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A Letter from the Director

The College at Mid-America's (CAMA) heartbeat is to connect the classroom to the community. Reaching people for Christ is the basis upon which the school was founded, and this passion motivates the president, the faculty, the curriculum, and even the chapel programs. Your presence at The College at Mid-America indicates that you share this motivation. The GO!Program exists to provide CAMA students with the opportunity to fulfill the mission of the school through community service.

The GO!Program is a demonstration of what the student learns in the classroom. Students are expected to fulfill the biblical command to love their neighbor and thus are required to serve in community service sites and report on the work completed. By serving the community, the student connects the classroom to the practical aspects of community service and enhances his/her preparation to serve in the local church or in the business world.

If you have questions about the GO!Program or if you encounter situations with which you need advice or assistance, please call me or the Student Life Assistant, Mrs. Mary Hannah Mark, at 901-751-3079. It is a joy to serve you.

In Christ,

Pastor Nick Brown

Director of the GO!Program

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GO!Program Requirements

The GO!Program involves two specific opportunities and responsibilities for CAMA students: serving at a GO!Program site and attending report hour/chapel. No academic credit is given for the GO!Program requirements, but failure to satisfy either requirement will result in extra fees (see "The Relationship of the GO!Program to Exemption Fees" on page 3).

1. Serving at a GO!Program Site

Each student enrolled in the GO!Program must complete a total of 15 service hours per semester at an approved GO!Program site (see sites listed on pages 4-20) and report that service through a Jotform at the end of the semester (see How to Report on page 4). During their first semester, new students are only required to serve for 14 of the 15 weeks.

Opportunities for service sites include work with prison ministries, urban outreach, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade, hospital ministries, rescue mission ministries, church survey work, non-profit ministries, etc.

Students may complete their GO!Program service hours in several ways:

- 1) Complete an average of one service hour per week during the semester.
- 2) Serve on a mission trip during the semester.
- 3) Help with a community service project during the semester.
- 4) Volunteer or work with a local church or ministry during the semester.

The following list indicates the categories of GO!Program activities from which sites may be chosen:

- Vocational Staff Positions – These assignments include the regular responsibilities associated with paid church staff positions such as: pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of youth, minister of outreach, or various combination staff ministries.

- Intern Positions – These opportunities include the following: evangelism, witnessing, visitation and follow-up work, and various approved church internship programs.
- Volunteer Positions – These assignments include regular weekly evangelism ministries at a local church or participation at a non-profit.

2. Attending Report Hour/Chapel

The College meets for chapel services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday chapel is dedicated for students to report on their experiences at community service sites in the GO!Program. The president and professors also report on their experiences during this required session. Thursday chapel is dedicated to a time of encouragement and spiritual edification through the preaching of God's Word.

Each student is required to attend chapel in its entirety every Tuesday and Thursday. A student is not allowed more than six absences from chapel during a semester or they will be subject to the Go!Program Exemption fee.

A student unable to attend chapel on a regular basis as the result of a work conflict with essential outside responsibilities may petition to be moved to online chapel for the semester. Requests are submitted to the Students Life office and must be renewed each semester (August and January). NOTE: Notification from an employer must be on company letterhead showing that the student's work schedule prevents chapel attendance.

Online students are required to attend virtual chapel every week in its entirety. Chapel services are posted online in Moodle; students must watch each week's chapel videos and complete the attendance checklist by 11:55 PM Sunday evening. To access the video, log in to your Moodle account and click on the course "Virtual Chapel Fall 2022" (or "Virtual Chapel Spring 2023" for the spring semester). An online student is not allowed more than six absences from chapel during a semester.

The Relationship of the GO!Program to Exemption Fees

The GO!Program is an integral part of training for every student enrolled at the College. Any student who does not complete his/her Go!Program volunteer or chapel requirements correctly each semester may be subject to the Exemption Fee. Students failing to complete either of the requirements for the GO!Program are subject to payment of the \$1,500 Exemption Fee for each semester the requirements are not met. Students choosing not to participate during the 2022-23 academic year will pay the Exemption Fee for each semester in which they do not participate.

