

# FORMERS' NEWSLETTER



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# Welcome



Thank you for taking the time to read this semester's edition of the Formers' Newsletter.

The past 10 weeks have been a great success, and we have the highest expectations for Candidate Class XXXVIII and would like to congratulate them on their completion of candidacy. This newsletter will shed a lot of insight into the accomplishments we achieved as a group this past semester, and what we are looking forward to. We know you guys are all over the world and hope this newsletter will remind you of how special of a group Aggie Men's Club truly is. We hope to build upon the solid foundation that the men before us laid, and we are thankful for your leadership.

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# AMC & ZETA PLACE 1ST IN SONGFEST 2022

AMC is incredibly proud to announce that we placed first in Songfest 2022, taking in \$7.5k for our philanthropy Kairos mission school.

**Barrett Gregory had this to say post-celebration ceremony:** "This semester of Songfest was the best. The ZTA songfest chairs were absolutely incredible. We spent countless hours choreographing the dances and teaching the moves to a group that had never danced before. Though it was hard work and very exhausting at times, we had a blast every practice.

The constant reminder was that as fun as this was, and as cool as it would be to win, the mantra we kept saying was **"for the kids"**. Every practice was for the kids. Every show was for the kids. Winning the money was for the kids. The first and foremost reason for our effort to win Songfest was for Kairos Christian School. The money won was for them, and it will change lives.

***Aggie Men's Club is the largest dollar-for-dollar donor to Kairos Christian School, and these thousands of dollars go an incredibly long way in Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala. Homes will be built, education scholarships will be provided and the community will feel the impact of our victory. Those were the thoughts going through my head on stage when it was announced we won!"***



# Advisor's Report



**Dr. Ben Welch**

Men,

Each year, I continue to feel honored to be part of such an auspicious group of Christian men on campus. I often share that Dr. Robert Gates, our former President of Texas A&M University, and U.S. Secretary of Defense, had lunch with me when he was serving in his presidency and wanted to know how we continue to recruit the top leaders across campus. Foremost, God continues to bless us with incredible men; however, we owe our Formers a debt of gratitude for building the foundation that we continue to build upon.

As I reflect on this Thanksgiving Season, one of my greatest joys is my affiliation with Aggie Men's Club which has transcended 25 years. Whenever I speak with groups, I consistently share that my top priorities in my life are My Faith, My Family, & Love for Texas A&M. Aggie Men's Club is integrally interwoven amongst all three of these. I have just completed meeting with our 30 candidates and without exception, they are truly men after God's own heart. We owe each of our Formers a debt of gratitude for the legacy that we continue to build upon. As we often say, "As iron sharpens iron, so man sharpens man." We covet your continued prayers, as stated in our purpose, that we will continue to "provide a social atmosphere of Christian fellowship and brotherhood while upholding and perpetuating Aggie traditions."

As many of you know, my favorite quote is from Winston Churchill when he said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." We continue to celebrate what you each have given to AMC. May God continue to richly bless each of you and know that I look forward to spending eternity with each of you my Christian brothers!

In Him,

Ben D. Welch

# President's Report



**Parker Puckett**

Howdy Formers!

As I think back on all that we have been able to experience as an organization this semester, I am struck with gratitude for the opportunities that have come our way and I am proud of the things that have been accomplished. It would be foolish of me to neglect the chance to express how grateful we are as a group for the continual prayers, support, and investment that you have committed to the current members of Aggie Men's Club. I have been blown away by the care that many of you still hold for this organization; we are truly the beneficiaries of the effort and time that all of you devoted to AMC in your respective years at Texas A&M and even beyond.

This was made evident to me by the turnout we saw at the Formers' Tailgate earlier this month! This group is so grateful for JT Carr, each member of the Formers' Board, and all of you that were able to make an appearance and enjoy some fellowship with old and new friends at that event. I find it particularly special that I was able to have interactions with several of the founding members of AMC that were present at the tailgate, just to turn around and talk with members that were only a year or two out of college. The relationships formed within this group truly do have lifelong implications, and getting to have events such as the tailgate allow us to feel and appreciate that.

As I mentioned previously, we have been fortunate to experience some awesome moments this semester which I would like to hit on further. The turnout for our selections' events this year was a blessing, thanks to our Co-Recruitment Chairs, Cesar Del Rio and Maclean Harkins. We welcomed in a great Candidate Class XXXVIII consisting of thirty members in mid-September and they had a phenomenal semester under the guidance and leadership of this year's Selections Chairman, Mathias Brantley, and the Selections Committee. After a full and fun semester, they were recently initiated and are officially active members!

Amidst the semester, we had members pursue new involvements, such as a The Big Event, Gilbert Leadership Conference, Abbott Family Leadership Conference, or elsewhere. We are proud of those men for their pursuit of involvement and desire to give back to A&M. As for service, we have had several opportunities to serve both REACH Project and Kairos this fall. Our service chair, JD Carter, coordinated an amazing Halloween-themed Fall Festival in which we partnered with Zeta Tau Alpha and were able to serve over 350 families living within the BCS area! For Kairos, we hosted a philanthropy Magic Show early in the semester and more recently participated in Songfest. Paired with ZTA and performing to the theme of "Night at the Museum", we placed 1st and received \$15,000 for our philanthropies!

We've also had a blast at events like the Crush Party at Spirit Ice Arena and Barn Dance was once again made for many great memories. As a way to celebrate all of the newly initiated members from CC XXXVIII, we will be heading to Houston this coming weekend for our Fall Formal! Formal is consistently a yearly highlight for everyone, headed by our social chair, Luke Spitzer, and with all of the work that has been done, it is shaping up to be a wonderful time.

