

# *Builders In Ministry*

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## **Announcements**

We at Southwestern would like to welcome all the new members that have just recently joined the Builders In Ministry e-mail list. Builders In Ministry aims to keep alumni and students of Southwestern College that are involved in and interested in ministry connected to one another in efforts to encourage one another in whatever ministries we may be doing. Feel free to e-mail BuildersInMinistry@sckans.edu with any updates of your whereabouts, messages of encouragement, or simply what God has been doing in your life lately.

If you know of anyone else that would like to be added to this list that we may have overlooked or if you want us to send this bulletin to a different e-mail of yours, do send us an e-mail and let us know. We look forward to hearing from you as we prepare for yet another exciting school year with great new ministry opportunities!

In Christ,  
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## **Messages**

### *Message from Angela DeFisher*

What a great idea to help us stay connected and exchange ideas! As of July 1st I am the pastor of the Wathena, Kansas United Methodist Church. (For those of you who have never heard of Wathena, its located on Hwy. 36 about 7 miles west of St. Joseph Missouri) I am enjoying things so far. I've already made my first hospital call and performed my first funeral. I am anxiously awaiting the end of this month when I will begin seminary (again, this time for an M.Div.) at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. I never thought I'd be excited to be going back to grad school, but I'm looking forward to acquiring tools to be more effective in my ministry. (My first time in grad school was at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY. where I earned an MA in Counseling. I've been working in community mental health since graduating in 2000.)

The church I am serving is an aging congregation but they are wanting to do more outreach to the younger families in the area and to build up their children's and youth programming. Any suggestions are welcome as to how to go about this.

Blessings,  
Angela DeFisher, class of 1998

### *Encouragement from Ashlee Alley*

I'm so encouraged to see this email and to see the impact that Builders are making in ministry all across the country, and the world! I graduated from SC in 1998 and it's so good to hear about so many current students who are following God into ministry, both while you're a student and after you graduate! After 2

years of working on staff with Fellowship of Christian Athletes with my office there on campus at Southwestern, I felt called to attend seminary. One year ago I completed a Master of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky! All through my seminary education, I felt called to serve Christ's church in campus ministry. I am currently the Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Asbury College, also in Wilmore, Kentucky, where I oversee several student ministry programs--a pastoral care program, a women in ministry program, and summer ministry teams. It truly is exciting to see how God is at work in our midst here and around the world! - Ashlee Alley

#### *Greetings from Carlos Nogami in Oklahoma*

I have been serving as an intern for seven weeks already in Project Transformation here in Oklahoma City. This ministry mainly involves a summer day camp for children (1st-6th grade) that goes from Monday-Thursday. This program creates an opportunity for local churches located in the inner urban areas of OKC to reach out to their communities. As part of the program, five interns are placed at each church where we are in charge of leading Bible study lessons, computer lab, recreation time, arts & crafts, and music. There are a total of twenty interns, including five of us from SC, and all of us get to stay at the Oklahoma City University campus. So far, this internship program has helped so much to grow in my faith and to experience children's ministry in a great Christian atmosphere. God bless you all!

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