How to Register

To participate in the GO!Program, a student must register at the beginning of each semester using the Jotform they receive by email from the Student Life office. If a student does not receive the Go!Program Registration Jotform, he or she should email studentlife@mabts.edu.

How to Report

Reporting GO!Program activities is accomplished by attending weekly chapel services and by reporting your service hours at the end of the semester. Any student who does not complete his/her GO!Program requirements correctly each semester may be subject to the Exemption Fee. The final date for reporting the completion of GO!Program requirements is 4:00 PM on the third business day following the last exam day. Graduates must report 14 weeks of requirements instead of 15 weeks by 4:00 PM on the Friday preceding the week of graduation.

To report:

1. Keep track of your service hours during the semester
2. Complete the Jotform that will be emailed to you at the end of the semester

2022-23 GO!Program Due Dates

GO!Program activities must be completed and logged correctly on the GO!Program Reporting Jotform by the following dates:

Fall 2022 Graduates: Friday, December 2 by 4:00 PM CST

Fall 2022 Regular Students: Monday, December 12 by 4:00 PM CST

Spring 2023 Graduates: Friday, April 28 by 4:00 PM CST

Spring 2023 Regular Students: Monday, May 15 by 4:00 PM CST

Steps to Serve Well

- Contact the site supervisor to inquire as to whether you may serve in his or her ministry.
- Make an appointment to meet the supervisor. Be punctual and appropriately dressed.
- Ask questions. Be sure you understand and can agree to the responsibilities.
- Be faithful to attend. Just because you are participating as a volunteer does not mean you can come and go as you please.
- Be a good ambassador for Christ and the school. Remember you are representing the Lord and the College at Mid-America.
- Work hard and do a good job.
- Look for opportunities to serve those around you.
- Thank those with whom you are working and to whom you are ministering.
- If you need to change sites, be sure to inform the site coordinator or supervisor, as well as the director of Student Life.
- Be sure to report your one hour of service each week online (see above, "How to Report").

GO!Program Approved Sites

It is your responsibility to call the contact person at the GO!Program Service Site for which you register. Only that person has the authority to approve you to serve. If you do not see a site that suits your needs, you may apply to have another agency or site approved. To have a different site approved, the student must provide the Director of Student Life details on what will be done, where, and when.

Tennessee Sites

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

469 Patterson, Memphis, TN 38111

901-458-7589 | Jeff Jones, Campus Minister

Includes attending weekly worship, helping set up the facility, building relationships with students with the hope of discipling one or two, and sharing faith on campus.

Bellevue Baptist Church

2000 Appling Road, Cordova, TN 38016

901-347-2000 | bellevue.org

The Bellevue Missions office provides a variety of different opportunities to serve in the greater Memphis area.

Binghampton Christian Academy

175 North Tillman, Memphis, TN 38111

901-323-4092 | bcamemphis.org

Contact: Shelley Alley, Director of Development and Communications

Tutors and homework helpers needed for Residential Students in grades 2-8 after school Monday-Thursday.

Binghampton Community Church

3006 Johnson Ave., Memphis, TN 38112

901-315-8043 | binghampton.org

Pastor Shun Abram, sabram316@gmail.com

Love God, grow strong in faith, and as we go make followers of Christ for the hope of all nations! This ministry will be flexible. Students will be doing door to door evangelism, discipleship, and establishing home Bible studies.

Brinkley Heights Ministries (Food and Clothes Closet)

3260 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38122

901-324-3022 | bhua.org

Sam Wilson, Pastor and Director | laswilson2@bellsouth.net

BHM has a ministry center that has a food distribution/counseling session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM. Each client that comes in for emergency food and clothing help also hears the gospel and has an opportunity to pray with our volunteer counselors.

Brinkley Heights Urban Academy

3260 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38122

901-324-3022 | bhua.org

LuAnne McGuirk, Administrator | lmcguirk@bhua.org

Kacie Jones, Administrative Assistant | kjones@bhua.org

BHUA is a mission school (a private Christian school for community children). Volunteer opportunities include tutoring during school hours (9 AM to 2 PM), volunteer coaching volleyball and basketball, and helping with open gym. Volunteers will have the opportunity to build relationships with students and share the gospel freely.

