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yes, it's all about You

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of several people's heads and shoulders are visible, with their hands raised in prayer. In the background, a large, illuminated cross stands on a stage. The lighting is warm and purple, creating a solemn atmosphere. A large screen at the top of the frame displays the text "yes, it's all about You".

TO PRAY IS TO ACCEPT
THAT WE ARE AND
ALWAYS WILL BE
WHOLLY DEPENDENT
ON GOD FOR
EVERYTHING.

TIM KELLER

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE



Spiritual formation is foundational to every student's experience here at Wheaton College and for life after graduation.

Wheaton has a legacy of leaders, chaplains, and staff who exemplify spiritual journeys that are grounded in the truth and grace of the Gospel. Being rooted in the Gospel is integral to our Christ-centered liberal arts education and our evangelical witness. The Chaplain's Office is a central part of this formation and champions life with God together through small groups, corporate worship, and other types of spiritual care.

Mission

The Wheaton College Office of the Chaplain exists to cultivate an environment in which faculty, staff, and students learn to love Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

Vision

Our vision is to serve Jesus Christ and advance His Kingdom through excellence in worship arts and discipleship ministries.

Life with God Together

**We Love God
because He first
loved us.**

We **listen** to God's Word because He is speaking.

We **pray** to God with praise and lament, repentance and petition because He hears and responds.

We **give** generously and gratefully because God provides for all our needs.

**We Love the Church
because we are the
body of Christ.**

We **worship** the Triune God because He is worthy.

We **work** to God's glory and serve our neighbor's good because Christ is building His Kingdom.

We participate in rhythms of **rest** and renewal because God has rested and will renew all things.

**We Love the World
because Christ died
for all.**

We **proclaim the Gospel** because Jesus saves.

We **practice hospitality** because God has welcomed us into His family.

We **do justice and love mercy** because God created all people everywhere in His image.

Life with God Together (LWGT)

Life with God Together is a spiritual formation initiative that endeavors to inspire students, faculty, and staff to grow a spiritually vibrant, Christ-like evangelical witness. This framework, championed by the Chaplain's Office, is designed to invite the entire Wheaton community into a shared rule of life, making space for us to be formed in our love for God, love for the Church, and love for the world through the nine spiritual disciplines found in the diagram above.

SPIRITUAL CARE

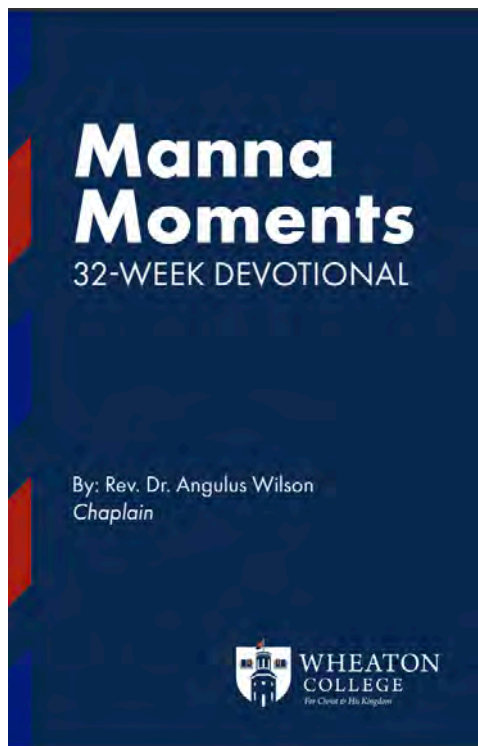
The Chaplain's Office is here to support you in your spiritual formation throughout your time at Wheaton and equip you for life after graduation. One of the ways we hope to offer support is through providing spiritual care. You will find our five areas of spiritual care below.

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES

Manna Moments Devotional:

Chaplain Wilson has devoted himself to creating a 32-week Manna Moments Devotional for our community. Please download the PDF file and use it as you move through this semester and upcoming school year.

You can find our downloadable PDF of *Manna Moments* on our website!



PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Requests:

The Chaplain's Office is here to support you! If you'd like to meet with a Ministry Associate or Student Chaplain in person, please email chaplains.office@wheaton.edu.



If you would like to submit a prayer request online, you can do so using the QR code.

