



# SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

## PHOTO DIRECTORY



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# ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE

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## MISSION

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With Religious Life, students cultivate a personal and communal spirituality, and make a positive impact in the community.



## VISION

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Religious Life is a PLACE of:

- **Perspective:** we foster a worldview of curiosity, dialogue, and respect.
- **Literacy:** we are mindful of the essentials of the major world religions.
- **Advocacy:** we use our voices and values to serve others.
- **Community:** we create spaces of belonging for all people.
- **Experiences:** we facilitate spiritual encounters that give life new meaning and purpose.



# RELIGIOUS LIFE OFFICES

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## DIRECTOR OFFICE & WORKSPACE

*Recreation, Fitness, & Wellness Center Rooms 228-230*

The shared workspace includes two desks, a reception lounge, director office and two storage spaces.

## RELIGIOUS LIFE MEDITATION LOUNGE

*Recreation, Fitness, & Wellness Center Room 233*

This room is reservable for groups through Special Events. When not otherwise reserved, it can be used for study space, meetings and bible studies.





The Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center is located at the corner of University Boulevard & Rankin Lane. Religious Life facilities are located in Rooms 228-233.

# USI'S FAITH-BASED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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## MEET OUR MINISTRIES

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USI is home to 13 faith-based student organizations, including Christian ministries (Baptists, Catholics, and non-denominational groups) and a Muslim ministry.

## LATEST UPDATES

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This document was printed in May 2024, and some groups may have been added since then. To view the current list of groups, visit our website: [USI.edu/religious-life](https://usi.edu/religious-life)



The latest list  
of faith-based  
student orgs  
is posted here!



# MY FAITH ISN'T LISTED... HOW DO I START A NEW GROUP?

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<< This website outlines the Center for Campus Life's process for starting a new student organization on campus.

You need at least 5 students and a USI faculty or staff advisor to begin the process of founding a new student organization.

# BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

## ABOUT US

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Welcome to Baptist Collegiate Ministries! BCM is a ministry of the Southwest Indiana Baptist Association and is a registered student organization at the University of Southern Indiana. BCM works alongside local churches to make disciples for Christ, connect like minded students with each other, and connect students with local churches while attending USI. This is accomplished through on-campus gatherings to worship, study the Bible, fellowship, and networking students together. All students are welcome!

## CONTACT

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[www.usibcm.com](http://www.usibcm.com)

# CAMPUS OUTREACH

## ABOUT US

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We aim to build laborers on USI's campus to help impact the world with the Gospel!



## OUR TEAM

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Drew Sons  
AJ Passmore  
Laken Miller



## WORSHIP

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Sundays at 10 a.m. at Westwood Church (121 S. Boehne Camp Rd).

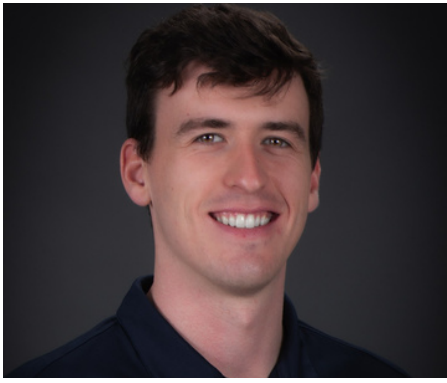
## MEETINGS

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Weekly Meetings Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Westwood Church.



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CAMPUS OUTREACH ADVISORS

## DREW SONS

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### ABOUT ME

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I grew up in Carmel, Indiana, graduated from USI in 2019 and have been doing college ministry ever since. I love sports (especially golf), being with my wife and son, and helping college students grow in their vision for their life!

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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The people!

## AJ PASSMORE


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### CAMPUS MINISTER

### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from USI in December of 2020 with a Marketing degree. I enjoy golf, Star Wars and basketball.

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### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I love ministry at USI because of the community of students that we get to meet and minister to.

## LAKEN MILLER


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### CAMPUS STAFF

### ABOUT ME

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I am from Illinois originally. Alum of USI with my bachelor's and master's. I enjoy coffee shops and thrift shopping.

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### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I went to USI so it's sweet to be back. I also love the people at USI.



# CHI ALPHA CAMPUS MINISTRY

## ABOUT US

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We exist to reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through Spirit-Filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship and mission to transform the University, the marketplace and the world.



## OUR TEAM

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Director: Pastor Chris Atwood  
Staff: Debbie Atwood  
Bob Weis  
Cindy Weis  
Matt Hayes



## WORSHIP

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Tuesdays | 7 p.m. | LA 0101

## MEETINGS

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Life Groups meet throughout the week.



