

Kaz Adachi I lead a small group of guys. I like leaving small group more excited about who God is and with more energy than when I came. I enjoy taking long naps, often. Random fact? I became a Christian during my freshman year of high school in the middle of homeroom. My hobby is napping - often. Likes: wife and new born son Sam, fantasy football, fantasy basketball, Duke basketball, Sour Patch Kids, Bojangles. Dislike: winter, Swedish fish

Kendra Adachi - I like to steal their gum and covet their cute purses. Kidding. I am a small group leader for girls. Favorite part is just being with high school kids. They're seriously my favorite group of people ever. Free time is spent with the hot Asian husband, watching sports, cooking/eating food, and enjoying a general state of laziness. And now taking care of our son, Sam. Random facts? My toes overlap. And I've never eaten at Taco Bell. My hobbies are cooking, feeding people and writing about it. Likes: TV, sports, food, and lists. Dislikes: bare feet, worms, sharks, and expanse.

Ian Barnes - I am a guy small group leader. My favorite part of youth ministry is learning with the small group guys about God, life, and how the choices we make impact us now and later in life. Free time? It used to be video games, now it's chasing after my son Andrew. Random fact? I ate the "Insanity Wing" at East Coast Wings and kept it down for at least two hours. Likes: Sara Barnes, fall leaves and colors, snow...wish we had more around here, skiing (water and snow), watching movies, The Office, my small group guys, Excel spreadsheets for some reason. Dislikes: smudges on my glasses, people that make fun of my dent.

Lee Basey

Jim Brown I lead a small group of guys. I enjoy the relationships with the students. Free time? Enjoy my family. Play w/my grandson. I like golf and basketball. My hobby is electronics. Random fact? I sang background for Michael W. Smith. Likes: eat Chick-Fil-A chicken

Barrett Carraway - Right now I hang out at the Core, and cover the Merge Table. I love Project Serve! It's a great way to meet new people and get to know students a lot better. Serving along side students is very rewarding. Free time activities? If I had unlimited free time (and \$\$) I would head to Australia. But realistically I'm a "closet gamer" and I like to watch CSI and American Idol. I like penguins and peppermint mochas. Hobbies? Does shopping at Target count, UNC basketball and football and video games. Likes: coffee, fall weather, my cat, spending time with my husband. Dislikes: asparagus, steamed broccoli, stepping in gum and/or dog poop

Michael Davis

Amy Dowdle - I lead a group of girls in small group. I love to see the “light bulb” come on in students’ faces. And of course just hanging out with my girls. My free time? I like TV sitcoms, hanging out with friends, shopping, reading Country Living magazine, being lazy, movies, my three awesome nephews, and writing poems (note: not poetry). Random facts? I have tandem sky-dived, 5 out of 6 of my family members are left-handed, and in high school I could type 91 words per minute (on a typewriter!). Likes: hot chocolate, breakfast foods for dinner, my daytimer, snacks, chocolate, antiques, Clemson Tigers, board games, playing tennis and golf. Dislikes: exercise, coconut, crowds, glitter, incorrect grammar (written or spoken), commercials, condiments, stairs (up or down) and choc. cake.

Carol Edmiston - I welcome people coming to Merge on Sunday mornings and greet visitors, attempt to get kids connected and parents’ questions answered about HS Ministry. My favorite part of youth ministry is seeing kids get on track and stay on track with their relationship with Jesus - forming habits and setting priorities that will hopefully stay with them when they leave home. Free time activities? walking outside, strength training, Tarheel sports, and volunteering with Freedom House. Random facts? I used to sell Gatorade, Ken-L Ration, and Quaker Oats. Hobbies? Crossword puzzles, Sudoku, Scrabble, and reading. Likes: this stage of life, Maxie B’s, 1-on-1 conversation, thrift stores, lists. Dislikes: meetings, negative people, xbox

Amanda Farrington I attend the Core and special events. I like hanging out w/the students, having coffee with them and just being with them. Likes: Young Life, Appalachian State Univ.

Jenilee Fleetwood I lead a group of girls. I enjoy pouring into their lives; and also just listening and hanging out with them.

Helena Foster Fabiano I lead a small group of girls. My favorite part is hanging out with my girls doing fun things like watching movies or just chatting. My free time depends on how much energy I have when I get the free time. If I don't have much energy then I sit on the couch, put the tv on and work on a jig saw puzzle. Or if I have a little more energy I enjoy walking my dog or playing with him outside. Random fact? I love landrovers!! Especially the Discovery! I don't have time for hobbies. Likes: teaching, jig saw puzzles, photography, dogs, tv and movies, and coffee Dislikes: early mornings (unless I get to watch the sunrise), shopping for hours and eating at a buffet

Emily Freeman

John Freeman I'm the high school youth pastor. I love to point kids to Christ and show them how they can be a part of God's story. I like just hanging out with them and serving with them in the community. Likes: basketball, golf, sports, my family, and post-its.

