

WESLEY WITNESS



ARE WE WAITING? OR ARE WE PREPARING?

When we talk about Advent in the church, we are talking about a season of waiting with anticipation for the birth of Christ. We tell the story that lead up to that fateful night. Perhaps we even talk about the prophecies that Jesus' birth would fulfill. We talk about how humanity was supposed to know that THIS was it, that this baby would change everything, that here was the Messiah who would come to save his people, and with much joy, we wait.

This is my first year serving the FSU Wesley House and I have noticed how this stage and season of life is seen as a time of waiting. These students are waiting to feel like "real adults" and to be taken seriously. They are working at jobs and waiting to start careers. Many of them are dating and also waiting to meet the people they will marry. They are waiting to have that adventure or accomplish that goal. When we talk about young adult ministry, frequently what we, as older and wiser adults, are saying to them is "wait." That things will work out, that they will be valued differently or heard more clearly, that they will know who they are and what they want, if they can just be patient. I think this misunderstands the purpose of waiting.

When it comes to the students at the FSU Wesley House, we've been talking about how this young adult stage isn't a just a waiting season. Like Advent, it's a season of preparing. It's a season of making ready. It's a season of believing that this world is not hopeless, and that God is still reaching in, still saving us, still redeeming us, and still calling us. So as they study, not only are they learning the professional skills they will need to begin careers, they're also learning how to see that career as a calling and a place they could be in bearers of the hope that is Christ. They aren't just forming friendships and dating, they're doing some of the hard work of healing and growing, so that they can be more fully in community with people they love. These students aren't just thinking about traveling the world or finally running a five minute mile, they are trying to be kingdom builders and Jesus imitators on a college campus. And by living this intentionally, they are making bold statements about who they are now, and who they are trying to become. Being part of this community, and being able to share in this journey with them, gives me hope, not only for the church, but also for the world. It is my sincere wish that you feel that hope too.

The Wesley House Board, student leadership team, and I are so grateful for the ways you have continued to believe in the future for these students and for this ministry. By giving of your prayers, presence, and financial support, you have made a way for these students to experience God anew, to heal the things that have broken their hearts, and to live into becoming the people God is calling them to be. Thank you for being part of this incredible ministry. We can't wait to see what God has in store for 2020.

Thank you again, and have a very Merry Christmas!

-Pastor Kim Bos



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What we studied this fall:




We started with a series about testimonies. We talked about how sharing our stories can not only encourage and challenge others but also serves as a witness to the transforming power of Christ.

Then we spent a whole month doing Bible basics. Learning how to read the Bible in a way that lets God's truth speak to us through it, without becoming "Pinterest Christians."




And finally, in November when we were all dragging, we spent time trying out a bunch of spiritual practices, because when the world gets loud and busy, we have to know how to find peace and connection.





CONGRATS TO OUR ★ 2019 ★ DECEMBER GRADUATES



Katia

is a physical therapy major, who will be spending time in her hometown before heading off to Belmont in the fall to pursue her Masters degree

Livi

is an advertising major, who will be heading to Peru on Study Abroad before looking for jobs in and around Grand Rapids

Evan

is also an advertising major, who will also be going to Peru. He's not sure what's in store after his adventure, but he's excited to find out.

This could be you!



The Wesley House's
Spring Break 2020!
March 7th-16th



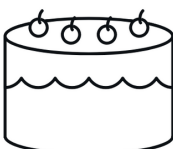
New Orleans, LA

WE ARE HAVING A...

CAKE AUCTION AND SOUP LUNCH!

To benefit the Spring Break mission trip

Would you be willing to donate a cake?




Email Kim at
FSUWesleyHouse@gmail.com
to sign up and arrange transport

Want to bid (and party)?

Join us noon, February 16th at First UMC in Big Rapids.

Bring your hunger and your quick hands, we'll bring lunch!



WANNA BID BUT CAN'T MAKE IT TO LUNCH?
THIS YEAR WE WILL BE LIVESTREAMING THE AUCTION ON FACEBOOK!

