

Dear Prospective PSA person,

*This isn't the first time somebody has tried to tell you that college is an exciting new experience in your life, and it probably won't be the last, but I'm going to say it regardless: College is an exciting new experience in your life! I couldn't have known beforehand how wonderful college would be until I actually made it through my first year. During those pensive times of reflection over the summer that I'm sure we all have, I thought about how I had changed and how I had grown throughout the past year. I was feeling something different, but it wasn't a bad thing; I was feeling Christ's love for me like I had never felt it before.*



*I'm not going to place all the blame on PSA, but I will say that the only way I was able to grow in my faith was through the Christian community that the college experience provided. I came to PSA because I thought it would be a nice substitute for my high school youth group, but it turned out to be much more. I expected a casual setting where people who think like me would eat some pizza and talk about the J-man for a little while, but I soon found out that I was wrong.*







*Not all of the people there were just like me, which was scary, but they all shared a deep and confident love for Christ and each other that initially surprised me. PSA provided the room for me to grow and the people to take the journey with so that I could better know Jesus and I am extremely grateful for that. There are no doubt snares and pitfalls on every college campus that I'm sure you're aware of, but there is also great opportunity for growth and love. I pray you'll find that opportunity during your time at school, even if it's not at PSA; but just know that the community is there and it's open to you.*



*In Christ's love, John*

Welcome to Spartanburg from PSA!

We know YOU:

-  *Are child of God leaving the security of your family and friends and venturing into the wilderness of new ideas, choices, and possibilities.*
-  *Are being challenged to balance the roles and responsibilities of families, jobs, and campus life.*
-  *Seek to grow in your faith heritage as well as a thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and truth.*
-  *Understand the Presbyterian vision of ecumenical cooperation and the oneness of the Body of Christ.*
-  *Are a vital part of the church and its mission and have your own needs and interests.*
-  *Are going to experience God's grace in the classroom, on the playing fields, in relationships with people, in service to others, in seeking justice as well as in worship, prayer study of the Scriptures, and in congregations.*



*Our desire is to be a PART of YOUR college experience - not ALL of it. You are free to join us in any way you feel comfortable!! We are EXCITED about the programs students designed for 2009/10 as we remember to: "Check Your Compass, Walk by Faith"*

*Remember, YOU can go nowhere God is not, because God is for YOU!*



*Dottie and Megan*

*PSA Campus Ministry Staff walking alongside our PSA students!*

*"We love because God first loved us."*



*1 John 4:19*



# Presbyterian STUDENT Association

## Mission:

- To reach out in Christian love to the college community, bringing them by word, example, and Christian ministry the good news of God's saving grace through Jesus the Christ.



## Serving PCUSA college students and their friends at:

- Wofford, Converse, USC-Upstate, Spartanburg Methodist, Sherman, and Spartanburg Community Colleges

## Supported by:

- First Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Inman Presbyterian Church, and Foothills Presbytery

## Campus Bible Fellowship:



- MONDAYS: Converse @ 5:00p.m.
- TUESDAYS: Wofford @ 11:15 a.m.
- THURSDAYS: SMC @ 12:30 and Guitar @ 3:15

## Tuesdays at PSA House for ALL campuses:

- 6pm: dinner, worship, and program



## Acts of Random Kindness [A.R.K.]:

- Tutoring, Habitat, The Haven, College Town, Soup Kitchen, Ellen Smith Hines Girls Home, Mary's House, Home for Life, SPHIN, Freshman Day of Service

## Worship:



- PSA has the opportunity each semester to worship with and lead worship in our supporting churches.

## PSA students speak:

- *PSA is a great group to have fun, fellowship, and bible studies. We get to meet others from different colleges, not just our own.*
- *PSA, in my opinion, is one of the best examples of a Christian organization for college-aged individuals. At PSA, everyone is encouraged to participate in worship and discussion, often providing new and edifying world views in the process. Each member is accepted and loved by the group, a quality that is essential if we are to go out into the world as salt and light.*
- *PSA means support, and love that really is unconditional. It means an outlet to share happiness and sadness with people who really truly care.*
- *PSA is an open door. An open door to opportunities like Qwest West, Statewide and Montreat retreats. An open door to exploring your faith. An open door to provide a home away from home. An open door to a listening ear. An open door for a home cooked meal and uplifting moments.*

