

“The Corner of Fourth and Fowler”

Newsletter of the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Tech

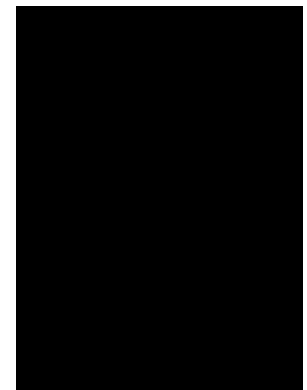
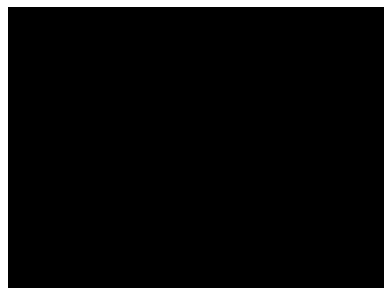
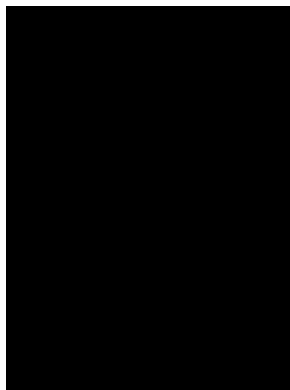
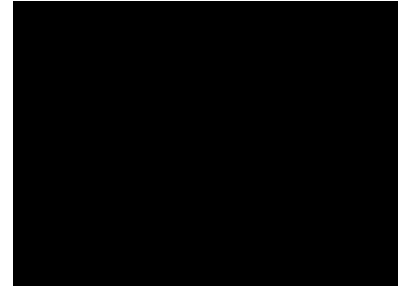
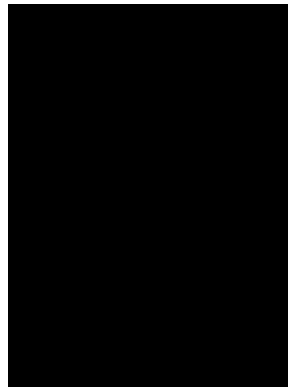
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Summer Mission Trip to Epworth-By-The Sea May 9-13, 2011

Epworth-by-the-Sea, on St. Simons Island, GA, offers pre-planned, low-cost mission opportunities for Wesley Foundations. This past May, five students (J. P. Addison, Jena Gilbert, Kristi Painter, Brandon Sharp, and Kellie Zeigler), one board member (Pam Buzbee), and the campus minister spent the week in mission and retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea, between the Spring and Summer semesters. Our work included: preparing a home so that its owner, a woman with a newly-acquired wheelchair, could return from the hospital; delivering food to residents in Brunswick’s most economically depressed neighborhood; restoration work at Fort Frederica National Park; and maintenance work at Brunswick’s Boys and Girls Clubs.

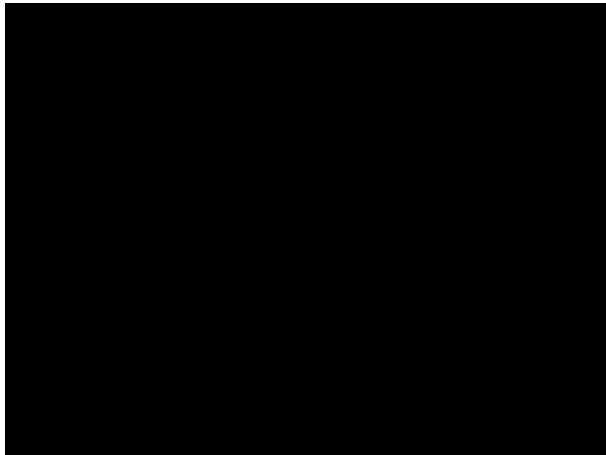
We hope to make this trip an annual event. We are also planning to spend our Spring Break in Biloxi, MS, with members of the Wesley Foundation at the University of West Georgia, to continue the recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina.



A Student, and A Church Group, Make Residence Hall Ministry A Reality

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) keeps various items on hand so that they may be distributed immediately after natural disasters strike. One item is called a “health kit,” and contains basic necessities for people who are forced to quickly leave their homes to find shelter.

