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Moving Madness

Help Your Student Prepare for Spring, Summer, & Fall

It's time to plan for the end of this year and the beginning of next year! Although this is a hectic time for parents and students, early preparation can make it easier.

"The end of the year is stressful because of finals," says Marla Thomas, sophomore nursing major from Florida. "Just testing and trying to get everything done can stress you out, and you don't always have much time to study."

Busy students can forget, so parents may want to remind them to take advantage of online preregistration for the fall semester, held March 27 through April 7. Students must be preregistered to reserve housing for next year at the annual Housing Fair on Thursday, April 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Once students have preregistered and made housing reservations, the close of the academic year is just three weeks away, officially ending on Thursday, May 4. Residence hall deans expect most students to be checked out by May 4 except for graduating seniors, who should check out of student housing by Monday, May 8.

The moving-out process can be a great undertaking in its own right, and after a busy exam week, students are grateful for any help they can get.

"I really appreciate my mom's and dad's help with moving," says Britni

Brannon, sophomore print journalism major from Georgia. "I would never be able to fit all my stuff in one car. When carrying all my stuff—my clothes, my shoes, my picture frames—just having two extra pairs of hands helps. Plus, my dad carries the refrigerator."

For students returning in the fall, summer storage is available in each dorm for a fee of \$25. Students can reserve space starting Monday, April 24.

Classes for the 2006-2007 academic year begin Thursday, August 24, but students can come anytime between August 17 and August 23. On August 20, faculty and student volunteers will help students move into the dorm, a service day Southern has dubbed "We-Haul."

"We-Haul really gives a good vibe to incoming students," says Thomas Helms, junior mass communications major from Michigan who worked with We-Haul last fall. "It shows that people on this campus care and are willing to help you move in and arrange your stuff."

The beginning and end of a school year bring change, but it doesn't have to be a difficult time. With a little help and early preparation, students and parents can be ready for the summer, the academic year, or life after graduation.

~Missy Maracle, junior journalism major from North Carolina

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Mother-Daughter Brunch

A Meal & a Message on Modesty

Elegant harp music greeted mothers and daughters as they climbed the stairs to Southern's Dining Hall Sunday, February 19. Resident assistants dressed in black and white waited at the top of the stairs to escort guests to their seats.

Each place setting at the beautifully decorated tables boasted baby eclairs and raspberry-white chocolate scones with heart-shaped butter at the side. Mouth-watering aromas wafted through the room from two tables loaded with quiche, croissant sandwiches, fruits, and candied nuts. A low murmur blended with the harpist's gentle melodies as mothers and daughters got to know the other ladies at their tables, sipped hot tea, and eyed the food tables.

"It was a special, beautiful time for us, and it was fun meeting all the other mothers and daughters," says Karen Holland, mother of Lauren, senior education major, and Lindsey, freshman nursing major, from South Carolina. "It exceeded our expectations."

At each Mother-Daughter Brunch, one mother is chosen as Mother of the Year based on her daughter's written tribute. This year's winner was Beth Bartlett, mother of Lori, a sophomore nursing major from Indiana.

"My mom is amazing," says Bartlett, summing up her more than three-page essay. "She's my best friend."

As the more than 350 mothers and daughters finished their meals, Dannah Gresh, well-known speaker and author of several books including *The Bride Wore White*, began.

"You are so spoiled that you get to do this every two years!" Gresh said. She went on to share her message of purity and wholeness in the Lord. Gresh also emphasized the importance of modesty, especially in a world permeated with pornography and immodesty. Her "truth or bare" tests and moving personal testimony made mothers and daughters alike laugh, cry, and laugh again.

"I enjoyed Dannah Gresh's speech," says Glenda Francis, mother of Keisha, a high school sophomore, and her sister Kelly, a senior nursing major from Georgia. "Her message is going to change the way I relate to my daughters, and I really enjoyed the chance to be with them today. It's a really good thing Southern does."

Kassy Krause and Sharon Engel coordinated the event, with the help of student deans, resident assistants, and Dining Hall staff.