Greg Gibson: I lead a group of guys. My favorite part of Youth ministry is my guys small group and Project Serve. I also like hanging out at the Core on Sunday evenings. Free time? What's that - In my free time, I enjoy reading especially good books. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy golf. I love practical jokes. But if you play one on me - revenge is mine sayeth Greg!! Hobbies: Golf, reading, politics, cooking, landscape and interior design. Likes - John Piper, Mark Driscoll, CJ Mahanney. Panthers Football, ACC Basketball, Miami Hurricanes college football. WORSHIP! The Beach and boats. Dislikes: Dishonest, inauthentic people. Slow drivers. Untucked sheets on hotel beds.

Bill Goebel - I have a small group of guys. I attend Project serve, Fall Retreat and the Core. I also help with middle school kids. Favorite part? Love the kids. I love them. I like to spend time with my family, snow ski, water ski, and help out with boy scouts. Random facts? I have been on Good Morning America as a guest, invented Vasoline Lip Therapy, ran a marathon in under 3 hrs., and I am the second oldest staff member after Jim Price. My hobbies include the boy scouts, travel, cutting my grass and hunting. Likes: a date with my wife, watching my daughters Jessa rock climb and Elisa Kay ride her horse; travel with my son Will. Dislikes: harsh and inconsiderate people.

Georgia Harvey I lead a group of girls and love it! Also attend the Core, serve at the Coffee Bar and special events. Likes: exercise, my family, the Lake.

Pat Harvey I

Ann Helton I lead a group of girls. My favorite part of youth ministry is talking and getting to know the students. My free time consists of hanging out with family and friends, traveling, camping, backpacking and cooking. One random fact? I met my husband at a Boy Scout Camp. I like to eat and dislike the consequences of that!

Amy Heywood I am a small group leader for high school girls. My favorite part of high school ministry is laughing with my girls, we spend a lot of time laughing. I also love it when I see them believing God and not the world. If I ever had free time I would spend it painting, sewing and reading....maybe going to the gym, but probably not. Random fact...I secretively love the color orange and wish every wall in my house was that color. I like to try and make things pretty. Sometimes that means I am painting something, sometimes I am sewing, and sometimes I am cleaning something...I just like to create. I like hanging out with my husband and kids, I like the beach, I like an afternoon nap in the sun; and I hate being cold!

Jamie Holmes I lead a guys group as well as work on my dodge ball skills. ☺ My favorite part of youth ministry is Small group. Free time? I read... a lot! I also enjoy going to the gym, working in the yard and playing with my two yellow labs. And now keeping up with my daughter. Random fact? I became a Christian as a freshman in high school. Likes: books Dislikes: cheese

Gary Howell I attend the Core, special events and lead a small group. And co-lead Project Serve. I like seeing the staff plugged in; also hanging out with the kids. Likes: my family, flipping houses, the beach Dislikes: disrespect

Leslie Liebmann

Terry Odom: I lead a small group of guys. I probably enjoy the retreats the most. Free time? I exercise, read, spend time with family, friends. Random fact? I was kicked out of a professional sporting event once (actually escorted out by security) and it was broadcast on national TV. Hobbies? Juggling and jogging (at the same time!) Likes: ice cream, pizza, BBQ, politics, sports, Broadway plays, waterskiing, horseback riding, Lost Valley Ranch, Colorado, scuba diving, Malibu Young Life camp, UT Vols, Wake Forest, NCSU. Loves: my granddaughter!!!!!! Dislikes: paying taxes, peppermint, Brussel sprouts, paperwork, Steve Spurrier, rap music. Hates: Univ of Florida, Carolina

Dawn Placke - I am a small group leader. I LOVE watching their spiritual growth from freshman to senior year and all that God has to teach the kids! Also, I LOVE snack time at each small group! Free time? Exploring a big city with Eric, Seth and Sam. Vacation time is VERY important to me!!!! I also love a sappy book! Random fact? I had a pet tarantula named Spike Placke! Likes: there's nothing better than an icy cold Diet Coke with a piece of chocolate cake and a pile of Fritos!

