

Next Gen Ministries

“Transplant Your Life”

IBSA
Next Gen Team

Metamorphosis Conference –Jan 29-30



Metamorphosis is a conference designed especially for collegiate and Next Gen women. It will be held Jan. 29-30, 2010 in Sherman, IL, which is just north of Springfield.

It is a great time for your female students to hang out with their girlfriends,

laugh, cry, and learn from God’s Word. They will see how God cares about the struggles and issues they face during this time in their lives and how to apply Biblical truths to those issues.

This year’s theme is based on Galatians 4:7, “And since you are His child, God has made you His heir.”

Our Bible Study leader this year will be Regina Gibson. Her life’s passion revolves around her Lord Jesus and the call He has placed on her life to teach God’s

Word to women in the Body of Christ.

Our worship leader will be Shelly Johnson. She is a Christian artist, worship leader, and songwriter with a deep devotion to her Creator and a desire to share Him with others.

Place: Living Faith Baptist Church

Cost: \$25, includes coffee house, on Friday, lunch on Saturday, & registration fee.

For more information, visit:

Metamorphosisconference.com or email serenabutler@ibsa.org.

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New Year, New Goals

We all know the challenges that come with ministering to this Next Generation for Christ. How do we keep the church kids plugged into church and ministry? How do we reach the 800,000 college and university students in our state? Many of them do not know Christ. Many campuses do not have a church close by. Many of our campuses do not have an evangelical presence. Where do we begin?

The Next Gen Team sat

down and looked at the pockets of lostness in our state. Although the need is great everywhere, we decided to target certain areas so that we could at least have a starting place to build momentum in reaching Illinois for Jesus Christ.

We are finalizing our list and will focus on places throughout the state. When the list is complete, there will be ten targeted areas to start a new church designed to reach the Next Generation.

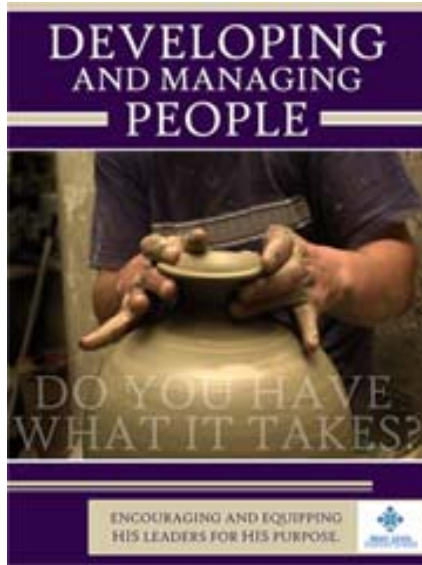
But we haven’t forgotten the college campuses. We also have a goal to start ten new campus ministries this year.

The task is HUGE and sometimes overwhelming. But the Bible tells us that nothing is impossible with God. We are convinced that, with the help of our churches and associations, we can reach these goals. Will you partner with us in this effort?

The task is great, but our God is greater!



Training for Supervisors of Student Missionaries



Do you have a student missionary under your supervision? Would you like to have a summer or semester missionary serve with you in the future?

Next Level Leadership Training is required by NAMB for supervisors of student missionaries, so we have scheduled a training just for you.

It will take place at the Baptist Building in Springfield on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

“Do you have what it takes to lead

others? How do you lead with Christ-like competence? Do you coach for personal growth? Can you manage for ministry results?

“Developing and Managing People will provide the answers to these questions and provide you with the skills to be more effective in managing and leading others. Discover the participatory style of management used by Jesus and the management tool of covenants.”

Please contact Serena Butler at serenabutler@ibsa.org to register for this free training.

National Day of Prayer—January 31

I don't think that any of us would argue that our nation and world are in desperate need of revival. Prayer is essential for revival to take place. January 31, 2010 has been set aside as a day of Prayer by the Southern Baptist Convention.

SBC President, Johnny Hunt stated it this way, “We live in unprecedented times, with Christian and moral foundations rapidly crumbling before our very eyes. Meanwhile, many Christian churches, which should be a mighty force

ready to spread salt and light in this dark world, are unprepared. God's glory has been set aside while other things have overshadowed our first love.

“The reputation of SBC churches is akin to the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:1-5. Jesus commended them for doing many good things, but called them to repent. Baptism rates are down, divorce rates are up and too many families are falling apart. We're busy doing church but we have lost our connection to the

power of Almighty God.”

Will you commit to challenging your students to devote at least one day to prayer and fasting for their campus? Will you join them in that challenge?

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and prayer and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Corinthians 7:14

Great Resource For Your College Students



Collegiate provides a refreshing combination of Bible study and feature articles centered on biblical truth and issues relevant to college students. With biblical depth and practical advice for the realities of daily life, students will be challenged to study God's Word, make a difference in the world, and deepen their walk with Christ.

You can download a free sample or order some magazines for your group at:

<http://threadsmedia.com/collegiate/>

Spell It Out—from leadership_devo@newsletter.tyndale.com

Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.
[Mark 4:33-34](#)

The fine, the deep mid, the silly, the short square, the leg slip, the gully . . . If one is not familiar with these terms, he will find himself in the wrong place at the wrong time and will certainly lose the game of cricket for his team. Where would one learn the terminology for the game? It is readily available in the encyclopedia. But learning the terminology and actually playing the game are two different things entirely. Playing the positions well can only come from

experience on the cricket field.

