



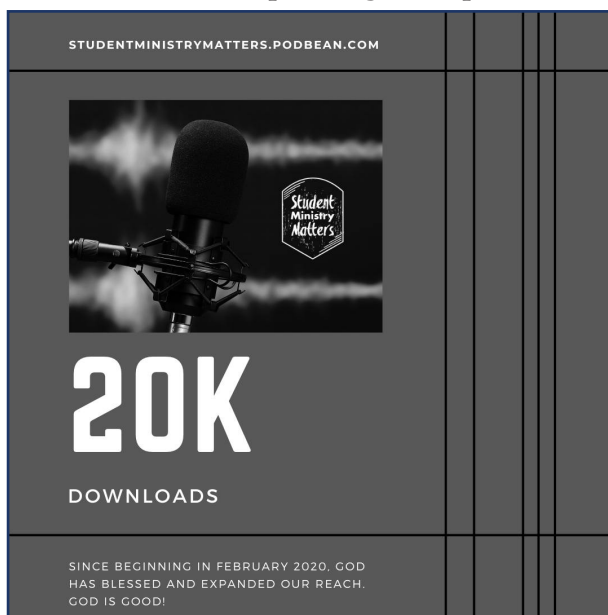
Arkansas' Student Ministry Matters Podcast Has Global Reach

By Dan Carson, Director

Student Ministry Matters (SMM) was born from a desire to help volunteer, part-time and full-time student ministry workers. We are the BMA of Arkansas Youth Department. Our desire is to assist student ministry workers as they provide Christ-centered teaching and care to their students. We accomplish our goals by providing connections, coaching and continuing education for those that love and care for teenagers.

In a society that has reduced the value of human life, we have students that are hurting more than ever. It demands that SMM invests in our workers, so they can invest in our students. Those working with students can feel beat up and simply tired. SMM exists to help those that are working to help others. Our world is in desperate need of Jesus. SMM exists to help student ministry workers spread the message that the Father left for us — Jesus Saves!

At the core of all we do, our mission is to help those that are seek-



ing to impact the next generation for Jesus. One of the ways we carry this out is through our weekly Student Ministry Matters Podcast. We have conversations about student ministry for full-time, part-time and volunteer student ministry workers. It is a podcast aimed at providing support, encouragement and connection for those that work with students in any ministry setting. God has blessed this weekly investment in student ministry workers and allowed our impact to grow. Recently, our podcast passed the 20,000 download mark.

Since its beginning in February 2020, our reach has continued to grow. As of this writing, we have released 148 episodes and 8 ministry updates. Those episodes have reached all 50 states and 93 other countries. Total downloads have reached 20,945 — up from 6,120 in 2021. I thank Chris Vines for serving with me as co-host.

Have you checked out the Student Ministry Matters Podcast? We thank God for helping us continue the mission that he has given us.

| | Top 10 Downloaded SMM Podcasts | Release Date | Downloads |
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| 1 | Episode 130 - Introducing Christianity to Mormons with Eric Johnson | September 5, 2022 | 3906 |
| 2 | Episode 129 - Engaging Generation Z with Dr. Tim McKnight | August 29, 2022 | 358 |
| 3 | Episode 128 - Write It On Their Hearts with Melissa Swain | August 22, 2022 | 348 |
| 4 | Episode 110 - Helping Students Navigate Anxiety with Hanna Burge | April 11, 2022 | 227 |
| 5 | Episode 125 - Successful Student Ministry with Dr. Sam Rainer | August 1, 2022 | 219 |
| 6 | Episode 117 - Helping Students Have a Real Faith with Jonathan Cofer | May 30, 2022 | 214 |
| 7 | Episode 127 - Praying for Your Students | August 19, 2022 | 200 |
| 8 | Episode 121 - Prepping for the Big Trips | June 27, 2022 | 197 |
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| 10 | Episode 109 - Helping Students Navigate Death & Loss with Jennifer Grim | April 4, 2022 | 190 |



Listen to the **Student Ministry Matters Podcast** at studentministrymatters.podbean.com or through most major podcasting platforms.

Also, mark your calendars for the **2023 Student Ministry Workers Retreat** scheduled for Sept. 16 at Central Baptist College in Conway. The speaker for the sixth annual event is pastor, professor and author Dr. Tim McKnight. He is the editor of *Navigating Student Ministry* and author of *Engaging Generation Z*. He is the pastor of Mosaic Church of Anderson, S.C., a multi-ethnic multi-generational church plant and serves as associate professor of youth ministry and missions at the Clump Divinity School at Anderson University. You can register for next year's event at SMWR2023.eventbrite.com.





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Hispanic leaders of Arkansas gather for a spiritual retreat in June 2022.

