

*Because we recognize that each Austin College student is at a different place in his or her faith journey, the College offers a wide variety of Religious Life programs. Through weekly worship services, Bible Study, service opportunities, lectures, and activities designed to encourage exploration and inquiry, Austin College seeks to help all students develop a mature faith.*

**Worship** There are many opportunities for worship on campus. Every Sunday evening, there is a non-denominational Christian communion service planned and led by Austin College students in the Small Chapel of Wynne Chapel. On most Sunday evenings, worship participants eat dinner together after worship in the home of the Chaplain or a faculty member or administrator. Special Services also commemorate events in the church and academic year - Opening Convocation, Homecoming, Parents' Weekend, Christmas, and Baccalaureate.

**Bible Study "B.S. with J.W."** a weekly Bible study program for all interested students meets every Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Moseley Room adjacent to the dining hall. The sessions, usually led by Chaplain John Williams, focus on the application of themes and teachings from the Bible in our lives today and are directly tied to worship the following Sunday night.

**Lives of Faith at Austin College.** At various times throughout the year, students from different religious traditions gather to discuss the relationship between their participation in their particular traditions and their experiences as Austin College students.

**AColyte** Four times during the school year, the Religious Life office publishes the AColyte, a "journal of faith, doubt, and other things at Austin College." The AColyte includes discussions of faith issues and information about Religious Life programs and activities. Archive copies of the AColyte can be found at [www.austincollege.edu/campus-life/religious-life/acolyte](http://www.austincollege.edu/campus-life/religious-life/acolyte)

**The Service Station** This program facilitates student participation in service activities both locally and nationally. Coordinated by a student board, the Service Station works with individuals and organizations to promote community service as part of the life of all Austin College students.

**Roo Bound** This program is directed by Austin College students who host monthly events for children from the surrounding neighborhood. Participants join Austin College students in a variety of educational and fellowship activities.

**ACTivators** (The Austin College Mobile Youth Ministry Team) The Austin College ACTivators are a group of Austin College students ( who work with John Williams to plan and lead Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) events throughout the Southwest.

**Austin College Students Considering Church Vocations (ACSCCV)** Any student considering any religious vocation will find support and advice from this group.

**Safe Sects** In addition to its own programs, the Religious Life Office coordinates the work of several different student organizations. The membership and activity of these groups varies from year to year depending on student leadership and participation. In recent years this list has included such groups as:

- ❖ Austin College Christian Athletes ( formerly FCA)
- ❖ Asian Students Association
- ❖ Canterbury Society
- ❖ Catholic Students' Association
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ Hindu Students Association
- ❖ Indian Cultural Association
- ❖ InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)
- ❖ Jewish Students Association
- ❖ Muslim Students' Association

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