



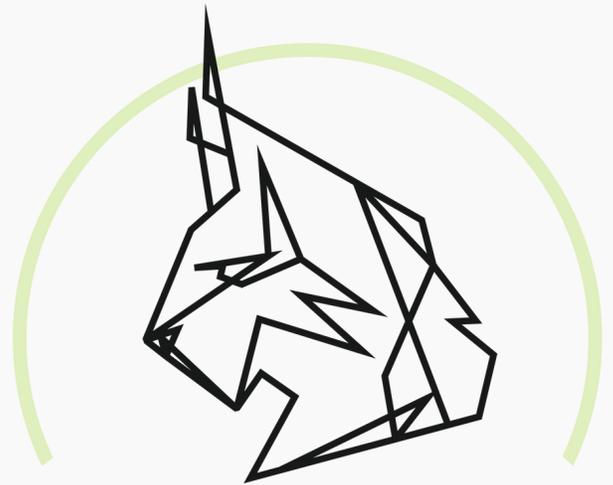
**ENCOMPASS**  
**CAMPUS MINISTRY**



# Deciding a Name

We have been calling ourselves the Ohio University Campus Ministry Plant ever since God laid the vision of moving to Athens, Ohio on our hearts. We wanted to wait to determine a name for our ministry until we got to Athens so that we could form it with better context of the mission. As we thought and prayed on the name, we reflected back to our experience in campus ministry. The team remembers learning something that has been pivotal for all of our faith. It is when we began to understand that the gospel ENCOMPASSES everything. The gospel gave us a new found purpose in our lives in college. There is a concept that Zac's mentor in Arkansas said once that stuck with him: "You can brush your teeth to the glory of God with the purpose you have in Christ Jesus."

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## ENCOMPASS CAMPUS MINISTRY

Essentially, everything matters when a life is surrendered to Jesus because you begin to understand that God wants to affect your whole life for your good and His glory. In one of our initial meetings with a student we learned that they have a desire to have purpose with their lives, they want to matter.

This was music to our ears because we moved to Athens, Ohio to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to provide students with purpose and salvation. As a result of this found need from the students here at OU and the background of our stories in campus ministry, God has led us to our name: Encompass. We are here to serve OU students and equip them to live in response to the all-ENCOMPASSing gospel of Jesus Christ.

We would like to say a special "thank you" to Rachel Richards of Rachel Richards Design for creating our brand identity for Encompass Campus Ministry



# Olivia Joy Wolfe



On August 13th, 2022 our final member of Encompass arrived. Olivia Joy Wolfe arrived safely into this world. Natalie and Olivia are both doing well. Please continue to keep the entire Wolfe family in your prayers as they transition into their new normal as a family of three.

## Student Organization

Since school has started, we have been faithfully following God as we take steps to build relationships with students. We have been encouraged to watch God already grow this ministry. Many of you will remember seeing our timeline for what we thought this first year would look like. One of those things on the timeline was our goal to obtain registered student organization (RSO) status. To obtain RSO status, we had to meet certain qualifications and have students that are willing to commit. RSO status allows us to reserve rooms on campus and host events. This is a necessary formality to help us better reach the campus. Our goal to obtain RSO status was by the end of the school year. Well, God had other plans. Encompass got approved one month into the semester and we are praising God at how fast he has worked.





# Campus Sunday

The day before school started, the campus team hosted their first ever, "Campus Sunday." The team made the decision to move forward with a Campus Sunday, despite not being fully launched yet, if there was one student that would be at church on that Sunday. We confirmed that there would be one student, so the planning began!

Ekklesia had a service focused on welcoming OU students and announcing the name of our campus ministry. Afterwards we had a potluck! Remember how we said we would be hosting if at least one student came? God brought 9. We had 8 students attend the message and another join us for the potluck after. Praise God. Our prayers are that God continues to grow this ministry according to his sovereign plan.



