



## News Release

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### **Auburn Christian Fellowship to host art auction and benefit concert for missions April 18**

AUBURN, ALA. – Auburn Christian Fellowship will host an art auction and benefit concert Friday, April 18, to raise funds for students participating in long-term mission projects around the world. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at the ACF campus house, located at 315 S. Gay St., and is free and open to the public.

The art auction and benefit concert will include artwork and performances by students involved at ACF. All artwork will be sold by silent auction concluding at the end of the event. Performances will include music groups, songwriters, dancers, comedians and poetry readers.

“We are excited to invite the community to participate in a great night of fun and fellowship,” ACF Campus Minister Perry Rubin said. “The benefit concert will be filled with coffee, snacks, contagious laughs and great performances. The art auction will showcase the talents of the ACF community and raise funds for our students to share Christ around the world. Students are the heart of our community, and we want to support them anyway we can, especially if we can do it by bringing the community together.”

The event is part of the ministry’s Just DO Something: 25K by May campaign to raise \$25,000 for mission projects around the world involving ACF students. The current total for the campaign is \$15,429. All proceeds will go toward funding long-term mission trips to Africa, Scotland, Germany, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

“I am enormously thankful to be a part of a community that is so supportive of missions,” said Kaitlyn Camp, a recipient of the proceeds. “It’s great to be part of a community that has taught me how to share Christ’s love with others. This event is an example of the love the ACF community pours out, and I am excited to share some of that love with university students in Edinburgh, Scotland, this fall.”

The art auction and benefit concert will be one of many events put on by the campus ministry throughout the year.

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Auburn Christian Fellowship is a nondenominational campus ministry at Auburn University and an official nonprofit organization that began in 1978. The ministry weekly focuses on building community, sharing life and showing the love of Christ to students. ACF is currently located at 315 South Gay St., and is run by Campus Minister Perry Rubin, Assistant Minister Nicole Lynch and a number of interns.



## Opinion Editorial

By Sarah Buck

### **Campus ministries are vital to college campuses: Encouraging involvement with Auburn Christian Fellowship**

Faith is a concept in which many people in the U.S. are raised, especially in the South. Eighty-three percent of the adult population in the U.S. claims some form of religious faith. What is not always thought about is how people become religious and what makes them remain. When people are raised religious, they often go through a process of accepting or rejecting the religion for themselves. For this reason alone, campus ministries, like Auburn Christian Fellowship in Auburn, Ala., play a crucial role in the lives of religious and nonreligious students alike.

Auburn Christian Fellowship is a nondenominational campus ministry that focuses on providing a positive and loving faith-based community for students at Auburn University. The ministry promotes the Christian faith and provides students with a nonthreatening environment to ask questions and figure out the role faith has in their lives. Ultimately, Auburn Christian Fellowship gives students a chance to accept their religion for themselves.

Campus ministries have been a part of university communities in some form for hundreds of years. They encourage religious life, foster healthy religious practices and are an authority on matters of religion. Students from different religious backgrounds rely on the community and education campus ministries provide for their social and spiritual needs. Auburn Christian Fellowship gives Auburn University students a home based on community. It is all about spending time together, sharing similar struggles and triumphs and offering encouragement. Auburn Christian Fellowship serves an average of 180 students per semester through free dinners, bible study, growth groups and faith retreats.

Auburn Christian Fellowship was established to help facilitate the spiritual growth of the students that enter its community. It runs daily for the purpose of helping students figure out life and faith in an accepting and loving environment. Without a place like this for students to come when they are first deciding if their religion is truly their own, we are not allowing our students the chance to ask questions and accept religion for themselves.

The challenge in providing the university community with this ministry comes in the form of funding. Auburn Christian Fellowship is an official nonprofit organization that runs solely on donations from supporting families and churches. Without the yearly, monthly and one-time donations from those who believe in the purpose of this ministry, Auburn Christian Fellowship would cease to exist and serve the students of Auburn University.

Religious parents of current and previous college students will agree that nothing is better than knowing their students are being surrounded by a community that encourages faith and provides for spiritual needs. Auburn Christian Fellowship relies on donations that come from

parents and previous members of the ministry, but the religious community is encouraged to provide additional support. Auburn Christian Fellowship provides a priceless service to the university and religious community. It only makes sense for the religious community to offer its support.

Helping students figure out what they truly believe and encouraging growth is what Auburn Christian Fellowship is all about. It is important for the religious community to recognize the importance of campus ministries and all the work they do. After all, the ultimate goal of a campus ministry is to have students leave the community with a diploma and an understanding of their faith. The same way the religious community wants people to learn, accept and grow in their faith through any programs they offer. The point is: the religious community should recognize the importance of the role of campus ministries and offer their support in any way they can. This includes donations.

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## Audio News Release

Auburn Christian Fellowship  
Art Auction and Benefit Concert

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Produced by: Sarah Buck

**NARRATOR:** AUBURN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HOSTING AN ART AUCTION

AND BENEFIT CONCERT AT THE MINISTRY'S CAMPUS HOUSE APRIL 18 AT 7 P.M.