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CHI ALPHA ADVISORS

## PASTOR CHRIS ATWOOD

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### CHI ALPHA DIRECTOR

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### ABOUT ME

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Debbie and I have been married since 2010 and I have been a Minister with the Assemblies of God since 2012. I enjoy heavy music, strong coffee, deep conversation, hearing people's story, and dry witty humor. Hometown: Danville, IL

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I'm compelled that the cares, concerns, questions, and uncertainties of students from all backgrounds deserve to be engaged adequately and with competency.



## DEBBIE ATWOOD

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### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from IUPUI with a BS in Interior Design from Purdue University. I married Pastor Chris in 2010 and have supported him in ministry ever since. In 2015, we welcomed twins, John and Jael into our Atwood Family. Hometown: Kokomo, IN

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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Leading a life group of girls to understand the Bible and encounter Jesus is why I do this.




CHI ALPHA ADVISORS

## MATT HAYES

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### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from USI with a BS in Criminal Justice and Political Science. I enjoy sports and you can catch me on the intramural field yelling at people. Hometown: Petersburg, IN

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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My favorite part is connecting with new students each week.



## CINDY WEIS

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CHI ALPHA STAFF MEMBER

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### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from the University of Evansville and worked as a music teacher at EVSC until my retirement. My husband Bob and I have 2 wonderful sons and a beautiful faith community.

I like reading, fishing, walking and kayaking. Hometown: Browns, IL

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI


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I love serving at USI because of the students. They are vibrant, full of dreams and embrace hope for the future.

## BOB WEIS

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### CHI ALPHA STAFF MEMBER

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### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from the University of Evansville with a major in Biology and minor in Chemistry. I also have a master's in Occupational Health and Safety Management and worked for an energy company until my retirement. I currently teach safety at USI and Tri-State Industrial Safety Council. My wife and I have been with Chi Alpha since 2011. I enjoy playing golf, boating and fishing. Hometown: South Bend, IN

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I enjoy getting to know students and serving them as they engage in their future plans. Helping them develop, and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ is something I appreciate.

# CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COLLEGE MINISTRY (CFC)

(formerly "Community Faith Continue")

## ABOUT US

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The College Ministry at CFC is not another silo ministry, but rather is designed to help bridge college students into corporate worship and become more than just students, but rather active church members.



## OUR TEAM

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Becca Adams  
Reid Schultheis

## WORSHIP

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Many of our students also worship together each Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service here at CFC.

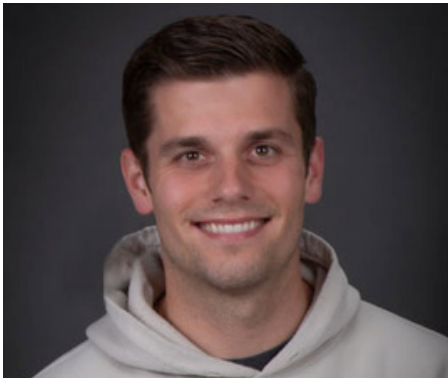


## MEETINGS

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Throughout the school year, we typically meet each Tuesday evening for a Bible Study. We also have College Lunch at noon once a month during the school year. We also take an annual trip in January for a winter conference. Off Campus at a house, 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.






CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COLLEGE  
MINISTRY ADVISORS

## REID SCHULTHEIS

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### ABOUT ME

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I am 31, married, and have 3 children (4-year-old boy, 2-year-old boy, and 8-month-old girl). I've been on staff at my church for approaching 7 years and love serving college aged students.

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I love how diverse of a group of students God has brought to attend school at USI. Each student has a different story. I love learning their stories and connecting them to the larger story of God and His plan to redeem all things.



## BECCA ADAMS

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COLLEGE MINISTER

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### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I love being able to meet students where they are at. Stepping onto campus means I am stepping into the lives of college students. I love getting lunch and coffee on campus. I even love playing an occasional intramural sport to get connected with students!

### ABOUT ME

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I am 25 years old and I have been on staff at CFC for 2 years! I have a dog named Smidge, who occasionally comes to campus with me. I love coffee, basketball and hanging out with students!



# DELIGHT MINISTRIES

## ABOUT US

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Delight is a fun ministry that caters to embracing imperfections while meeting and accepting other students in the college setting. Our mission is to invite college students into Christ-centered community that fosters vulnerability and transforms stories.



## OUR TEAM

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## MEETINGS

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Meeting place: BE 0030  
Meeting time: Tuesdays 7 p.m.

 @delight\_usi

 Facebook:  
Delight Ministries: USI



# EAGLE CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY

## ABOUT US

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At Eagle Catholic, we:

- Encounter Christ
- Accompany one another
- Grow in faith
- Love and serve
- Evangelize the world

Join us for Mass & Brunch or one of our Wednesday night events!



