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The Art of Movement

By Kendall Meek –Director

For the past few weeks here at the Wesley, the idea of movement has begun to take hold of the imagination of our students. It all started with a message spoken by Dr. Woody Anderson, Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, during a recent retreat we took to Oklahoma. We were challenged with the question, why do we feel it so easy to believe God for the small things, like health and safe travel and daily provision, but never think to be so bold as to believe him for the type of movement that has changed the world at various times in history?

**Read Acts 2:42-47
and Acts 4:29-37**

I have encouraged these students to keep in mind that if a movement of God is going to happen, *for us*, it must include three things. It must first of all be characterized by caring. We must let go and abandon ourselves to Jesus and learn the joy of being able to focus on the needs and concerns of those around us.

Secondly, we must learn faithfulness. Students today are overwhelmed with a variety of spiritual opportunities. But in order for the kingdom of God to be established

on earth, we must commit to one another, and to one vision. Otherwise progress will be minimal both in individual and corporate spiritual formation.

Lastly we must saturate everything in prayer. We must find a strength and love beyond that of our willpower. Prayer will not only move God on our behalf, but it will energize us to do our part in cooperating with him in his work.

These three elements can create the kind of unity and focus to bring about one of those special moves of God that mark not only our lives forever, but also history forever.



Revolution - Reflections on All Wesley Retreat

By Mital Patel - Leadership Team Member

The term “revolution” has several connotations. It can be a total or radical change, a complete turn, or revolving on an axis or center.

On February 20-22, the WTAMU Wesley made a trip to Cross Point Methodist Camp in Oklahoma to attend “The Gathering”. Wesley leadership and members from different schools in the region were led into a time of praise with the SMU worship band and speaker Woody Anderson.

The theme for the weekend was “Revolutionary Living.” A couple of points that were made really touched my heart. First of all, God calls us to be a part of His revolution. That means putting God in control of our lives—making Him a present reality, making Jesus the axis that we revolve around. It also means bringing God’s reign and reality to the world around us—causing a total or radical change, a complete turn in lifestyle.

It was a road trip, and we had a blast getting to know each other and getting to know Wesley members from other schools. We also had conviction to live the way God wants us to be living. It’s one thing to believe and another to really follow.

Personally, I was thankful that I got the chance to go. I got to see God work in the support of the Wesley Foundation in my life and in others’ lives. The best thing, though, was seeing sparks of renewed desires in our hearts to be revolutionaries.

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Leadership

By Charlie Keys –Leadership Team Member

There are two core values to which the Wesley Leadership Team must agree: 1. Cultivate a life in the Holy Spirit and 2. Love everyone unconditionally. These two values are the foundation of our leadership.

Leadership is not something we

talk about it is something we do. There are many ways we lead by example here at the Wesley. For instance every Tuesday there is free lunch at the student center, but when people arrive they receive more than simply a meal. Each student is greeted with a smile and offered an

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opportunity to share their prayer request and have their needs prayed for.

Also the leadership team has taken visual leadership and placed it on campus. We have done this by starting small groups and agreeing that each group would meet some where on campus besides the Wesley. This provides a wonderful opportunity to display ministry before the WTAMU student body. Each group eats with one another but they are also praying over each other and talking about the struggles of everyday life.

The small groups are also an opportunity for outreach, because each small group member is encouraged to invite friends outside of the leadership team to join them at the small group lunch.

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Guatemala Mission Trip By Kendall Meek

This summer, August 6-14, a team of students from the WTAMU Wesley Foundation will team up with St. Paul Chapel United Methodist Church of Red Lion Pennsylvania to support New Life Children's Home in Villa Nueva, Guatemala.

Our mission will be to help complete the construction of an additional wing of their facilities, as well as help run vacation bible school.

For most of our students, this will be their first trip out of the country, as well as their first mission trip. Please pray for them and for the success of this trip.

We would also like to ask those of you who are willing and able to consider



If there is one thing that I have learned by being on the Wesley Leadership Team is it doesn't matter how much you talk about being a leader, it matters how much of a leader you are willing to be.

helping sponsor a student. The Wesley will cover some of the costs, but students need to raise \$1000 each. If you simply earmark your donation "mission" we will make sure it is applied to this project.

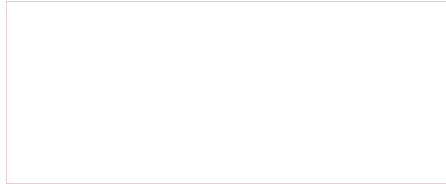




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Focused Mission

by Staci Leonhard - Associate Director

Webster defines 'mission' as "the act or an instance of sending." When we speak of mission in the church, our thoughts are generally steered toward things such as mission trips and missionaries – sending people from our church. In Matthew 28, Jesus *commissioned* all of us to His service. He has given us all a mission with the people that we live amongst and work with. Here at the Wesley Foundation, our conviction are the students and staff West Texas A&M, and the community around it.

This semester our leadership team members have begun to meet throughout the week in groups of

three on campus. Some groups meet to share a meal, while others just hang out in the student center during the afternoon. The goal for these groups is to invite other friends to share a meal or hang out for the purpose of creating relationships with other students. In effort to serve the community, FUMC, Canyon is in the process of starting a Backyard Ministry project aimed at making sure residents of Canyon are safe, dry, and warm. Once this project is up and running, we will be a part of weekend projects here in the community.

Thank you for being a part of the mission here at WTAMU. We appreciate all of your prayers and support.