Recently, the Wesley Foundation sponsored an UMCOR Health Kit Assembly Event in Towers Residence Hall. The event was arranged by David Lyle, who serves on the Towers staff and is an active member of the Wesley Foundation. A very generous donation from the United Methodist Men of Peachtree City UMC made it possible for us to purchase enough supplies for 75 health kits.



David planned the event for other Towers Residence Hall staff members, as a leadership event. Prior to assembling the health kits, the event also included a presentation on the Wesley Foundation’s work on campus, and the work of the United Methodist Church through UMCOR.

The program was so well received that another staff member has invited us to provide the same program on his hall – not for staff this time, but for the students who live on the hall.

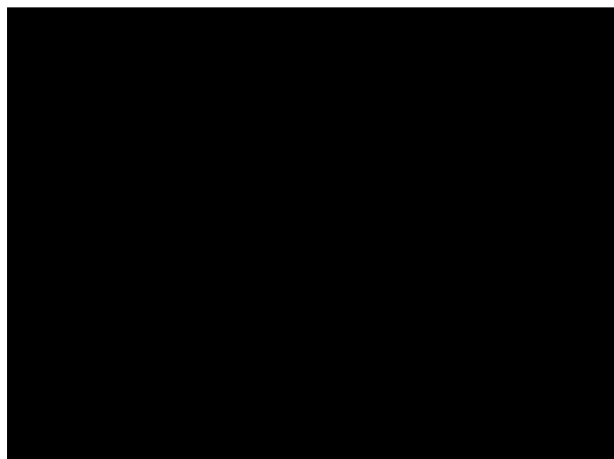
We are grateful to Peachtree City UMC’s United Methodist Men for making this powerful outreach ministry possible. *We welcome other local churches and church groups to join us in this new endeavor!*

Wesley Walk Included as a Campus-Wide “Team Buzz” Project

As we do most years, the GT Wesley Foundation helped with the annual “Wesley Walk for Others” in October by cleaning up Stone Mountain Park after the walkathon was complete. This year was a little different, however. The Wesley Walk happened to fall on the same day as “Team Buzz,” which is a campus-wide day of service. When this has happened in the past, students had to choose between the Wesley Walk and Team Buzz – but not this year.

In past years, the planners of Team Buzz felt that the faith-based Wesley Walk was not appropriate to offer to the entire student body. However, for two years now, the Team Buzz Executive Committee has used the Wesley Foundation building for their overnight planning retreat, and our organizations have built a good relationship. This year, the Team Buzz planners were comfortable including Wesley Walk as an approved project. Approximately one-third of our volunteers were people who have never visited the Wesley Foundation.

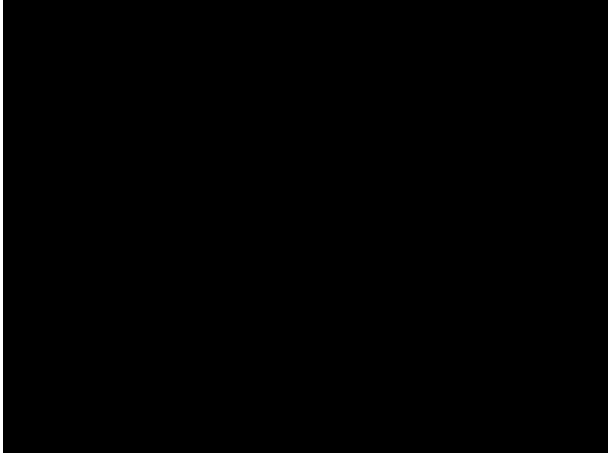
Conversations with one of the non-Wesley students resulted in Steve being invited to the North Avenue Residence Hall for an interfaith program.



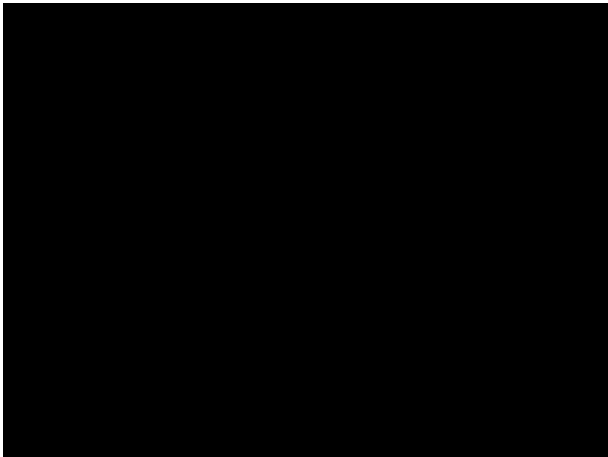
The "Jubilee Hill Terrace"

This summer, thanks to a generous gift from Russell and Lynne Hill and a LOT of student labor, we were able to install a patio outside the 4th Street door of the Wesley Foundation building.

