

ORANGEBURG WESLEY FOUNDATION

In the book, **We Gave This Ministry: The Heart of the Pastor's Vocation**, Samuel D. Proctor and Gardner C. Taylor write, "Theology never comes alive in abstract debate. It is best understood when it is lived. A great good pastor will take the time to show the people how life should be lived, given such a great God as we are privileged to know, and given how marvelously we are made." For Proctor and Gardner, Theology and the gospel must not only be rationalized and articulated, rather, they must become incarnated and embedded in our lives and lived experientially. There is a need for them to become concrete in our lives and shared in community.

One of the tasks and roles of the Campus Minister and the Wesley Foundation Ministry is to make available and provide a nurturing environment so that theology and the gospel can be experienced and lived experientially in the lives of the students, staff, faculty, and administration at Claflin and South Carolina State Universities. Our ministries seek to enable Theology and the Gospel to become authentic, alive and active in the lives of the community so that the gospel is no longer abstract or void, rather full of grace, glory, and honor.

A **Disciples Talent Show** was held on campus with the participation of students, faculty, and staff. Our talent show allowed the community to "live out its theology" through an array of talents, music, poetry, drama, dance, and speech. God's spirit and ways are revelatory. God manifests His word through many expressions and utilization of our talents. A **Jamming for Jesus** event was co-sponsored by the university and us. Christian music was played, food served, and bible trivia games were played. Participants were afforded the opportunity to test their biblical knowledge through a series of questions, and prizes were given.

Several students traveled to New Orleans for a week and assisted with the clean up as a result of Hurricane Katrina. This was a life-changing experience for our students. Students shared stories about the devastation of New Orleans. The water literally moved houses into the streets; many homes/ areas have not been touched. Pictures were taken, students interacted with residents, and lived in the fellowship hall of a church.

Finally, this report delineates the ministries that are transformational in nature for transforming God's people. Listed is a synopsis of ministries we utilized as enablers in bringing about a change in the lives of God's people.

- Disciples Talent Show
- Melt Down
- Faculty Bible Study, Wednesday noon
- Freshman worship August '06
- Jolley Acres Nursing Home Ministry
- Thanksgiving Worship
- Thanksgiving food basket for the needy
- Movie night
- Counseling for students
- Adviser to S.C.U.M.S.M
- UMSM Retreat, Winnsboro, SC
- Participation on Claflin's Religious Life Committee
- Student Bible Study, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Worship - Wednesday night
- Hurricane Katrina Mission Trip
- Exploration '06 - Jackson, Fla.
- Religious Emphasis Week/ Revival
- Christmas Worship
- Summer Investment Program
- Serve on SCSU's Religious Life Council
- UMSM Forum, Adrian, Michigan
- Advise Students on Path to Seminary

Prayerfully,

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