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Memphis Fellows

2017-2018



The Fellows program is a nine-month Christian leadership development training program for recent college graduates. This year the Fellows class consists of nine people who desire to learn more about what it looks like to follow Jesus at work, in service and in the household. Click [here](#) to view our website to find more information about each individual fellow, our blog for this year, and our social media accounts.



Fall 2017

Last semester, we spent a lot of time in class talking about the Imago Dei- being made in the image of God. We discussed what this means for us individually, as a group, and for our city. As we learned more about Memphis, it became apparent that there are many people around us who are not being treated this way-, as has been the case historically. We live in a broken city, in a broken world. We have had conversations as we've toured the city about what is being done to restore dignity to people. We have had individuals speak to us on Friday mornings to tell us how they were seeking to bring about change through their work and other involvement in the community, and we have each been challenged by serving in various ways and places in Memphis. We've attended a conference- Micah 6:8 West- where Tim Johnson spoke to us about the biblical viewpoint of Justice. Armed with that information, we were able to move forward with a more holistic idea of what we are called to biblically and how we can better carry the idea that we each carry the image of God into everything that we do.



Fellows Festivities

Every Monday night we have the privilege of meeting together as a group. While here we are able to prepare food for one another, talk about how everything is going in our lives, and pray for one another. It is a really sweet time of laughter and community.

Orange Mound Outreach Ministries

Once a month, all of the Fellows gather together to serve at a ministry in Orange Mound. This time is special because we are able to partner with a ministry and provide the support that they need.



Host Family

Melanie Wright lives with Kevin, Lindsey, and John Rea. John is their 14-month-old baby so life at their house is crazy, fun, and full of laughter. Kevin and Lindsey have welcomed her with open arms since the day she moved in and living with them has shown her what a Christ-centered family is all about. They love spending our time together talking about their days while cooking and eating or taking John for a walk around the neighborhood. Her host family has shown her so much grace and kindness and living with them has shown her how to love unconditionally and die to herself as she lives for Christ and she is forever thankful for them.

Work

Marissa Blunt works at New Hope Christian Academy, which is an independent school located in a north Memphis neighborhood named Frayser. She was placed with the first grade and doesn't think that there could be a better team. She is surrounded by a group of women who love their students fiercely and teach them phenomenally. As she has gone through the first few months there, she has learned so much more than she could have ever imagined- her dependence on the Lord has grown exponentially, her desire to see quality education for all children has deepened, and she has been challenged by the childlike faith which Jesus calls us to have.

Mentor

Courtney Humphreys has been faithfully mentoring May Montague, and they enjoy taking long runs, pushing her children in the double stroller, drinking strong coffee, discussing all things Eureka Math, memorizing and reciting scripture, and praying together. May is continually amazed at the Lord's faithfulness and provision in her life through the Memphis Fellows, and her relationship with Courtney is one example. Not only is Courtney her mentor, but a dear friend, a future professor, and the big sister she never had. Courtney is a testament to May of the joy found in pursuing the Kingdom of God, and it is an honor to love and be loved by her!

As we look forward to the spring, here's how you can join with us in prayer:

This semester we will attend several conferences both in the city of Memphis and in other places. Please join us in prayer as we enter into these weekends- that they would be restful, challenging, and that we would listen to the voice of the Lord as He calls us each deeper into faith in Him at the following events:

CLC- Making Sense of Suffering
Downline Summit
World Missions Conference
Silent and Prayer Retreat
TFI Spring Conference

Further service in Memphis. The Fellows were put into groups of two to do research on some of the underserved neighborhoods in Memphis: Orange Mound, Brinkley Heights, Downtown, Berclair and Binghampton. This semester we will spend time partnering with several ministries in Memphis.

Pray that we would serve selflessly at:

Mission Memphis
Individual ministries

And finally, our futures. As we go through the final months of this program pray with us that we would remain focused on where we are and what the Lord is teaching us. Pray that we would be able to apply what we have learned this year as we are discerning where the Lord will take us next.

Would you like to get in touch with a Fellow?

Any of the Fellows would love to get together for coffee, lunch, or even a phone call to discuss the program, how our experience has been, or future plans we may have. Below you can find each Fellow's contact information:

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