As you can tell, the Lord has been faithful and provided in abundance for all of us this semester. We are also grateful for Dr. Welch and all that he does for this group, through action, wisdom, and prayer. I would like to extend one more huge word of gratitude for all that you have done for this group, this semester all that was accomplished would not be possible if it were not for the many years before us.

Sincerely,  
Parker Puckett '23  
President  
CC XXXV

# Formers' Tailgate



On behalf of the Former's Board and the active body of the Aggie Men's Club, we would like to extend a huge **Thank You** to those who attended the 2022 Former's Tailgate in Aggie Park!

This year's tailgate was a huge success with over 350 total people in attendance! The success of this year's tailgate is a testament to our growing former's network and an undying love for this great organization.

The Formers Board would be unable to put on these events without your generous donations and support. If you would like to become a regular donor please click on the "DONATE" button below to contribute to Formers Events, Active Member Scholarships, and the furthering of an organization that we all love! Even just \$5 a month can make an incredible impact.

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**Be on the lookout for more information regarding our formers event in the spring of 2023!**



# Philanthropy



**Cory Chapman**

Howdy,

I want to start off by saying thank you for the passion and support you have shown for AMC and Kairos Christian School in the past. The fact that former members of AMC are still invested in the group and the good work we are doing shows the caliber of men this group shapes. Our purpose states that we will “encourage an attitude of service through the giving of our time and resources to the benefits of others,” and you all live out this shared value of selfless service. We would love prayers of continued charity in our words and deeds.

Beginning in 2010, Kairos Christian School has provided a complete Christian education to underprivileged children in Antigua, Guatemala. Kairos believes that by providing faith-based education, experiences, and teachers, it will change the narrative of poverty in Guatemala. Kairos is a light in a dark place. The education system in Guatemala is a cycle that keeps poor people poor, scared, and hopeless. Kairos educates kids and molds future leaders, but more importantly, they provide hope and point lost people to Jesus.

Each year, AMC spends a week visiting Kairos and serving the surrounding community through home-building. AMC fully supports Kairos in everything we do because of the impact that our mission trip has had on so many of us.

Big things are happening within AMC’s philanthropy efforts! We are working hard to raise money for Kairos Christian School this semester. Here are some notable events:

- AMC hosted its first philanthropy magic show featuring Magician Giancarlo Bernini on August 30th. We sold 247 tickets and raised \$1100.
- AMC placed 2nd in Delta Zeta’s Hoops for Hearing Basketball Tournament and received \$500 for Kairos.
- AMC partnered with Zeta Tau Alpha in the 2022 Chi Omega Songfest Competition and won FIRST PLACE. As a result, Chi Omega will donate \$7500 directly to Kairos. Whoop!!!
- We continue to make headway for our spring philanthropy event coming April 6th, 2023. Exciting announcements are coming soon.

We continue to pray that Jesus’s name would be glorified and exalted throughout all the nations of the earth. Join us in praying that God would use AMC in miraculous ways this year.

Thank you,  
Cory Chapman '23  
Philanthropy Chair  
XXXV  
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# Board of Formers



*The AMC Board of Formers exists to promote the flourishing of the Aggie Men's Club organization and its members beyond our short time at Texas A&M. It does this in three ways: (i.) by facilitating enduring relationships both personal and professional; (ii.) by planning periodic Formers events; and (iii.) by raising money from Formers through the AMC Formers Foundation to provide need-based scholarships for the Active membership.*

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## **Candidate Class XXXVIII:**

Hanan Jones, 2023  
Leo Swaldi, 2024  
Caden Cook, 2024  
Colby Patterson, 2024  
Alldyn Schroeder, 2024  
Ryan Cegielski, 2024  
Ben Canty, 2024  
Jack Torn, 2025  
Luke Read, 2025  
Connor Able, 2025  
Will McIntosh, 2025  
Hunter Kraus, 2025  
Jack Meyer, 2025  
Carter Weinert, 2025  
John Hoeksema, 2025

Will Bryan 2025  
Connor Lindvall, 2025  
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Will Hotchkiss, 2026  
Will Buntin, 2026  
Wesley Bowers, 2026  
Josiah Brantley 2025  
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Conner Sauer, 2026  
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Robert Stipp, 2011	Steven Camp, 1999
Reid Mulligan, 2009	Kyle Cowen, 1999
Ryan Collett, 2009	Chase Hefflefinger, 1999
Zane Vinson, 2008	Jason Layh, 1999
Michael Zobeck, 2008	Matt Mahone, 1997
Kevin Becker, 2008	David Mallard, 1997
Greg Yost, 2006	Dany Millkin, 1997
Seth Jones, 2005	Jeff Campbell, 1997
Mark Tharp, 2003	Christopher Cannon, 1997
Issac Curry, 2002	Chuck Chapman, 1997
Joshua Finoglio, 2002	Matt Pacey, 1997
Ryan Forester, 2002	Alan Hutson, 1997
Travis Fruehaus, 2002	Bill Johnston, 1997
Scott Glover, 2002	John Woodard, 1997
Bill Scribner, 2002	Doug Martine, 1996
Braden Haragan, 2002	Reagan Mathews, 1996
Cory Ormsby, 2001	Chris May, 1996
Richmond Talbert, 2001	Brian McDonald, 1996
Shane Allison, 2001	Kyle Mezger, 1996
Geno Mayo, 2000	Mike Byers, 1996
Austin Miller, 2000	Jake Childers, 1996
Justin Moore, 2000	Ryan O'Keefe, 1996
Gerardo Ortiz, 2000	Alex Ogburn, 1996
Sam Roberts, 2000	Jenks Currie, 1996