Christ Community Church

715 St. Paul Avenue, Memphis TN 38126

901-577-0707 | christchurchmemphis.com

We welcome those who have a heart for the under-resourced in the city Memphis and have a desire to share the love of Christ through Gospel outreaches or other tangible ways. The church needs an outreach intern, keyboardist, audio-visual, and computer technical assistance. The church has a non-profit that could use mentors, tutors, and therapists/interns for youth in our after school, summer programs and community/groups.

Faith Baptist Church

3755 North Germantown Rd., Bartlett, TN 38133

901-386-4785 | myfaithbaptist.org

It is our goal to put the gospel within arm's reach of every person in Bartlett, Tennessee. We intend to accomplish this by strategically sending teams out with community surveys that will lead into a presentation of the gospel. Faith Baptist Church is located five minutes from Mid-America; witnessing can be done anytime during the week.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

901-683-3399 | memphisfca.org

This is an opportunity to lead Bible studies, chapel services and other activities in and around athletic departments of area high schools. Each student would be assigned a specific high school. Regular feedback to the Area Director is required.

Germantown Baptist Church ESL

9450 Poplar Avenue, Germantown, TN 38139

901-493-6055 | David Brooks, ESL Director

There is a great need for Spanish speakers and ESL teachers. The ultimate goal of ESL is to develop trustworthy relationships with your students, which will allow you to engage them with the gospel in

order to prayerfully make disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God. ESL classes are Fridays between 9:30-11:45 AM, from late August through May.

Kids Beach Club

Lynn Butler, Minister of Education and Outreach, Ellendale Baptist Church

901-484-6919, lbutler@ebcbartlett.org | ebcbartlett.org

Ministry involves teaching in a weekly Kidz Beach Club for children 3rd – 6th grade on Thursday afternoons at a local public school. Each lesson includes a gospel presentation.

Kirby Woods Baptist Church

6325 Poplar Avenue Memphis, TN 38119

901-682-2220 | kirbywoods.org | kirbywoods@kirbywoods.org

Kirby Woods Baptist Church has opportunities for volunteers to serve in various ministries.

Memphis Athletic Ministries

6000 Briarcrest Ave., Memphis, TN 38120

901-667-7900 | volunteer@mamsports.org | mamsports.org/volunteer

There are opportunities for building relationships, tutoring, mentoring, and witnessing with students. Athletic ability is not necessary.

Memphis Union Mission

383 Poplar, Memphis, TN 38101

901-526-8434 | memphisunionmission.org

Randy Daniels, rdaniels@memphisunionmission.org

The men's homeless shelter serves meals and holds chapel services. Volunteers have opportunities to preach and minister, as well as witness individually to the men that come inside. Contact Mr. Daniels for schedules.

Mid-South Baptist Association

1157 N. Collierville Arlington Road

Collierville, TN 38017

901-373-6161 | info@midsouthbaptist.com | midsouthbaptist.com

The Mid-South Baptist Association volunteerism ministry has opportunities for service in a number of different types of ministries all over the Mid-South. Use the “Get Involved” tab at <https://www.midsouthbaptist.com> to view local ministry opportunities. They also have many opportunities for involvement at the new Send Relief Ministry Center currently under construction here in Memphis. The Mid-South Baptist Association encourages any student to refer to their website, call the office, or email them at info@midsouthbaptist.com.

Miracle of Redemption Ministry

P.O. Box 1081, Memphis, TN 38101

Pastor Ronnie Johnson | 901-216-4193

We meet at the Mid-America Seminary parking lot at 10:00 AM on Mondays to go witnessing in downtown Memphis, housing projects, and other parts of the city. Other volunteer opportunities include weekly Bible studies, youth ministry, and children’s summer day-camp.

Moriah House

6252 Gillespie Rd, Memphis, TN 38134

901-522-8819 | memphisunionmission.org/womens-programs

Ariyana Rimson, Program Director

Semester-long recovery center for women and children in crisis (drugs, domestic violence, etc.) who have been referred by pastors, DCS, and the State. There is a need for biblical counseling and mentoring children one-on-one; friendship is a ministry as well.

