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REACHING OUT AND RECEIVING  
IN THE NAME OF CHRIST,



# NOW & FOREVER

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE  
AUBURN WESLEY FOUNDATION

 **WESLEY**  
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# WELCOME

The Auburn Wesley Foundation is a really incredible place! You might already know that. But long before I came to serve here I knew it was special by its people - all of these alumni I would meet who are out in the world serving and leading in all kinds of compelling and faithful ways in the name of Jesus. And if you asked them where they learned this, where that spark was first lit, where that call was first heard - they tell you about their time at Wesley. They'll tell you about David Goolsby... about someone who encouraged and challenged them to give of themselves for the sake of Christ and for others; a campus minister who was always ready to pray with them and for them.

It was my honor to serve alongside David for six years here and I learned an absolutely insane amount from him during that time! But one of the best gifts of his leadership is how he always used it to empower students. I believe that is the thing that sets Auburn Wesley apart - our deep and constant empowerment of students as leaders and as faithful followers of Jesus. I love getting to lead and serve in a place where that's the legacy and the vision for ministry!

Now, there's no question we face a number of challenges. Navigating ministry in the pandemic is unlike anything we've had to do before. David's retirement after 38 years is not an insignificant adjustment. In the midst of local change, there is denominational uncertainty that, regardless of the outcome, we know will impact one of the primary ways that campus ministry has been funded here.

But what I tell our students is that the call to discipleship always rings with an immediacy. We don't wait until conditions are ideal to follow Jesus. The call of discipleship always asks if we will follow Jesus now, in this set of circumstances. The joy of discipleship is that it is with Jesus... and with all the others that journey with us along that way! And so with that call and joy we take the next step together.

That's what the **NOW and FOREVER** campaign is about - the call and the joy of taking next steps together.

Grace + Peace,

Rev. Tony Jeck  
Director and Campus Minister



# NOW & FOREVER

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The **NOW & FOREVER** campaign aims to engage the Wesley Family and beyond to come together in unity to support ongoing ministry efforts and to secure a solid financial future for the Auburn Wesley Foundation. From equipping student leaders to the stewardship of our current location, the Auburn Wesley Foundation is on the precipice of a deeply important moment. With your support, tomorrow's Auburn students can be impacted by the vital ministry that so many Wesley alumni have experienced.



*Wesley Alumni Ben + Sarah surrounded by generations of Wesley Family*

## Why Now?

The retirement of the Rev. David Goolsby in June of this last year, after 38 years of faithful and fruitful campus ministry, gives us a unique and important opportunity to pause and celebrate God's work over these many years in the lives of so many. We look ahead with anticipation and expectation to the future of God's continued work through the ministry of Wesley. The best is yet to come!

As we are in this moment of great rejoicing and reflection, we acknowledge a shift in the way Auburn Wesley is supported.

One of the significant ways that the AWF has been funded is through denominational resources. We know that because of denominational transition these resources will soon be greatly reduced or go away altogether. The NOW and FOREVER camping is our response; this campaign is about the need for a new way of securing and strengthening the support it takes to continue to reach and empower students with the life-changing mission and message of Jesus through the Auburn Wesley Foundation.

# EQUIPPING FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR CHRIST



The Auburn Wesley Foundation operates under student leadership, which makes it a truly unique campus ministry. Students take ownership of their ministry areas under the guidance of the Auburn Wesley staff, equipping them to be leaders in their communities, churches, and beyond. Your support of this campaign provides resources to the next generation of student leaders as they share Christ's love with campus, each other, and our world.

With your help in building new a new foundation for ministry needs, generations of students may come experience and take part in the five essential areas of the Auburn Wesley Foundation: Outreach, Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and Missions. These essentials create the basis for the vibrant experiences shared by students and alumni alike.