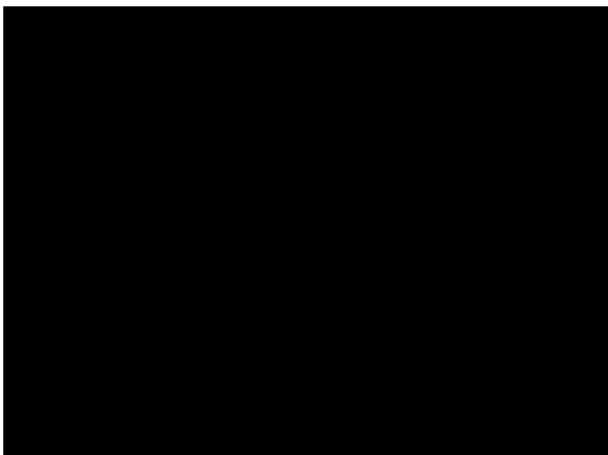
We have enjoyed our new patio on game days, during Welcome Week, and for other events during the semester. Being out front and visible lets the campus know that good things are going on at the corner of 4th and Fowler. It has also greatly reduced our landscaping maintenance.



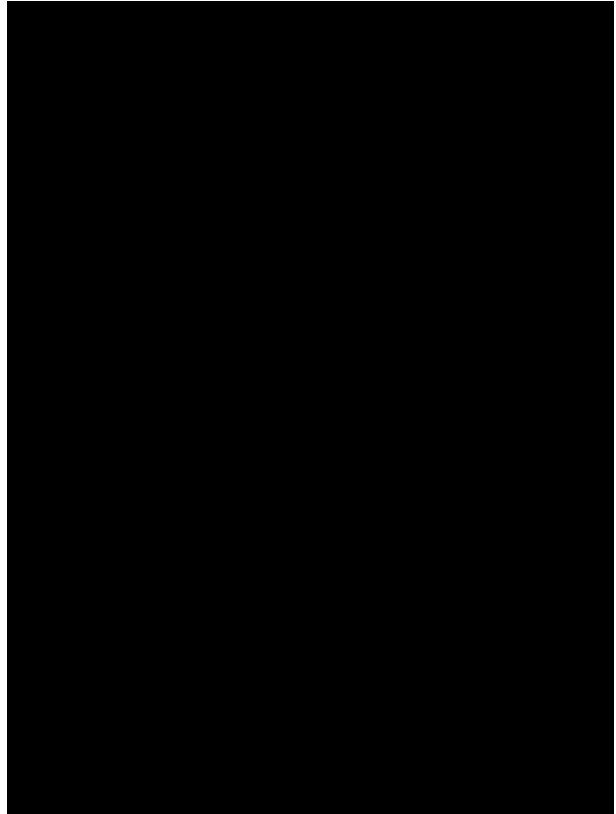
Matt McCawley and Ryan McGowan



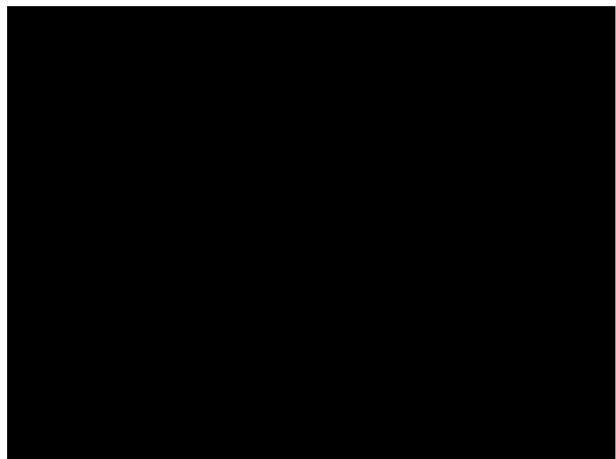
Kristi Painter, Ashley Barnes, and Sam Lewis



Travis Smith



Thank you, Russell and Lynne!



