**Arkansas Student Ministries**

**2019 Student Ministries Director’s Report**

**“Influencing Today…..Impacting Tomorrow”**

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After 48 years of service to Arkansas FWB Youth—Arkansas Student Ministries (ASM) is still committed to fulfilling our mission: *ASM exists to glorify God through supporting of the local church by providing various events, training, and encouragement for the students and the student workers in our state.* I want to personally thank everyone who has given sacrificially, both financially and of time over the past year.

***EVANGELISM***

***2019 Camp Season:*** 708 Campers and Staff attended Camp Beaverfork. Once again, the Lord continued to bless our students during camp. This was proven by seeing ***23 Salvation Decisions, 11 Rededications, 50 Other decisions, 8 Answered the Ministerial call.*** The campers and staff alike were enlightened by the preaching of Blake Rainwater (Teen Week), Clayton Brixely (Jr High Week) and Howard Gwartney (Kids #1 / #2 Week)

I want to thank all of those that came and worked last year. Lives have been changed because of your sacrifices. I also want to thank all the campers for helping raise $3,016.75 to help sponsor students at the 2019 Kids Camp in Panama.

***2019 Rental:*** Rentals continue to be a vital part of ASM to help sustain the campus financially throughout the year. In 2019, Camp Beaverfork hosted 18 rentals. These rentals had a total registration of 1164 in attendance and provide an income of $46,849.00. **Impacting lives continues even beyond AR Free Will Baptist.**

***ENCOURAGEMENT***

***2019 Winter Retreats:*** We had a good attendance of both the Kid’s Retreat and the Teen Retreat. During these retreats, our youth experienced the strong preaching of Gods’ Word by Andy Haskins (Kids Retreat) and Cliff Preston (Teen Retreat)

***EQUIPPING***

***2019 State CTS Expo:*** In April of 2019, 193 entries went to Union Grove FWB Church in Atkins to take apart in the State CTS Expo / Competition. Arkansas then sent 114 entries to Cincinnati, OH. Vertical 3 Expo / Competition. 72 of those entries placed at the national level**: 31--1st place, 32--2nd place, and 9--3rd place**.

***I would like to thank the support staffs from Union Grove FWB that help make these events possible.***

***Vertical Three Conference:*** Arkansas’s youth continued to make an impact during the V3C by participating in several national opportunities. During the summer of 2019 Arkansas had several students travel around the world with E-Team, a three-week mission program sponsored by the International Missions department. We also had several students that were selected to participate in the Truth and Peace Student Leadership Conference sponsored by Randall House. During the V3C week, Arkansas youth got involved with *Serve the City*, a service opportunity that is designed to help the host community.

***ENGAGMENT***

***Don Guthrie Memorial Scholarship:***  In 2019, four $500.00 annual scholarships were awarded to students. Students who are enrolled at a Free Will Baptist college (Southeastern, Welch, Randall, or CCC) may apply for the scholarship. Applications and requirements for the scholarship maybe downloaded from the camp website. Deadline is **August 1, 2020.**

**S.T.A.R.R. (*Students Trained and Response Ready*)** A leadership challenge for 9-12th graders

that provides both training and hands on experience for today young leaders. The 2019 Team included: Nellie Brown (Sallisaw, OK), Ashley Ross (Muldrow, OK), Jayla Songer (Conway, AR), Hannah O’Neal (Fayetteville, AR), Piper Petree (Muldrow, OK), Jonas White (Charleston, AR)

**Summer Interns:** The intern program is designed to provide college age students the hands on

training they need in order to continue their course of study in a real-world setting. These interns will join the staff and take on vital roles during the season. 2019 Interns included: Jaela Martin (University of the Ozarks), Hayden King (ATU), Caitlin Moncrief (UCA), Mikayla Conner (Arthurs), Sarah Glenn (ATU)

**Thank you AR FWB for your support of AR Student Ministries as we reach out to make an “Impact” in the lives of AR youth.**