



Annual Conference Report - 2013

In January of 2013, we brought on 62 student leaders who are committed to living out our mission of "helping students find their way back to God," based off of 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Working with our leadership team, we are divided into four missional communities that serve strategic student populations on campus. Each missional community is charged with developing their leadership team within their specific communities and working to find ways to connect those groups into the larger Wesley community. Through our missional communities, we have trained 85 students to lead small groups on campus beginning in the Fall '13 semester.

DISCIPLESHIP is a core focus of our ministry to the students. Our discipleship meetings are weekly, hour-long meetings with each of our 62 leadership students. This gives us intentional opportunities to teach, encourage, and strengthen our students on a personal level; believing God will use them to reach this campus over their time on campus in ways that we cannot begin to imagine.

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

International Student Ministry, Sunday Nights 5:30-7:30 @ Bama Wesley

ISM is a ministry to the 2,500 international students that come to Alabama each year. It meets each Sunday night at the Wesley Foundation for a time of Bible study, a meal, and fellowship for the 60+ students who attend. At the start of the fall, we held our first annual International Garage Giveaway on August 18th that provided 63 students with basic household furnishings needed to set up their apartments. We are currently preparing for the second annual Garage Giveaway this August.

All Greek Bible Study, Monday Nights @ Phi MU House 8:30 PM

All Greek is a ministry to the Greek community at the University of Alabama that meets each Monday night at 8:30 pm. The 80+ students that gather each week in the fall at the Phi Mu house in the Fall of '13. Twenty-three students have been trained over the Spring semester to lead small groups in their houses beginning this Fall '13 semester. All Greek seeks to help students remember who they are in Christ as well as build a Christian community among all the houses.

Bama Wesley Worship, Tuesday Nights, 8 PM @ Trinity UMC

Wesley Service is the weekly worship service held on Tuesday nights. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a central service of fellowship to bring students back to God and build relationships with fellow believers. The service welcomes over 100 students weekly. Currently, we use this model on Tuesday nights: 25 minutes of worship music, a 15 minute talk, and 45 minutes for small groups led by our student leaders.

Mercy Street & the Collegiate Recovery Community, Thursday Nights at 8 PM

Mercy Street is an alternative service for young adults in recovery from addiction. The staff and student leadership are seeking to be a place of community and encouragement for students recovering from addiction. They are involving themselves in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and other step-program meetings across campus and in Tuscaloosa in order to establish a relationship with those searching for the next step towards a relationship with God.

BAMA WESLEY TORNADO RELIEF WORK UPDATE

Since the April 27th, 2011 storm, we have seen our niche as recruiting and organizing volunteers. We are grateful to have partnered with the North Alabama Conference Disaster Team, Hope Builders, First United Methodist Church - Tuscaloosa, and Habitat Tuscaloosa to put volunteer teams to work cleaning up Tuscaloosa.

•Summer 2011

We hosted 17 teams of approximately 450 volunteers for 11 weeks from all over the country. Our best estimation is that the teams directly impacted 5 - 8 families per week for a total of at least 60 families.



•Spring/Summer 2012

This last semester, we hosted 10 teams and approximately 300 volunteers. Our best estimation is that each of these teams each was primarily responsible for working with one family apiece.

•Spring Break/Summer 2013

At present, we are working towards building 6 houses during Spring Break/Summer of 2013.

•Fall 2013

Currently, we are planning to build one home during the Fall semester by creating partnerships with other student organizations on campus

•Summer 2014

Finally, we plan to invite teams back in the summer to continue to help rebuild Tuscaloosa.

Tiger-Tide Challenge, February 23, 2013 @ The Club in Birmingham

The second annual Tiger-Tide Challenge with the Auburn Wesley was a great success. We lost to the Auburn Wesley again this year(Auburn \$24,000+ vs. Alabama \$18,900), but I have a feeling we can close the gap in 2014. Please stay tuned for more information about the third annual Tiger-Tide Challenge in 2014 and come help us beat Auburn.

Spring Break Mission Trips: 2013 to 2014

During the 2013 Spring Break, we had 15 students and staff go on our Costa Rica mission trip. For Spring Break 2014, our goal is to recruit 30 students for Costa Rica. Also for Spring Break 2014, we are looking at adding at least two other trips for our students.

323 Club - Summer & Fall Stewardship Campaign

As part of the University of Alabama's winning tradition, the Wesley Foundation has empowered students for leadership on the campus, within the United Methodist Church and in their local communities for the last 77 years. In honor of Alabama's winningest tradition - Coach Bear Bryant's 323 career wins - our goal is to build a team of 323 individuals who will commit to making a monthly donation. We need you to get in the game and help support the students who are currently being enriched by the programs at the Wesley Foundation. We invite you to join us in creating another winning season by providing a source of sustainable support @ www.bamawesley.org.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we help students find their way back to God at the University of Alabama.

Roll Tide.

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