

SURF Ministries 16 years

We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8



The meaning of life is Relationships.

16 years of SURFing life relationally with Jesus & young adults.

For the past 16 years, this ministry has quietly and faithfully walked alongside young adults through a deeply relational, grassroots approach to following Jesus. Built locally and sustained by real people in real life, it prioritizes presence over programs and relationships over results. The ministry meets young adults where they are (literally) on campus, sporting events, in our home—listening, mentoring, sharing meals, asking hard questions, and pointing them to Christ in ways that are honest, relevant, and practical. In a season of life often marked by isolation, doubt, and transition, this community has remained a consistent, trusted place of belonging, spiritual formation, and hope, demonstrating the love of Jesus not just in words, but through long-term investment in lives.

You're Invited...

We invite you to consider a significant, tax-deductible investment in a work that is quietly shaping lives and eternity. This ministry represents a rare opportunity to fund something local, proven, & relational, a 16-year foundation of trust now positioned to reach young adults with the relational gospel of Jesus Christ. Your generosity would not simply support a program; it would fuel deep, life-on-life discipleship that meets young adults in their questions, struggles, and callings, offering them truth, belonging, and hope in Christ. Few investments carry the potential to outlast markets, transcend borders, and impact generations. This is an opportunity to steward resources toward something eternal—helping ensure that the relational gospel continues to reach young adults who are searching for meaning, truth, and Jesus.

To make this investment in young adults through SURF, you can make a check payable to SURF ministries, or goto our website (www.surfstudio.org) and make a donation on the Donation tab in the menu.

Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

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VISION 2026.

As we look forward to 2026, our vision is to deepen and multiply relational discipleship - leveraging trusted relationships, digital reach, and local leaders. We are preparing to expand our impact while remaining personal, authentic, and Christ-centered.

To faithfully carry this vision forward and steward the growth God is bringing, we have identified several key areas where investment will directly translate into deeper impact among young adults:

- **Sustainable leadership support** to ensure consistent, long-term pastoral and relational presence by providing a salary for Matt.
- **A professional SURF podcast studio and creative space**, including remodel and equipment, to share the relational gospel with young adults far beyond our local reach.
- **Strategic podcast partnerships and sponsors** to amplify reach and sustainability.
- **A neutral, off-campus gathering space in Bristol**, equipped with sound, projection, and seating, designed to feel accessible and welcoming to young adults.
- **Expansion opportunities for new groups and chapters on additional campuses**, multiplying relational discipleship. (SURF training, resources, materials)
- **Worship leadership** to cultivate authentic, Christ-centered worship experiences.
- **Hospitality resources**, including meals at gatherings, to foster belonging and conversation.
- **Life's Field Guide books** placed directly into the hands of students as discipleship tools.
- **A “home away from home” environment**, allowing more students to gather, be mentored, and experience family.
- **Student-led serving initiatives**, empowering young adults to live out their faith through action.
- **Resource materials for young men’s and young women’s small groups**, supporting intentional spiritual formation.
- **SURF wearables and student giveaways** that build identity, belonging, and visibility on campus.
- **A symbolic SURF board for Year 17**, marking God’s faithfulness and casting vision for the next season.

Each of these investments helps create spaces—physical, relational, and digital—where young adults can encounter Jesus, be known, and be formed for a lifetime of faith.

Legacy Donors: Leave an Eternal Mark

Invest in young adults, multiply impact, shape eternity.

LEVEL

\$25,000 - Catalyst Partner

IMPACT

Sustains leadership and mentoring, ensuring consistent life-on-life discipleship.

\$50,000 - Multiplier Partner

Expands small groups, gatherings, & campus chapters, reaching hundreds of young adults.

\$100,000 - Visionary Partner

Launches SURF podcast, professional creative spaces, and off campus gatherings location, extending the gospel locally and globally.

Each Legacy Gift is fully tax-deductible and more than a donation it's an investment in eternity. Join us in leaving a lasting spiritual legacy.

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Life Together: What's Ahead

- Semester kickoff gathering to welcome new and returning students into SURF community
- Baptism celebration marking public steps of faith
- Game nights at the house, creating a relaxed “home away from home” environment
- Worship night gathering centered on prayer, Scripture, and response
- End-of-semester send-off to bless and encourage students as they scatter
- Summer night gatherings in partnership with the 1:16 group
- Launch of SURF podcast shows and channels, extending relational conversations and gospel-centered dialogue to young adults locally and around the world
- A community-driven fundraising gathering to fuel the mission forward



Locations we've reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



EMORY & HENRY
COLLEGE



Places in the world we've reached through students.



And all over the United States of America.

We are excited to add more this year . . .



Thank you for taking the time to learn about SURF and the work God is doing through our ministry. Your interest, prayers, and partnership make it possible for us to invest deeply in the lives of young adults, helping them encounter Jesus in authentic, life-changing ways. If you would like more information, updates, or ways to get involved, please visit our website at www.surfstudio.org. We are grateful for your support and invite you to join us in shaping a generation for Christ. SURF's up !

Matt Cross

