

# ACF NEWSLETTER

FOURTH QUARTER, 2023

## FINISHING THE YEAR WELL

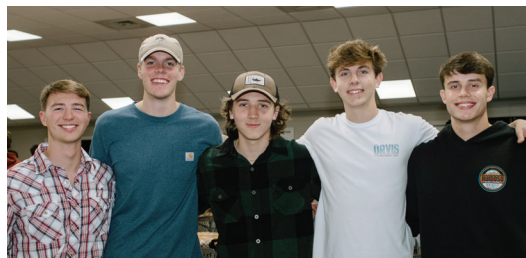
2023 was a good year. God has blessed us with great opportunities, new students, and fun events throughout the year. In particular, He blessed us with a great fall semester. Meeting new students and connecting them into the ministry is always the most important part of the fall. And this year we have an awesome group of new students. They are already deeply involved in our ministry. Our student leaders did a great job reaching out to others and plugging them into our ministry. I am grateful that we have such a great group of student leaders.

The end of a year is always full of events for us, and these events are some of my favorites of the year. Our Halloween Party is always a fun night since the students are so creative with their costumes. We had the cast of Napoleon Dynamite, characters from the new Barbie movie, a group of old church ladies, and more. But this year we added a new element. We asked our students to plan performances based on their costumes. "Ken" from the Barbie movie sang his hit song. The old church ladies led us in VBS songs. And Napoleon performed his famous (though awkward) dance. Right before our Halloween party, we had the opportunity to participate in the Trunk or Treat with the Auburn Church of Christ's Children's Ministry. Each of our community groups planned their own "trunks" for kids to visit. From the walking the red carpet to parting the Red Sea with Moses, the children from the church had fun thanks to our ACSC students. This is an example of our continued focus on building intergenerational relationships between our students and other generations at Auburn. Another thing we did to improve intergenerational relationships was to host another "Dinner and Discussion." The ACSC invited the residents of the Auburn Church of Christ to join them one night to sit in small groups, eat dinner, and discuss a theological topic. Seeing people, ranging from 18 to over 80 years old, opening the Bible together and discussing the Word of God is an amazing sight. It was a blessing to all, as is the deepening relationships between our students and older members of our church.

We closed out the year with a one-week mission trip to Orlando, Florida. This is the second year in a row that students from our ministry spend the first week of their Christmas Break serving in Orlando. Twenty-eight students and I drove down the two days after final exams ended. We spent a couple of days helping with project at Mt. Dora Christian Academy. It's an amazing school with a beautiful campus. We painted, raked leaves, and tutored students. I appreciate the hospitality of their staff. They truly made our students feel welcome and modeled how Christian educators can have a huge impact on the lives of their students. Some of us spent a day at Central Florida Bible Camp, helping them with some manual labor on their property. Others in our group spend that day working shifts at Give Kids the World, a resort for families with critically- and terminally-ill children. On the last day of our trip, all members of our team volunteered there, closing out the week with a meaningful evening of service. Though the trip is exhausting, it is always a joy to have the opportunity to serve others. For our ministry, the trip also serves to deepen our community. It's a great way to end the year.

As we plan 2024, we are working hard to continue to reach the students of Auburn University. Please continue to pray for us. We appreciate your ongoing support. If you are in Auburn for the A-Day Game on April 6th, we invite you to stop by the ACSC for a brunch. It's a "come and go" brunch that will start at 10:30 a.m. We would love to see some of you face-to-face! God has blessed us with a large community of alumni and supporters, and we couldn't do what we do without all of you. It would be great to see you then.

Sincerely, Micah Cobb



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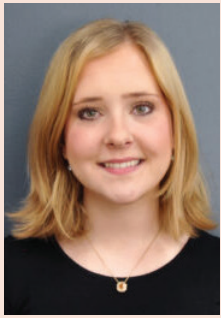
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# THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

A little over four and a half years ago, I pulled up in my little blue Jeep to 439 S. College St., Auburn, AL, having heard my whole childhood about the lasting relationships and memories that had been made in what appeared to be such an average building. I parked my car, put my keys in my pocket, and tried to shrug off the nerves that meeting a group of strangers brings. I wish I remembered more details about that first night of playing board games, eating dinner, shaking hands, and learning so many names. Mostly I remember the feeling that I walked away with. It was a sense of belonging despite limited obvious personal similarities. It was a peace that moving somewhere new and far might not be so difficult. And it was an unquestionable knowledge that this place would be my home for the next stretch of my life.

That was Summer Reunion, the July before my freshman year began in Auburn. Those few weeks before school began, students I had met sent me postcards, texted me book recommendations, and shared how excited they were for me to return to Auburn once school started. My freshman year looked much like most college students'; I roomed in a dorm with 3 strangers, went to classes that were both earlier and more challenging than I had expected, and searched desperately for a place to belong. However, I quickly realized that my desperate searching was much less so than that of even just the girls in my dorm. I would tell them how I had people to sit with on campus between classes, how people would wave to me as I walked up the concourse, and I would be late getting back to the dorm after Devo or another ACSC event. As my roommates sat alone between classes, knowing few people on campus, and yearned for friends to hang out with, I started to realize the gem I had found...the community that had found me.

Now nearing the end of my time in Auburn, I have been thinking a lot about what really mattered in this time that has raced by. I met a friend for coffee the other day. I first got to know her February of my freshman year on a car ride to the ACSC's girls' retreat. Years later, as we sat sipping our drinks, she mentioned how happy she was that even though she has graduated and moved away, her friends from the student center have continued to and will always be there for her. In a way, we raised each other. We confronted the most hard-hitting questions together, we learned how to lean on others, we learned how to laugh through stress, and we cried together in times of heartache. Even with newfound space between us — those skills we learned prove lasting.

In a flash of moments, I see us huddled in a circle on a beach under the stars, crying with laughter around a dinner table, sharing our thoughts over the phone, praying solemnly together with troubles on our hearts, boldly singing songs our grandparents must have sung, and sitting on a dock past midnight with our feet in the freezing water, just happy to be together. That is community. That is my time at the ACSC.

## ACF FINANCIAL REPORT

Auburn Christian Foundation, Inc. Income  
Statement for the Quarter Ended Dec. 31, 2023

<b>INCOME</b>	
CONTRIBUTIONS	63,376.05
INVESTMENT INCOME	5,924.15
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>69,300.20</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
STAFF SALARIES	23,400.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	3,387.00
COPIER EXPENSE	619.85
OFFICE	387.02
PAYPAL FEES	597.77
PRINTING	2,977.89
PROFESSIONAL FEES	5,875.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	293.94
SUPPLIES	688.65
UTILITIES	3,801.28
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>42,028.40</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>27,271.80</b>

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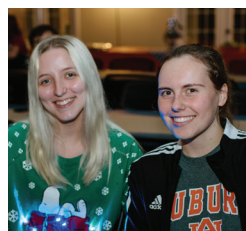
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