

FURMAN WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

In one of our weekly Bible Study lessons, we were focusing on the parable of the sower in which Jesus is discussing the different places that the seed will fall. One of the things I glean from this passage is the fruitful soil and the growth that occurs in these places. I have been blessed to be in ministry with this wonderful group of young adults and see the growth that has occurred in their lives – I have been blessed to reap what others have sown.

This year our theme has been “Stories” – our personal stories of our lives and faith, as well as the stories from our scriptures. In this manner we have not only learned much about one another [it’s interesting how little we REALLY know about one another], but also gained an appreciation for how the biblical stories are really our stories. When we read these familiar stories of our past, we see once again just how similar we [and all of God’s children] really are.

In addition to our weekly Tuesday night meetings [Wesley Night], in which we share a snack, worship/program, prayers, and announcements, this year we also have:

- Weekly Freshmen Small Group Meetings
- Weekly Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark
- Weekly Lunch in the Dining Hall
- Bi-Weekly Morning Prayer Meetings
- Retreats – i.e., Mountain Getaway, Fall Retreat, Spring Retreat
- Missional Outreach – i.e., Fall Spring Break Mission, Spring Break Mission Trip to Mississippi, Little Red Store [Thrift Store in connection with Monaghan UMC], Relay for Life
- Fellowship Opportunities – i.e., Football Tailgates, Christmas Party, Progressive Dinner, Movie Nights, Senior Luau

It is our belief that as students get more involved in their classes and other campus events, their time becomes precious; as a result, it is our desire to provide the students many opportunities to be in fellowship, study, worship, and service. In this way, they can easily plug into our group [maybe not everything, though that would be ideal] and continue to grow in their faith and life.

Furman, Greenville, and the UMC are blessed to have such a dedicated group of young leaders who are passionate about their faith and living out that faith in their everyday life. We are truly blessed, and thankful, for all of the love, support, and prayers that we have been afforded by the South Carolina Annual Conference.

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