



LEANING INTO UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

The season of Lent has begun! We had a great Ash Wednesday Late Night worship service with so many students coming to Wesley for the very first time. We are so excited about inviting college students into fully embracing spiritual growth as we journey towards EasterFest 2019.

Lent is a time of spiritual spring cleaning as we focus on repentance and self-denial. Often people will participate in the spiritual discipline of fasting by denying themselves of something or taking on a new spiritual practice of some kind. We are challenging our Wesley community to the practice of reading Scripture daily by featuring a verse of the day during Lent. Everyone can participate in this daily Scripture reading through our Instagram story or by visiting our mobile app.

Our EasterFest theme for 2019 is Unconditionally. Our theme is centered on God's love being unconditional of our circumstances and experiences. God created each person on earth and desires to be in relationship with each of us. We believe that every person has sacred worth and is created in the image of God.

For EasterFest the Wesley Foundation at FSU & TCC is raising money and awareness for the Trevor Project. It is an American non-profit organization founded in 1998 focused on suicide prevention efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. Through a toll-free telephone number, it operates The Trevor Lifeline, a confidential service that offers trained counselors. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people ages 10 to 24. LGBTQ+ youth seriously contemplate suicide at almost three times the rate of heterosexual youth. We believe that God values all life and that all people have sacred worth, so we are excited about supporting the Trevor Project.

During the summer, I will be traveling to some local churches around Florida. I would love to come and visit with you as well. It will be a great chance to catch up with each other, and I would love to share stories about what is happening among our students at Wesley these days. Please let me know if you available for a quick visit this summer! My cell is 850-544-7087 or email mike@fsuwesley.com. Call on me anytime for anything.

Thank you for all your support of our campus ministry so that we can continue to encourage students to grow in Christ and bring about God's kingdom on our campuses and beyond.

In His Grip,
Mike Toluba



Group photo at Winter Retreat 2019

HAVE YOU MOVED IN 2019?

We love to keep in touch with everyone in our Wesley family. If your address, phone number or email has changed recently, please contact our wonderful office manager, Pam Webb at pam@fsuwesley.com.

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DANCE MARATHON RECAP



We want to celebrate our Wesley Dance Marathon team for 2019. We had 18 students participate in the weekend-long Marathon with Wesley- our biggest team to date! For the first time, we had to have our team split into both "shifts" of the marathon, so members from our community stood for a total of 40 hours during both the Garnet and Gold shifts! Wesley was partnered with a fraternity and sorority, representing Team Jack, one of Dance Marathon's Miracle Children.

Our students collectively raised \$18,295 for Children's Miracle Network. Our team worked really hard to fundraise, and our members Ryan, Liz, Britton, Morgan, and Amber each raised over \$1,000. Also, we have to give a shout out to Tatiana for raising over \$2,400 in her first DM! Of course, a special shout out goes to Mia, our team captain, who raised over \$3,000!

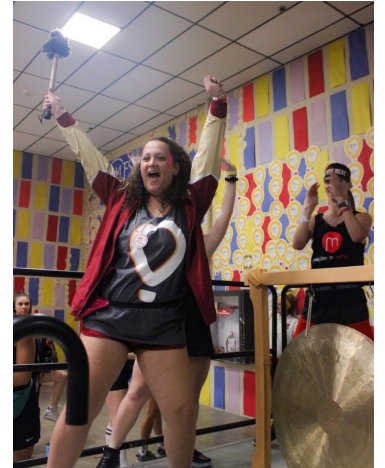
Dance Marathon is a huge event at FSU and raised over \$2.2 million for the Children's Miracle Network. It is a great opportunity to increase our presence and involvement on campus. Learn more about Dance Marathon at www.dmsu.org.



students walking into DM



the Wesley Garnet Shift team before DM



Marisa Colon hitting the gong

A Garnet & Gold Evening with Coach Bobby Bowden

Thank you for everyone who attended our special dinner with Coach Bowden. We raised over \$5,500 in support of the Wesley Foundation. Here are a few pictures of our Garnet and Gold Evening on February 16.





UPCOMING EVENTS



A Special Night of Worship During Holy Week

Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm at the FSU Wesley Foundation

We are inviting everyone in the Tallahassee area and beyond to a night of worship at the Wesley Foundation. Let's get ready for the celebration of Easter together.

EasterFest 2019: Unconditionally

Sunday, April 21 at 11:00am at the FSU Wesley Foundation

There will be Easter worship at 11:00am with a free lunch afterwards. We will have games and activities into the early afternoon. It's the biggest party of the year to celebrate that Christ is risen! Get information about all things EasterFest online at <https://www.fsuwesley.com/easterfest-2019.html>.

Garnet, Gold, and Blue Jean Banquet

Saturday, April 27 at 6:00pm at Trinity United Methodist Church

120 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida

Wear your game day clothes, hear powerful stories of what God is doing through our campus ministry, and support ministry among college students!

For more information, visit <https://www.fsuwesley.com/garnet-gold-and-blue-jean-banquet.html>

To RSVP, email info@fsuwesley.com or call us at 850-222-0251

Encounter 2019

October 22-24, 2019 at the FSU Wesley Foundation

Guest Speaker: Rev. Vance Rains

Wesley is inviting friends from far and wide to Tallahassee in October of 2019!

Vance Rains will be our preacher for this special three night event.

Each evening there will be a meal together, great worship, and teaching. Plus, we will host some gatherings for alumni during the days on Wednesday and Thursday.

Save the date and make plans to join us for one, two, or three days in Tallahassee.

For more information, visit us at www.fsuwesley.com/encounter2019.html

SPRING MISSIONS UPDATE

We have two different mission teams being sent from the Wesley Foundation this semester!

There is a small team going to serve with **Mountain T.O.P.** (Tennessee Outreach Project) over Spring Break. Mountain T.O.P. serves the impoverished community of the Cumberland Plateau through home repair, summer camps, and other services throughout the year. Find out more about Mountain T.O.P. at <https://www.mountain-top.org>.

We have another team traveling to **Chontala, Guatemala** this May to continue our relationships with the people and the Methodist Church there. Chontala is a small rural village in the mountains of Guatemala, and this community has become a very special place for so many from Wesley. This year is our 11th year of being in relationship with the people of Chontala.

If you are interested in supporting one of our students on our mission team, visit <http://fsu-wesley-guatemala-may-2019.everydayhero.do>.