



REACH

LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. MAKE DISCIPLES.



CHURCH PROFILE & JOB DESCRIPTION REACH CAMPUS MINISTRY APPRENTICESHIP

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Thank you for taking the time to learn more about University Church and Reach Campus Ministry.

Our church exists to make disciples.

Our mission is simple: **Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.** We help people live the highest priorities of Jesus.

Our vision is also simple: **Jesus. Nothing More. Nothing Less.** The aim of all of our efforts as a church is to help individuals become like Jesus and for us collectively to become an accurate representation of Jesus.

Reach Campus Ministry is a critical piece in the life of our church. We were founded with the purpose of reaching college students at the University of Alabama. It's in our DNA. It's in our name. We're the University Church.

I hope and pray this packet serves as a helpful introduction to the heart of our church and campus ministry.

Check out these videos to get a better feel for who we are...

- Watch this to learn about [the name of our campus ministry](#).
- Watch this to learn [how we make disciples](#)
- Watch this to see [what a Sunday is like](#)

This excerpt from Steve Shadrach's book *The Fuel & The Flame* captures well our conviction about campus ministry...

"Almost one fourth of the world's college students reside in North America and they represent the most reachable, recruitable, trainable, and sendable category of persons on the planet. It's true what Dr. Bill Bright of Campus Crusade says, 'If we can win the university today, we will win the world tomorrow.'"

Feel free to reach out if you're interested in having a conversation. We'd love to meet you.

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MISSION

Our mission creates clarity about what matters most so we can all pull together. Without a clear mission, we can't have unity in our church family.

**LOVE GOD.
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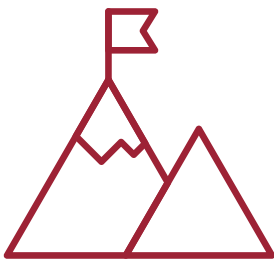


VISION

Vision creates clarity about the direction we're headed. Without a clear vision we may end up somewhere God doesn't want us to be.

IN THE NEXT 15 YEARS WE DREAM OF LOOKING LIKE...

**JESUS.
NOTHING MORE.
NOTHING LESS.**



UCC AT A GLANCE

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SHEPHERDS

Andy Boykin
David Breedlove
John Ramsey
Greg Rhoden
John Tyra
Mark Sullivan

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MINISTERS

Scott Ivey, Creative Director
Dylan Kirkland, Campus Minister
Austin Milligan, Worship Leader
Kristin Reed, Administration & Outreach Minister
Neil Reynolds, Senior Minister
Amanda Streetman, Kids Minister
Miles Tumbleson, Youth Minister
Jeffery Walker, Assistant Kids Minister
Trish Wilkerson, Assistant Campus Minister

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:45 Acappella
11:00 Instrumental

\$220K+

RAISED FOR MISSIONS IN 2023



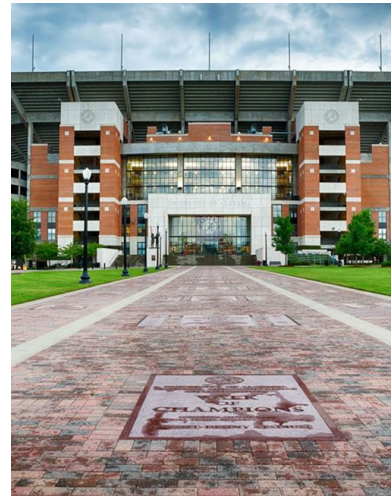
From ua.edu

"The University of Alabama is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service. They provide a robust campus environment where their students can reach their greatest potential while learning from the best and brightest faculty and making a positive difference in the community, the state and the world."

Enrollment | 38,320

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA





As the flagship campus of the University of Alabama system, the Tuscaloosa campus is often referred to as "The Capstone." UA students have more than 500 student organizations to get involved in on campus. There are close to 70 fraternities and sororities in the school's influential Greek system, made up of more than 11,500 students. The Alabama Crimson Tide sports teams are legendary competitors in the NCAA Division I Southeastern Conference.

42.1%



FROM ALABAMA

57.9%



FROM OTHER STATES & COUNTRIES



ABOUT REACH CAMPUS MINISTRY

1954

**Ministering for
nearly 75 years**

40

Active Students

2

Campus Ministers

The Reach Campus Ministry has a rich history on the University of Alabama campus. In fact, University Church was started with the purpose of reaching college students at UA with the Gospel. The church and campus ministry originally had facilities on "The Strip," right on the edge of campus. Over the years the campus ministry has had three names: UCSC (University Christian Student Center), UCM (University Christian Ministry), and Reach. The current name reflects the heart of the ministry from the beginning, reaching students with the Good News.