Jesus was a master at speaking in riddles for the public while at the same time teaching his disciples valuable lessons. He spoke with words that both taught and challenged. He taught those who could hear with faith and challenged those who were trying to trap him. There were times, however, when even the disciples were unable to understand Jesus. Then Jesus would patiently explain everything to them in detail. Jesus knew that as the disciples gained experience in the mission field, their understanding of his parables would grow. Meanwhile, Jesus took the time to spell parables out for the disciples by defining terms or by retelling the stories more simply.

Sometimes it may seem that things would go faster if we just used shortcuts to get the task at hand over and done with. However, in the long run, spelling things out and bringing new people along can be more efficient than doing it all on our own. Growing people into their positions takes patience and diligence. It requires commitment to the betterment of that other person. It requires the ability to see beyond the task at hand to the value of the person at hand.

Are we as patient as Jesus was with new Christians at church, or even new people at our workplace? The patience we show to our teammates can make the difference between a weak team and a strong, maturing, effective team.

Excerpts from [Ivy Jungle Report](#): a campus ministry resource for those who work with college students.



Campus Ministries Involved in Social Justice: Many campus ministries are forgoing the pizza parties and fun events and seeking to reach out to students on campus through opportunities to serve the poor, address HIV/AIDS, or human trafficking issues. Inter-Varsity Chirstain Fellowship reports that more than 2/3 of its campus chapters have focused more on social causes in the last few years. Unlike previous generations, many students see a clear tie between evangelism and social action, between proclaiming the good news and engaging in good works (Christianity Today, December 2009 p. 18) For more on students at social action see

<http://www.ivyjungle.org/converted-to-the-kingdom-social-action-among-college-students-today>

Co-ed Dorms Sex and Drinking: In what might be called a rather "unshocking" report, a study in the

Journal of American College Health shows that students in co-ed dorms are 2.5 times more likely to binge drink every week and tend to have more sexual partners than those in single sex dorms. A study of 500 students from five campuses showed that 42% of those in a co-ed dorm reported weekly binge drinking, compared with 18% in single sex dorms. The study helps dispel the myth that binge drinking is a "Greek" problem located in fraternity and sorority houses. 90% of dorms are now co-ed. (Sciencelive.com November 17, 2009)

High Cost Colleges: 58 colleges and universities now boast a price tag of greater than \$50K a year for tuition, room, board and other fees according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. A year ago, only five schools had such a hefty price tag. Most of these schools are quick to point out that with the "generous aid packages" available, few

students pay the sticker price.

However, a number of critics have begun to question not only the affordability of a college education, but also if the long term benefit truly warrants such high costs. (New York Times, November 3, 2009)

Racial Gaps in Graduation Rates on College Bowl Teams: Among the 68 Bowl bound college football programs, 31% (21 schools) graduate less than 50% of their African American players, compared with only 2 schools who graduate less than 50% of their white players. No team in this year's bowl games graduate less than 40% of their white players, while 10% (7 schools) graduate less than 40% of their African-American players. More than half of the teams have a graduation rate for African-American players 20% lower or worse than the graduation rate of their white players. (Inside Higher Ed December 8, 2009)

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Summer Missions Opportunities



E-Team - This team of students will spend their summer months traveling around the state assisting churches and associations in their ministry. It might be in the form of a youth or children's camp, Vacation Bible School, or community outreach. They serve in a different location each week. The team receives training in worship, Bible teaching, recreation, and drama.



These teams will commit 6-8 weeks to help cultivate the "spiritual soil" of a community in preparation for starting a new church. Like the name *The Parachute Project* suggests, teams are "dropped off" in an under reached section of a community. The assignment may be with a new church plant, in an area where there is no existing work, or on a collegiate campus. Their mission is simple: Live missionally (doing missions in everyday life) by building relationships and seeping into the cracks and crevices of the culture.



Students are needed to serve alongside some of our existing church planters for the summer. Students serving through TransPlant might find themselves serving in the shadow of Wrigley Field, helping reach professionals in the West Loop, ministering in the suburb of Maywood, or building relationships with immigrants as they adjust to life in the US.

Overseas Opportunities

Bulgaria - Initial plans for this team include ministry through a coffee house in the capital city of Sofia, outreach to a Roma neighborhood in Blagoevgrad, and ESL and orphanage ministry in Stara Zagora. This is a continuation of an eight year partnership with missionaries and Bulgarian Baptist Churches.

Dates: July 2010 Cost: \$2300

Team Leader: Kaylee Seymour, kaylee.seymour@blackburn.edu

South Korea - This team will work with university students and take part in an annual collegiate conference in Korea. They will work to build relationships with college students in order to help start a new church to reach the campuses with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dates: June 2010 Cost: \$1800

Team Leader: Joe Gardner, mpbajoe@comcast.net

India - This team is an all guys team which will be involved in village evangelism and ministry to street kids and orphans in Calcutta.

Dates: Late May -early June 2010 Cost: \$2300

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