Gold Star Chapel:

Located in the Beamer Student Center, Wheaton College provides a quiet space to pray and spend time in silence before God in our Gold Star Chapel. It is a small memorial chapel always open for personal prayer and meditation. There are also prayer request cards available.

Gold Star Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM to 1:00 AM, during the regular school year.

PASTORAL CONVERSATIONS

Are you seeking pastoral guidance and wisdom for matters of the faith? One of our Chaplain's Office Ministry Associates is happy to meet with you!

Email chaplains.office@wheaton.edu to set up this opportunity.



ENGAGING SEXUALITY

In a highly sexualized culture, the Chaplain's Office is aware of the need to help students engage as disciples of Christ on matters related to sex and sexuality. Watch for programming under the "Engaging Sexuality" banner online, and follow our private Instagram account for ongoing conversations and helpful resources.

Additional resources can be found on our website.

ALL SCHOOL COMMUNION

All School is a unique place where students voluntarily gather to worship, hear from God's Word, receive prayer, and take communion together. This time is jointly planned by our student chaplains and chapel bands as part of their ministry and leadership on campus. Services take place in Edman Chapel and will not be livestreamed or recorded.



A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT



A REFLECTION ON PSALM 43:5

BY: GRACE MAMALAT

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.” - Psalm 43:5 NIV

When the sun is shining, when our days are warm, when things seem to be going our way, when worry and sadness are gone, and when happiness is near. This is a general definition of what the ideal life looks like from the surface. However, as we live in a broken and fallen world, we face hurt, evil, betrayal, and the unfairness of it all.

In this passage, the psalmist faces a kind of brokenness that discourages him. He cries out to God and speaks to his own soul. We see his honesty and vulnerability. He is not trying to sugarcoat his feelings as he cries out to God. He admits that his soul is downcast and disturbed.

But he finds hope in the one truth he holds onto: God. The psalmist knows that whatever hurt, betrayal, and discouragement he faces, God is faithful. God is constant and will never fail. More so, because of his strong personal relationship with God, the psalmist is convinced that hope, when placed in God, will never die. Hope in God is sure, and it gives strength to the one who hopes. Why? Because God assures us that He listens, hears, knows, and sees all. He has given us countless examples of His faithfulness in His Word and in the lives of others.



Because He has been faithful then, we can trust that He will be faithful still. He does not condone evil and injustice. He will, in His timing, make all things right.

Although we are not facing the exact same situation this psalmist did, we can definitely relate to the same brokenness and discouragement that comes from living in a sinful and wicked world. We face challenges and oppression from the enemy as we try to walk faithfully before God. And when we do, we too can find hope like the psalmist. Our sure and strong hope is rooted in God and His faithfulness to His children.

This hope will never fail, and it is cause for praise even when we walk through the storms of life.

So, whatever you are facing today, ask yourself: “Where do I find and place my hope?” May God, as you put your hope and trust in Him, give you the strength to persevere and endure as you continue to live faithfully before Him. In His time and in His perfect way, He will set all things right. He sees all that you are going through, and He will not forget your faithfulness to Him.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



Discipleship Ministries (DM) exists to cultivate lifelong followers of Jesus Christ through small groups where students are known, loved, and engage in spiritual practices centered on the Gospel.

Discipleship Ministries is comprised of Discipleship Small Groups (DSG), Upper Class Discipleship Small Groups (UCDSG), and Strongholds.

Every DM group is marked by 7 disciplines, which define each gathering:

1. Engage Scripture (Open and Read the Bible)
2. Pray for One Another
3. Apply the Gospel
4. Practice Humility: Listen in Love
5. Promote Vulnerability: Confess Sin and Share Struggle
6. Uphold and Celebrate Kingdom Diversity
7. Meet Consistently

The goal for each group is to foster what matters most in life: **entering into life with God together with others by engaging Scripture, prayer, accountability, support, spiritual growth, encouragement, and friendship.**

All discipleship groups span throughout the course of a year, however, we encourage students who enter or transfer into Wheaton mid-year or return from being away to stop by the Chaplain's Office or email us to inquire about small groups they can join.



