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Hey Friends! I hope you are having a wonderful spring, enjoying the new life all around. Spring is always exciting around Wesley, as we gear up for the end of the year and head into summer missions and more. This month, I'm going to use a slightly different format for sharing our prayer requests, and place them in categories. Today is the 21st, so get ready to get down on your knees for Wesley! We see the results of your prayer daily, so thank you, thank you, thank you. God is good! All the time!

Ministry Staffing:

We are in the phase of personal interviews for the selection of our new Associate Director for Auburn Wesley. Please pray for guidance for our selection committee and pray for each of the candidates. Pray for the selection committee, as well as each of the wonderful candidates. Continue to pray, too, as we work out the funding needed for this position. Pray that I will know who to approach for increases in giving, or perhaps to be a donor for the first time. (You who know me know that I find the Alumni part of my job easier than the Development)

Student Activities:

Thank you for praying for Wesley Council Elections and Leadership selection. Next year's council has already spent hours working! They are: President: Joe Davis, Outreach: Jennifer Pride, Fellowship: Kelsey Seale, Worship: Michael Patterson, Discipleship: Joe Bryant, Missions: Jeremy Walker. They've been planning for next year and building their Leadership Team.

This week is "Green Week" and Wesley has fun plans all week celebrating God's great creation! Dean Green spoke at outdoor worship last night and it was a blessing, as our fellowship worshiped

with another campus ministry, GANG. Wednesday night will be dinner and Bible studies. On Friday night, pray for safety and fun fellowship as Wesley students enjoy their spring formal at Jasmine Hills Gardens in Wetumpka. The week will end with Family and Friends Celebration. It's Saturday, April 26 and begins at 4:00. All are welcome, so be praying for travel as well as the festivities. (If you plan to attend, please RSVP to auwesley@bellsouth.net when you read this.)

Wesley's Senior service is April 27th, celebrating the graduating seniors for spring and summer. Next month's email will contain a list of the May graduates for you to lift in prayer individually. Pray for all of the students as they wind down the semester, with classes ending April 29 and exams being May 1-3 and May 5-7.

Pray as plans are made for the summer semester at Wesley and a summer council is selected.

Wesley Missions:

Thank you so much for lifting up the Spring Break Mission Teams. Both the DC and Kentucky team had a great week.

As our summer mission teams are preparing to go out, continue praying for their fundraising. They have Stress Kits, Silent Auction, and a Garage Sale coming up in the next few weeks. Before our next email, many teams will be headed out in service. Please continue to lift up the teams and the individuals on the teams all summer. For each of these mission teams, please pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in the people that they will be serving and that the love of Christ will be evident in all they say and do, even overcoming language barriers. Pray, also, for the team's travel and for good health.

Pray for the Yucatan Mission Team. They will be building a church in Tulum and a house in the Mayan community of San Juan. This team consists of Amy Berger, Blake Wilkes, Brandon Eidson, Cameron King, David Goolsby, Dusten Doggett, Emily Mullaney, Erin Comer, Halley Power, Jennifer Jennings, Julius Wardley, Kaleigh Galloway, Katy Walker, Kayla Gomillion, Kelsey Bowman, Kristan Lewis, Lauren Thomas, Maggie McFarlane, Malcolm Hamilton, Julie Zhu, Nathan Krauss, Shelley Lauderdale, Trent Wilkes, and Trey Darnell. They will be in Mexico May 12 - 20th, working with the Hands and Feet Ministry and Zach Brining '00.

Youth Caravan is a mission that has had a year of sabbatical, but many of you are familiar with the ministry. Youth Caravan will be traveling in a van to about 16 - 20 youth groups, in addition to many youth camps and rallies around the Southeast. Their mission is to spread God's light in new and exciting ways through songs, educational programs, games, and fellowship. The team members are Carl Schoenholz, Melissa Moore, Kelsey Seale, Austin Melton and

Josh Hickman.

Another Wesley Mission that has had some time off, but is back strong this summer is Mobile Inner City Missions. This team will spend days working in Mobile in conjunction with AWF alumni Rev. Rob Gullage and the Government Street UMC. Please pray for team members: Amanda Younce, Hannah Simpson, Holli Vining, and Trent Wilkes.

We have a new opportunity this summer! Lauren Thomas and Brandon Eidson will be serving in Russia and Eastern Europe with SASHA Ministry. The primary mission of this team will be evangelism and college ministry in a part of the world deprived of the Gospel for far too long.

