



AT OKSTATE

A CAMPUS MINISTRY TO OK STATE UNIVERSITY

## CONNECTED THROUGH GOD'S STORY

Since 1929, over 93 consecutive years, this work has sought to be a beacon of the light of Jesus on the Oklahoma State campus. We have been called by many different names. The Bible Chair. The Church of Christ University Center. The UC. UCatOKState. Each name represents an era in this wonderful campus ministry. Our mission is to offer students a place to belong to the family of Christ while they are at OSU. We aspire to help each student grow in their belief, faith and spiritual walk as they navigate the challenging world within which they live. We call our students to become a clear and passionate message to the world and exhibit the mind and love of Jesus Christ to our world.

Right now, more than ever, our world is needing to know the truth, love and hope of a loving God. It is a world filled with disorientation, confusion and doubt. It feels like that moment when we are desperately trying to see through a muddy windshield as we drive down the road. We go slower, we squint and focus on one thing to make sure we don't make a mistake. We are cautious, hesitant and even fearful. It's hard to know what's ahead. That's what disorientation does to students today. It makes it hard to see the way forward. They need clear headlights to see and loud signs to point the way. Two things typically happen at this moment. We become hesitant and we begin to prioritize. We become very cautious and careful in our decision making, and we start to identify those things of most importance.

God has been leading the mission of the UCatOKState ministry for over 90 years. He is leading to THIS moment in our lives. Today's students and the students of the next 20 years will need every tool they can use to make the journey before them. God has brought YOU to this ministry for a very important reason. The apostle Paul was faced with this same challenging moment in the first century. His message then was the same as it is today.

### **Acts 17:22-27**

**22** Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. **23** For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

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24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us."

God has brought us together to be His body. Our story is to help others be able to seek God's love, reach out for Him and find Him. Helping support the UCatOKState campus ministry is part of each of our stories. We ask that you consider being a part of this story through your support and financial help. Help us with our annual operating budget needs. Help us as we seek to build a facility in the coming years that helps students see clearly.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

*Monty*

Monty Daffern  
Director of Campus Ministry



March 2022 - Spring Break Mission Trip to Impact Houston!



April 2022 - Students visiting Sylvia Duncan after Spring Retreat!



April 2022 - Campus Encounter 2022!



August 2022 - The first Praise Service of the new school year!





August 2022 - Welcome Retreat at Saints Grove Christian Camp!



September 2022 - Student Adoption matchup lunch!



September 2022 - Intramurals - Our co-ed flag football team made it to the semifinals game!



September 2022 - The UC and the Young Adult group joined forces to help shut-ins and elderly members in our church!



October 2022 - Girls Day at the Pumpkin Patch!



October 2022 - Fall Retreat at Burnt Cabin Camp!

## 2022 - 2023 UC Interns



### **Maggi Dansby**

Upperclassman Girls Outreach

Maggi is from Ada, OK and is a junior majoring in Biology and Physiology. She plans to take a year off from school after graduating before applying to medical school. She is engaged to Ethan Tucker with plans to marry in May. This is Maggi's first year as a UC intern.



### **Karsan Diel**

Social Media, A/V & Intramurals

Karsan is from Stillwater, OK and is a junior majoring in Comm. Sciences and Disorders. She plans to attend a Masters program for Speech-Language Pathology. She is engaged to be married on January 1st to Josh Vick. This is Karsan's second year as a UC intern.



### **Garrett Gilliland**

Service

Garrett is from Stillwater, OK and is a graduate student getting his Master's Degree in Business Admin. After graduation, he plans to work in real estate and travel the world. This is Garrett's second year as a UC intern.



### **Rocky Hensley**

Freshman Guys Outreach

Rocky is from Tahlequah, OK and is a sophomore majoring in Applied Exercise Science. After graduation, he would like to be a Strength and Conditioning Coach. This is Rocky's first year as a UC intern.