BELOW ARE THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

	Participant	Leader	Coach	Cabinet	Chair
Freshman	X				
Sophomore	X	X			
Junior	X	X	X	X	
Senior	X	X	X	X	X

TYPES OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY GROUP INVOLVEMENT

01 DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUPS (DSG)

DSG strives to cultivate lifelong followers of Jesus Christ through the prayer-filled reading of God's Word in life-giving community. The main priorities of DSG are to engage with Scripture, apply the Gospel, pray with one another, listen in love, confess sin, celebrate kingdom diversity, and meet consistently. These floor-based small groups (in either Fischer or Smith-Traber) are mostly first years and sophomores that meet once a week for 90 minutes.

02 UPPER CLASS DSG (UCDSG)

UCDSG seeks to inspire students to grow in their faith through the reading of Scripture and the development of spiritual disciplines in community. With the accountability of a small group of peers members will be challenged to read Scripture regularly throughout the week, will meet once a week for 90 mins for prayer, fellowship, encouragement, and to discuss and share what they have been reading and experiencing. Groups can be either single- or mixed-gendered and are open to any sophomore, junior, or senior. Members also have the opportunity to request being in a group with other friends who join UCDSG.

03 STRONGHOLDS

Every person has experiences with sexuality, but many of them never feel the safety to voice and tackle these experiences. Strongholds is a joyful, safe, and Gospel-rooted community that pursues freedom from sexual sin and restoration from sexual brokenness by engaging sexuality with Christ at the center. Groups meet once a week for 90 minutes to practice vulnerability, celebrate overcoming temptation, discuss Gospel-centered sexuality, and lift one another up in prayer. Groups are split by gender and welcome students from their first year through their final year.



STUDENT TESTIMONY

BY BETHANY FAULDS, '20,
PSY.D. STUDENT AT REGENT UNIVERSITY

Christ calls us onto a path that is difficult and narrow. Christ invites us into a journey that is rewarding and life-giving. Nowhere did I see this tension and beauty – and experience the fruits of it – more than in Discipleship Ministries (DM) during my time at Wheaton. DM provided a loving, restful space every year for me at Wheaton. One of my dearest friends to this day was in my freshman year Discipleship Small Group. I still mentor two girls from the group I led my sophomore year. I keep up to date with the leaders I coached my junior year, and multiple members of the cabinet I led senior year have flown out to visit me after we all moved post-graduation.

Additionally, I still turn to Ray Chang and my own small group leader, Ms. Candice Eisenhauer (Health Professions Director who has committed to serving in DM), for advice. Relationships that are formed when a group of individuals gathers around Jesus together truly last a lifetime. DM gave me a picture of what it looks like for the Church to be a family. Not only did this usher me into deeper relationship with the Triune God while I was at Wheaton, but it has also given me a model of what to look for and help create in my new local community. Many people have never experienced the intentional encouragement, self-giving support, and loving mutual accountability that I found commonplace in DM. I now have a passion for fostering these types of environments in the world outside of Wheaton so that all may receive these good gifts from God.

Looking back now as an alumna I am able to see how essential these experiences were to my development as a Christ-following leader. The trainings and practical application opportunities I had in DM have equipped me for a multitude of scenarios.



I see the influence of DM in how my new roommates and I do life together, in my ability to listen well and facilitate conversation as I pursue my career as a psychologist, and in my confidence to step boldly with Christ into difficult situations. Because Ray Chang and others in DM believed in me and afforded me great responsibility within the ministry as Chair, I have learned how to use my voice to advocate for others, how to lead a team full of diverse perspectives and skill-sets, and how to trust in God to meet our needs practically.

Today, I lead a Christ-centered small group in southern Virginia that seeks to encourage people in their faith, while also finding ways to work against the sin of racism. The ages, races, ethnicities, and nationalities in the group are incredibly diverse and the topics we discuss are extraordinarily sensitive, intimate, and personal; DM played a large part in my ability to partner with Jesus in facilitating such a group. I believe true discipleship in Christ is the key to many of the issues facing the world and Church today and I am unendingly grateful for the ways DM trained me up in the way I should go and impacted my eternity.