Dear parents,

As the year draws to a close, I think back on the many blessings God has given and look forward to those He will provide as we enter the summer months. Of course, each season has its stresses and worries, but when we look at God's workings in comparison to any misfortune, His promises stand firm and true.

In Acts 2:39, Peter addresses the crowd, finishing a statement of assurance that the Holy Spirit would be with them and their children. How precious that promise is when our children are with us, and how much more so when they are far away!

My prayer for you this summer is that you claim the promise of the Holy Spirit for yourselves and your children. In doing this you will assure that whether they find work at summer camp, as a colporteur, or at a fast-food restaurant, your children will have a chance to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be renewed in their knowledge of God's will for their lives.

God Bless,

Gordon Bietz



Left: Dannah Gresh, author of *The Bride Wore White*, shares inspiration from Proverbs 5:18,19, Psalm 25:14, and her personal experience.

Below: Mother of the Year, Beth Bartlett, and her daughter Lori.



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What You Thought Of the Mother-Daughter Brunch

First Impressions

“It was really very, very nice; it was beautiful!”

~Chris Compton, mother of Ashley, freshman biology major from Washington

“They made everything so special, and it was great to be with my daughter. She didn’t know I was coming, but I got last-minute tickets and surprised her so we could come together.”

~Aulenir Toledo, mother of Juliana, sophomore nursing major from Massachusetts

“The harp music was very elegant, and I could tell they put a lot of effort in to make it a good experience.”

~Kathy Huskins, junior public relations major from North Carolina

“It was incredible! I walked in and my jaw dropped; I was floored by the amazing job they did, and the tea was really, really good.”

~Renee Price, freshman physical therapy major from Georgia

The Speaker

“She was wonderful! I enjoyed the humor and her ability to share in such a relatable way.”

~Jennie McAllister, mother of Leah Julius, sophomore allied health major from Indiana

“The speaker was wonderful and had a real message for young girls. I wish I had heard her message at the age of 15 instead of 72.”

~Kay Bowen, grandmother of Laura, junior nursing major from California

“The speaker did a phenomenal job. She was willing to open up and be direct, which was what we needed, and she was funny.”

~Jennifer Cherne, senior nursing major from Tennessee

Favorites

“I can’t say what my favorite part was because it was all so nicely done. We all felt very special and pampered.”

~Karen Holland, mother of Lauren, senior education major, and Lindsey, freshman nursing major, from South Carolina

“My favorite aspect of the Mother-Daughter Brunch was being able to spend time with my mom.”

~Christina McNeilus, freshman marketing major from Minnesota



PARENTS DONATE TO CREATE CLIMBING WALL & AMPHITHEATER



Gerrie & Gordon Chipman with Mike Hills at the site of the future climbing wall

Mike Hills, associate professor of outdoor education, never imagined when he taught the First Responder class in the fall semester of 2005 that one of his students would help his dream of a natural rock climbing wall in Southern's Student Park come true.

When Gordon and Gerrie Chipman offered Hills a donation of \$20,000 toward expanding the Outdoor Education program their daughter, Marisa, a sophomore general studies major, loved, he was elated.

Hills, who says he has a long wish list for Southern's Outdoor Education department, decided that a rock-climbing wall would benefit the department and Southern's community more immediately than the other projects might have.

The Chipmans believe that the wall and amphitheater will enhance Southern's outreach to public schools, special education, and wilderness training groups.

"We want to be a part of providing the community and visitors with a peaceful, prayerful, and challenging place of growth," say the Chipmans. "The sweet spirit of Southern truly resides in this place, enriching the campus and its Christian spirit."

Already known as a prime bouldering site, the Student Park's currently short cliffs will be cleared of 27 feet of over-burden (debris left over from the limestone quarry) and dirt to reveal the natural rock climbing wall measuring more than 50 feet high by 160 feet long. The excavation will also create a bowl-like amphitheater opposite the natural rock cliff. Plans for the wall and amphitheater have been in development for over a year, with careful concern for the environment and provisions for those who use the wall.

