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The Peck Herald

Reporting the news of the Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry

Students, staff come together for Haiti – Prayer service among response events

With the tragedy of the Haiti earthquake and aftershocks, students and staff at SIUE were eager to respond in aid and prayer. SIUE Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel facilitated an organized response from countless student organizations and university departments in the raising of funds and donation of medical supplies to send to the American Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders. By making a small donation, students received a commemorative ribbon to wear to symbolize their support of the Haiti relief efforts.

On Wednesday, January 20th, students and staff came together for a time of prayer and reflection at an ecumenical prayer service hosted by Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry at the Center for Spirituality & Sustainability. After reading a responsive prayer, all in attendance had an opportunity to share their reflections and thoughts about the earthquake events. A member of Vice Chancellor Emmanuel's staff participated in this prayer service and was extremely pleased with the efforts of Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry to minister to both the long-term and immediate needs of the students and greater university community.

Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year. ~Ogden Nash



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Final preparations for spring break work trip underway

Eighteen students and three chaperones, including Chaplain Rob Kirbach, are preparing for an "alternative" spring break trip – that is, alternative from how most college students spend their spring break. This group of students from a variety of academic disciplines will be giving their spring break time to the Native American people of southern Oklahoma. Departing from SIUE on March 7th and returning on March 11th, participants on this trip will be working on building and other outdoor service projects for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Indian Tribe. Because of a partnership with SIUE's Kimmel Leadership Center and monthly missions giving from ABC-GRR congregations, this trip has been made available to students who likely would otherwise not be able to afford the financial costs of participating on a work trip.

Please be in prayer for this group as they travel to Oklahoma, and be sure to look for a recount of the trip in next month's Peck Herald!

Students, staff celebrate Ash Wednesday, Lent

February 17th marked the beginning of Lent and Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry celebrated by hosting an Ash Wednesday service at the Center for Spirituality & Sustainability. Multiple students and staff attended this special chapel service and received ashes as a symbol of repentance of sin and abstinence from temptation. Praise God for His mercy and steadfast love as we prepare for Easter!

Dear ABC-GRR Pastors and Congregations,

We are excited to announce the ordination ceremony of our campus chaplain, Rob Kirbach, on March 21st at 2:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville, IL. Rob has been licensed as a minister in the GRR for several years and completed his ordination journey this winter. Please join us in supporting Rob and his family though this next step in Rob's ministry. ~ FBC-Edwardsville

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Chaplain's office hours for walk-ins - Spring semester 2010*

Mondays: 1:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Tuesdays: 11:00 AM – 3:45 PM
Wednesdays: 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM

*When SIUE is open and classes are in session.

Additional times/appointments can be made by request.

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