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Memphis Fellows





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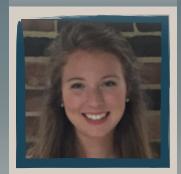












Message from the Director

I am so thankful for how the Fellows over the past six months have integrated into the life of Second Presbyterian Church. Memphis is becoming home and they have a sense of pride as Memphians. They have discovered the best coffee shops, most unique guacamole in the city, exciting venues for concerts, and appreciated what makes Memphis so special. They do not feel like the "newbies" anymore, but many rather see themselves as Memphians and don't want to leave when the program ends but rather Choose 901 for the foreseeable future.

I am asked to describe the Fellows program and more specifically, what is a fellow frequently. The fellows and I laugh that this is such a common question, but very challenging to answer. The Fellows program is the opportunity to grow spiritually, vocationally, socially, and academically. Fellows spend nine months gaining skills in their vocation, grow their faith through their seminary level classes, while engaging in an incredible community. The fellows also are guided by a mentor, loved and encouraged by their host family, participate in trips around the country, and are never without something fun to do. The Fellows program is an incredible opportunity after college to learn and grow. In September the fellows meet at strangers and by May they are lifelong friends who have shared in an amazing journey.

I am privileged to be involved with the Fellows program. The fellows I have worked with have changed my life and taught me many things. They have shown me unconditional love and by their faith have challenged me to deepen my own.



Internship Spotlight



Clayton Williams | University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Clayton is an intern in the business department at Second Presbyterian Church. He is currently analyzing the food and event costs of the kitchen, and working on a summary of the giving to the church for this fiscal year. He really enjoys the environment he works in and the people he works under.

Erica Tsai | Vanderbilt University

Anna Jenness | Arkansas State University

Erica and Anna are child life activity coordinators at Le Bonheur. They get to have a hand in ensuring that patients and their families have a great experience while at Le Bonheur by planning and facilitating fun activities for children and their families. They love being a part of the child life department and getting to work alongside the awesome child life specialists!





Virginia Wilson | Clemson University

Virginia interns as a Digital Administrator at KBM Group, now known as Wunderman. Wunderman is a data, analytics and technology integration marketing services company. Virginia works on the Content and Search Engine Optimization team at Wunderman where she helps drive organic and paid content strategies, including providing insight into the latest social media trends. She is learning so much through being part of such a vibrant and hard working company!

Tyler Hoog | Southeast Missouri State University

Tyler works for Boosterthon. Boosterthon is an elementary school fundraiser that wraps Fitness, Leadership, and Character together in an unforgettable experience tailored for various school's campuses. Tyler and his teammates work hard to teach the children not only about physical fitness, but about character. Tyler has enjoyed working for such an energetic, exciting company.





Why Memphis?





Nashville Legislative Retreat

The Memphis Fellows recently had the amazing opportunity to observe the structure and daily operations at the Tennessee State Capital

They even received the honor of meeting Governor Bill Haslam

OMOM Staff Reverend and Mrs. Tucker





Fellows, Virginia and Erica at "Jumping for Jesus"

"Serving and OMOM has been one of the most rewarding and fun activities we've done as Fellows. We always leave feeling so blessed by the children there"

- Virginia Wilson



Ministry Opportunities

The Memphis Fellows volunteer at ministries such as:

Orange Mound Outreach Ministries (OMOM)
"We strive to teach our youth: God,
Education, Respect, and Self Control. We
teach them how to walk the Christian
walk in their everyday lives."

Jumping for Jesus

A time of exercise, praise, and worship for individuals with special needs



Mission Memphis

Mission Memphis is an amazing weekend where the Fellows spend three days volunteering within the city with different ministries. The design of the weekend is to open the Fellows' eyes to the brokenness and poverty in Memphis in hopes that they would develop hearts that desire to restore the city. The Fellows visited Calvary Rescue Mission, Advance Memphis, and The Neighborhood Christian Center. Although they each had unique experiences, the Fellows all agree that Memphis needs the love of Christ, and they definitely want to be part of sharing that love within the city.

Calvary Rescue Mission

CALVARY Rescue Mission is a non-profit, independent, faith-based shelter for homeless men in Memphis, TN. We serve two full meals a day, offer clothing to the homeless, have a 2500 volume library, and provide nightly chapel services, counseling, a discipleship program, and lodging.



Advance Memphis

The mission of Advance Memphis is to serve adults in the Cleaborn/Foote community of inner city Memphis by empowering residents to acquire knowledge, resources, and skills to be economically self-sufficient through the gospel of Jesus Christ.





CALVARY RESCUE MISSION

Neighborhood Christian Center - Spring Jam

On March 13th and 14th, Neighborhood Christian Center took hundreds of youth on a trip around the world during it's annual Spring Jam event. NCC was transformed into a simulated international travel experience for Memphis youth. This event provided an educational, fun activity for underprivileged youth who are unable to go on a traditional Spring Break trip.