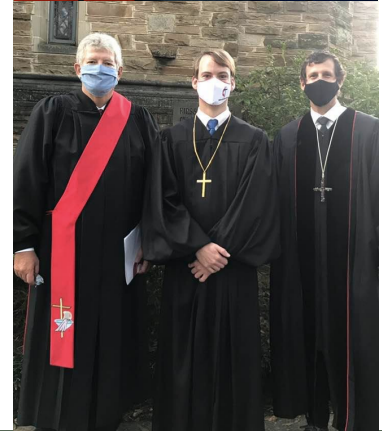
*"Wesley has largely shaped and reinforced my beliefs because I found it at a time when I was having a crisis of faith. Wesley stands as a wonderful outlet to show me what parts of my faith are strong and where I have opportunities for growth.*

*The Auburn Wesley Foundation is where I apply my faith. Above all else, I deeply value how it both educates me on what a sincere walk with Christ should look like, and further, gives me a place to make those steps."*

Stephen | Class of 2022

# LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION

The Auburn Wesley Foundation has a long history of fostering ministry leaders for the Church - in both clergy and lay leadership roles. More than 80 Auburn Wesley alumni are recorded as entering full-time ministry service and eight are currently in seminary. One way of cultivating that call has been the intern program. Interns are graduates who choose to remain in Auburn for a year and serve on staff with the Auburn Wesley Foundation, while receiving a modest salary. The goal of their internship is to support student leaders, serve Christ, and continue to explore what the next steps beyond Wesley might be.



Along with the hands-on work of ministering alongside our student leaders, we are continuing to develop the intern experience to include opportunities for leadership development and vocational exploration. Interns participate in activities such as conferences, mentoring conversations with other Christian leaders, and learning together through study and prayer.

## AUBURN WESLEY BY THE NUMBERS

**38**

*International mission trips in*

**18**

*countries*



**150+**

*Students who traveled the southeast during 25 years of Youth and Children's Caravans*

**250**

*and growing*

*Students who have served on Council, leading their Auburn Wesley peers*



# CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	GOAL
<p><b>MINISTRY SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Provide the necessary funding to continue the vital day to day work of the Auburn Wesley Foundation</p>	<p><b>\$600,000</b></p> <p>\$200,000 per year for the next three years</p>
<p><b>INTERN PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Create space for young adults to explore a call to ministry while serving Wesley students</p>	<p><b>\$135,000</b></p> <p>\$15,000 per intern to support three interns over the next three years</p>
<p><b>BUILDING CONTINGENCY</b></p> <p>With a vision towards a new space in the future, the current Auburn Wesley Foundation has pressing needs for vital fellowship to continue to occur.</p>	<p><b>\$165,000</b></p> <p>\$55,000 per year over the next three years for building support and unforeseen facility needs</p>

# \$900,000

TO SECURE THE ONGOING OUTREACH OF THE  
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# YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Your support makes possible the steady witness of a place where Auburn students from different backgrounds and experiences can be welcomed and experience God’s love through Christian fellowship. A place where they find the space to be and become who Christ is calling them to be - not in isolation, but all together. The Auburn Wesley Foundation has long borne witness to the transforming power of this kind of Christian unity. These are the kinds of leaders the Church needs. This campaign aims to continue and grow this legacy so that there is always a place on Auburn’s campus where the love of Christ draws students in, nurtures and challenges them, and gives them the opportunity to learn and lead in Christian community, so that they may be sent out in faithful service.

We prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift, or ongoing gift, to the NOW and FOREVER Campaign. Every dollar impacts the students and our united mission of drawing students near to the love of Christ. Your generosity lights the path for others. We invite you to join us in being a part of this ongoing legacy...**NOW AND FOREVER!**



NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU  
WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING  
AND TO MAKE YOU DWELL IN THE PRESENCE  
OF HIS GLORY, BLAMELESS WITH GREAT JOY.

TO THE ONLY GOD, OUR SAVIOR  
AND TO JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD,  
BE THE GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION, AND  
POWER  
BEFORE ALL TIME,

***NOW AND FOREVER.***

AMEN

*THE AUBURN WESLEY BENEDICTION*  
*JUDE 23-34*

**WESLEY**