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A Few Quick Words from Greg

I love running. It helps me take better care of myself, and gives me a hobby that is useful for the long term. I sign up for events to run at. One such event was the Buffalo Stampede in Bryan on October 13, hosted by the Brazos Museum of Natural History. I took on the half marathon for the second time, and survived!

One of my favorite parts about that Saturday was seeing our Wesley cheering station. Our crew did a great job cheering on the runners, giving water out, and bringing a few laughs from our Dino Squad (inflatable T-Rex costumes). I felt my heart strengthen as I passed our cheering station both times.



Every person needs people in their life that do that. Perhaps as a literal cheering station on an actual 5K or long distance run, or most especially, on the long distance run of life's journey. I hope you also



have such a team in life that can cheer you on, even when you feel you can't go any farther. Jesus is still in the business of building up those kinds of teams, and business is good.

P.S.—Our cheering station won first place! Bravo, Wesley Crew!

In Christ's Service,

Greg

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Welcome Week Draws

More New Faces! 8/18-8/23/2018

We recruited hard this summer, and plunged right into the Move In Day! Hundreds of people were in our building or on our property for Move In Day. We had a movie night that same Saturday. We did a Sunday Sundae Luau. We played outdoors for multiple events. We did whatever we could to give a great first impression to new people!



Parents/Families Lunch Another Grand Success! 9/29/2018

We packed out our dining area once again for our Fourth Annual Parents/Families Lunch. Apparently, free food attracts more than just college students! Their families enjoyed the Wesley's hospitality, hearing about our impact and story, and seeing where their sons or daughters spend a bit of their time. Just like every year, we met and welcomed parents of new students, and welcomed back the folks of returning students!



Fall Retreat at Hoblitzelle Goes Well, Despite Flood and Rain (9/21-9/23)

What is it with all this rain?!? This has been the semester of rain! Especially for our Fall Retreat at Camp Hoblitzelle in Midloathian, TX (south Dallas). Nearly 30 students joined in times of fun, prayer, spiritual formation, canoeing, paintballing, movie nights and memory building. Our guest speaker was Rev. Wanda Bess, our District Superintendent.



President Dana Hoyt Visits the Wesley Foundation (10/10)

We offered an invitation to President Hoyt's office, and it was immediately accepted! Our outstanding university president was excited to see our place of ministry and meet students. She also offered insights, historical tid-bits of SHSU, and words of encouragement to our students. We are very grateful for her years of great leadership for SHSU!



Traveling Praise Team

Our praise team has recently found time and ways to lead music at small churches in our region. We paid a visit with Farris Chapel in September, and then Anderson UMC in October. We plan to lead music at Paul Horton UMC in Coldspring on December 2! And, yes, we show up in our new Ministry Machine passenger van!



Wesley Bearkats Hold Nothing Back for SHSU Homecoming Week

This year Homecoming week's theme was "Sammy Safari." We put a lot of work into participating. We helped in the food drive. We hosted a brunch on Saturday for our Wesley Alumni. We made a wonderful spirit banner that was displayed in the Mall Area. Our big project was our parade float. Thousands of people lined the streets. Both the university and Huntsville ISD combined for this. People loved our new Ministry Machine and our Dino Squad! Our team of 30 had a blast on our float! Special thanks to Phillip Burnett for loaning us a trailer for the big night!



Halloween Efforts Bring Others Together

We started our All Hallows Eve season by sending a team to help unload pumpkins at First UMC Huntsville. We decorated the Wesley. We had a pumpkin carving contest. We also did our Fancy Fall Photos. And then... the annual Halloween party! Since Halloween was on a Wednesday, we had worship first, then we ate well, and then we had a murder mystery game. The rain did not dampen our fun!



Giving Back: Wesley Crew Embarks on Most Ambitious Fall Semester of Service



In September, we collected resources to buy 25,000 sheets of paper to support a local Huntsville school: Scott Johnson Elementary



We spent a Saturday morning helping sort and arrange at the Come Center Resale Shop in September



In October, we collected resources to support the SHSU Food Pantry



Our crew baked hundreds of cookies for all the officers and staff of the Huntsville & University Police Departments (late Oct 2018)



For the first Saturday in November, 15 of our students served in FUMC Huntsville's Great Day of Service. We joined forces with 5 SHSU basketball players, and repainted the entire house of a kind, 94-years-young lady. We also built her a little porch too!

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**Stamp
Zone**

Generosity Corner

Cyber Monday is coming soon!



If you are among the many online shoppers who use Amazon, on Cyber Monday or the other 364 days of the year, we would love for you to select the Wesley as your charity of choice for the Amazon Smile program. This is where Amazon gives a portion of your purchases back to the Wesley Foundation. If you don't use Amazon, but know someone who does, please pass this on to them!

“How do I sign up?” Go to: www.smile.amazon.com

In the search engine to find us as your community organization to support, type out: **Sam Houston State Wesley Foundation.** Pick us!

It will not find “SHSU Wesley,” etc.

Our Dates/Events on the Horizon:

- 11/28/18- Wesley Christmas Service
- 11/29/18- Wesley Christmas Party
- 12/1/18- Christmas Caroling at Creekside Home
- 12/2/18- Christmas Open House @ the Obergs'
- 12/3-12/6/18- **FINALS WEEK**
- 12/7 & 12/8- SHSU Winter Graduations
- 1/2-1/4/2019- Passion Conference in Dallas
- 1/15/19- Welcome Back Bash
- 1/18-1/20/19- Spring Planning Retreat, Livingston
- 2/9/19- Valentine's Deliveries to Creekside Home
- 2/22-2/24/19- All Campus Retreat, Sky Ranch
- 3/6/19- Ash Wednesday, special worship experience
- 3/9-3/17/19- SHSU Spring Break

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