What Current Fellows Are Saying...



Rachael Miller | Mississippi State University

"The Lord has made it incredibly clear to me how and why He placed me in this specific Fellows Program, during this year of my life, and with these nine people. I have been continually amazed at how the Lord has knit our group's hearts and our stories together from day one. This is such an answer to my prayers."

Morgan Brown | Clemson University



"There have been countless situations where I have felt genuine love here by people that I've just met. Seeing such real community pushes me to love with the Lord's love in a city that is loving me so well. I am so excited to watch the Lord continue to bring light to Memphis and to have the opportunity to be a part of it!"

Sarah Caitlin Wheat | Mississippi State University

"Even though there have been hard moments in this transition from college to "real life", Fellows is giving me tools to maneuver life and culture as a christian young adult. All of a sudden, I am thinking about things that I have never thought about before, and am being challenged in the ways that christians are called to live their lives as they work, to glorify God."







Cole would like to continue to work in the financial industry in Memphis. In the long-term he would like to attend seminary and pursue a career in ministry.



Morgan is planning to stay in Memphis and continue pursuing a career in urban education.



Cole Criddle



Rachael pians to attend graduate school to receive her Masters in Counseling after Fellows.



Clayton Williams

Miller Clayton is currently pursuing a job in the finance industry in Memphis and plans to continue serving at Calvary Rescue Mission. He is also getting married in October to his fiancé Delaney.



will be attending medical school in the fall at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.



Erica Tsai

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to San Antonio, TX to attend medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center.



Sarah Caitlin has applied to Occupational Therapy School and hopes to apply what she has learned in Fellows in the medical world.



Anna

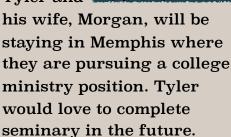
Jenness

currently interviewing for Memphis Teacher Residency. She would like to pursue graduate studies in Education.

Anna has applied and is

Wheat

Tyler and





After Fellows Virginia plans to stay in Memphis to continue pursuing a career in Marketing.



Tyler Hoog



How Can You Support the Fellows Program?



Pray: Join us in prayer as we seek the Lord and His guidance for this program, our Fellows, and that He would be glorified in and through this program.



Host: Consider hosting a fellow in your home. Our Fellows arrive in September and graduate in May. We are recruiting host families now for the fall.



Mentor: Consider committing to a consistent and meaningful relationship with a Fellow.



Work: Your business could benefit from hiring a hard working Fellow. Our Fellows work Monday to Thursday and want to serve in the workplace as they grow their knowledge in their vocational interest.



Serve: We have opportunities on our Fellows committee hosting events, speaking to the Fellows, career development, spiritual growth, and many other opportunities.



Donate: We would welcome donations to our program to help provide other opportunities for the Fellows to grow their faith and develop spiritually.



Thank You!!

Committee Members

Lauren Gant
Grace Simmons
Marcia Smith
Lindsey Rea
Camille Holmes
Sallie Sutton
Jonny Ballinger
Mike Warner
Eleanor Hastings

Deborah Coleman
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David Bowen
Larry Higginbotham
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Jenny Dentman
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Norma Wilson Alison Young Mary Edwards Chris Devine Danny Donovan Audrey Hurst Ginna Rauls Rachel Gasser

Taylor Strickland
Drew Hursey
Amy Williams
Davis Sweatt
Mary Wilkes Yonchak
Drew Yonchak
Matthew Gant
Valerye Sweatt

Host Families:

The Gant Family
The Kaye Family
The Staffel Family
The Thompson Family
Mark and Debbie Perkins
Marshall and Sue Clark
The Hays Family
The Grissinger Family
The Hammons Family
Rick and Carey Moore
The Ziegler Family

Workplaces:

Southern Sun Asset Management
BoosterThon
Second Presbyterian Church Business Office
and Children's Ministry
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital
New Hope Christian School
Wunderman
SERVS
Campbell Clinic
Christian Psychological Center
Life Choices

Mentors:

Laura Lee Jones
Mary Grace Walters
Linda Hull
Lauren Gant
Matthew Gant
Ron Hickman
Mike Warner
Blake Bergeron
Grace Terhune
Susan Denney

Speakers

Sallie Sutton
Tracey and Tee Shipmon
Gaye Carter
Larry Jensen
Kevin and Dana Stout
Don Riley
Matt Terhune
Matt Gandy
Sandy Wilson

Daniel Williams
Joanne Lewis
Ed Simmons
Senator Brian Kelsey
Don Batchelor
Alan Barnhart
Dan Burns
Aileen Coleman
Mitchell Moore

Gabe Statom
Judge Chris Craft
Marron Thomas
Eddie Foster
David Montague
Will Albritton
Nancy Coe
Chris Craft
Michael and Serena Davis
Shelley Hill



"And some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time."

Daniel 11:35

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