Arkansas' Hispanic Ministry Benefits from Generational Missions

By Michael Hight, BMA of Arkansas Hispanic Coordinator and Pastor of First Baptist Church, Caldwell

The greatest blessing a missionary can ever experience is second and third-generation ministry leaders who continue to carry out the mission! When we started El Faro, we intentionally built into our DNA the intent to develop leaders who would go on to plant more churches. Now, years later, we are seeing that come to fruition through these men and lady:

- **Guilmar Guarez** came out of El Faro, and he is now ordained and pastoring La Gran Comisión in Alexander. His spiritual growth continues to amaze me.
- **German Galindo** was our first baptism at El Faro, and he is now in Mexico preparing his family to plant a church on the outskirts of Mexico City.
- **Douglas Pacheco** was saved through the ministry of La Gran Comisión, and he is now preaching for BMAA Hispanic Ministry Coordinator and South City Church Discipleship Pastor Elvis Garcia regularly at South City.
- **David Canesa** was baptized by La Gran Comisión and is now studying at the Bible Institute for more service.

• **Alma Landin**, who was saved through the ministry of El Faro and is a member there, led her mother to the Lord over the phone in Mexico.

• **Juan Carlos Posadas** was an intern at El Faro. First Baptist Church of Caldwell has extended the arm to the Creciendo en Cristo mission in North Little Rock where Juan Carlos serves as a BMA of Arkansas missionary and has several men studying to be leaders.

The blessings just keep coming! I am so glad you allow me to be a part of this continuing work. I pray that God has many more blessings in store through your Hispanic Missions ministry in Arkansas and beyond.



David Canesa teaching at La Gran Comisión.



El Faro Pastor Jorge Vasquez prays over the next generation of leaders.



Worship service at La Gran Comisión.



What God Has Wrought

By Johnny Shew, Missionary
Faith Chapel Mission, Flippin

At the end of each of Paul's missionary journeys, he went to Jerusalem. Luke tells us in Acts 15 and 21 that after both the first and third journeys, he was received by the church at Jerusalem, and speaking before all of the church with the elders and apostles, *"he declared what things God had wrought by his ministry."* Paul did not try to take any credit or glory for the success of his ministry, he gave God the glory.

This was what came to my mind when Bro. Paul asked each of us State Missionaries to write an article for the *Trumpet* about what God has done in and through our missions. And we know that it is God that works through us, we can do nothing of ourselves, all we have to do is be faithful to Him, and willing.

It got me thinking back about what He has done since we started Faith Chapel. When we knew we were going to plant a church in Flippin, even before we knew that we would be BMA Missionaries, we went to Flippin and we walked and drove the streets and prayed over the city, looking for a place to have services. We didn't have much luck and were not even sure what to look for or where to start. We just were praying for God's will to be done.

As we left town that day, we passed a beautiful piece of land overlooking the Crooked Creek Valley, with an absolutely gorgeous view, and I said to Karen, in passing, "O my! That's where we need to put a church!" Well, we kept going to Flippin, every day for a while, praying and looking. We finally found a vacant building that we could afford, and we rented it and began planning for our first service. Everyone warned us not to expect much at first and to not get discouraged if no one comes, but we put up flyers all over town and met people and invited everyone that we saw.

On March 15, 2020, we held our first service and had 24 people in attendance. We were amazed and delighted, and so thankful. One lady came up to me after the service and said she had never been in a church like ours. She felt so much love. She had been raised catholic, and even went to a convent. I asked her if she was saved, and she said that

she knew she was, and as we talked, I believed that she was too. She said she had never read the Bible though, the priests didn't encourage that. She liked that I preached the scriptures. I asked her if she wanted a Bible, and her face lit up like I had given her a million dollars.

The next day, March 16, 2020, the governor came out and said that no one should have large gatherings, none over 10 people, especially churches. We had no idea what to do. Even established churches didn't know what to do. We decided to go online and, for the next 10 weeks, it was just me and Karen putting the sermon on Facebook.

I must admit we were getting a little discouraged when one day my phone rang. It was the lady from our first service, asking when we were going to be able to have services again. I and many others were getting tired of the lockdown by now, and I said that we would be having worship service Sunday and, if anyone came, I certainly wouldn't turn them away. Well, she came, and we had a wonderful service.

She became our first member that day and we baptized her the next week. We began growing from there and over the next few weeks, we had several more join, and several more were saved and baptized. It was an amazing time for us and it continues to be.

Then one day Karen was looking at real estate on the internet and a piece of property listed for sale looked familiar. We got the address and called about it and asked if we could look at it. When we met the realtor there, it was the very property that we had driven by on our first day in Flippin. We looked, talked to the realtor, and prayed — we even prayed with him! We made an offer that day. Karen and I bought it and were going to make payments until the mission could afford to buy it, but one of our new members made a very generous donation to pay off the entire amount and we sold it to the mission for \$100 less than we gave for it just to avoid the appearance of profiting off of the church.