Kerri Painter, Kristi Painter, Julia Lundrigan, and Carolyn Granade enjoy hot beverages on the Jubilee Hill Terrace before the UGA / GT football game.

Meet the Interns!

AnnaKate Rawles, Bill Culpepper, and Sam Lewis are serving as the 2011-2012 interns at the Wesley Foundation. All three are students at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. You may remember Sam's name – she also served as an intern last year.

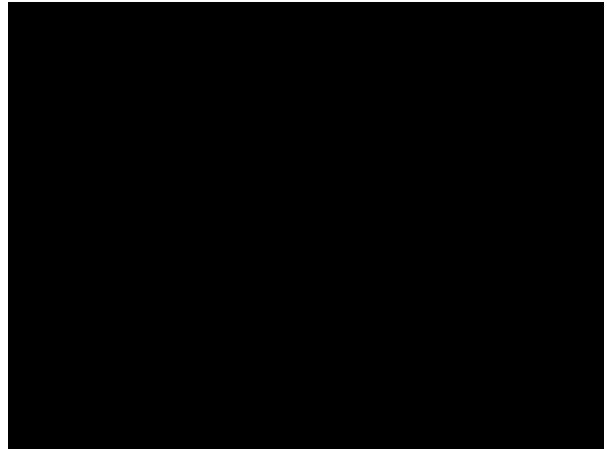
AnnaKate and Bill are currently “middlers,” or second-year students, at Candler. They are interning at the Wesley Foundation as part of the Contextual Education II program. The program requires students to practice five elements of ministry over the course of that academic year: liturgy, congregational care, mission and outreach, religious education, and administration. We have intentionally designed the intern program at the GT Wesley Foundation to provide meaningful experiences in all five of those areas, while also allowing for the interns to participate in the full life of the Wesley Foundation community.

Sam is a “senior,” or third-year student, at Candler. She fulfilled her Contextual Education II requirement here at Tech last year, and we are glad to have her serving as an intern again this year.

Each intern has two primary responsibilities: participate in Sunday Celebration each week, and facilitate a weekly small group meeting. Sunday morning responsibilities include hosting Café Wesley before service, preaching once a semester, leading the prayers of the people, and leading the Psalter reading. In the small group meetings, the interns offer pastoral care to the members, they lead book studies and discussions, and they oversee the planning of one mission project and one fellowship activity each semester.

Our intern program is mutually beneficial to both Tech students and Candler students!

AnnaKate Rawles



AnnaKate, picking apples.

I have really enjoyed getting to be a part of the Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation community this semester and can hardly believe that it is coming to a close- but I am very much looking forward to the Spring! I have come into Georgia Tech as an English and Religion major and have had fun learning how to understand engineer speak and the Georgia Tech class lingo. (My small group has been instrumental in this.)

This semester the small groups that I am part of planned a Halloween party (which was a blast!!) and have worked with the Genesis Homeless Shelter in Atlanta on a Christmas program for the children at the shelter.

Working at the Wesley Foundation has been a formative experience for me and has helped affirm my call to campus ministry. Worship, small groups, spiritual development, activities and outreach are all things that the Wesley Foundation does a great job at and it has been fantastic to be part of it.

- AnnaKate

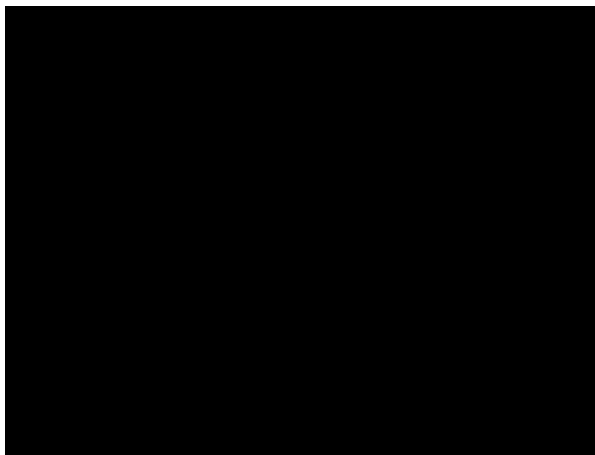
Bill Culpepper

It has been a joy and a privilege to work with these amazing students this semester. Together we've looked at Scripture and really challenged each other to find a text that truly surprises us. My favorite story to tell is about a sophomore who read that God is immeasurable (taken from Ephesians 3). He told me that for an engineering major who spends all day measuring and counting to hear that God cannot be measured or counted is truly mind-blowing to him.

