr. Darwin Glassford, the group's purpose is, "To explore and wrestle with the relevance of Mark's gospel for us today." Dr. Glassford also added, "The gospel was written to a group of people who lived in a

society where Christianity was a threat. It [Mark's gospel] also looks at the tensions of being a Christian in a fallen society." The group meets on Tuesdays at 4pm in the Belk Campus Center Prayer Room.

The group has currently just finished chapter one and is hoping to finish chapters two and three by the

end of the semester. They are pushing to finish the bulk of the gospel by the end of the year.

Student Paulette Mixon, who is assisting in leading the group, approached Dr. Glassford and asked to begin the group. Dr. Glassford, who has had previous experience in teaching the gospel of Mark, agreed. Dr. Glassford commented, "I've had experience teaching it, so it's not a burden to me."

Several students are involved in the study. They are: Heather Bischoff, Tim Hatton, Carol McMahan, Paulette

Mixon, and Anu-Riika Henrikson.

Junior Heather Bischoff commented on why she enjoys the group: "I think the Bible study group is great. I've learned a lot, and I like it because it is small."

Henrikson contributed, "When I first went to the group, I was real afraid it was going to be a big, huge group, but it wasn't. It was a group of my closest friends... an intimate, small group. It has been a time for me to grow spiritually, since I haven't been able to go to church because of my work. It's been really great."

Drama Team Sheds New Light on the Gospel

By Kathryn Letterman

The drama ministry team has made quite an impression on students during Chapel this semester. Students made a wide variety of comments on this relatively new ministry group.

Juliana Lassiter heads the team by the request of the students

"Drama touches people's lives like nothing else can. It brings out emotions in the audience that a sermon just can't do. It shows the motives behind people's actions." Student Jason Taylor also added, "It's good because some skits have displayed common situations that all Christians can relate to."

Drama Ministry Group
Karen Campbell
Jodie Carriker
Jennie Hinman
Matt Horner
Kelly LaFave
Janie King
Lisa McMurry
Jeff Reardon
Carlyn Schott
Scott Ward

Senior Eric Bush offered, "The skits have been pretty cool and very enlivening, but Chapel will always have a hard time overcoming its required attendance policy. Choosing God is fundamental to Christianity. But as long as we have to be there, the skits will be entertaining and engaging."

The drama ministry team meets every Thursday at 6:15pm in room 219 in the Belk Campus Center. Lassiter encouraged, "If anyone has any ideas for a skit, please let us know, and come and participate. We want everyone involved who's interested"

Different Personality Types Explored in Convocation

By Cara Weiss

M-AC students celebrated differences during seminars on different personality types. These seminars were so extensive that they stretched over two Convocation periods, November 23 and 29. During these Convocations, Marilyn Huff described diverse personality types, and which careers might be best suited for each personality type. Huff also explained how people interact with each other. She acknowledged strengths and weaknesses found in each personality type, and how these could influence one's career choices and leadership styles.

Huff's information about personality types was based on the Myers-Briggs indicator, which determines whether a person is an introvert or an extrovert. An extrovert draws energy from others around them, while an introvert draws energy from being alone.

Both of these personality types are needed in order to balance out society.

The Myers-Briggs indicator is just one way of looking at personality. Some participants got insight from the test, while others did not receive as much.

Anyone who would like to take the Myers-Briggs test, may stop by the Career Development Office on the second floor of the Belk Campus Center. Beth Wirtjes, Associate of Career Development, will give a free copy to anyone willing to take the test. The print out participants receive after taking the Myers-Briggs test is 90% accurate. According to Wirtjes, this print out enables people to better understand which kinds of jobs they might excel in. The test assists people in discovering the areas in which they are gifted.

Group member Jennie Hinman commented on why she involved herself with the team,