We still believe that God had been saving that five acres for us for all of the time just to build Faith Chapel there and He made all of it happen. Since then, God has worked many miracles among us. We had a young man passing by get saved on our front porch. We have had several families with children join us. We had a man get saved in the street at our outreach event, and he brought his family the next Sunday. I don't think they have missed a service since and we baptized them in Bull Shoals Lake a few weeks ago.

We had two saved at one of our baptism services and later baptized them. We are now two and a half years since our first service and we have had 12 baptized on the profession of their faith, and our membership has grown to 40. We had 42 but 2 have gone on to be with the Lord. We have many coming regularly that have not joined yet, but we expect



they will.

Several come regularly on Sunday nights because their own churches do not have services, one of them is even an ABA Pastor and his wife. We have 12-15 children each week and they are a blessing. We don't have much to offer them yet that the big churches do, but their parents bring them for what we do have. Everyone that comes says that they have never felt so much genuine love in a church, and we never want to lose that. We are a family and that is why they are coming. We have set five attendance records in the last two months, and our rented building is full.

We are making plans to build our own building on the five acres that the Lord gave us. We cleared the trees last week. God has given us financial support from so many in our association — churches, local associations and individuals. We are humbled and grateful for all of it. The family of our members that passed asked that in lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Faith Chapel in their memory, and we have been blessed by that as well.

I would like to tell you about every one of the members and visitors that God has sent us, they are all so special, but I have to end somewhere. I will share more another time. All of this happened during the pandemic — we have not had any "normal" times. I do not have room and I can't even begin to declare to you all that God has wrought here in Flippin, but we give Him all the glory. All we did was show up when and where He asked us to. He has wrought all this in spite of me and my inadequacies. He gave me a wonderful wife to hold me up and do this with me, and I am so thankful for her and to her as well. And I have said this before, I knew that I was being called to this, I knew I was supposed to do it, but I never knew that I would love it so much. I have been blessed beyond measure being your BMA State Missionary in Flippin, woe to me if I don't do it. And I can't wait to see what God will do next!



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Mustang Message

CBC Graduate Found God's Plan

By Caitlyn Hiland

My name is Caitlyn Hiland. I am a 2020 graduate of Central Baptist College, where I received a bachelor's degree in business administration. My road to CBC looks different than that of many of my classmates. When I was looking at colleges at the end of my junior year and the beginning of my senior year, I never thought about Central Baptist College as an option for continuing my education. CBC was never my plan, but CBC was God's plan.

My plans were to attend a large university and live the stereotypical "college life." That is not what happened. When I came to CBC, I didn't think I would love my classes. I didn't think I would enjoy being so close to home. I didn't think I would make new friends and I definitely didn't expect to grow in my relationship with the Lord. Funny thing... That's **exactly** what happened.

As a business major, I came out of the department with a strong knowledge of how business works in my community. I also learned how global business works.

Upon graduation, I felt prepared for employment. I had job-specific knowledge and the resources I needed to help me find a job. Dr. Beth Cantrell made sure of that. She helped me with the job hunt and made me want to succeed. That's how the professors are at CBC — they genuinely love and want what's best for their students.

My relationship with God changed because of my time at CBC. I was offered the opportunity not only to grow academically but also to grow spiritually. I learned what true grace is. I learned about the character of God and His mercy. I left wanting to grow deeper with Him.

I made lifelong friends on campus, friends that I know will always love me and will be praying for me, just like I will for them. We may not see each other as often anymore, but I know I can count on them at any time or anywhere.

I now work as the assistant office manager for Senator Boozman in Washington, D.C. I am excited to continue my work for the State of Arkansas in Senator Boozman's DC office. Senator Boozman has long been someone I have respected as a leader for the state, and I am honored to be able to learn, not only from him but from his staff as well.

In the role of assistant office manager, I help provide superior, constituent service for which Senator Boozman is known. I answer questions from Arkansans who call the Senator's Washington office about pending legislation and debates on the Senate floor. I fulfill requests for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol, and I help with the training of our office staff.

When asked, Senator Boozman said, "Caitlyn is a great addition to our team. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service that will benefit Arkansans in her new role and help us continue to support the needs of our state."

None of this would have happened without CBC. The institution gave me a place and a chance to grow. I was able to make connections and relationships that will follow me throughout my life. I can only hope that everyone can experience the opportunities that I've had at CBC.

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— Prior to joining Boozman's staff, Hiland served as boards and commissions coordinator for Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson. She is a 2018 Greenbrier High School graduate, where she also earned her associate degree. She is the daughter of Cody and Jana Hiland.

CBC is committed to transforming lives by providing an education that integrates Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.