

BETA UPSILON CHI

Behold, how good and pleasing it is when brothers dwell together in unity!

- Psalm 133:1 -

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BETA UPSILON CHI HISTORY

Brothers Under Christ was formed at the University of Texas at Austin in the Spring of 1985 by a handful of Christian men desiring an alternative to the current fraternal lifestyle. This group met and planned the first "BYX Island Party" to formally announce the fraternity's founding.

It was the vision of the founding fathers to have a fraternity of committed Christian men based on the unique brotherhood afforded by a Christian atmosphere all for the purpose of fellowship and glorification of Jesus Christ.

Through parties, service projects, evangelical outreaches and other such events the members of Beta Upsilon Chi chose to unite in fellowship and edify Jesus Christ on the University of Texas campus.

The Lord has blessed BYX. Today we are a national fraternity headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. God continues to guide our national growth and expansion.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Brothers Under Christ fraternity is a group of committed college men who aim at worshipping God together, encouraging one another through brotherhood and unity, and empowering one another to go out into the world to be salt and light for Christ. God desires all believers to worship and grow together in unity. This can sometimes be difficult in a college setting that may often be contrary to Christianity. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for college men to grow closer to their Lord and their brothers in Christ. This is the end to which we strive.

We are excited to hear about your interest in starting a Brothers Under Christ chapter on your campus. Know that the process of beginning a chapter is a long one with no guarantees. The extended process is intended because we want to be assured we are first following God's will along with providing you an opportunity to display your commitment to BYX. There is no set time allotment for starting a chapter, we neither want to move too fast or too slow. Know that the National staff and Board of Directors will walk with you throughout the duration of the process, praying for you and with you, offering our help in any manner possible. Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing what the Lord has for the future.

BYX National Structure

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WENDEL WEAVER - Founder, University of Texas

CHUCK JAMES - Founder, TCU

JON SHERMAN - Founder, TCU

BRETT WILLIAMS - Founder,
Texas A&M

KYLE HOOVER - Texas A&M,
Executive Director 1999-2002



NATIONAL STAFF

Fort Worth Headquarters

Executive Director - **JASON HOYT**

Alumni Coordinator - maintains close ties with BYX alumni, planning and coordinating alumni events.

Lead Administrator - office administration, communications

Ministry Associates - chapter liasons responsible for contact with individual chapter officers, leadership training, chapter edification.



Foundations

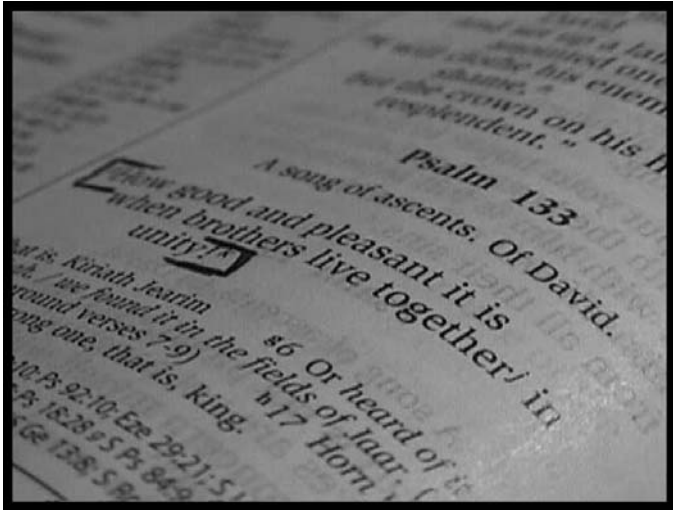
PURPOSE

BETA UPSILON CHI EXISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY AMONG COLLEGE MEN BASED ON THE COMMON BOND OF JESUS CHRIST.



FOUNDING VERSES

Behold, how good and pleasing it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.
- Psalm 133:1-
As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
- Proverbs 27:17-



BYX Impact

“BYX is where life-long friendships are forged during formative years of a young man’s life, all with likeminded men walking beside you.”

- Travis Young, Texas State Alumnus,
Children’s Pastor at The Ridge, Carrollton, Texas



“As spiritual brothers we stand back to back and fight the good fight together, standing in the gap and binding one another’s wounds when trouble comes. It’s been one of the great thrills of my life to be even a small part of this organization for four years now.”

- Jared Musgrove, OU President 2005, National BYX Ministry Associate



“Personally, the men I met and developed and developed relationships with in BYX changed my life. They deepened my faith and understanding of Jesus Christ and helped me become the man I am. Several of these men remain my best friends to this day.”

- Kyle Kight, TCU Founder, Financial Advisor, Ft. Worth, Texas

“BYX reminds me of the time in my life when I was first shaped with a godly influence. The lessons of biblical wisdom, integrity, and servant leadership gained in those years of my shaped how I operate in my career today. The very relationships I have with my clients are influenced by the men in BYX that I walked with nearly ten years ago.”

- Loren Hsiao, Texas A&M Alumnus, Northwestern Mutual, Dallas, Texas



Frequently Asked Questions

WHY DO WE DO BYX?

- 60% of all high school men who profess Christ walk away from their faith in college
- Men want to be a part of something bigger than themselves
- Women need and desire men who are strong in their faith
- Most Christians become believers before the age of 21, but it's in college where men decide how they're going to live the rest of their lives.
- Fraternities are more and more a serious issue, we want to be there to offer Christian men in college an alternative to the present fraternal lifestyle.

HOW DO WE DO BYX?

