



WELCOME TO OUR

## Spring Semester Update

*we're so glad you're here!*

### Climbing our way through the Spring Semester!



Spring 2025 has been an eventful time! From our Spring Retreat at Mount Eagle, to leading worship at Veritas, our first-ever Freshmen-led worship, and preparing for our mission trip to Costa Rica, we've been busy with lots of new opportunities!

Thanks to grants from the Central District and the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas, we've also been in the midst of a few Wesley House upgrades, including a new garage door and a swing circle in the backyard that can be used for Bible Study (or studying/hanging out!)

### Know a young adult headed to (or already in) Conway?

If you have a church member, family member, friend, or other young adult that you know is heading to Conway for college, or someone who is already in the area looking for their next steps after high school graduation, we would love to reach out to them! You can give us their information [here](#), and we will mail them a welcome packet!

It's also college visit season, which means we are looking forward to meeting new students who have UCA on their list! If you're going to be on campus, let us know-- we would love for you to swing by the Wesley and pick up some swag!





## Freshmen Ministry

This semester, we've done a lot with the praise band and freshmen ministries! The praise band had the amazing opportunity to lead worship for Veritas with a group of over 700 youth group students and leaders, and also got to help lead for Wesley Sunday and a gathering of CCYM students at FUMC. Our group of freshmen has reached record numbers and they are becoming involved in the praise band, coffee ministries, Bible studies, and so much more! Freshmen have also had the opportunity to take leadership with preparing meals for our monthly fellowship event, Classics and Coloring. For the first time ever, we had the amazing opportunity for the worship and freshmen ministries to combine for a freshmen led worship service! Freshmen took over scripture reading, the praise band, the prayers, the benediction, and even the sermon! We are so proud of the group of freshmen that has come into our ministry this year.

## Worship



Wesley's Wednesday Night Worship services have been exploring the sayings of Jesus throughout the Gospels in this semester's series, "That's What He Said." We have been spending time thinking about the comfortable and familiar phrases we have grown up with, as well as the more puzzling declarations Jesus made during his ministry.

More students have gotten involved assisting in worship as well! Students read scripture, give sermons, assist with communion, and lead with the band. The praise band, dubbed The Prince Street Collective, has grown in membership. With multiple students able to play each instrument, the band is always fully staffed and equipped to lead our students in worship.



# Discipleship



We have taken on two different six week bible studies this semester. Our first study was Adam Hamilton's Creed. In this study, our students were given space to ponder not only what we believe as Christians but also how those beliefs apply to the ways we live our lives. It was wonderful to see our students dive deep and share vulnerably their lives of faith with each other. Our second study is "New Names" where we will be looking at the stories of name changes in the Bible. Our hope is that through this study our students will be given new perspectives on familiar stories in the Bible.

With the Lenten season taking place during this semester we are also doing a number of evangelism events on our campuses. On Ash Wednesday we went on campus to give students a place to learn about what Ash Wednesday is and time to reflect on what they would be adding or giving up during Lent to deepen their discipleship. During Holy Week we will also be having Easter Celebration events where we will celebrate the news of the resurrection with students on both campuses. With both of these events we hope to not only educate students about important events in Christianity but also how they have deep effects in our own lives today.

# Outreach

Wesley's outreach program has continued to have a strong presence at both UCA and Hendrix's campuses. This semester, we hosted "Puppy Love", an event where we brought dogs from Therapy Dogs International to both campuses and gave students a much needed break from their classes with puppies and Valentine's Day themed devotionals. We also visited both campuses around St. Patrick's Day and handed out limeade to students. We have also been working hard to grow this ministry with next year's incoming freshman by being present at Veritas.





# Missions



This semester, we've made great progress toward our Costa Rica mission trip! We hosted a garage sale with donations from our church community, and many students attending the trip, along with several adults, volunteered their time to make it a success. We also organized the church's Pancake Dinner for Ash Wednesday, which brought us even closer to our fundraising goal. Additionally, we held our first-ever Parent's Night Out, and it was a blast!



For the students who aren't going on the mission trip (and a few who are), they worked at the UCA Big Event, helping with yard work for a local community member in Conway. Afterward, they came back to the Wesley House and spent some time transforming our garage into a more functional space. Looking ahead, we have an upcoming Mission Day, where we'll be doing local service projects and yard work around Conway. There's a lot happening, but we're excited for all the opportunities ahead!

## Subscribe (and/or get involved!)

The Wesley needs your help to continue to reach young adults in Central Arkansas! Whether you want to help feed hungry students, serve on our advisory council, or help connect other alumni to the ministry, we have a spot for you! If you haven't yet, fill out [this form](#) to get on our email list and let us know where you're interested in helping out. If you've already given us your info, we ask for your help passing this newsletter/link on so that we can continue to grow our Wesley supporters!





## Giving

There are three main ways that you can financially support the Wesley Foundation, and we are inviting all UCA alumni, parents, church members, and really anyone interested in supporting the work of campus ministry to prayerfully consider how you might be able to give:

#1- Become a Monthly Supporter. Click [here](#) to join our 12:15 Club. This is a commitment to give \$15 a month, 12 times a year. Money given to support our ministry will go toward funding things like a cup of coffee (and the intentional discipleship conversation that occurs as we spend time with students drinking that coffee.) We also ask that you stop at 12:15 each Wednesday afternoon and pray for our worship service that will happen later that evening!

#2- Give a one-time gift. You can also use [this link](#) to give a one-time gift toward our ministry to be used toward funding our mission trip, purchasing meals for events, or supplying Bible study curriculum. You can also text WESLEY to 501-500-5335 to make a one-time gift.

#3- Help support our FIRST (at least in recent years) International Mission Trip. We are taking a group of 15 to serve in Costa Rica in May, and we're still in process of collecting all of the needed funds. If you'd like to specifically support our upcoming trip, you can do so [here](#).



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