## OUR TEAM

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Anna Schulten, Director  
Brandon Field, Faculty Advisor  
Sharon Shumate, Admin Assistant  
Fr. Ryan Hilderbrand, Chaplain  
FOCUS Missionaries (see website)

## WORSHIP

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Sunday at St. Philip Catholic Church.  
Mass 9:30 a.m., Brunch 10:30 a.m.

## MEETINGS

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Wednesdays (5 p.m., location varies, check website or Instagram)



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## ANNA SCHULTEN

### CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTER

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#### ABOUT ME

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I grew up in Gibson County and began serving at USI in June 2023 after spending 8 years in ministry in Anchorage, Alaska. I love sweet tea, good dogs, hiking, and all things artsy-craftsy.

#### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I enjoy visioning and brainstorming with our FOCUS missionaries, student leaders, and the many faith-based student orgs. I have two “ministry hats:” one, as the Catholic Campus Minister, and another as the Director of Religious Life.



## SHARON SHUMATE

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#### ABOUT ME

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I'm a farm girl from Dubois County, I've lived in Indy, Columbus, and Tennessee. My husband Beau and I live in St. Philip with our 3 children. We love camping, tailgating and traveling to national parks.

#### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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My USI Communications degree led me to a career in advertising. I love how using “word of mouth” is also essential in evangelizing! Being able to come back to USI to support the environment that helps foster a faith family and develop deeper relationships is a blessing.





EAGLE CATHOLIC ADVISORS

## FR. RYAN HILDERBRAND

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### ABOUT ME



Rev. Fr. Ryan Hilderbrand is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville. He holds a Masters of Divinity (MDiv) and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL), specializing in postmodern Christology. In addition to being a part of the Eagle Catholic team, he is a parish pastor and the chaplain to the Latin Mass community in Evansville.



## AARON FATER

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### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

When St. Pope John Paul II called for the new evangelization he greatly emphasized the role of the youth; the college campus is the most pivotal environment for an encounter with the person of Jesus and a revival of the culture at large. My life changed completely during my undergrad and I treasure the opportunities and moments I can share with students experiencing a deeper conversion. My team and I are here to accompany you on your journey back to the Heart of the Father!

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### ABOUT ME

I'm 23 and married. I grew up in Northern Illinois and completed my BS in Chemistry at Wichita State University where I encountered the Lord Jesus and FOCUS missionaries for the first time. I have been serving as a campus missionary with FOCUS for over two years now and I cannot imagine doing anything else.

# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

## ABOUT US

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes desires to see every current USI athlete enter into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. We seek to make disciples through our strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same.

Kimmy Fleming

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# MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## ABOUT US

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For more information or meeting times, email the president (Fouad Hamami) or the treasurer (Hamdi Altowaireb).

## STUDENT LEADERS

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# THE NEXT GENERATION CHRISTIAN

## ABOUT US

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The Next Generation Christian... will move beyond barriers of tradition and time, will bridge the gap of cultural differences, while coming together to give rise to the unity of the faith. (Ephesians 4:12)

## OUR TEAM

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# RAINBOW MINISTRIES

## ABOUT US

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Rainbow Ministries is a ministry on campus created as an outreach and safe place to and for the LGBTQIA+ Community and allies at USI. We combine our learning with practical application in areas of acceptance, affirmation, and social justice. We are an affirming and inclusive ministry with a holistic approach to biblical and spiritual study and discussion. Please join us. Allies are welcome.

## MEETINGS

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Meeting place: RL 0002  
Meeting time: Thursday 7 p.m.



## OUR TEAM

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Pastor Craig Duke (Elections for new student leaders will take place in the Fall)

**RAINBOW MINISTRIES ADVISOR**

## PASTOR CRAIG DUKE

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**DIRECTOR**

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## ABOUT ME

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I graduated from Ball State with English Secondary Teaching and a Master of Divinity from Garrett Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. I have been an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church for 3+ decades and am the Executive Director of AZ-U-R (as you are) nonprofit which sponsors Rainbow Ministries. I live with my spouse, Linda. My daughter and son-in-law live nearby.

## WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I enjoy the questions, challenges, craziness and spontaneity of college students. Engaging in fun and impromptu “field trips” and as well as academic and relational conversations keeps me on my toes. I learn from the students at least as much if not more from them. I enjoy communicating and offering safe places and conversations for all students and believe that God loves all people; no exceptions. Check us out.

# STUDENT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (SCF)

## ABOUT US

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SCF is passionate about making disciples of Jesus who multiply and impact campus communities and nations. No matter where you are on your faith journey, we can walk alongside you to help you take the next steps with Jesus.