WHEATON COLLEGE CHAPEL



Chapel at Wheaton College is a time of corporate, Christian worship in which we commune with The Heavenly Father and with each other through the exaltation of Jesus Christ as empowered by The Holy Spirit. Chapel Worship is envisioned as an intentional, equitable, organic mosaic where the Gospel is proclaimed and applied, with the shared goal of nurturing Kingdom diversity through a variety of worship experiences reflective of the global evangelical church. Hearing and responding to God's Word together is central as our community endeavors to worship with unity in the midst of Kingdom diversity. Reading, reflecting on, and explicating Scripture lies at the foundation of chapel planning and execution; Scripture is the lens through which all worship acts (such as prayer, music, arts, testimonies) are expressed.

CHAPEL SCHEDULES & BROADCASTS:

10:40 AM, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Live Chapel Stream: wheaton.edu/chapel

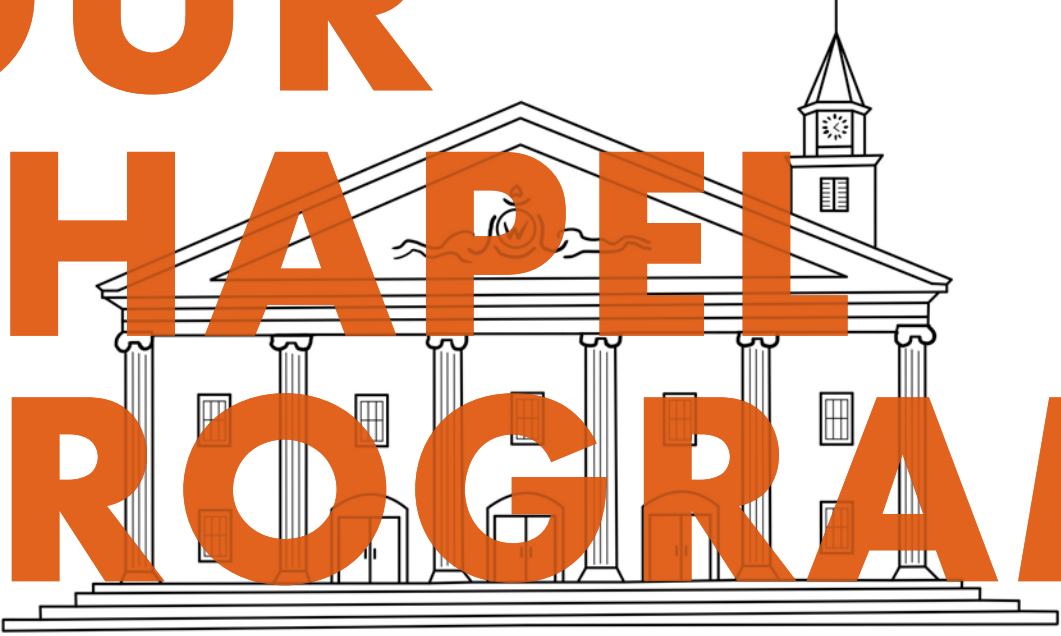
Chapel Streaming and Archive Protocol:

All Chapel worship services will generally be live-streamed, unless otherwise indicated.

Viewing Previous Chapels:

Only Chapel Messages by Chapel Speakers will be posted to YouTube and made available following the service. However, complete Chapel worship services will not be posted. Therefore, anyone wishing to experience the complete service should do so in real-time, whether in-person or virtual.

OUR CHAPEL PROGRAM



The Chapel program seeks to nurture the spiritual life of students in the context of an academic environment. The graduate and undergraduate student bodies gather together in community every Wednesday at 10:40 AM in Edman Chapel.

The undergraduate student body also gathers on Mondays and Fridays at the same time. Chapel messages are given by our chaplain, president, faculty and staff, as well as guests, known for their Christian leadership and relevant messages to the church and culture.

The various forms and liturgies used in the design of Chapel Worship take advantage of the richness and diversity of Wheaton's interdenominational constituency; variety in worship forms, traditions, and music enriches the educational and experiential dimension of the chapel program.

