

Hello friends,

For two years now I've called Wesley my home and I hope you can do the same. Wesley, the United Methodist Campus Ministry at UNC, is a home away from home for many of us who go. When I was a first-year at Carolina I had so many opportunities and programs thrown at me that I didn't really know what to do. My philosophy coming in to Carolina was to find a group I could have fun with, depend on, and get to know really well. It's easier said than done, I tried my fair share of organizations on campus before I came across Wesley. Coincidentally my brother at N.C. State found the Wesley program there to be his niche and on his recommendation I came to ours. I am so glad I did. Wesley practices radical hospitality and I felt that the moment I walked through the doors. Wesley is a place of faith, fellowship, and service. It's hard to find a place like Wesley and when I did I grabbed tightly and held on because it's an experience I've never had before and has really made my time at Carolina great. As the Student President of Wesley, I would like to personally invite you to share in this place, these people, and this faith. Wesley is more than a building and people though, it's a faith community and I hope you have the chance to experience it and fall in love with this ministry.

Wesley has **weekly events** where you can really start to get involved. Throughout the school year there we have **Thursday Night Program** and **Sunday Night Worship**. On **Thursdays at 5:30pm** our campus minister and our Duke Divinity intern lead us in a mid week **communion service** we call Eucharist. At **6pm** we gather for **dinner** and a time of fellowship before **program at 7pm**. Programs can be almost anything from group discussions, mission trip presentations, faith discussions, film screenings, and service activities, to guest speakers. Whatever we do for the program we try to center it on a faith related issue to tie it in to our own walks. We also like to have fun some nights and have game nights where we could do team games, board games, capture the flag, or some other fun activity. Our **Sunday Night Worship** is at **7pm** in the Wesley Chapel. Worship services are planned by a committee of students and the Campus Minister, and the cool part is anyone can be on the committee if they find a passion in worship.

We have a large range of **small groups** for faith and fellowship throughout the week too. Last year I led a **men's bible study** which I thought was a great time to really get to know some of the guys at Wesley in a faith sense and in a fun sense. We also had a few **women bible studies**, **class small groups**, and **LIFE groups** (Living In Faith Everyday) where a mixture of people got together. Small groups are a very important part of our Wesley community because it's where we get to know each other really well and develop our faith.

Another aspect of our radical hospitality is **service**. Every year we have students go on **work-team mission trips** to various places throughout the U.S. and outside the U.S. This past year we sent a team to Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) as well as the Bahamas Methodist Habitat. Locally we organize groups to represent the Wesley community in **campus events** like Dance Marathon and Million Meals, Relay for Life, Trick or Treat for UNICEF, and Hope Community Dinners. We not only do the service but we discuss why we do the service, what issues surround our service opportunity, and how we can help.

My words cannot do justice to the awesome experience Wesley has provided for me, it's where I've found my best and closest friends. I call Wesley my home because it's where I have a family who really cares about me, and cares about my faith. We worship, pray, eat, serve, grow, and have fun together. We really do know how to have **fun**, we have our **intramural**

teams, the Awkward Mooses and Gooses which participate in whatever sports there's an interest for, we made it pretty deep in the **indoor soccer** tournament this year and are looking to make a run again next year. We have a **semi-formal dance** in the fall, a **retreat** in the fall and spring, trips throughout the Triangle to **Maple View Farms** for ice cream, **Adventure Landing** for laser tag and go-karts, and one of our favorites **Cookout** because who couldn't use some greasy food and a milkshake. We also go to **sporting events** and **plays together**. The most important thing is we're sharing our memories together and these are some of the fondest memories I have at Chapel Hill.

We strive to be an intentional Christian community with plans to reach out this year and have an impact on campus and the community. We support each other and our community to have positive impacts on the world around us. Our theme in 2011-2012 is "Unfailing Love, Overflowing Hope." We want to help everyone to experience God's love and see what a great impact it has on us, our community, and the world. I hope you will walk with us in this faith journey.

If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to send me and email at mcorbitt@live.unc.edu. I look forward to meeting you and hope you can find an experience at Wesley to call your own.

Big Wesley Love,
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