## OUR TEAM

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Kellar Stem  
Kristin Weinzapfel  
Kausalya Mandipalli

## MEETINGS

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Every other Thursday at 7 p.m.,  
Location UC 2207

 @usi.scf

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## SCF ADVISORS

# KRISTIN WEINZAPFEL

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## ABOUT ME

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I am from the Evansville area, and have worked as a campus minister at USI for 10 years. I am married and have two young kids. We love spending time outside hiking, playing at parks, and going on bike rides.

## WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I love working at USI because I love watching students grow in their faith and grow as leaders. The college years can lay the foundation for the rest of a person's life and it is a joy to be part of that.



# KELLAR STEM

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## CAMPUS MINISTER

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## ABOUT ME

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I've been a campus minister at USI for 10 years. My wife Suzanne and I have three children (they've moved out) and a Texas healer, Bingo. My favorite artists are Lauren Daigle, NEEDTOBREATHE, Maroon 5, and I love singing along with Miley Cyrus in the car. Captain America is my favorite Avenger.

## WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I love being a campus minister at USI because so many students are from rural southern Indiana and Illinois (I grew up in the small town of Corydon, IN). I enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of the campus, and the desire of many students to grow closer to Jesus while at college.

# WESTWOOD COLLEGE MINISTRY

## ABOUT US

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We are a group of young adults that gather weekly to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ and the life He has called us to.



## OUR TEAM

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Our ministry is made up of countless volunteers. Christian Barrett serves as our Young Adult Pastor and leads most of our teaching.



## WORSHIP

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Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m. at 121 S Boehne Camp Road, Evansville, IN

## MEETINGS

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We meet every Tuesday Night at 7 p.m. for dinner and Bible Study and Worship at 121 S Boehne Camp Rd.

To get alerts text 'college' to 94000.

 @westwoodyoungadult  
 [www.mywestwood.org](http://www.mywestwood.org)










## CHRISTIAN BARRETT

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### YOUNG ADULT PASTOR

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### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from USI after moving here from Salem, IN. I came to faith at USI, met my wife at USI, and developed a passion for helping others grow in the Christian life. I deeply desire to challenge students to consider Christ and the supreme satisfaction He offers.

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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I love serving at USI because I was once a lost student just trying to figure out life. It was there that I met my best friends and my wife. That happened because I was a part of an authentic community, which is something we seek to cultivate each week.



## BRONWYN BARRETT

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### WESTWOOD CHURCH

### WHY I LOVE MINISTRY AT USI

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While I was at USI, my faith came to life as I lived in an authentic community of Christ followers. I love getting to help college girls live out their Christian lives by showing them the value they have in Christ. I also love getting to help lost students see that God has a plan in store for them, and that if they put their faith in Him, He will save them and use Him for His glory! I also love raising our children around a group of young adults who are passionate for Christ.

### ABOUT ME

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I graduated from USI in 2020, since then I have been helping Christian with College Ministry at Westwood by discipling college ladies.



# YOUNG LIFE


## ABOUT US

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Young Life has a central purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and introducing adolescents/adults everywhere to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith. We do this through group gatherings, bible studies, and leadership opportunities in Evansville high schools, camps, and discipleship. Young Life has had a motto that has held true for years, "you were made for this." We believe that every person truly was made with a purpose in Christ and we are excited to walk alongside students as we help them navigate what that is for them.

## FOLLOW US

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## OUR TEAM

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# PASTORS

(ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME)

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12	Pastor Chris Atwood	Chi Alpha
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24	Pastor Craig Duke	Rainbow Ministries
20	Fr. Ryan Hilderbrand	Eagle Catholic

# OFF-CAMPUS & FACULTY ADVISORS




(ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME)

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16	Becca Adams	CFC
12	Debbie Atwood	Chi Alpha
20	Aaron Fater	Eagle Catholic
23	Walter Fisher	Next Generation
21	Kade & Kimmy Fleming	FCA
29	Ross Geiser	Young Life
22	Eric Greenwood	Muslim Student Association
13	Matt Hayes	Chi Alpha
26	Kausalya Mandipalli	SCF
10	Laken Miller	Campus Outreach
17	Rev. Jill Oeding	Delight, Chi Alpha, Campus Outreach
10	AJ Passmore	Campus Outreach
19	Anna Schulten	Religious Life, Eagle Catholic
16	Reid Schultheis	CFC
19	Sharon Shumate	Religious Life, Eagle Catholic
10	Drew Sons	Campus Outreach
26	Kellar Stem	SCF
26	Kristin Weinzapfel	SCF
13-14	Bob & Cindy Weis	Chi Alpha

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