

*Does this scenario describe  
your congregation?*



## OUR CHURCH WANTS TO BEGIN A SUMMER COLLEGE MINISTRIES PROGRAM

### *Take a step*

Your congregation does not have to launch a major program with significant staff time commitment to have an impact on college students. By taking a single step, your congregation will begin a journey that could have a significant impact on the spiritual life of a student and their campus.

### *Ministering to Your College Students During the Summer*

If your congregation has a significant number of college age members who are home for the summer, recognize that existing ministries at your church might not provide a good summer home for these students. To effectively minister to this age group, EPC churches have developed a number of approaches.

1. **Gathering Opportunities** - Offer a gathering early in the summer (late May). Students often will self-organize but need space and some support in getting started. You might want to consider contacting an upper-level undergraduate student or a graduate student in the winter to see if they would consider organizing and leading your summer college ministry. This is an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and would be ideal for a student who has expressed a desire to pursue full time ministry in the future.
2. **Service Opportunities** - Offer opportunities for students to serve in the church in the summer. This could include internships (with some pay).
  - Provides support to students and other ministries of the church.
  - Gives college students the opportunity to explore ministry as a vocation.
  - Helps students build their resume for future job interviews.
  - Creates relationships that can last a lifetime.



**JOIN US!** Please let us know what the Lord has led you to do by joining the “EPC College Ministries” Facebook Group (<http://on.fb.me/z8xNm6>). *May the Lord richly bless your work!*