



## What is the ECU Wesley?

ECU Wesley is about renewing lives of young people at ECU. Our ministry can equip students to grow in an abundant relationship with God, guide them in Christian discipleship, train them for leadership in the local churches and communities, provide regular worship, small groups, bible studies, mission opportunities, fellowship events and much more!

## Meet Sam

My youth pastor, Matt Taylor and I became good friends fast. He was the one who really pushed for me to come to ECU. I didn't even know if I would go to college. After losing my mom to suicide, making not smart choices in high school and almost dying due to alcohol poisoning. We spent many hours fixing up resumes and scholarships and other various pains in the tail. But the most beneficial thing he did for me was introduce me to the Wesley on the high school showcase in April 2015 I loved it and decided immediately that I wanted to start coming. When it was time to finally move in the dorms and the days became real, I spent much time at the Wesley. I'm so glad I did. The Wesley has become a second home to me here in Ada. I can relax, lounge, talk to friends, and most importantly, and build with God. I was terrified I would lose faith in college and drop away from the light God had given me. With the gentle push of others and with my own determination, I found coming here was one of the best things I could have done for myself early on in college. It's where my good friends are, where I can come to distress and relax, have prayer time, bible time, and build in the area that I was afraid I would lose. Because of the Wesley, I have only become stronger in my faith.-Sam Adams, Class of 2020, Elementary Education, McAlester, Oklahoma

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Mission Statement:

To Know Christ & To Make Christ Known

## What is an ECU Wesley Stockholder?

*-Rev. Brian Matthews, Senior Pastor of Ada First United Methodist Church & Board Chair of the ECU Wesley*

The Wesley Foundation at East Central University is the premier ministry among regional colleges/universities in Oklahoma. While the quality of our ministry has been growing, our funding from "official" United Methodist sources has been in decline. Everyone agrees our ministry is top notch, but all ministries supported by the Church (capital C) are seeing decreases. In order to continue our life-changing ministry, we are being pro-active in our fundraising efforts, which will help us continue to minister with and to students, even as the "official," guaranteed dollars reach zero. Our latest endeavor borrows a page from the business world: shares of stock. In the world of business, individuals have the opportunity to purchase stock in companies, with the understand that the money raised will help the company provide its goods and services to the public, and in return for backing the company, stockholders receive a return on their investment.

Beginning in August 2019, the Wesley Foundation at East Central University will begin selling stock in our ministry. By purchasing stock in our ministry, you will ensure we continue to achieve our mission of "Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known." Your infusion of capital will allow us to offer high-energy worship weekly, bible studies and fellowship groups, and a place to hang out and belong for college students, many of whom are away from home for the first time. We at ECU Wesley are committed to being there to provide a "church" home for students as they prepare for their future. Please help us by becoming a stockholder in our ministry.

## Why give to the ECU Wesley as a Stockholder?

*~Meredith Roberts, Board Member of the ECU Wesley*

"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me." 1 Corinthians 13:11

College is when the ways of childhood get left behind. This is when and where beliefs are tested, questions of faith are asked, and truths defined for each believer. College is the time and place when religion of the father or mother is left at home and each student finds his or her faith or not. Wesley is a place for students to seek, research, test and know that a personal relationship with the Lord is vital. The building is just the space, the people are the body of Christ in action. If we only care take in the church, we miss the campus. The campus is essential for the body of Christ in Ada, it represents the future of the cross and flame.

## Thank you from a recent ECU Wesley Graduate

*-Louden Johnson, ECU Alumni~Class of 2018, ECU Wesley Alumni & Board Member of the ECU Wesley*

As a former member of the ECU Wesley, I remember it set me on the right path for life, giving me unbelievable opportunities and mostly, great memories/friends. Words cannot express how fortunate I was to be a part of the Wesley family. I can't imagine what my life would have been like if I hadn't been involved with the organization. As an alumnus, I want to ensure that every student has the same experience as I did. I believe in the ECU Wesley not only because of its beliefs, but the leadership within it. ECU Wesley is the number one Christian organization on East Centrals campus and will always have my support in any endeavor they need assistance in.

### ECU Wesley Stakeholder Form

*(Please Print)*

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Amount to give to ECU Wesley:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 each person

Name(s) for each \$100:

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