

ACF NEWSLETTER

SECOND QUARTER, 2019

SUMMERTIME!

Spring is always a bittersweet time for our ministry. As the year winds down, we are celebrating the students who have accomplished their goal of graduating, but are sad to see so many of them off to new places. We had 15 graduate this spring and their absence will be noticed next year. While we hate to see them go, we love the idea that we are launching a little part of the ACSC into all the corners of the world.

Many of our underclassmen also headed out to various places for a summer internship or mission work. From Huntsville to Memphis, Baja to Vienna, we see God's hand in their work this summer. Our goal is always to spend the time we have with these students to train them up for the next mission field they will encounter. For the group that has stayed in Auburn this summer, we continued our Dinner and Discussion series. By serving a meal family style, we have tried to encourage a deeper discussion into the scriptures. This allows them to think and listen to their peers (not just Micah).

As I write this, our Summer Reunion is just a few days away. We are looking forward to seeing old and new faces. With that in mind, please let us know if you know of any incoming new or transfer students. We would love to connect with them before the fall so that they will have a familiar face when they arrive.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. As the summer comes to a close, we ask that you join us in praying for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,
April Click



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CONTRIBUTIONS 28,688.29

RENTAL INCOME 450.00

INVESTMENT INCOME 2,011.02

TOTAL INCOME 31,149.31

EXPENSE

STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS 15,758.91

BUILDING & GROUNDS 4,939.47

COMPUTER EXPENSE 676.51

COPIER EXPENSE 781.44

OFFICE 932.78

PAY PAL FEES 207.70

PRINTING 1,215.86

PROFESSIONAL FEES 1,360.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS -

SUPPLIES 829.45

UTILITIES 4,675.25

TOTAL EXPENSE 31,377.37

TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES (228.06)

THE KINGDOM AND THE CAMPUS

During the summers, fewer students are in town than during the fall and spring semesters. So this enables us to structure our Tuesday nights in a different way. This summer, we are doing Dinner and Discussion instead of the typical Tuesday Night Worship. Instead of someone teaching a lesson, we have tables set up for eight to ten students to sit together. We serve dinner each meeting, and we spend over an hour discussing a topic. This year, we are going passage-by-passage through the Epistle of James. This book of the Bible is so rich in practical theology and has served as a rich topic of discussion for us. I enjoy few things in life more than hearing insightful students discuss the Word of God. If you are in town on a Tuesday during the summer, feel free to join a Dinner and Discussion to experience this yourself!

As I write this, we have just opened the ACSC after three weeks of it being closed for renovations. The drop tile ceilings were replaced on the main level (Devo Room and TV Room). The old ceiling grid was out of joint in a few places and needed to be replaced, and the old tiles were dingy. While the ceiling was being replaced, the light fixtures on the first level were all replaced with LED fixtures. The lights were placed on dimmer switches, allowing us to better control the brightness level in our rooms. (Given the wide range of events we host at the ACSC, this is extremely helpful!) As always, I am grateful for your donations and what it allows us to do.

Most of you know this, but during the summer we make a strong push to connect with and reach out to incoming students. We've already had eight Camp War Eagles (CWE), and we only have two left. From each CWE, we receive several students' information after they choose our ministry on their Religious Preference Card.

We also get a chance to get a flier to those who are interested in our ministry. We want the incoming students to be familiar with our ministry so they will attend when they arrive in the fall. Students have so many demands on their time during the first few weeks of the fall that if we don't make a connection with them before school begins, it is quite difficult to get them to try out our ministry afterwards.

Please be praying for all the new students (freshmen and transfers) moving to Auburn in just a few short weeks! We are hopeful that many will make the ACSC part of their Auburn experience! As always, let us know if you know of any incoming freshmen. We would love to reach out to them and invite them to the ACSC.

We are just a few days away from Summer Reunion. I am looking forward to having many of our students back in Auburn for a weekend of worship and activities. Please continue to pray for our ministry and the students who are and will be involved in it.

Sincerely,
Micah Cobb



Micah Cobb

Campus Minister,
Auburn Church of
Christ

Through his experience at the Auburn Christian Student Center and the influence of Jim Brinkerhoff, he felt called to devote his life to campus ministry. After graduating from Auburn University with a B.A. in philosophy, Micah earned his M.A. in philosophy from the University of Mississippi. While he was at Ole Miss, he was the campus ministry apprentice for the Rebels for Christ. He was then hired by the Hilltoppers for Christ campus ministry in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He served as its campus minister from January 2011 until June 2014, when he moved to Auburn.



Will Pennington
Senior, Physics and
Political Science

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY

In Fort Wayne, Indiana, I was blessed that I never experienced a shallow church environment—while my middle-and-high-school hometown church encountered its fair share of internal strife, perspective-clashing, and disfellowshipping, my faith on a personal level was never without incredible companionship. This was a blessing I too often take for granted and for which I can't thank God enough, especially after my freshman year at Auburn showed me the danger in trying to serve God alone.

As a freshman on the Plains, God blessed me in a new way, challenging me with a situation I had never encountered: he gave me a church environment that left me feeling passive, empty, and disconnected. Although I was semi-regularly a part of Tuesday Night Devotionals with

the ACSC, attending a different church than the majority of ACSCers set me back socially. At church I was a pew-filler; a smiling Sunday morning face that was too busy or uninterested to participate in Sunday evening dinners or bible studies. Awkwardly shuffling from bible class to worship service and trying my best to hang around and talk for more than five minutes after the lesson, I wasn't properly engaged with my brothers and sisters in Christ. My church wasn't dysfunctional or bland, and it certainly didn't fall short in its desire to please God. But for some reason I failed every week to build the relationships I needed to sustain a healthy faith. In large part because I often prioritized the involvement and social agenda of worldly college freshman, but equally largely because of my poor fit with the church, my relationship with God wavered; after another year of the same routine, I knew I needed a change.

Working in Auburn over the summer before my junior year, I realized through the ACSC how incredibly vital it is for

me to be regularly plugged in to an active, encouraging, and joyful community of like-minded believers. My switch-flipping, faith-rejuvenating moment wasn't anything special—I simply committed to being active. I participated weekly in Tuesday night Dinner and Discussions, I read the bible with international students through the ACSC's FriendSpeak program every Wednesday night, and I became a member at the Auburn Church of Christ. As I began throwing my energy at the ACSC community, I started growing closer with some of the fantastic Christians that continually inspire me to love God and to carry out His work. That summer my faith steadily grew with the relationships I was forming, all because I decided to get involved—to consistently fellowship with strong believers and great friends. Ever since, the ACSC has shown me exactly how much more spiritually enriching it is to serve God in a faithful community, and it has taught me that my faith needs active engagement rather than disconnection.

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