



# Georgia Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry

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## A message from our Executive Director

Earlier this month I returned from an incredible two week trip to Uganda. My eighteen year old daughter and I went on a mission team with friends we have known from two of our former churches. It was a remarkable experience. Under the guidance of a doctor and two nurses in our group, most of our team members operated a medical clinic and a vision clinic in the Gulu region of Uganda. In addition, several of us led a 3-day pas-



sage service. I preached at a United Methodist Church which met under a tarp, between two trees, at a displaced persons camp in the war ravaged area of north Uganda. The service was 3 hours long, but it was not because of the preaching! Joyful singing, witnessing, a wonderful drama presentation, and prayer time filled the service with praise and thanksgiving in the midst of a village of mud huts with no running water and very little food.

During the trip, we visited Humble School and learned more about the impact this United Methodist initiative is having on the lives of children in this extremely impoverished land. We also spent most of a day with the children of the 2009 Hope for Africa Children's Choir from Humble School. If plans go as proposed, the choir will be singing to our Annual Conferences in June. We will all be blessed!

We met Bishop Wandabula and were escorted through the country by his District Superintendents. They all have a great hope for what God can do for the people and country of Uganda as God raises up leaders in the United Methodist Church. The church is active and growing in their country but faces great challenges in



meeting the most basic needs. Over and over, however, they told us that one of their priorities is developing Christian lead-



ership for the years to come.

In the USA, we must also be diligent about this same very important priority. Our United Methodist ministries on UM-related colleges and on public college campuses through Wesley ministries provide the perfect places for God's Spirit to shape hearts and lives for leadership in the church and world. Thank God we are being intentional, both here and throughout the world, in developing Christ-centered leaders for these days and the days ahead! Our continued support will help make the difference.

(Campus ministers--If you would like your students to hear more about the people of Uganda and the United Methodist Church in that country, I would be glad to give a presentation at one of your gatherings. Just call our office and we will schedule a date.)

## Work Continues in New Orleans!

Nashville UMC and the Wesley foundation of Georgia College and State University along with my sister, Janice Gale, made a mission trip to New Orleans. Our job assignment was to gut out this elderly gentleman's house 3 1/2 years after

Hurricane Katrina. The Wesley House members were from Brooklet UMC, LaGrange Baptist, Alpharetta UMC and Hardwick Baptist Church. Also, we took the Unadilla United Methodist Church in the fall and there is still plenty of work to do! The

Lord blessed our time together in word and deed.

Rev. Bobby Gale  
Interim Director



***After 3 years we were able to spend Christmas at our home! We can't say thank you all enough.***



Love,  
Mr. & Mrs. Horace Page  
Phoenix, LA  
*The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*  
Ps: 121:8

## Did you know....

...congratulations to Rev. Dr. **Michael Stinson** (North Georgia Rep) on his recent engagement to Patricia Tyler.

...congratulations to **Meredith Thrasher** (NGC rep) as the proud aunt of Charlotte Elizabeth Miller.

...that a pedestrian bridge linking LaGrange College's new Lewis Library with the adjacent parking lot will be named for school president **Stuart Gulley** and his wife, Kathleen?

...plans are going forward for **Mission Restore '09**? The trip statewide Mission Project is to continue res-

toration work in Houston after Hurricane Gustav. Please watch for further information and registration. The dates for the trip are May 10—May 17.

**...Budget Requests are due April 3rd to the Commission Office!!!** If you haven't received your form, please contact Lesley ASAP.

**...scholarship** deadlines are fast approaching? Please have your students check out our website (gahied.com) for scholarship opportunities.

...that a new group has been added to **FACE-BOOK** for Georgia Campus Ministry? Please join

today!

...that **Georgia Southern** is having fund raising dinner "Have a Heart for Wesley" on Friday, February 27th?

...that Cindy will be attending **Winter Camp Meeting** Jan 25—28 at EBTS?

...that **Exploration 2009** is set for Nov. 13-15 in Dallas, TX?

## Prayers:

**Rev. Marilyn Roberts'**, Wesley Director at Clayton State, father passed away on Jan. 22.

**Rev. Quincy Brown**, LaGrange College Chaplain, as he goes through the process of being placed back on the kidney transplant list.