# Welcome Week

The Encompass team attended and observed many welcome week events. We met several new students and gathered information on how welcome week works at Ohio University. At one of the events, the team was able to get a sand volleyball game started where we met several new students and have continued to have contact with some of those students. We are excited for the years to come when we will host our own welcome week events.





# Fall 2022

During the fall 2022 semester, the team's priority is to learn the culture of Ohio University, create rhythms, and build solid foundations with the students God has brought to us. This semester, we will not be "officially" launched as Encompass Campus Ministry. This semester we will have one night of "outreach" where we go to campus and invest in students. Then on Wednesday nights we will serve a meal and have a Bible study at our house. Next semester, we hope to have our Bible study on campus to be more convenient to students, as many do not have vehicles at Ohio University.



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VOLLEYBALL OUTREACH



CAMPFIRE AT THE COCHRANS



## Future Updates

It is our joy to keep each of our supporters involved in the things God is doing here in Athens, OH. As things are picking up and taking off, please expect to see an email update every 3 months. So, expect updates in September, December, March, and June. The September update will be a large annual update as it takes place right after the start of the school year. This update will be sent via email to those who have elected and mailed to those who have elected. All other quarterly updates will be sent via email only.



## Prayer Requests

- The team is praising God that we have been approved as a student organization.
- Continue to pray that we can build relationships with students that we have already met and create new relationships with those we meet.
- Continue to pray for Haylie and Natalie as they navigate their new adventure of being moms in Athens, OH.
- Pray for Coy as he continues his work from home and finds a good balance of involvement within Encompass.



## Ekklesia Athens: a Church of Christ

We have been so thankful for the partnership of Ekklesia in our ministry to college students. The church has been so welcoming and intentional to meet students. We are blessed to have a community so supportive of this ministry and helping college students be connected.

Ekklesia is the name Jesus used to describe His church. It's a group of people who gather together for one common purpose. Our purpose is to know Jesus and make him known to our communities, encouraging healthy relationships with God and one another.





# Advisory Board

Encompass Campus Ministry is shepherded by a board of advisors: This decision was made to create a standard of accountability that would allow this ministry to be most fruitful where we are planted. We had our first advisory meeting in the month of August and will continue to have regular communication with our advisors to request wisdom, insight, and accountability as we continue our mission. Below you can read more about each member.

**Chris Buxton:** Chris is the founder of Ulife Consulting Inc. Chris has been involved in campus ministry for over 20 years. He has mentored, trained, and planted several campus ministry teams across the country. In addition to training and consulting with campus ministries, he also directs an undergrad campus ministry training at Harding University and graduate level at Lipscomb University.

**Megan Cochran:** Megan is an alumna of Ohio University. She was involved in campus ministry as a student. Megan is very familiar with the town of Athens, Ohio and brings great insight to the culture here. She is a wife and mother, and actively serves in the local church plant: Ekklesia Athens.

**Nelson Kidder:** Nelson has served as an elder for 24 years in three congregations. As a student, he participated in the campus ministry at Virginia Tech, and he has served as a mentor to hundreds of Ohio University students during his time as an elder in Athens, OH. Many of these students have gone on to serve in ministry throughout the world. He is a valuable asset to the team as he provides wisdom and experience.

**Sarah and Dillon Rabb:** The Rabbs have known the Wolfes and the Sigmons for about 5 years. Sarah was the women's campus minister at Lions for Christ where the Wolfe's and Sigmon's attended campus ministry in college. Both the Rabbs have spent ample time discipling the two couples and this brings a unique perspective to the team

**Chip Pugh:** Co-founder of Be1Make1, an organization focused on training disciple makers, Chip brings great insight and practical training to the team. Chip is an alumna of Ohio University where he was active in the campus ministry and has since served in campus ministry for over 20 years in three different states. Zac completed his apprenticeship at Tennessee Tech under the guidance and wisdom of Chip.