



MORIAH MINISTRIES

... ANCHORED IN LOVE SERVING STUDENTS

It has been an honor to step into the role of Executive Director of *Moriah Ministries* after a year of transition with former executive director Andy McDaniel. In the first few months of serving in this role I focused on sustainable strategies for fundraising, on existing and expanding ministries, and on a new updated logo. The heart beat of ministry in the summer months has been focused on serving coaches and athletes in all the sports camps. We assisted and served long 12 hour days but this allows for greater relationship building and serving our community of athletes well. In addition we helped students with move-out and move-in dates, further deepening our relationships with them.



This past spring I was blessed to serve the GVSU baseball team. I've met many parents and players who expressed gratitude at my presence. GVSU's head coach, Jamie Detillion, resigned at the end of the season and it was a pleasure to work with him. Transitions are hard and often anxiety filled. I am thankful to have been available for the players and coaches during this time; and to point those that know Jesus into putting their hope and faith in Him. I have since met with Jordan Keur, the new head coach for GVSU baseball and look forward to working with him for the 23-24 season. I also continued to work with the men's basketball team throughout the summer, meeting with both coaches and players.



The CareLinc Classic golf outing was held in June at The Meadows and although it was a little damp, smiles were had by all. It was an honor to have Coach Mann (GVSU men's basketball head coach) and his staff present to golf and say a few words at our banquet. It was exciting to meet our generous supporters; and we are so grateful to our sponsors. This is our major fund raiser of the year and it allows us all to do the great work God has given us to do. Thank you for your generous support; and special thanks to our administrator Peg Pyper and Val McDaniel (transitioning admin) for your countless hours in preparation for such a great day!



I will leave you with this one thought. A wise teacher once said *make a friend, be a friend, draw that friend to Jesus*. This approach has allowed me many inroads at GVSU, and has allowed people to see Jesus in me, which sometimes speaks volumes above the noise of the culture. I covet your prayers for myself and Amy as we continue to learn and grow in this new season. Please pray for Chap Andy and Val as they continue to close out a season of passionate ministry with *Moriah*. And please pray for Tony Bonacci and the future chaplains that God has ordained for the ministry. Please keep our *Moriah* Board in your prayers as well as they lead us into the future. Thank you again for your love, prayers and support.

For HIS Glory,
John Modderman, Executive Director
GVSU Men's Basketball Chaplain
GVSU Men's Baseball Chaplain

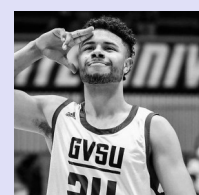
Student Spotlight: "Zeke" Isaiah Carver Bagley, Masters of Communication, 2023



What is your favorite memory from this past season? Beating Ferris on senior night. **What is one aspect you learned about your spiritual journey while at GV?** I learned how to be open and honest with my circle about what I am struggling with spiritually. **What is one of your favorite "Big John" Memories?** I loved celebrating with Big John after my first double vs Davenport! **In what ways did Moriah Ministries make your faith walk easier at GV?** Moriah kept me consistent with engaging in the Word. **Parting words of wisdom:** Keep it real about where you are at in your walk. You don't have to be perfect in it, embrace the journey.



Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 40:3-5 *"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low, the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. NIV"*



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4. Call Us

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If you have additional questions, send us an email to moriah.gvsu@gmail.com or give Peg Pyper a call. She will provide you with all the information necessary (616) 217-7807.

Track and Field, Tony Bonacci, Chaplain



GVSU Track and Field has 160 kids on the team. This is the largest sports team at Grand Valley. Tony works uniquely as a volunteer pole vault coach. Through relationships forged in that position, and as a *Moriah* Chaplain, he has started a weekly Bible study where 10-15 student athletes come every week to study God's word.

He has experienced even more student athletes reaching out for a call, sending a text or even to ask for prayer, which in turn leads to great talks about their faith and ultimately the Gospel being shared.

Women's Basketball and Softball, Amy Modderman, Chaplain

Amy had an incredible year serving the women's basketball team. The women had a very successful season winning the GLIAC championship and finishing ranked 3rd in the nation! Hosting students for The Chosen Series opened up time for fellowship between men's and women's basketball teams and proved to stimulate discussions on faith and how it is lived out like Jesus in our modern culture. Within the context of those relationships God was glorified.

The GVSU softball team finished in the World Series Championship Games. Although the Lakers finished 2nd, it was a very successful season for the women. Amy was present at all the games and was able to deepen relationships with the team and the coaches. When the girls saw Amy arrive they knew she would be bringing treats! The notorious candy bag made famous by Chap Andy is still loved and appreciated today.



Ministry, Chap Andy



Chap Andy has enjoyed weekly meetings with one of our football alumni, Jordan Kaufman (pictured here with his wife Keyara). Jordan is also our basketball alumni. With Chaps' guidance, he is developing his faith and role as father and husband. Jordan and Key are a powerful reminder of the end results of this ministry. Thanks for your prayers as they are expecting their 3rd little one! Jordan and Key were involved with Supersonic, SERVE trips and now Beyond.

Peg Pyper, our new administrator, has worked tirelessly with Val McDaniel this past year to learn all things admin at *Moriah*. The time of transition has been greatly appreciated. Peg has stepped in with great professionalism and efficiency. One big change she has been able to execute is the much needed updates for donations. Donors now have online options for giving to *Moriah*. Check out the side bar to the left (which is now on our website). [Click here](#) to donate.



The golf outing was once again an awesome day this year. [Click here](#) to see our pictures from this year. And mark your calendars for our 2024 Outing on June 11th! Also we are forming our Golf Committee for 2024. If you would like to serve on this committee, please reach out to Peg at 616.217.7807/peg.moriah@gmail.com

In times of change, we usually become fearful or anxious because we're not sure of what is going to happen or how everything will unfold. But we can rest in the truth knowing that God does have a plan for us and that He will lead us on the right path when we place our trust in Him.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)