**Rev. Cindy Autry's** Aunt France passed away early January.



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and heart-set, our amazing Board of Directors have developed a new friend/fundraiser. We're calling it The Have A Heart For Wesley Banquet. Our vision is that this will become an annual fund/friend raising event that will sustain and grow the ministry of the GSU Wesley Foundation for many years. While the idea of a banquet fundraiser is by far an original idea to non-profit fundraising, we are so excited about this event! It's shaping up to be kind of like a sweet worship experience (with food). We have an aggressive monetary goal set...it's truly a God-sized goal! Just the other day, one of our board members came by with a check from someone in the community that amounts to one sixth of our total goal! We're all on the edge of our seats, waiting with excitement to see the short and long-term outcome of our pursuit to raise friends (who will pray with/for us, who will partner with us in our efforts to offer in-depth discipleship to every student who comes our way, etc.) as well as to raise funds.

It's a new day at the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Southern University! As we continue to seek the heart of Christ—The Anointed One, The Way, Truth & Life—the vision for growing God's Kingdom becomes clearer with *each* new day as our Creator God continues to open our eyes to see and perceive, and our ears to hear and understand some of the great works of transformation that God is doing in hearts and lives of people all around us! The Holy Spirit is daily transforming the ways we "do" ministry here at GSU Wesley. We're seeking God's desire and design daily on how to live into our mission: *To offer Christ to College Students, to teach, encourage and challenge them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.*

GSU Wesley. We're on a massive journey in learning what discipleship looks like moment by moment, and we're on a good path! Last Spring, one of our Board Members had a great idea. He said, "What if it's an expectation of each of our Board Members that they disciple one or more of our Student Servant Leaders." We have not made this an "official expectation" of every Board Member, but with every new Board Member whom we've brought onto our 2011 Panel, we've asked them to be prayerfully willing to be a discipler. What God did in the meantime, though, has been AWE-SOME! He began preparing the hearts and of numerous church folks (ie. "disciplers") from UM churches and a couple other local churches throughout the Statesboro area to partner with us in our pursuit to dive deeper. What an amazing opportunity this has been to help our Board members as well as people throughout the community to live into the great commission and to have an increasingly passionate heart for GSU Wesley. And, what an amazing way to make sure each of our student leaders has the blessing of being disciplined one-on-one! How awesome it is, too, that students outside of our leadership team are asking to be paired with disciplers!

Our worship service, most often simply referred to as "Wesley," on Wednesday nights continues to be a rockin' place for college-aged people to actively engage and be engaged by the Holy Spirit. Wednesday night worship continues to be a very important setting for inviting and welcoming new students into the Kingdom. As they come, we continue to encourage them to dive deep into the goodness of God through individual as well as group study and prayer time.

We continue to pray that the GSU Wesley Foundation will be a place where the good news of Jesus Christ will be preached to the poor, where the broken-hearted will be comforted, where captivated lives will be released, where the imprisoned will be freed, where the blind will receive sight, and the deaf will begin to hear. We petition Christ and give Him thanks in advance that He will continue to do a new thing through the ministry of GSU Wesley; that He will continue to use us to present The Way on the Georgia Southern University Campus, and that His springs of transformation would burst forth and flood the low country of the South Georgia Conference.



Over the past few months, there has become this emphasis for "having a heart" for fulfilling the great commission

Diving deep throughout the week through the ministries of the GSU through intentional discipleship contin-

Wesley Foundation. Out of this mind

*Please petition and thank God with us for what He is going to do! But, do so not just for the ministry of the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Southern University, but for every Wesley Foundation and every Christ-centered campus ministry at colleges and universities around the state, across the country and throughout the world!*

## FINANCIAL WORKSHEET JANUARY 2009

### MONTHLY RECEIPTS

**Receipts:**

North Georgia	182,179.10	
South Georgia	105,496.33	
YTD Amount above disbursements:		120,676.01
Other: Donation	1,500.00	

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### COLLEGE DISBURSEMENTS

Andrew College	6,095.67
LaGrange	10,673.42
Oxford	6,095.67
Reinhardt	10,673.42
Wesleyan	10,673.42
Young Harris	6,095.67
Clark Atlanta + Cap Funds	35,968.91

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### WESLEY FOUNDATION/CAMPUS MINISTRY DISBURSEMENTS

Monthly Disbursement Total	\$60,276.67
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### DEVELOPMENT FUND

Monthly Ending Balance	\$ 27,156.36
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### OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursement of above donation to West Georgia, North Georgia, Georgia Southwestern