Jim Price: I am the HS Ministry connector. I get volunteers plugged in and assist them in their journey to being a part of the HS Ministry staff team. My favorite part is talking to kids, particularly ones that struggle with friendships and being accepted. Free time activities? I workout at the gym, take day trips with my wife, come along side folks who are struggling in life. Random fact? In basic training, marching back from rifle range, my heels blistered so badly - I took my boots off, and it was January with snow on the ground, I marched 5 miles. Likes: mountains, change of seasons, friends, enjoy cheering someone up. Dislikes: don't care for most greens

Al Reitz - I help out with Merge on Sunday mornings. I also hang out at the Core regularly, and I participate in some of the big events like Project Serve and Fall Retreat. My favorite part of youth ministry is getting to know kids and seeing them grow in their faith. Free time? I like to spend time with my family. A random fact about me is I'm left handed. Likes & hobbies: food, chess, puzzles and games, movies, and reading. Dislikes: inconsiderate and reckless drivers

Christina Roach

Craig Roach

Mary Anne Routh I help w/the SNAP Team at the Core. I enjoy serving w/the students.

Susan Sechrest - I am the very fortunate leader of a small group of amazing girls. I like being able to act younger than I really am. In my free time I like reading, playing table games, working on puzzles (Sudoku, crosswords, boggle), playing with my niece and nephew. A random fact about me? I've visited 47 states so far (still need NE, ND, HI). Likes: ice cream Dislikes: pride

Mike Shade I have a small group. I enjoy laughter. Free time? I like to play basketball and golf. Random fact? I was born in the jungle of southwestern Mongolia. Well, not really, but that's pretty random. Hobbies would be playing/watching sports. Likes: sports Dislikes: stress

Sandy Shultz small group leader. What's your favorite part of youth ministry? - Getting to know the girls -- favorite activity with the girls: Making christmas candy and then wrapping as gifts and caroling to Westover Shut-ins What do you do with your free time or would like to do if you had free time? - Travel, read mystery novels, hiking on greensboro trails with my dog, dining out What is one random fact about yourself? --- I am a researcher who studies the causes of knee injuries in female athletes. Likes: outdoors

Tom Skaar

Alisa Smith What do you do with high schoolers @ Westover? Quiz them on their Office trivia. Coordinate student ministry teams. Plan events with them, such as Fall Retreat and New Years Eve dance & other social gatherings. And sometimes even take their senior portraits, among other things. My favorite part is having a relationship with the kids. They have taught me more than I think I have helped teach them. In my free time I like Photography and traveling and hanging out with my husband. Random fact? I still have one baby tooth in my mouth (which is because there is no permanent tooth beneath it. Here's to hoping that little guy stays in there for a very long time). My hobbies include knitting, reading and taking photos. Likes: Hippos, the color red, The Office, walks in the fall, olives, Diet Coke, and infomercials Dislikes: Being far away from my family, scary movies, and socks

Marguerite Suggs

Cambre Weller - I have a small group of awesome girls. Although I am considered the adult leader, I think I learn more from them than they learn from me. I am sooooo impressed with all of the student leaders! I feel blessed to be a part of a church that has so many awesome youth. I wish I had been a part of such a dynamic group when i was in high school. I am excited that my children will get to experience it! Free time? I love to organize! Random fact? I don't like the sound of the word moist. Especially when someone is describing a yummy dessert and I'm in the process of eating....the word makes me think of a dog ear infection.

Luke Weyant I help out w/Tech 5 in the Cage (audio/video). I enjoy working along side the students. Free time? Learn guitar and bass, building stuff, and Young Life. Random fact? When I was young I stepped on a tooth pick and embedded it in the heel of my foot, about 1" deep. My dad pulled it out with a pair of pliers. Likes: Steelers, Penn State football, my dog Chewie, The Office, Mustangs, my wife!, and Apple. Dislikes: chic-flicks, clothing on animals, football off-season

Olivia Weyant I have a group of girls that I lead in bible study. Also I tend to be the bedtime enforcer on all trips. I love getting to know the amazing teenager we have here at Westover and sharing my life with them. What a joy it is that I get to walk beside them as we all grow in Christ. Free time? Not much free time, though I love spending time with my family and friends, travel if finances allow, being outside and singing. Randon fact? I am a self proclaimed DORK and proud of it. My hobby - I am great at being lazy. Likes: coffee, shopping, food, fun times, my hubby. Dislikes: eggplant, negative people, and clothes on animals

Tammi Wilson: I am a girls small group leader. I like being a part of students' lives and having an impact on all facets of their life. Free time? I love to garden. I love to take walks with my husband in the woods. I love to bake - with friends. I love to go on adventures with my family and travel. I love to spend time with girlfriends. Hobbies include gardening, traveling - exploring new places, being creative - baking, sewing, arranging flowers from my garden. Random fact? I was once escorted home in the back seat of a police car. Likes: Hanging out with my husband/family/close friends. Being outdoors -gardening/walking/hiking. Dislikes: Squirrels!