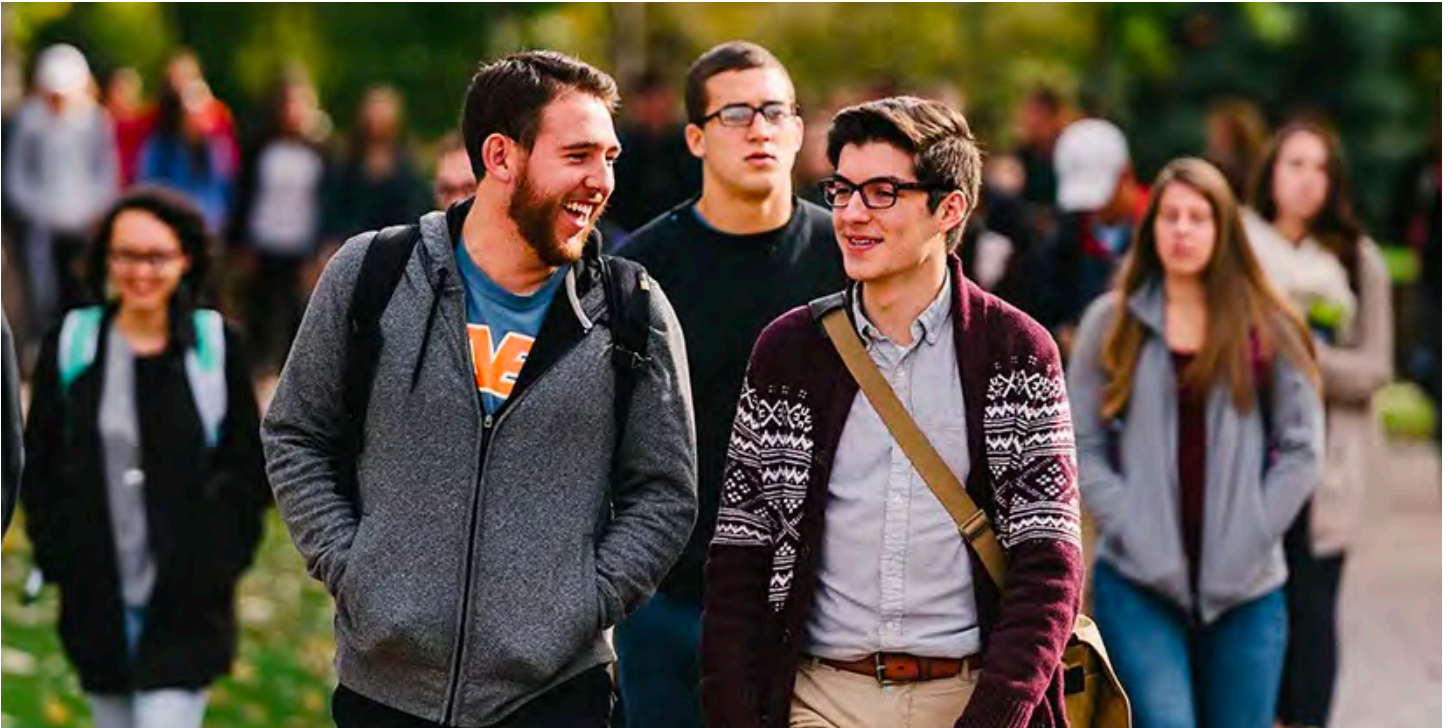
Another educational component of chapel includes the consideration of theological, social, ethical, psychological, and political issues from a distinctively Christian and Biblical perspective.

The year verse for the 2023-2024 academic year is 2 Timothy 1:9-10: *"He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of His Own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, Who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel"* (NIV).

Visitors are always welcome to attend chapel and at times have the opportunity to sit among our faculty and staff.

DR. PHILIP RYKEN
WORSHIPING TOGETHER
1 KINGS 8:1-11





CHAPEL REFLECTS THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL NATURE OF THE COLLEGE AND INCLUDES SPEAKERS KNOWN FOR THEIR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AND CULTURE.

Chapel Attendance:

Chapel is required for all undergraduate students as part of our college curriculum and commitment to spiritual life.

Undergraduate students are required to attend Monday, Wednesday, and Friday chapels, including occasional Special Services on Thursdays.

Chapel attendance is overseen by the Chaplain's Office.

