



# The Wesley Bearkat

The Official Newsletter of the SHSU Wesley Foundation

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## A Few Quick Words from Greg

Thank you for taking the time to read the first newsletter we have sent in a long time! As our Wesley grows and grows, we are getting more organized and have worked tirelessly to connect with alumni, parents, supporters and friends of The Wesley.

We are going to send a newsletter to all of you once per semester (summer, fall and spring). We want to keep you informed of what's going on at the SHSU Wesley, so that you can also keep us in your hearts and in your prayers.

We have also designed this newsletter to be read in five to ten minutes. We intend to pack it with plenty of pictures to show you a lot of the amazing things that are happening here at the Sam Houston campus.

I have begun my fourth year here, and have loved every day of campus ministry with these amazing young men and women. There are so many reasons to be proud of them. It is no wonder we won our third Sammy in a row for "Outstanding Religious Organization." There is no one like the Wesley on campus! God is doing phenomenal things through this group!

Our summer recruiting during New Student Orientations is going really well! I cannot wait to see what Welcome Week holds, and I can't wait to meet all the new students who will be joining our Wesley crew!

In Christ's Service,

*Greg*

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## Budget and Finances Corner

Annual budget: \$144,668.00  
Amount received (Jan 1-June 30): \$72,067.96  
Amount spent (Jan 1-June 30): \$74,940.68

Contributions Received from Individuals:  
(Jan 1 - June 30, 2015): \$3,055.00

Contributions Received From Organizations,  
Churches and Companies (Jan 1-June 30): \$2,480.00

Contributions Received from Special Events  
(Jan 1-June 30, 2015): \$2,749.00

Future Vehicle Investment Fund:  
\$7879.71

## Dates/Events on the Horizon:

Sat, Aug 22- Move In Day at SHSU  
Sun, Aug 23-Weds, Aug 26- Welcome Week

Sat, Sept 26- SHSU Families Weekend;  
Dinner for Wesley parents & families

Sat, Oct 24 - Homecoming Weekend;  
Meal for Wesley alumni

November - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wesley Share-A-Thon

November- Wesley Men's &  
Women's Retreats

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## Mission & Service Corner

### College U.M. A.R.M.Y.



In May, several students from our Wesley joined with other college students in Bryan for a mission trip called UM ARMY. We served in a lot of impoverished neighborhoods by doing yardwork, porch repairs, painting and lots of housework.

### Big House Mission Camp



A couple weeks ago (July), several from our Wesley came with me to Alvin for a Jr. High mission camp called Big House. Our students helped younger students paint a home, do lots of yard work, and serve elderly clients with the love of Christ.

### Puppy Therapy IV



In 2012, we began a tradition that our Wesley is becoming famous for on the SHSU Campus: Puppy Therapy Stress-Relief during Final Exams. A student rents a puppy for a short amount of time, feels better, and all the proceeds support the local animal shelter. (May 2015)

### All Paws In 2015



Every March, there is a university-wide service project day. About a thousand SHSU students are sent into the community for clean-up and revitalization efforts. A group from our Wesley walked the longest trail at Huntsville State Park, picking up trash along the way. We walked 12 miles. That is dedication to caring for God's beautiful planet! (March 2015)

## Worship & Discipleship Corner

This has been a good year for our Weds Night Worship Service at the Wesley! We grew in size, we have a wonderful praise team and this hour of the weeknight was considered to be quite meaningful and special in the lives of our students. We changed a few things to keep it fresh, to allow the Holy Spirit to move in powerful ways, had topics that were relevant (February's sex and love series, January's Alternate Titles to the Bible series), in two different occasions we had students give the message. At the final worship service of the year, four of our students gave incredibly-powerful testimonies that blew us away. It was another clear indication that God is working through our ministry to bring much grace, healing and transformation into the lives of our students.

Our worship service is every Wednesday night at 7pm during the Fall and Spring Semesters. This past year, we also began offering a free dinner before worship. We have praise music, prayer time, a message from the campus minister, and even an offering. Each month, our offering supports a local ministry (like Good Shepherd Mission Home) or an international ministry (Heifer International, Mercy Ships).



## Fellowship and Fun Corner

### Finals Games & Food



One would think that during Finals Week, the Wesley is deserted. Nope! Just the opposite! We are busier than ever with study groups, cramming time, food, stress-relief fun games, and goofing off. (May 2015)

### Summer Fun



During the summer, we still have fun when we can! We eat together after every orientation night. We had a blast at the lake at Pastor Scott's (pictured). We also have summer board game night at the Wesley parsonage, and plenty of grilling involved too!

### End Of Year Event/Dinner



We still end the year in a memorable way! We give out our own awards, give gifts to our graduates, eat dinner together, add hand prints to the wall, and share memories. We added 16 more hand prints to the Wall of Fame! Praise God! (April '15)

### Farewell to Sandara



One of our students who brought us much joy was named Sandara Luo, an exchange student from China. She had a family in us for one year. In July, she returned home to China with a great send-off from us. Zài jiàn, Sandara!

## Buildings & Grounds Improvements Corner

### Stairwell Plating Replaced



During the spring semester, our metal stairwell received new step plates, and a new surface plate. Another handrail was added. The stairwell also received a new paint job. The new plates should last another 30 years.

### Bathrooms Remodeled



During the 2014-2015 year, we spent considerable time and energy remodeling the bathrooms. We installed wider doors, new tile floors, repainted the stalls, replaced the toilets in both bathrooms, repaired the shower in the Men's room. The Men's Room is now ADA compliant. We also redecorated them too!

### New Computer Lab



In May of this year, we received five refurbished computers from Mustard Seed Ministries in Tyler, TX. This comes at a critical time, since the SHSU campus is over-crowded, especially in their computer labs! This is one more step the Wesley has taken to helping the students succeed in their academic lives, as well as their spiritual lives.

### New Couches for the Wesley



One of the major improvements for 2015 was the purchase of two sets of sectional couches from Ward's Furniture here in Huntsville. This is a great investment in the lives of our students, and will definitely make the Wesley a better "home away from home" for our returning students, as well as all the new students who will join the life of the Wesley this fall!