In conjunction with SIFAT, Servants in Faith and Technology, we are sending a team to run a boarding school in Xiamas, Bolivia. They will do children's ministry, education, construction, and host mission teams. These team members are Abbie Northcutt, Bryan Goolsby, Katie Kirkpatrick, and Olivia Singleton. Please pray for them in this remote village near the Madidi Rain Forest in Central Bolivia.

Other:

Please continue to pray for Julius Wardley. He will be moving to full-time at the Tuskegee University Wesley Foundation very soon! Pray for the students of Tuskegee who need a place to belong and/or to come to know the Lord. Pray for the new Administrative Board. Pray for Julius to have wisdom, direction, and to share Christ's love.

Alumni & Friends:

We have several dear alumni who have lost loved ones recently. Burnie ('86) Berry's dad went to see the Lord Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - he was 85. Please pray for his mom as she misses him and learns to life without him here.

You may recall that Gina Carleton Smith ('04) lost her grandmother in February. Please keep her family in your prayers now, as her grandfather passed away on March 30.

Let us rejoice together, as well, as we lift up Corbin Scott Burdette! He was born March 18th at 4:26 pm. He weighed 8lbs 8 oz and was 21 inches long. Everything is good and they are all doing fine. Big brother Cameron is so excited and all he wants to do is hold him and love him. Thanks for all your prayers.

Congratulations to Steven ('89) and Leslie Farrington! They will be

bringing their new sons, James (6), Ellis (5), and Jacob (3) home to Auburn from Ukraine on April 28th. Let's pray as they travel together. We rejoice with them, and pray as they bond and adjust to their wonderful new family!

Jay '05 and Nina ' Fitzgerald Woods have asked for our prayers as they serve in Japan. Please pray for Jay for strength and wisdom in order to best lead and serve his Marines, as he fills in for his captain who will be in Iraq for 6-8 months. Also, praise - Nina has a new job and it is better than anything she could have planned alone! Praise be to GOD!

Please continue to pray for Harrison Strom. I do not know any updates on the proceedings from our prayers months ago, but he is in my heart today.

Note from Patricia

I think we all have seen how God answers prayer. I am so thankful to have this network of alumni, parents and friends who lift each other up to the Lord. The alumni and friends portion of this email has sometimes felt like a list of announcements of marriages and births, and for sympathy over death. Don't get me wrong - I LOVE sharing the good news and rejoicing and praying over new marriages and babies, and praying for the Lord to bring peace in times of loss, but maybe there should be more . . .

John and I have experienced loss this year that opened my eyes to the above thoughts. We were pleasantly surprised to find out in January that I was pregnant. Yes, our children are 14, 12, and almost 9 and it was way back in '89-'90 when I was president of Wesley, but it was so exciting! After finally convincing our children it was true, we enjoyed long talks of plans for this baby. However, we lost the baby in late February. What a roller coaster! You may know that I am not a very quiet, private person. Most of Auburn knew we were expecting, and I was glad. They were able to pray for the start of our first trimester, then our loss. As I took the needed time to be quiet and alone, friends knew why and they covered us in prayer. I found out so many who had experienced miscarriages, or been unable to get pregnant at all. That same week, another dear alumni couple lost a baby during pregnancy. Another alumni friend lost his job. Another announced her engagement. Soon after, a student was dealing with an engagement called off. Why are these not on our prayer list? One good result from our loss is a new sensitivity that has been opened up in me.

I know we can't list every concern that each of us has - we'd never reach the end of the email. However, we can pray for pregnancies and engagements. We can pray for lost babies and births, weddings and those that are called off. We are called to rejoice when our brothers and sisters rejoice and weep when they weep. I would rather

pray for an engagement and have it end than to have a marriage end without the prayers during preparation.

I invite you to share other prayer requests than what we have been listing. Perhaps you would share with our staff a request that you don't want fully listed in the email. That's fine. You can put quotes around what you would actually want listed. If you have a strong network praying for you, you may not want to share with the Wesley alumni & friends network. That's okay, too. I just wanted to offer the chance for us to pray for you as you search for a job, or prepare for a marriage, or mourn a loss that is not obvious to all.

I am thankful for the bond of the love of God through Christ Jesus that holds us together. Whether we've met or not, the bond is strong. I'm thankful for all of the work that the Lord is doing through the ministry of the Auburn Wesley Foundation. God is so very, very good!

Thank you again for the way you bless this ministry with your prayers. Please keep in touch with us, updating email and mailing addresses for yourself and your friends who are Wesley alumni or parents. If I've missed any prayer request, please email me and I'll add it next month.

In His Love,

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