One by One Ministries

Marion Weaver | Memphis Ministry Director

901-647-4012 | mweaver@onebyoneusa.org | www.onebyoneusa.org

One by One works through the local faith community to recruit women to serve as mentors for new moms. One by One Ministries needs volunteers to serve as Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Coordinators. Volunteer hours are flexible; mentors are required to serve a few hours each month.

Operation Hope

Angelic Mister, 662-822-9916

angelic.mister@operationhope.org

Operation Hope partners with a variety of ministries, tutoring in reading and math. We concentrate on middle and high school students. Call Ms. Mister for more details.

Quince Nursing and Rehab

6733 Quince Rd., Memphis, TN 38119

901-755-3860 | Billy Logan, Activities Director

In need of student(s) to lead a worship service/devotional on Sundays for the residents. Mornings or afternoons are fine.

Ridgeway Baptist Church

2500 Ridgeway Rd, Memphis, TN 38119

901-761-1110 | ridgewaybaptist.org

Randy Chapman, Minister of Recreation | randy@ridgewaybaptist.org

There are many opportunities to minister at RBC. They need seminary students to canvas the surrounding neighborhoods to invite kids to the open gym and to share the gospel door-to-door any weekday afternoon.

Ronnie Tullos Evangelistic Association

361 S. Orleans St., Memphis, TN 38126

901-483-3402 | rtea.net

There are many different aspects of this ministry. Students could be involved in the Film Ministry (showing a film downtown and having the opportunity to witness afterward) and counseling at the church that Rev. Tullos is involved with. The church ministers to the less fortunate people of downtown. When evangelistic meetings are held there is a great need for counselors for the people who want to receive Christ, as well as the important follow-up. Street and door-to-door witnessing is also needed.

Shelby Farms Park International Evangelistic Outreach

David Sitton | 901-849-3881

This group meets at the Shelby Farms Visitor Center each Sunday from 5-7 PM to witness to the community. Opportunities to share the gospel, pass out water, and encourage fellow believers.

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Boys Ranch

9224 Quito Road, Millington, TN 38053

boysranch@tennesseechildren.org | 901-872-0839

This ministry leads abandoned and at-risk boys to become productive citizens and authentic followers of Jesus Christ. There are many opportunities to work and minister to the boys (work teams, Bible studies, tutoring, and serving around the ranch.)

Town Village Audubon Park

950 Cherry Rd., Memphis, TN 38117

Shawn Leary, Life Enrichment Director | 901-537-0002

There are opportunities to lead Bible studies, hymn sings, Sunday services, or visit with the residents. Volunteers must be fully-vaccinated in order to enter the retirement community.

Youth Villages Spiritual Life Program

7410 Memphis Arlington Rd., Memphis, TN 38135

901-289-0971 | youthvillages.org

Hilda Arsenault, Spiritual Life Program Coordinator, hilda.arsenault@youthvillages.org

This ministry helps to bring hope and healing to children and families by providing programs and activities that communicate and demonstrate God's love. The main focus is to share the gospel with those in need. There are opportunities for small group leaders for Bible studies, chapel, and worship services. Most ministry activities are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoons between noon and 4 PM.

Mississippi Sites

Creekside Manor Assisted Living

200 Knight Drive, Saltillo, MS 38866

662-869-7009 | Dawn Baker

Opportunities to visit with patients one-on-one, help them with activities, and encourage residents. They hold daily devotion at 9:30 AM.

Desoto Healthcare Center

7805 Southcrest Parkway, Southaven, MS 38671

Mary Bailey, Activities Director | 662-349-7500

Flexible schedule. Semester-long rehab care facility. Students will minister to an individual patient assigned to them. There are also opportunities to have group programs or Bible studies.

Arkansas Sites

The Mission

400 East Walnut, Blytheville, AR 72316

870-763-8380 | misscomission.org

Lisa Willard, Mission Director | mcumission@gmail.com

The rescue mission houses homeless men, women, and children. The mission passes out food baskets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 PM. The ministry includes clothing, food, and prescriptions in order to meet both physical and spiritual needs.