For our service project, my small group volunteered at the Fall Festival of the United Methodist Children's Home, a place for homeless teens and families. Here, we used our engineering skills and built a haunted house for the residents of the Children's Home. The guys in my small group thought that it was great that they could combine what they were learning in the classroom with a service project through the Wesley Foundation.

I am absolutely excited to see what next semester has in store for us. I am eager to reach out to more students on campus so that we cannot not only grow in number but also grow deeper in our hunger and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

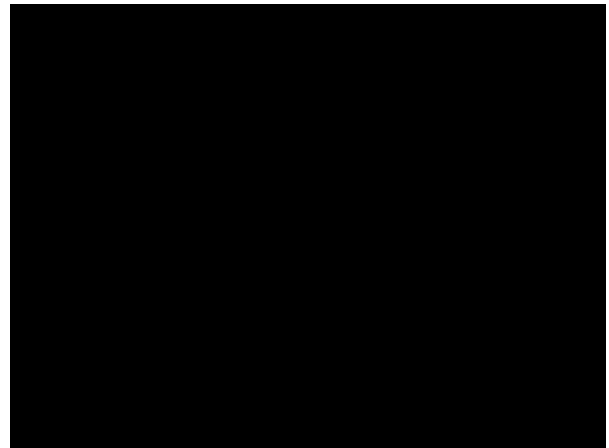
- Bill



Bill and his wife, Lindsey, both have been invaluable members of the Wesley Foundation community this year.

Sam Lewis

This semester at the Wesley Foundation has been pretty spectacular. From Sunday Celebrations to a Halloween party, Small Group to a camping trip, there has been a lot going on here this semester. It has gone by so fast and I cannot believe that the semester is coming to a close. We have tailgated for football games, done service projects, and grown together as a community in exciting ways.



Sam starts the fire for breakfast.

There is something exciting about being on a college campus. No- I don't think it's just the football. The students are exploring and growing in unique and special ways and it is a joy to be a part of that. This semester in our small groups we have been focusing on spiritual development. The dedication and intentionality that I have seen in these students is encouraging. It makes me think that the Church may be headed in a very good direction if these are to be our leaders.

With the arrival of Advent (which we get to celebrate three Sundays of at the Wesley Foundation this year!) I cannot help but think of the joy of expecting. Yes, baby Jesus will be here soon! It is such a blessing to gather with the students of the Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation in waiting and expectation for the promise of Jesus. As we do so we look also to a new semester, filled with promise.

- Sam

From the Director

Dear Friends:

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve the United Methodist Church, and the Georgia Tech campus, through the Wesley Foundation. But as Jesus taught, “from those who have been given much, much is required.” On those days when I say to myself, “what more could I possibly ask for?” I must quickly remind myself that there is a lot more – a LOT more – the Wesley Foundation could be doing at Tech, in the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the United Methodist Church.

For example, you have read about our outreach ministry in the residence halls (see page 2). ***It costs us approximately \$500 to assemble and mail 75 health kits – but the impact of this particular ministry is immeasurable.*** We introduce Tech students to the message and ministries of the United Methodist Church, and we provide real, tangible ministry to victims of natural disaster.

Another example – our intern program is a blessing not only to Tech students, but to the Candler students who serve as interns, and to the churches who will receive these Candler students as their pastors. Most Candler students have to work to make their way through school; the modest stipend we pay helps, but doesn’t eliminate the need for additional employment. ***What if we were able to compensate our interns such that they didn’t need other employment?*** Right now, our interns are at Tech 10 hours a week, and many of those hours are scheduled around intern availability due to other employment obligations. What could we accomplish if we had 3-4 interns on campus for 12-15 hours a week? How many Tech students could we reach if we scheduled intern hours around when the Tech community is best served, rather than what fits in the interns’ busy schedules?