AUBURN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE AUBURN STUDENTS

AND THE AUBURN COMMUNITY TO ATTEND THE FREE AND PUBLIC EVENT

BENEFITTING AUBURN STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN LONG-TERM MISSIONS AROUND

THE WORLD. CAMPUS MINISTER PERRY RUBIN SAYS THE EVENT WILL BE FUN FOR

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY.

**PERRY RUBIN:** We are excited to offer a great night of fun and fellowship to the community. At ACF, we try to keep things exciting and weird while sharing the love of Christ. The benefit concert will be filled with contagious laughs and great performances. The art auction will showcase the talents of the ACF community and raise funds for our students to share Christ around the world.

**NARRATOR:** ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER NICOLE LYNCH SAYS THE EVENT WILL BE

EXTREMELY ENTERTAINING.

**NICOLE LYNCH:** The concert will include more than 15 performers ranging from magicians and comedians to a full band, providing plenty of laughs and great music for attendees. The pieces in the art auction have been donated by ACF students and will be sold by silent auction.

**NARRATOR:** THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE AUBURN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CAMPUS HOUSE AT 315 S. GAY ST. FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT, CALL 334-

821-3963.

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## Images and Captions



ACF regulars, Sarah Buck and Lee Templeton, entertain a crowd by telling jokes at Thursday Night Coffee Hour in Auburn, Ala., March 20. Students use events like Coffee Hour and Bible Study to take a break from school and hang out with friends in a positive environment.



Students eat and socialize during Auburn Christian Fellowship's Tuesday Night Free Dinner in Auburn, Ala., Feb. 18. Free dinners are one of many community outreach tools ACF uses to bring students together and to show the love of Christ.



Sixteen members of ACF proudly stand with the new owners of a house built in Juarez, Mexico on March 13. As one of many mission projects they take part in, ACF partnered with Casas por Cristo over spring break to help build a home for a family in need.





## Employee Biographies

### **Perry Rubin, Campus Minister**

Perry Rubin serves as campus minister for ACF. He is passionate about sharing the love of Christ to Auburn University students and the ACF community each day. As campus minister, Rubin oversees staff and community operations and serves as counselor and confidant for the campus community.

Rubin has held his position since 1993. He has seminary degrees from Emmanuel Christian Seminary in Johnson City, Tenn., and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Rubin is happily married to Laura, a fifth grade teacher, and has two daughters, Rebekah and Rachel, and a son, Noah.

### **Nicole Lynch, Assistant Campus Minister**

Nicole Lynch serves as assistant campus minister for ACF. She oversees the events and programs put on by the community and the business and financials of the nonprofit organization.

Lynch began working at ACF as an intern in 2010 and was hired on as full-time staff in 2011. She graduated from Atlanta Christian College, now Point University, in 2010 with a degree in business administration, a specialization in marketing and a minor in biblical studies. Lynch has always enjoyed using her talents and degrees for Christ and hopes to continue working in ministry.

### **Brooke Shallow, Resident Intern**

Brooke Shallow serves as one of four resident interns at ACF. As a resident intern, Shallow pours into students in the community while preparing for full-time ministry. She currently works with the junior leadership team planning and organizing ACF events.

Shallow graduated from Auburn University in 2012 with a degree in early childhood education and began working as an intern at ACF that same year. During the 2012-2013 school year, Shallow decided to pursue her call to ministry and sign on for an additional year as a resident intern while support raising to become a full time missionary abroad. Shallow is almost fully funded and set to move to Birmingham, England, in August with her new husband Robert.





## **A Background of Auburn Christian Fellowship**

Auburn Christian Fellowship is a nondenominational campus ministry based in Auburn, Ala., that focuses on building community and showing the love of Christ with university students while encouraging them to grow in their faith. ACF began in 1978 by the stewardship of Dean and Jill Collins after their graduation from Atlanta Christian College. Since its start, ACF has strived to connect students in a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, his word and his community. ACF's goal is to have students leave the community with a diploma in their hand and a devotion to Christ and his kingdom in their heart.

In 1988, ACF was opened at its permanent and current home at 315 S. Gay St. and was joined by its current minister Perry Rubin in 1993. Assistant minister Nicole Lynch joined Rubin in 2011 and each year a new set of interns dedicate their lives to serving the ministry.

ACF has an open-door policy offering a variety of ways to get involved in the community. Its weekly community events include: Monday Night Freshmen Throw Down and leadership groups; Tuesday Night Free Dinner; intramural games on Wednesday; Thursday Night Coffee Hour and Bible Study; First Sunday worship and communion service; and growth groups throughout the week. In addition to weekly events, the community holds retreats at the beach each semester, community service weekends and guys and girls retreats each January. ACF also offers and encourages study abroad missions through the nonprofit Globalscope in seven different countries around the world.

Throughout the years, ACF has been about spending time with one another, sharing similar struggles and triumphs and providing encouragement, love and a sense of belonging to

Auburn University students.

ACF is an official 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, and its mission is fully funded by donations. Currently, 25 churches and church groups from Alabama and Georgia support ACF. There are also more than 175 mission partners involved in its monthly funding. Since its founding, ACF has seen more than 50 students move on into full-time Christian vocations. More importantly, its former students are now spread across the face of the globe as engineers, business people, soldiers, teachers, pharmacists, moms and dads, little league coaches, neighbors and friends who live on purpose with a devotion to Christ.