Eleven (11) chapel absences are permitted each semester; these absences may be used to sleep, study, recover from illness, for doctor's & counseling appointments, non-school related trips, irregular work schedules, interviews, car trouble, trips to the airport, etc.

Students are expected to manage their chapel attendance wisely over the course of each semester and should routinely check their attendance via Banner.

GRADUATE SCHOOL MINISTRIES



A CALL TO GRADUATE STUDENT LEADERS: INSIGHTS FROM 1 TIMOTHY

BY CHAPLAIN ANGULUS WILSON

Within the hallowed halls of Wheaton College, you, as graduate students, are diligently pursuing excellence in academia and leadership within your respective fields. In this contemplative piece, we shall delve into the timeless wisdom imparted by the Apostle Paul to Timothy, and explore how it resonates with your role as graduate student leaders. Let's delve into Paul's Request, Paul's Revelation, and Paul's Responsibility.

I. PAUL'S REQUEST FOR TIMOTHY

In 1 Timothy 4:6-7, Paul imparts a profound message to Timothy, one that carries great relevance for us. He cautions Timothy about the deceptive influences that can infiltrate society and urges him to be prepared. As graduate student leaders, it is crucial that we remain mindful of this message and shield our ministry from the adverse effects of cultural influences.

Sharing the Truth: Paul encourages Timothy to disseminate the truth, especially to the pastors he would appoint in Ephesus. Similarly, as graduate student leaders, we are entrusted with the responsibility of sharing the knowledge and wisdom we gain, to enrich the lives of those we lead. Our academic endeavors ought to serve a higher purpose, nurturing the intellect and souls of those in our care.

Steering Clear of Distractions: Timothy is advised to steer clear of frivolous myths and unproductive discussions. Instead, he is to concentrate on cultivating godliness within himself. Likewise, as graduate students, we must remain steadfast in our academic and spiritual growth, resisting the allure of distractions that could impede our progress.

In your roles as graduate student leaders, you must heed the divine teachings and share the enlightenment you accumulate with those around us. Just as Timothy was charged with the task of honing himself in godliness, you should dedicate time to strengthen your relationship with God and exemplify your faith amidst the scholastic challenges you confront.

II. PAUL'S REVELATION TO TIMOTHY

In verses 8-9, Paul underscores that while physical training possesses value, spiritual growth and godliness hold significance in every facet of our lives. As you tread the path of academic excellence, it is vital to remember that nurturing your spiritual life is equally indispensable.

The Worth of Godliness: Paul draws a parallel between spiritual training and physical exercise. Just as physical fitness benefits an athlete, godliness is advantageous to us in both this life and the one that awaits. Our spiritual well-being has a profound impact on our daily existence and our eternal destiny.

Contemplate the dedication and persistence you channel into your academic pursuits. Apply that same ardor to your spiritual growth. Prayer, service, love, and the embodiment of your faith are pivotal components of godliness that ought to be woven into your journey as a graduate student leader.



III. PAUL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TIMOTHY

In verses 10-11, Paul reminds Timothy of the unique responsibilities he bears as a leader. In a similar vein, as graduate student leaders, we are bestowed with specific roles and obligations.

Leading by Exemplariness: Timothy is encouraged to set a compelling example through his speech, behavior, love, faith, and purity. As graduate student leaders, we should ardently endeavor to be a beacon for others, exemplifying our faith in both our words and actions. Our conduct must echo our unwavering commitment to Christ.

Dedication to Scripture: Timothy is admonished to dedicate himself to the public reading of Scripture, exhortation, and teaching. This dedication to the Word of God should be at the core of our lives as graduate student leaders. We must guide others in comprehending and living out the teachings of God's Word.

As graduate student leaders at Wheaton College, we are called to lead lives marked by holiness, setting an example for our contemporaries. Prioritizing the reading and teaching of Scriptures and motivating others to do the same is paramount. Our devotion to Christ and His Word will serve as an inspiration to those we encounter.

In your journey as graduate student leaders, reflect on the charge imparted to Timothy. Be ardent in sharing the truth, resilient in sidestepping distractions, relentless in the pursuit of godliness, exemplary in your conduct, and unwavering in your dedication to God's Word.

