



# TIPS FOR YOUR CAMPUS

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

Is your ACF chapter just starting or have you been around for a while but experiencing a rut? We hope these tips help to jumpstart or refresh your ministry.

1. Bible Study
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## 1. BIBLE STUDY

Our tendency is to want to create an amaaaazing Bible study that folks flock to. We want that for just about everything we do. For Bible study in particular, let's remember a couple of things: prayer and simplicity. As you consider what to study as a group, start with prayer. Ask God for His thoughts on the matter. And keep things simple. You're on a college campus. Students keep very varied schedules. Instead of packing in two Bible studies a week that are both filled with tons of information, go with one per week and keep it to no longer than 90 minutes (which includes time for food and fellowship). Need a Bible study? Consider the Journey Bible Study that focuses on the book of John.

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## 2. OUTREACH IDEAS

Outreach should (eventually) be a regular and major part of your on-campus activity. Again, keep it simple and practical for you and your fellow students to lead out in. Commit to hosting an annual outreach event and check into joining forces, from time to time, with other campus organizations. Possibilities include a) handing out snacks during midterms or finals week along with notes of encouragement; b) joining with your school in their community service days or asking the school to assign your group an area that you keep clean during the semester; c) leaving roses around campus with notes saying, "You're worth the wait"; d) set up a prayer tent and pray with students; e) host a film night (with discussion following) that's on a spiritual topic and is well presented

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## 3. USING CAMPUS RESOURCES

When your ACF chapter is a registered student organization on your campus, you're then allowed to use a variety of spaces for free. So be sure to do what it takes to get registered. And more importantly, it'll be easier for students to find you. Some of the resources you'll receive are: access to classrooms for Bible study or other activities, webspace to give your chapter an online presence and make you easier to be found by students. As a registered student organization, you'll

also be able to set up a table during your school's student organization fair at the beginning of the school year and the school may even have funds that you can get access to. One of the biggest pros to organizing is that your school may then grant you access to the list of students who have self-identified as Adventist. Now you can get into direct contact with them!

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## 4. CONNECTING WITH A LOCAL CHURCH

You along with some of your ACF students may be away from your home church. Getting involved with a local Adventist church is a great way to feel more grounded while away at school. It provides you with a community that can nurture you spiritually and even feed you from time to time. The church will also be very open to you using your gifts during its weekly services. It may be hard initially but find a church and keep going.

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## 5. WORKING WITH YOUR CAMPUS CULTURE

Is your campus a dorming community or a commuter community? Are most students still on campus at 8pm or are most off campus by that time? The answers to these simple questions can give you much needed information when you think about how to structure your campus activities. Knowing your campus culture will also help you figure out what sorts of activities will work and which won't. Find out a bit more under "How To" on our website: [www.acfgcc.org](http://www.acfgcc.org).

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## 6. STAYING APPROACHABLE TO NEW MEMBERS

After a while of gathering together weekly, your group will become a wonderful community and these are friendships that will last a lifetime. However, there may come a time when even though you do outreach and invite others to join your fellowship, some may think you're a clique and won't feel comfortable sticking around. Do your best to keep inside jokes and reminiscing about times gone by to a minimum when new folks are around and spend more time getting to genuinely discover who they are. Actively follow up with them (especially if they're Freshmen & Sophomores) after their first visit and check in "just because" so that they get a clear sense of your desire to have them make your space their home. Send them cards and add them to your weekly email and Facebook group.