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December 19, 2008

Greetings, dear friends! I hope that you are enjoying this advent. Perhaps you've simplified some and found time to relax and spend time with the Lord? I hope so, but for me I'm still running like that ol' chicken with my head off. Since my head seems to be off, I hope this email includes everything that it should! Thanks so much for your prayers. It's almost the 21st, so please pray for these specific requests:

### **Ministry Prayer Requests**

~ Congratulations to our newest graduates - as of TODAY!

Ross Beitzel - Marketing  
Kelsey Bowman - (actually graduates in May after an internship in Missouri)  
Julie Cross - Aviation Management  
Steven Dixon - Communications  
Andy Hanna - Software Engineering

~ Pray for the mission team that is currently doing hurricane relief work in Dulac, Louisiana. They are scheduled to return on the 21st. The individual names are: Hannah Simpson, Benjamin Jackson, Joseph Bryant, Clark Davis, Ben Davis, JD Todd, Jose Gardner, Jeremy Barnes, Justin Miller, Kristan Lewis, Cameron King, Lauren Thomas, Kelli Howell, Kelsey Seale, Page Ledbetter, Letia Seaborn, Meagan Carbonie, Melissa Moore, Phillip Hamm, Stephen Fincher, Thomas Weems, Jeremey Walker, Marc Wendorf, William Jones, Hannah Grace Davis, Julie Min Zhu

~ Pray for students as they are home for Christmas and New Years and also pray for the staff as they have a break - for some it's the only real one of the year!

- ~ Classes begin on January 7th, with the regular schedule kicking in of
  - Sunday night worship at 8:00
  - Wednesday night dinner 7:00
  - Wednesday night Bible studies 8:00
  - Thursday night Freshmen Community
  - much, much more, but these are the biggest
- ~ Pray for students and recipients of help for Super Missions Saturday on January 10th.
- ~ Pray for budgets and finances. Since giving is down, the Alabama West Florida Conference will be making some adjustments in their budget. This is our conference, and the Auburn Wesley Foundation (and the other Wesleys and ARM and many more great ministries) will be affected by their changes. Please pray for guidance for those making financial decisions.
- ~ Praise for the Refresh Conference that David, Emily and Phillip just attended. Emily said it was refreshing and that there was so much great information to help them improve their ministry!

### **Alumni & Friends Prayer Requests**

- ~ Our sympathy goes out to **Donald Dew '95**. His father passed away earlier this year.
- ~ Please be praying for **Tim '80 & Carol (DeWitt) '80 Crawford**. They are missionaries in Angora and have been back in Atlanta for medical treatment. I hesitate to mention this without more details, but I know your prayers would be appreciated.
- ~ Congratulations to **Thomas** and Hilary Hill! Charlotte Rose Hill was born 12/15/08 at 6:51 PM weighing 7lb10oz and 21inches long. She has a full head of brown hair and is really adorable and healthy. Please keep them in your prayers as they make the many adjustments!
- ~ Here's some exciting news and a prayer request! Alumnus **Susan Hunt '95** is headed back to Alabama. Here's the exerpt from this week's NewsCONNECTION for the Alabama West Florida Conference:

### **Conference Welcomes Hunt as New Director of Missions and Advocacy**

(Rev. Mike McKnight) - Following the announcement of the retirement of Mr. Curtis Henderson, the AWF Conference Personnel Committee advertised the position of Director of Missions and Advocacy across our denomination. We received 20 resumes for the job and held interviews for those whose gifts and talents best met the needs of the conference.

**Susan Hunt**

The Personnel Committee is proud to announce the selection of Ms. Susan Hunt as the person to lead us as Director of Missions and Advocacy for the AWF Conference, beginning January 5, 2009. Susan is a deaconess in the United Methodist Church and has served as the Director of Congregational Outreach at [Church of the Servant UMC](#) in Oklahoma City, OK for the past seven years. In this 6,000+ member congregation, Susan was responsible for Volunteer in Mission Teams; Hannah's Promise, a ministry for families with special needs children; and working with 17 local ministry partnerships. She also led a mission team to the Ukraine in 2007. Susan served as a US-2 missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries from 1999-2001, working with Volunteer Management, Tornado Disaster Response, and helping

recruit and organize for rebuilding projects following tornados.

"Her seven-year tenure at Church of the Servant has been marked by an expansion of our outreach ministries as both our financial support for mission activities and the number of people within the congregation who are actively involved in service and outreach have grown – reaching record numbers over the past two years," said Rev. Randy Shrauder, Executive Minister. "We have no doubt that her gifts and abilities will continue to be put to good use in the years to come." Susan is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree. While at Auburn, she was active in the Wesley Foundation. She has also taken studies in religion at Oklahoma City University. Her mission involvement includes participation on mission teams to Brazil (1994), Venezuela (1995), Jamaica (1998), Mexico (2000), South Africa (2001 & 2003), Ukraine (2007), and many US locations. She has also led the Christ-Way Sunday School Class since December 2000 at Church of the Servant.

Susan is originally from Birmingham, Ala., and looks forward to getting back “home” to Alabama, as her parents still live in Birmingham. I know that you look forward to meeting Susan and having the opportunity to work with her in the area of missions.

**Other Information of Interest**

~ **Alumni Retreat HERE in Auburn!!!** February 13-15! Please go to [www.auwesleyalumni.org](http://www.auwesleyalumni.org) for online registration. Updated information will be posted there, as well as on the Auburn Wesley Alumni Group page on facebook. I'll be setting up an event invitation from that group. If you are on facebook and haven't joined the group, please do!

Our speaker this year is **Reverend Jessica Lee Jones Durand** ('89). I am so excited! She was my roommate in college, when the shacks were still behind Wesley and AUMC, Super Foods was still on Gay Street, and Magnolia didn't change to Wire Road. Jessica (Lee) was president of Wesley her senior year before attending Candler School of Theology. She has served churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and now serves Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She has 1 husband, 4 kids, 5 cats, 1 rabbit, and 1 dog.

Our music will be lead by the Melton Brothers Band! **Nick Melton** finished Auburn in 2006 and is now Associate Director of Student Ministries at Dauphin Way UMC in Mobile. His lovely wife, **Baret** ('06) works in Mobile in refugee resettlement. **Austin** is a student at Auburn in Industrial Design. He lives upstairs in the Wesley Dorms. Andrew is at UAH studying Public Relations and Zack is studying music at UNA. What a blessing to have the Melton Brothers Band with us!

We are planning a nursery and activities for several age levels of children/youth, so if you might bring your children, please let me know as soon as possible for planning purposes!

Days Inn is giving us a special rate again. Their normal rate is \$89.99, but if you call them before December 31 with your reservation, you can get a room with a king bed or 2 doubles for \$61.10/night. 334-887-3462. Tell them you're with the Auburn Wesley Alumni group.



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.

We pray that you each have a very blessed Christmas!

In His Love,  
Patricia Brennan Stevenson, '90, '92

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Pray for Wesley on the 21st



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