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THE 2023-2024 YEAR VERSE:

"HE HAS SAVED US AND CALLED US TO A HOLY LIFE – NOT BECAUSE OF ANYTHING WE HAVE DONE BUT BECAUSE OF HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE. THIS GRACE WAS GIVEN US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, BUT IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED THROUGH THE APPEARING OF OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST JESUS, WHO HAS DESTROYED DEATH AND HAS BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT THROUGH THE GOSPEL."

-2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10 (NIV)



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ANGULUS WILSON - CHAPLAIN



1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Rev. Angulus Wilson was called by the Lord into Gospel ministry in 1991. He is married to the beautiful Sharon Wilson, and together they have shared the wonderful duty of raising three sons whom he loves dearly. Compelled to work with students in need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Dr. Wilson has labored in national and international ministry for 30 years.

As a university pastor and church planter he has started congregations across North America and matriculated through several universities of higher learning. Angulus has a Bachelor's in Social Work from Fresno Pacific University, a Master's in Spiritual Formation and Evangelism from Wheaton College, and Doctorate of Ministry from Azusa Pacific University.

Because of his passion for making disciples and equipping students for the work of ministry, he has developed international Bible schools, conferences, and seminars to train leaders for Christian service. Dr. Wilson has served universities such as Wheaton College, Samford University, and Fresno Pacific University. He enjoys traveling internationally with students, preaching and teaching God's word through networks, mission agencies, and biblical conferences.

Angulus has a passion for developing new frontiers, where students can share the good news of the gospel with a hurting world. He is a trusted shepherd on the journey and servant of the Kingdom.

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DONTÉ FORD - ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN FOR WORSHIP ARTS & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC



ROMANS 8:28

Donté Alexander Ford is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and serves the Wheaton College community as Associate Chaplain for Worship Arts and Assistant Professor of Music. He is an alumnus of Penn State University (BA), Southern Methodist University (MSM, MM, MDiv), and University of Arizona (PhD). Though aptly described as a musician, minister, and scholar, Donté is a loving husband to his wife, Latoya, and a loving father to his sons. At Wheaton, Donté teaches Principles in Music and Worship Ministry, coaches Chapel Bands, oversees the music and worship arts offerings in Chapel worship, and serves as the primary faculty advisor for the Worship Arts Certificate.

Donté's many musical talents have afforded him the opportunity to serve as guest clinician/conductor, lead pianist, opera chorister, resident percussionist, and Minister of Music. His musical activities also include composing, as he is a published composer with GIA Publications, Inc. He is the founder and Artistic Director of Sankofa Chorale, a multi-ethnic choral ensemble that preserves and perpetuates African American Choral music while performing that music alongside choral masterworks of the Western European choral canon.

Christian minister, Donté is a gifted preacher, holding ordination and ministerial credentials in the Holiness-Pentecostal and Baptist traditions, respectively. Though a life-long Pentecostal, Donté is committed to the diversity of the body of Christ. As a scholar, Donté focuses his efforts on the history and preservation of Black American concert and popular music, church hymnody, congregational song, and the history, theology, and music of African-American Pentecostalism. His scholarly work includes lectures on African American choral art forms and contributions to the Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology and UM Discipleship Ministries' History of Hymns.

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MEET OUR STAFF CONTINUED

GREG ANDERSON - GRADUATE CHAPLAIN



A 1977 Wheaton College graduate, Greg Anderson earned his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, S.T.M. in Theology from Yale University, and Ph.D. in Communication Studies/Religious Studies from the University of Minnesota. He is a seasoned pastor serving in both American and international contexts, including the Union Church of Hong Kong and the International Community Church in London, and churches in South Dakota and Ohio. He chairs the Evangelism Commission of the CCCU and serves on several mission boards. In addition to his chaplain duties, he teaches public speaking, Christian proclamation, and evangelism to undergraduates.

He is thrilled to be in the company of Wheaton's world-class scholars, staff, and students and to support them spiritually. He supports and encourages our graduate students to find their place of service. Chaplain Anderson is keen on helping our international students adjust to a new culture (and climate). His Christian walk has been enhanced by this exposure to global Christianity.