"The wall and amphitheater will be something very unique to Southern that students of every major can enjoy," says Hills. "It will be one more great natural resource on Southern's campus, in addition to the ropes course, cave, and five miles of trails now offered here."

Mike Hills teaches rock climbing at a local mountain range



Gerrie Chipman dedicates the wall to the memory of her son, David, and prays that all future conquering "Davids" will find physical and spiritual strength climbing the "Goliath Wall."

"I hope the whole project will inspire others to give to the growth of the Outdoor Education department," says Gordon Chipman, who is working to raise more funds for the program.

Outdoor Education Department Wish List

Alpine tower
Rebuild zip line & add two high ropes course elements
Southern Outdoor Activities Program (SOAP) Proposal for programming & equipment and a graduate assistant to lead activities
Cave equipment (helmets, lights, ascending & descending gear)
Two new white-water rafts
Field equipment (GPS compasses, clinometers)
Outdoor shelter (seven-sided structure for outdoor events)
Canoes & trailer
Vehicle (two suburbans or one van)
Student Scholarships

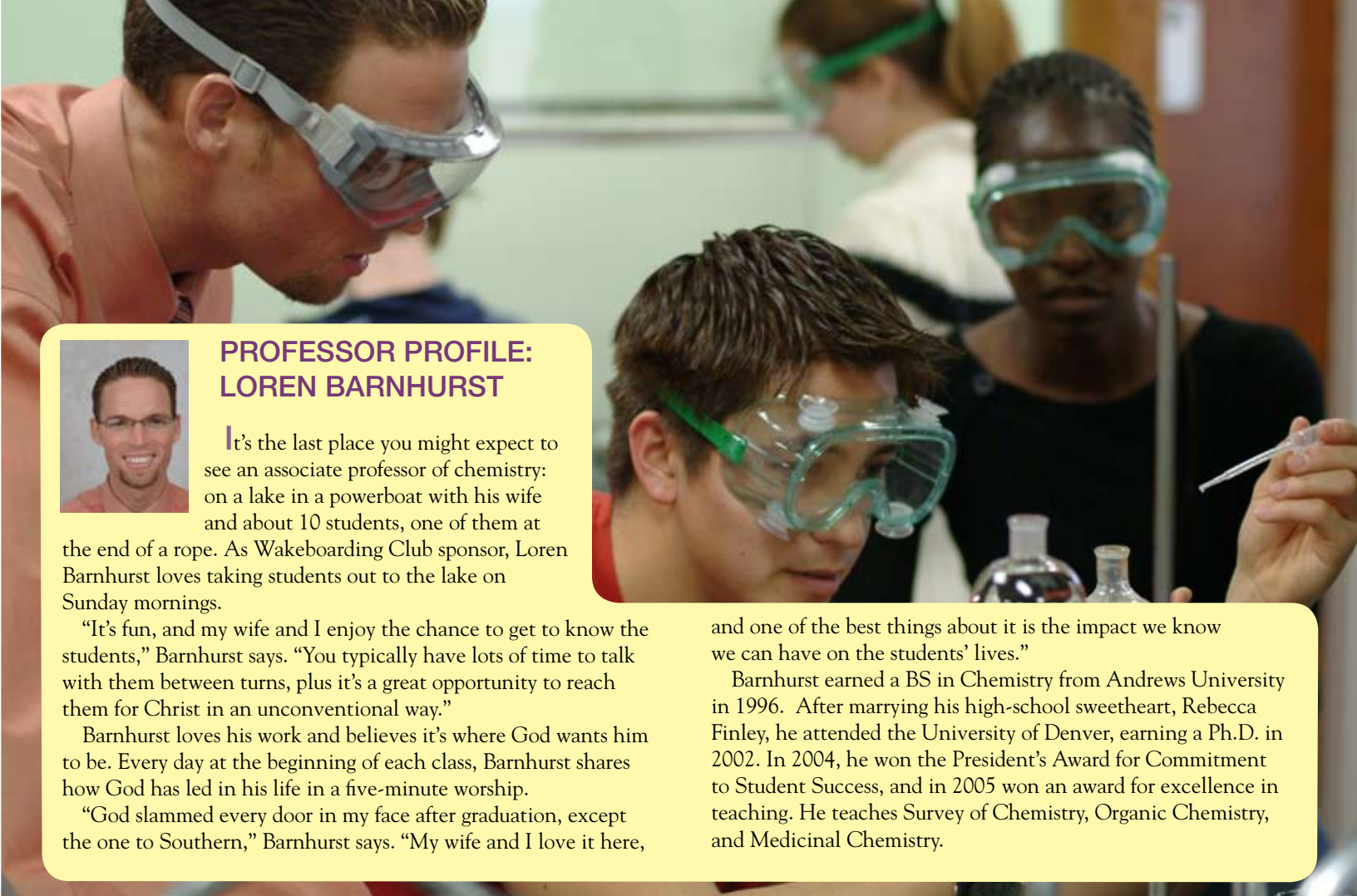
For more information, contact Mike Hills at mhills@southern.edu