### **Kaylee Pittenger**

Church Liaison & Service

Kaylee is from Robinson, TX and is a senior majoring in Ag Leadership. After graduation in May, she would like to stay in OK and work in Non-Profit Youth Development. This is Kaylee's third year as a UC intern.



### **Emily Turner**

Fellowship, Hospitality & Outreach

Emily is from Wills Point, TX and is a sophomore majoring in Animal Science (Pre-Vet). She plans to attend vet school after graduation. Her long term goal is to go back to Texas and work with her parents in their vet clinic. This is Emily's first year as a UC intern.



### **Josh Vick**

Guys Outreach

Josh is from Inola, OK and is a junior majoring in Elementary Education. He plans to stay in OK and teach elementary school, preferably 3rd-5th grade. He is engaged to be married on January 1st to Karsan Diel. This is Josh's second year as a UC intern.



### **Nichole Whitley**

Freshman Girls Outreach

Nichole is from Stillwater, OK and is a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education. After graduating, she plans to teach or work in youth ministry. This is Nichole's first year as a UC intern.





### **Barry Bachman**

#### **Graduate Campus Ministry Apprentice**

**Barry is from Deer Creek, OK and graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in 2020 from OSU. He is currently in his 3rd year at ACU where he is working on his Masters in Christian Ministry. He has been at the UC for 6 years. He is happily married to Katie Turner Bachman.**

#### **Thoughts from Barry...**

I'm in my 3rd year working at the UC in this role. During this time, I have had the privilege of walking alongside hundreds of students through some of the most formative years of their life. I once heard a veteran of campus ministry say that "few students come to college with a fully formed worldview, and few leave without one." I believe this is true. From choosing a career, to making friends, to picking a spouse, students make big decisions during these years and are shaped in significant ways. In my role, I get to interact with students every day who are right in the middle of these formative years. A significant part of my role is helping connect these students to the UC. We get to impact these students every day at the UC in numerous ways through small group Bible studies, praise service, mission trips, retreats and more. However, a big part of my role is getting to do this in quieter ways through one on one Bible studies, helping students overcome spiritual challenges and praying with them as they deal with questions of faith. I think it is these quiet moments that we get to minister to students that make the UC what it is, and help students experience the richness of what it means to belong in Christian community, find faith in Jesus and become like him.

### **Megan Wyatt**

#### **Graduate Campus Ministry Apprentice**

**Megan is from Haworth, OK and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in 2022 from OSU. She is currently taking a year off from school, but plans to start a Masters program next year. She has been at the UC for 4 years.**

#### **Thoughts from Megan...**

When I think about the importance of having women in ministry, I think about Mary and Elizabeth. When the angel came to Mary and told her she would give birth to the Son of God, he told her not to be afraid and that her older cousin, Elizabeth, was in her sixth month of pregnancy. Mary hurried from Nazareth to Judea to be with her during this time. I think Mary knew she needed the support of her older cousin, and Elizabeth needed it too. As a student, I was blessed by the two women's campus ministers before me through their comfort, encouragement, teaching, praying and love. As I have taken on this role, I have been blessed in other ways and have had the opportunity to give that back to the girls at the UC. I have been able to further develop my gifts and create a space where other women can practice theirs. I continue to learn how to foster connections with the college girls at the UC, women at the church and girls in the youth group. "At every age and stage of life, women need other women who will listen, confirm, teach, bless and pray." - Sophie Hudson, Giddy Up Eunice.



During the next two months, we are inviting you to help support the UC for the coming year. Our financial goal for this year is to raise \$100,000 through your combined gifts from many parents, alumni, and friends of the University Center throughout the nation. Every gift counts and is able to collectively meet the financial needs of our ministry. It is a WITNESS to our shared conviction that campus ministry at Oklahoma State is a way to change the world. To borrow the words of the Apostle Paul: "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Cor. 9:12-15)

We ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting the University Center through the following options:

- A one-time annual gift of any amount that you choose that will provide support for UC work.
- Pledge to give a monthly amount to the UC ministry. This can be achieved through a monthly bank draft form or we can send an envelope each month for you to return.



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