Students who are a part of Reach come from a variety of faith backgrounds: some have roots in the Churches of Christ, some have roots in other denominations, and others have no faith background. We embrace the opportunity to make disciples when it comes to all students. For some students their starting point is introducing them to Jesus and for others their starting point is learning to live in full obedience to Jesus.

Currently, we average 40 at "Reach," our weekly Wednesday night worship gathering. We have guys and girls groups that meet during the week and have utilized a variety of events and trips to minister to students. Reach also has a dedicated space in the University Church building which is an outstanding resource for the campus ministry.



APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW

What is the apprenticeship?

REACH's campus ministry apprenticeship lasts two school years and includes ministry experience (campus ministry/church leadership) as well as graduate level biblical education. It is designed to help train the next generation of Great Commission leaders.

Why pursue an apprenticeship?

- Mentoring is crucial for development as a leader.
- It combines the best of seminary learning in the classroom and day-to-day training in the church.
- UCC is uniquely positioned to help train leaders in a healthy, collegiate church context. Our church staff has over a decade in combined campus ministry experience, as well as experience navigating graduate theological education and serving with mission agencies, church planting organizations, and Christian non-profits.

How can you expect to grow?

- Gain experience and knowledge in a healthy, integrated, growing church-wide system.
- Grow in your love for the Church and appreciation for vocational ministry.
- Become proficient in sharing your faith and helping others do the same (esp. in a university setting).
- Learn to lead a ministry which helps believers mature in their faith.
- Become competent in teaching/public speaking in class, small group, and/or sermon settings.
- Develop a vision for a ministry which multiplies healthy leaders to other campuses and nations.
- Practice ministry and discern your calling in a safe learning environment.
- Complete your apprenticeship with a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (or Master of Divinity).

What does an apprentice do? (See below for a possible timeline.)

- Serves as a leader in a growing, vibrant church/campus ministry for two school years
- Serves 30+ hours a week in ministry
- Works 15-20 hours a week on graduate school work
- Works closely with UCC ministry leaders to be discipled in the task of leading a ministry
- Receives training from Kairos Church Planting, with the potential of leading a new ministry
- Is launched to serve as a ministry leader in a new context (church plant, campus ministry plant, existing ministry, etc.) after two school years

How does REACH help?

- Funding – We provide partial funding for apprentices, as well as fundraising training to prepare you to raise the rest of your funds.
- Mentoring – We help you grow as a ministry leader.
- Academic Direction – We connect you with strong theological education that best suits your situation and ministry goals.
- Ministry Direction – We help you discern your calling post-apprenticeship, as well as connecting you with potential opportunities in church/campus ministry planting or ministry in an established church

Interested? Email us at reachcampusministry@gmail.com to start a conversation.

What might these two years look like?

Pre-Apprenticeship

- Fall/Spring of Senior Year – Conversations with REACH about fit, interviews with UCC
- Spring of Senior Year – Support raising process, with goal for July 1 completion
- May/June – Prayer and prep for move

Year 1 (July-May)

- Summer
 - July week 1 – Welcome and orientation
 - July week 2 – Final fall prep with team, personal development plan
 - July week 3 – Spring Training blitz/catch-up
 - July week 4 – Chimes Retreat, Campus for Christ
- Fall Semester
 - MACM (Campus Ministry)*
 - Participate in small groups
- Spring Semester
 - MACM (Disciple Making)*
 - Participate in Spring Training
 - Help lead small groups, speak at large group

Year 2 (July-May)

- Summer
 - June-mid July – Discovery Conference, Pathways Lab, “Halftime” mini-sabbatical, Fall prep with team, preach at UCC
 - July week 4 – Chimes Retreat, Campus for Christ
- Fall Semester
 - MACM (Church Planting)*
 - Help lead small group, class, and/or large group
 - Begin conversations about long-term plans
- Spring Semester
 - MACM (personal choice)*
 - Help lead Spring Training
 - Help lead small group, class, and/or large group
 - Finalize post-apprenticeship ministry plans

* MACM can be completed more quickly, followed by MDiv, if apprentice desires.

NEXT STEPS

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Non-UA Students

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