Favorite Bible Text

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:28,29,31 (KJV)

~Mary Dosssett, senior nursing major from Kentucky



PROFESSOR PROFILE: LOREN BARNHURST

It's the last place you might expect to see an associate professor of chemistry: on a lake in a powerboat with his wife and about 10 students, one of them at the end of a rope. As Wakeboarding Club sponsor, Loren Barnhurst loves taking students out to the lake on Sunday mornings.

"It's fun, and my wife and I enjoy the chance to get to know the students," Barnhurst says. "You typically have lots of time to talk with them between turns, plus it's a great opportunity to reach them for Christ in an unconventional way."

Barnhurst loves his work and believes it's where God wants him to be. Every day at the beginning of each class, Barnhurst shares how God has led in his life in a five-minute worship.

"God slammed every door in my face after graduation, except the one to Southern," Barnhurst says. "My wife and I love it here,

and one of the best things about it is the impact we know we can have on the students' lives."

Barnhurst earned a BS in Chemistry from Andrews University in 1996. After marrying his high-school sweetheart, Rebecca Finley, he attended the University of Denver, earning a Ph.D. in 2002. In 2004, he won the President's Award for Commitment to Student Success, and in 2005 won an award for excellence in teaching. He teaches Survey of Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Medicinal Chemistry.

Students Say: Looking Forward to Home

The end of the academic year is fast approaching, and spirits are high as students anticipate a return home.

Each student has a favorite reason to head home, so we asked several what they look forward to most about going home for the summer, and this is what they said.



Rebecca Burke

"I'm looking forward to hanging out with my parents. I have a good time with them but don't get to see them very often, so the time we do get to spend together is very special."

~Rebecca Burke, sophomore Spanish/pre-dental major from Oregon

"Home cooked food, my bed at home, and sitting in the living room and talking to my parents."

~Keith Ingram, sophomore theology/archeology major from North Carolina

"A break from classes, being home, sleeping late, chatting with my mom while she makes breakfast, and diving into the pool for a swim with my dad just before going to bed."

~Sean Reed, senior theology major from Mississippi

"I'm looking forward to seeing my parents and catching up on lost days."

~Lewis Bertus, sophomore theology/biology major from Pennsylvania

"Eating at home!"

~Emily Kurlinski, freshman music major from Nebraska

"Not being in school, and being home."

~Matthew Harrington, sophomore business major from New York

"Getting to run around with my parents and my dog Rufus in my backyard."

~Dustin Billington, sophomore nursing major from Idaho

"Homemade food,"

~Andy Wlasiewski, senior broadcasting major from Pennsylvania

Compiled by Erika Gemmill, sophomore communications major from Maryland



Photo courtesy of Leslie Foster

Destiny Drama Company Makes An Impact

“Will You love me for who I am?” the young woman cries, her body shaking with each sob. “Cause I can’t hit any more home runs, and I don’t feel very pretty.”

The curtains close on another Destiny Drama Company performance as the audience sits in tearful silence.

