



Students at the University of Louisville are building relationships with Jesus through The Gathering, (a.k.a. the Louisville Wesley Foundation), the United Methodist Church campus ministry. During Spring Break, 11 students of The Gathering ministered to other students on vacation at Panama City Beach, Florida. Known as *Beach Reach*, this powerful ministry brings the love of God to people who may never hear of Him any other way. More than 600 people from various campus ministries came to share the gospel with spring breakers. A total of 3,295 plates of free pancakes were served, which is one way our students serve spring breakers. Another big aspect of Beach Reach is to provide free transportation to students and they gave 8,647 rides this year! But the best part of this mission trip was that 27 people gave their lives to Jesus! God is so good!

The students and board of the Wesley Foundation also held the first Thank You Event to show our deep appreciation for all of you who donate and support us in so many ways. Crescent Hill UMC was our gracious host for this luncheon and the ladies served a delicious meal with great desserts. Two of our students, a freshman and a graduate, who were able to share with everyone what God is doing with our ministry through a Q & A session that Marco facilitated.

Another cool event that took place this month was having a Night of Testimonies, similar to an open-mic night to open the floor for people to speak. Several students shared how Jesus is transforming their life and how they are seeing Him move in the season they are currently in. Something that stood out was how the students who shared weren't focused on how God has led them up to a certain point in their life, but there was the theme that God wasn't done with their story. There is a continuation on where God is leading them to be more trusting of Him and being obedient to what He has asks of them. The Holy Spirit really moved that night and revealed the good work that is being done in the hearts of our students.

If you would like to hear more about this movement of Christ on campus, please contact our Director, Marco Ballesteros at (502) 727-8504. Our next event coming up is the Golf Scramble on May 8th at 1 p.m. at the South Park Country Club located at 915 South Park Rd. Fairdale, KY 40118. If you would like to participate please text GolfScramble to 41444 and follow the link.