What more could I possibly ask for? I am asking for resources to continue our outreach into the residence halls. I am asking for resources to take our intern program to the next level. And, I am asking you to receive my word of humble gratitude for your commitment to the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Tech.

Stewardship

The Ministries Fund, 2011 (Total: \$34,655 as of November 28, 2011)

Skip and Katie Addison
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Landiss Lecture Series, 2011
(Total: \$700 as of November 28, 2011)

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William D. Couch
Susan Park Esche
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Matt Lindsey
Thomas and Teresa Patek
Mary Lynn Smith
Barbara Crane Trawick

Jubilee Building Fund, 2011
(Total: \$3,500 as of November 28, 2011)

Scott Fortenberry
Russell and Lynne Hill
Matt Lindsey

Local Church Giving, 2011
(Total: \$7,121 as of November 28, 2011)

Chamblee First UMC
Dunwoody UMC
Northside UMC
Newnan UMC – United Methodist Men
Peachtree City UMC – United Methodist Men
Peachtree Road UMC
St. Mark UMC

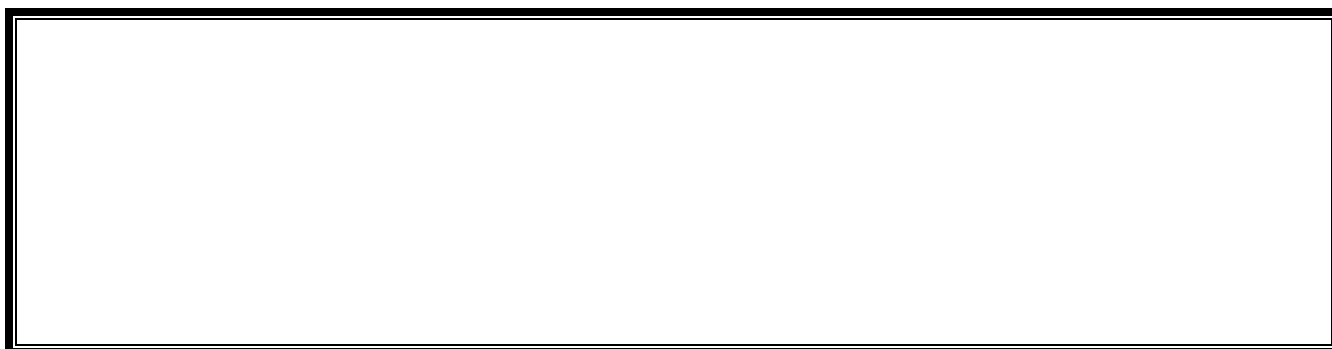
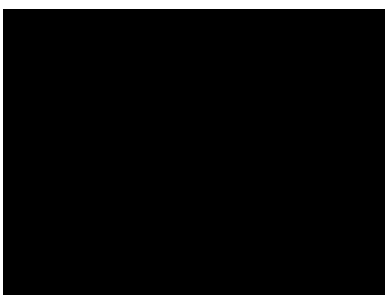
Financial Undergirding, 2011
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Albert Ahn
Anonymous
Carolyn Granade
Stephen Jenkins
Kyle Manweiler
Kristi Painter
Gregory Philips
Students for Christ (student organization)

Total Gifts: \$ 47,361
Thank you!

Alumni News and Happenings

- Rev. Bridgette Young (GTWF Director, 1998 – 2000) and Vance Ross were married on October 20, 2011.



Mission Statement

The Wesley Foundation at Georgia Tech is a ministry of the United Methodist Church to the Georgia Tech community. Our ministries of witness, nurture, outreach, fellowship, and stewardship, are offered to provide a balanced approach to faith development. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Georgia Tech are welcome to participate in all of our programs – regardless of religious affiliation or lack thereof.

Staying in Touch...

Please keep in touch! You can communicate with the Wesley Foundation through our website: <http://www.gtwf.org>. Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, director / campus minister, may also be reached at steve.fazenbaker@gtwf.org or by phone at [404-892-6317](tel:404-892-6317). Please contact the office if you need to update your contact information or if you would like to be removed from our mailing list. Directions to subscribe to Wesley Words are available on the website.

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