With performances at Week of Prayer, the Southern Union prayer conference at Camp Kulaqua, and Southern Missionary

Church (SMC), Destiny has had a busy but rewarding season.

“All of our performances are meaningful,” says Maria Sager, director of Destiny. “However, I have to say that in our performance for SMC the actors were very fluid and discovered a new depth to their characters. We also prayed a lot before the performance, and I could just feel God’s Spirit with us.”

Destiny’s theme this year is “Behold-en”—the idea that we are indebted to God as well as our fellow men.

“As Americans, we have this mentality of ‘having it your way’ when it should really be God’s way,” says Destiny cast member Eric Dunn, freshman intercul-

tural communications major from Florida. “We’re indebted to God.”

One of Destiny’s biggest upcoming performances is their home show, which will be performed April 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. and April 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Iles P.E. Center on Southern’s campus. Entitled “Torba,” the play chronicles the journey of a college student who travels with the Peace Corps to war-torn Kosovo in 1995.

Anyone who has not seen Destiny perform yet can catch them at these venues and dates: Cohutta Springs on April 15, and Florida tour to Jacksonville, Tampa, & Orlando the week of May 7 through 14.

~Brian Magsipoc, senior public relations major from Florida



Southern Choirs Sing Into Spring

Whether singing carols on the promenade in Christmas weather or performing sacred hymns in the Collegedale Church, Southern Adventist University’s choir members enjoy their chosen ministry.

Members of Bel Canto Women’s Chorus, Die Meistersinger Men’s Chorus, and I Cantori Chamber Choir perform locally on a regular basis as well as on tours throughout the year. Genevieve Brown-Kibble, professor of music and conductor for the three choirs, focused her first year on building a solid foundation by performing for church often, giving several local concerts, and taking tours to Nashville, Madison, and Crossville, Tennessee.

“As a new member of the School of Music, I’m excited about what we’ve been able to accomplish thus far,” says Kibble. “I see a great potential in every student and feel privileged to work with them as they develop their God-given talents.”

The 32-member Die Meistersinger and 45-member Bel Canto will combine for their final two concerts of the year on April 28 and 29, at 8 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively. The mixed ensemble will perform Dr. Bruce Ashton’s *Gloria* in honor of his talents as a composer and the close of 38 years of teaching at Southern. Kibble encourages parents to come to the event.

“We are always thrilled when parents attend our concerts,” Kibble says.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Asian Night
- 2 Senior Recognition Banquet
- 3 Online Registration Begins,
Chatham Baroque Concert
- 4 Adventist Intercollegiate Convention
Joint Worship
- 6 Convocation
- 8 Fine Arts Festival
- 9 Adventist Robotics League Free Vehicle Inspection,
Wind Symphony Concert
- 11 Joint Worship
- 13 Convocation, Preview Southern, Housing Fair
- 14 Student Association (SA) Donut Day
- 15 SonRise Resurrection Pageant
- 19 Student Appreciation Day
- 20 Convocation, Origins Weekend
- 22 Wheelchair Basketball
- 23 SA Strawberry Festival
- 26 Biology Expo
- 27 Clubs/Departments/Schools Convocation
- 28 Consecration and Commissioning - School of
Religion Seniors (28,29),
Choir/Orchestra Concert (28,29)
- 29 Clubs/Departments Parties

May

- 1 Cookies on the Promenade
Book Buy Back Begins (May 1-4)
- 5 Baccalaureate Weekend Begins
- 7 Commencement
- 21 School of Music Flea Market
- 24 Camp Meeting, Adventist Book Center Sale

July

- 20 Summer Commencement
- 23 We-Haul, Parents Day, Parent Orientation
- 24 Smart Start & Third Summer Session Begins

August

- 10 Resident Assistant Retreat Training
- 18 SA/Campus Ministries Retreat
- 19 Open Gym Night
- 20 We-Haul, Parents Orientation,
New Student Dedication Service
- 21 President's Prayer Breakfast
- 22 Residence Hall Orientation
- 23 Academic Success Orientation,
Organization Showcase Supper
- 24 Classes Begin, Convocation,
Schools & Departments Welcome Party
- 26 SA Welcome Back Party

