

UT-Rio Grande Valley: Start with prayer

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Alexandra Granda Baptist Student Ministries from all over Texas gathered recently to be part of the annual prayer retreat, Abide. It was an incredible experience to begin the semester in the presence of God through prayer.

Student leaders from BSMs all over Texas planned and organized activities to encourage prayer. We offered stations where college students were able to talk to God and engage with other new college students. The prayer stations were very specific and meaningful. There were stations dedicated for forgiveness, for the unreached, for current missionaries, for family members in need and more.



During the retreat, we held a sunrise worship service near a nice bonfire. It was a chilly morning, and early birds who woke up were able to see

the sun come up
over the hills in the campsite.

During the retreat, I was reminded through the word of God to be steady in my time with him. Since my job is ministry, sometimes I can forget this key to my spiritual life. We reviewed Ephesians 6, the armor of God. “Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power” (Ephesians 6:10 NLT).

This was my third time to attend Abide, and it was as good and refreshing to my soul as it was the first time. I was able to meet new students who are praying to go on missions. I was able to see other students I have met over years. I was encouraged to hear new stories of what God is doing over the state of Texas. I can't be more thankful for the opportunity to come together in prayer with my brothers and sisters from other BSMs.

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