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I grew up in Bartonia and attended a church with my family at a young age. This was my first exposure to God and to being a Christian. That seed has stuck with me ever since.

I was introduced to Wesley by Alex Sucharda in November of 2007 and began attending here regularly.

Before I started attending Wesley, I was at a point in my life where my faith was “luke-warm.” My involvement with Wesley has greatly strengthened my relationship with Christ. I have been given many opportunities to grow spiritually through things like mission trip, senior high camp, and being a counselor at Camp Lakewood. Experiencing these things has really made me think and has made me want to change to be on fire for the Lord. I think it's impossible to be surrounded by the strong faith at Wesley without being influenced by it.

Just as Jesus said we should let our light shine (Matthew 5:14-16), I hope that my relationship with Christ is a light to others with their faith. I try to be a witness of Christ especially with some of my friends that have declared themselves nonbelievers. I want my relationship with Christ to be inspiring to others, showing them how important and great He is and making them want to have the same passion that I do for Christ. We are all the hands and feet of God's ministry and I want the love of Christ to shine through to others by all the things that I do with my friends at Wesley.