Graduation Weekend

Date	Event	Location	Time
Friday, May 5	Consecration	Iles P.E. Center	8 p.m.
Saturday, May 6	Sabbath School	Collegedale Church	9:45 a.m.
	Baccalaureate Service	Iles P.E. Center	11:30 a.m.
	School of Education and Psychology Dedication	Collegedale Church	4 p.m.
	School of Nursing Dedication	Collegedale Church	7 p.m.
Sunday, May 7	Commencement	Memorial Auditorium, Chattanooga	9:30 a.m.

Information of Interest

- Chief Justice William M. Barker, of the Tennessee Supreme Court, will speak for Commencement.
- Commencement ceremonies will be held at Memorial Auditorium in downtown Chattanooga due to an increased need for seating.
- There are 10 tickets to Sunday's commencement ceremonies available to each of our more than 250 graduating students. To request more tickets or to return extra tickets, students can contact Emily McArthur, senior class president, at emcarthur@southern.edu

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Exam Time	Sunday April 30	Monday May 1	Tuesday May 2	Wednesday May 3
8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.		9 a.m. MWF 9 a.m. T Th	8 a.m. MWF 8 a.m. MTWThF	8 a.m. T Th 8:30 a.m. T Th
10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.		11 a.m. MWF	10 a.m. MWF	9:30 a.m. T Th 10 a.m. T Th
12 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	12 p.m. T Th 12:30 p.m. T Th	1 p.m. MWF 1 p.m. MTWThF	11 a.m. T	12 p.m. MWF
2 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.	English Composition	3 p.m. MW 3:30 p.m. MW 4 p.m. M	2 p.m. MW 2 p.m. MWF	3 p.m. T Th 2:30 p.m. T Th
4 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.		4 p.m. T Th 5 p.m. T Th 5 p.m. MW	Speech	3 p.m. T Th 3:30 p.m. T Th

Exams for classes that meet after 6 p.m. will be given at the regular class time during test week. It is important that students be present for their final exams. Students with circumstances that might prevent their attendance are encouraged to arrange an earlier testing date with their professors. Rescheduling a midterm or final exam costs \$65 per class.



Not Just Studying for Classes

People listened raptly as Julio Medina shared quotes from major leaders around the world who supported a unified world power as depicted in Revelation 13. Close to 30 people sat and listened intently to how real God's word is, and before we left we prayed that we would be ready for His coming. It was awesome to see people on fire for God!

The Bible study is a revival of a small group of students who met regularly in 2005 to study God's Word. Unfortunately, last year's group dissembled because many of our influential leaders graduated in May, so those of us who were left (Jeff Sagala, Julio Medina, Dereica Bodden, and me) came together with the goal to start another Bible study. We wanted to help our fellow students with any struggles they might have, so we began a new group, meeting every Friday night after Vespers.

The Bible study consists mainly of studies from the Bible guided by Ellen White's *Messages to Young People*. At each meeting, we strive to apply the topic to our lives and discover how it relates to us. We want to make the Gospel real and practical, for that is when it becomes enjoyable. And from

what people who attend tell me, God is working.

"It is a good spiritual experience," says Michael Brannaka, a freshman business major from Florida. "It reminds me to stay on track and keep studying."

Because the number of people who wanted to attend the Bible study grew beyond the capacity of the small apartment in which we meet, Ketty Bonilla, a senior public relations major, started another study with some friends in a nearby apartment.

"I felt the desire to do it," says Bonilla, "and to help out my friends spiritually."

With time and God's blessing, both studies have grown to an average of 25 people. I praise God for the way He has worked in our lives.

~Mathuel Browne, senior mass communications major from Florida



Nelson Fernandez, freshman theology major from Florida, listens as Mark Walker, sophomore theology major from Florida, reads at the Friday night Bible study in Redbud apartment #3.

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