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Missional Force

By: Trevor Guidry
Pastoral Intern

At the Wesley Foundation, we have had the opportunity to be a missional force in our community.

Through COVID, we were able to adopt three graduating high school seniors and celebrate them by writing them encouraging letters and providing them with gifts.

We adopted two Buckner's foster families and provided them with items like diapers and other essentials.

After Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta caused widespread destruction in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, we were able to help seven homes with the recovery process. The students had the chance to help with tree/debris removal, muck/gut, and tarping.

Through these missions, with the Wesley Foundation, the students were able to teach others and gain skills that they can use for life. Many of the students have never experienced this type of mission work and they were excited to help those in need.

Teaching young college students these disaster relief skills was such a blessing. It is important for us to con-

tinue to teach these abilities to insure that the next generation has people that are capable and willing to help others in a disaster.

The most rewarding part of these experiences was seeing the joy and gratitude of the people we were able to help. This opportunity taught our students how we can show people God's love through service.

Throughout the semester our students have been a blessing to people around our community and we are all grateful to be the hands and feet of Christ. Watching our students learn how they can support the community has been an awesome experience for us.



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Thank-you

Thank-you for supporting this ministry through the Virtual Auction Fundraiser. We are very grateful for each one of you and the support that you continue to show to your SE District College Ministry.

Disaster Relief Funds

The college students raised \$2300.00 to help families that lost items or had damage due to the storms. We were able to adopt two families. Thank-you to all who donated and helped these families experience God's love.

Save the Date:

- Dec 31st: Last day to donate funds for 2020
- Jan 15th - 17th: Student Leadership Retreat
- Jan 28th: First Worship for Spring Semester
- March 15th - 19th: Spring Break (Wesley Closed)
- April 17th: All Campus
- April 29th: Last Worship
- Reserve your Thurs Night Dinner slot!

Keep Your Light On

We've said it, we've heard it, we've lived it...2020 what a year. We have been thrust into zooms, social distancing, sickness, hurricanes, and damage.

Many of us have felt as if we were plunged into darkness. It is harder to connect with our friends and family. We see so much negativity and pain in the world, all while we are sitting at home or working alone in our offices. It has been difficult to focus on the light, the good, and the joy.

At the beginning of the Fall semester, my family and I were diagnosed with COVID. To add to the stress, we evacuated for Hurricane Laura. It was hard to stay focused on the good, while watching a storm potentially devastate your home, trying to nurse your family back to health in a travel trailer, and start communicating

for Disaster Relief. It was hard to find the light.

In the aftermath of the storm, I watched 16 students tarp, muck & gut, laugh, support, shovel, lift, and guess what I

found? I found the light. I saw the presence of God's kingdom in their selfless acts of kindness and generosity.

Now, we find ourselves in the middle of advent, a time for hope, patience, and preparation. We should reflect, not just on what has happened, but how we handled ourselves,

how we helped others, how we shared the Word. We should be asking ourselves, "Where is God in this moment, right now

and how can we bring light into the world today or tomorrow?"

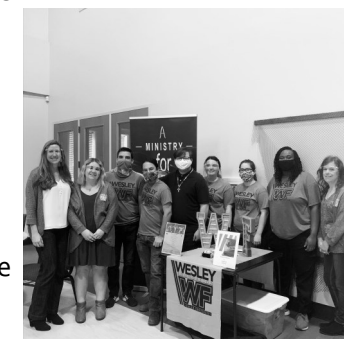
Throughout 2020, I have been reminded of the quote from Albus Dumbledore, "Happiness can be found in the dark-

est times, if only one remembers to turn on the light."

During Advent, a candle is lit, weekly, in your congregation and/or in your home to remind us that in the darkest times, there is light to come.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, know that you are in our prayers. We celebrate this season alongside you. And most importantly, remember to 'keep your light on.'

~ Rev. Amy



Allyssa “Smilie” Brandin

Degree: Associates in Process Operator



What are your plans after graduation? My plan is to find a job at a refinery. I would like to go back to school for a BSIT and maybe get my masters in Industrial Engineering.

How has the Wesley helped you to grow? The Wesley has helped me with this next stage of life by preparing me for real life situations and giving me people to lean on.

How can our community pray for you? Pray that I have peace of mind and find a good job.

Mariah “M&M” Matthew

Degree: Bachelors of Science in Biology

What are your plans after graduation? I plan to become an ultrasound technician.

How has the Wesley helped you to grow? The Wesley has helped me get and keep a relationship with God and became the church family that I needed.

How can our community pray for you? Please pray for my mental health and that I can find a good career path.



Timesha “Mesha” Miller

Degree: Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science and Fitness Management and Bachelor’s of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality

Student Leader @ WF

Communication/Marketing Intern-2 semesters



What are your plans after graduation? After graduation, I plan on continuing my education at LU by pursuing my master’s degree, online, in the Nutrition field.

How has the Wesley helped you to grow? The Wesley has prepared me by helping me learn patience. When I first came to the Wesley I was very enthusiastic to do everything. I slowly learned that I must have patience. In addition, I learned that I must continue my path with God and always remember he is with me everywhere I go. I love my journey at the Wesley and I would never trade it for the world.

How can our community pray for you? Continue to pray that I get a job and that I continue my path with God.

Alexis “Lex” Williams

Degree: Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science Fitness Management

Student Leader @ WF

Communication/Marketing Intern-1 semester

Daily Life Intern -3 semesters



What are your plans after graduation? I plan on working at a Physical Therapy clinic helping as a Physical Therapist assistant.

How has the Wesley helped you to grow? The Wesley has helped me prepare for my next step in life by helping me keep focus on God no matter what happens, the importance of what really matters in life, and how to overcome obstacles by remaining positive.

How can our community pray for you? Please pray that I am able to find a job and that I am able to keep sight of God along the way.

Internship Program

By: Rev. Amy Walker & Colin Harris (General Intern)

One of the amazing opportunities that the Wesley Foundation offers is our internship program. When we look at building a new internship opportunity or continuing the current internship position, we are looking at ways that we can help the student(s) to explore their own call, their own gifts, and allowing them to have the experience they may need for their future career. The WF offers opportunities to students where they can

have a space to build on their current skills, learn to lead, and have the opportunity to serve in a spiritual capacity.

We cannot make these experiences possible without you. Colin is our newest intern that you are helping to support. Here is what he has to say: “The internship at the Wesley helps to supplement my income. I wanted to become an intern so that I can help the Wesley grow along with giving myself an opportunity to grow. In order to do that, I go out around campus and

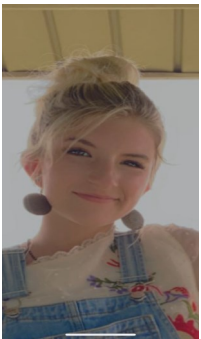
talk to people during class about the Wesley. My job consists of meeting new people, cleaning, setting up/breaking down, and running the sound for worship. I felt led to do the sound, after volunteering at Woodcrest, and I felt like the internship was an opportunity to grow. I’m growing everyday at the Wesley by not making the same mistakes twice and learning how to adapt to frequent changes and how to approach sensitive situations.”



Frederick Sammons
Daily Life Intern



Trevor Guidry
Pastoral Intern



Josie Landry
Worship Leader
Communication Intern



Mariya Brandin
Worship Team



Eboni Bolton
Worship Team



Colin Harris
General Intern