He enjoys collecting and reading books. But most of all, he is besotted by his fishing buddy and wife of thirty-five years, Holly. Together they are restoring a 1887 house, with Holly doing the skilled and he the unskilled labor. They have four fine adult children and three glorious grandkids. Chaplain Anderson's life verse is Philippians 1:6. He grows increasingly confident that "he who began the good work" in us will bring it to spectacular completion in the day of Christ Jesus.

He can be reached at greg.anderson@wheaton.edu.



HEBREWS 11:1

ERIC LARSON - MINISTRY ASSOCIATE FOR DISCIPLESHIP



Eric grew up as a missionary kid in a diverse suburb of Paris, France, where his parents worked with immigrants and refugees. Eric cherishes his early years growing up in a diverse context as a ‘third culture kid’. He has been blessed to live, study, and minister in many contexts around the globe. He loves to learn from and empower minority communities, finding Christ in and among the marginalized.

Eric is committed to supporting all students in their pursuit of Christlikeness. Having been deeply formed in the Great Tradition of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, Eric hopes to lead students deeper into the riches of this living tradition through the spiritual disciplines, radical hospitality, ecclesial rootedness, and striving for justice for the disenfranchised. In his leadership of the Faith and Sexuality Initiative, Eric loves planning campus events and leading small groups for students navigating same-sex sexuality and/or gender identity under the Lordship of Christ, in partnership with Refuge. Eric is married to Liz, and together they are raising two young sons. He loves reading, sharing a good cup of coffee, traveling, exploring both nature and city life, and spending time with family. Eric holds degrees in Applied Linguistics (B.A., Moody Bible Institute, 2015), Biblical and Theological Studies (M.A., Moody Theological Seminary, 2017), and Divinity (M.Div., Trinity School for Ministry, 2021).

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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KARIN BUURSMASMA - OFFICE ASSISTANT

Karin Stock Buursma graduated from Wheaton in 1996 with a B.A. in English literature and a minor in music. She has spent most of her career in Christian publishing, editing a variety of nonfiction books. She has also worked as a freelance writer on a number of projects and has coauthored two books of devotions. She joined the Chaplain’s Office on a part-time basis in August 2021 and is happy to be back at Wheaton! Her role primarily involves managing chapel attendance.

Karin and her husband, Joel, have two daughters. In her free time, Karin enjoys singing, reading all kinds of fiction, playing board games with her family, volunteering at her church’s food pantry, and consuming large quantities of coffee and dark chocolate.



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MEET OUR STAFF CONTINUED

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT - MINISTRY ASSOCIATE FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Stephen Cartwright is from North Chicago, IL, and serves as the Ministry Associate for Spiritual Leadership, as well as the Assistant Director of Residence Life at Wheaton College. He is passionate about ministry and student development, and when not working, you can find him preaching, playing basketball, having a theological discourse about justice, detailing cars, or working on his podcast.

He served as the Director of Fischer Hall for six years, and although he loved living amongst freshman, he is excited to join the Chaplain's office this year!

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JESSIE TAETZ - MINISTRY ASSOCIATE FOR WORSHIP ARTS



Jessie Taetz is an alumna of California Baptist University, where she received her B.M. in Music Education with an English minor in 2018 and her M.M. in Music Education in 2020. Her husband, Jericho, serves as the Worship Pastor at Ashburn Church in Orland Park and the couple moved from southern California to the greater Chicago area in the summer of 2020. A musician since childhood, Jessie loves to use the crafts the Lord has blessed her with to give glory back to Him. She is passionate about developing young worship leaders who can go on to lead multi-generational and multi-ethnic musical worship that embodies the multitude outlined in Revelation 7 and reflects the reverence that even creation proclaims. “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

 **EXODUS 14:14**

Jessie was raised in Seattle, WA and is an avid sports fan, so you can find her enthusiastically cheering on her Seattle teams throughout the year. She also enjoys serving on the worship team at her church, exploring the different neighborhoods of Chicago, and reading mystery novels.

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KEDISHA KELLY - MINISTRY ASSOCIATE FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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Kedisha attends the Progressive Baptist Church on the south side of Chicago. She enjoys conversation with friends, watching movies, listening to music, and eating/cooking. Additionally, Kedisha plays multiple sports (volleyball, tennis, netball); these are her preferred choice for maintaining physical fitness and she enjoys watching them as well.

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