PLEDGESHIP

The goals of pledgship are for the members to serve the pledges, and for the pledges to prove themselves worthy of serving and dwelling in community with the active members. Through weekly pledge meetings, the pledges learn the intricacies of Brothers Under Christ and get to know each other on a personal level.

CELL GROUPS

Cell Groups are our weekly small groups of 4-6 men who meet to further the purpose of BYX in our personal lives through deep Christ-centered relationships.

RETREATS

Each semester, every chapter has a full retreat for all of its members. The focus of this retreat is to get away from the normal college atmosphere and enjoy a time of brotherhood, worship, and community in a relaxing environment.

PARTIES

Our parties are designed to be a fun, uplifting environment for brotherhood and unity. They range from formals, date parties, open parties, mixers, tailgate parties, and grab-a-dates. They are entirely alcohol-free.

MEMBERSHIP

Each of our members is a professing Christian and exhibits a willingness to serve in Christ's Kingdom. Though we are not perfect, we strive to develop brotherhood and unity among our active members, equipping them for post-graduate life and furthering their walks with the Lord.

LEADERSHIP

We have regional Officer Retreats every November to introduce the new officer bodies into the responsibilities, structure, and vision of Brothers Under Christ at the national level.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Each week the entire chapter gathers for prayer, worship, a short encouraging and challenging message from the Bible, and announcements.

ANNUAL SUMMIT

Each February, all of the chapters gather together for a weekend conference put on by the National Staff. It is a chance for all of the members nationwide to worship, learn, and fellowship together through activities, breakout sessions, and ministry opportunities, and also serves as a time for the National Staff and Board of Directors to communicate personally with the entire body as a whole.

Current BYX Chapters

University of Texas **TCU** Texas A&M **Stephen F. Austin** Houston Baptist
Texas State Texas Tech **North Texas** Baylor **University of Oklahoma**
SMU **Vanderbilt** University of Arkansas **Mississippi State** University of Georgia
Oklahoma State University University of Missouri



Frequently Asked Questions?

- **BYX AND THE CHURCH:**

Brothers Under Christ is a fraternity of college men coming together under the common bond of Jesus Christ. We are not the church, nor do we aspire to be. We strongly encourage our members to be a part of a local congregation and to be involved in the body of Christ. While we do develop brotherhood and unity among Christian college men, we should in no way be considered a substitute for the Bride of Christ.

- **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?**

Each chapter regulates its dues independently, and therefore they are all differing amounts. On average, membership dues are around \$200 per semester.

- **FRATERNITY... WHAT ABOUT ALCOHOL?**

We do not allow alcohol at any BYX sponsored events or parties. Though we do not regard the consumption of alcohol in an of itself as a sin, we do require our members to adhere to Biblical standards concerning alcohol, and expect that they not bring shame on the name of Christ, their own personal witness, or the fraternity in any way, shape, or form.

- **WHAT ABOUT HAZING?**

The purpose BYX is to promote unity and brotherhood within the fraternity based on the common bond of Jesus Christ. This is accomplished without emotional or physical punishment/abuse/humiliation, as our members are constantly striving to promote the name of Christ and humbly serve each other, including our pledges. Our purpose is to draw attention to Christ through the way that we carry ourselves as members of Brothers Under Christ.

- **DOES BYX HAVE FRATERNITY HOUSES?**

We do not have houses because of the very high cost of liability insurance that we would have to carry in order to have houses. It is our desire to keep BYX affordable to Christian college men in all walks of life, and therefore do not have plans to have houses in the near future. Additionally, houses have limited availability of living space, and our desire is not to exclude any brothers who desire to be a part of the fraternity in any way.

- **IS BYX A PART OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)?**

We are not a part of the IFC for several reasons. First, all IFC fraternities pay dues to the IFC governing body, and we feel that the best stewardship of our members' money is accomplished by not being IFC affiliated. Secondly, IFC fraternities are subject to the regulations of the IFC, some of which prevent discrimination based on religion. There are also many other rules regulating rush, pledge activities, and many other facets of fraternity functioning, and we believe that in order to pursue the vision and purpose of BYX, we are and will remain separate from the IFC.

- **HOW LONG IS THE PROSPECTIVE CHAPTER PROCESS?**

We have a three phase process that usually takes from 9-12 months from beginning to completion.

- **WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

Feel free to contact our national office for more information via email at admin@brothersunderchrist.org, or by phone at (877) 250-4512.

Prospective Chapter Phase 1

Answering these questions will help us get to know you and your school as we begin to pray about whether the Lord would desire a BYX chapter at your university.

Please submit answers via email to admin@brothersunderchrist.org

Or by mail: **741 Kentucky Derby Lane
Fort Worth, TX 76179**

1. Where is your university located?
2. How many undergraduate students attend the university?
3. What percentage of students live on campus at the university?
4. If applicable, what percentage of students commute to the university from a distance greater than 10 miles?
5. Describe the current Greek environment on your campus.
6. How many guys are interested in a BYX chapter? Please list their names and classifications. (Please no more than 20 names and classifications).
7. What other organizations exist on your campus for Christian men to get involved in? Please list the organizations.
8. Why are you interested in starting a chapter at your school?
9. What does it mean to be a leader? How have you and the interested group of men demonstrated leadership in the past?
10. Are you able to support the initial application fee of \$500 to fund the potential startup costs for a BYX chapter?

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director and ministry staff, we sincerely thank you for your interest in Brothers Under Christ. We will contact you shortly after we have evaluated your answers and sought the Lord's direction in the matter of your potential chapter.

Sincerely,

Jason Hoyt
Executive Director