



***Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018***

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### **Congratulations Graduates!**

May brings the end of another school year and for some students the completion of a milestone and the beginning of a new season of life. This morning we are recognizing our High School and College graduates. For parents and students alike, it is a significant time of transition. These students will be preparing to move into a time of new independence. Many will be moving off on their own for the first time. They will be faced with freedom and its accompanying responsibility for decisions made and actions taken.

Please see the insert in this bulletin for a list of our High School, College, and Graduate School graduates. I hope you will join with us all in congratulating them for their hard work and achievement. Following the service, several of our High School graduates will have table displays with pictures, awards, and other memorabilia in Oliver Hall. We encourage you to visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Parlor to view them.

For many years parents, grand-parents, teachers, Sunday school teachers, coaches, friends, and neighbors have by teaching, example, encouragements, and provision prepared them for this day. Graduation is a time when we remind our students that the wisdom of God's word is a timeless truth that guides and guards, a "lamp for your feet and a light for your path." It is a time when we remind them that God is with them everywhere He takes them (Psalm 139), and that He has a plan for their lives that is for their good (Jeremiah 29:11-14). It is a time when parents learn to trust God with His children, to truly "walk by faith and not by sight." Congratulations, Class of 2019!

*Ben*

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Prelude** Holy Ghost, with Light Divine Healey Willan

**Gathering and Announcements** Ben Martin

*Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.*

**Lighting of the Candles** The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
arr. Kevin Hildebrand

\* **Hymn No. 383** This Is a Day of New Beginnings BEGINNINGS  
Stanzas 1-4

\* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed  
Nelle Bordeaux

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

\* **Gloria Patri No. 71** GREATOREX  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Baptismal Covenant (8:45)**  
Anna Louise Davidson  
daughter of Guy and Courtney Davidson

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Lulu as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Baptismal Covenant (11:00)**

Allie Saunders McDaniel and Radly Beckett McDaniel  
daughter and son of Rad and Lesley McDaniel

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Allie and Beckett as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory;

For ever. Amen.

**Children's Sermon** Charli Weeks

*8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 205.*

*11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 205.*

*Children in grades K - 3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.*

**Graduate Recognition** James P. Owens

\* **Hymn** No. 413 A Charge to Keep I Have BOYLSTON

**Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux**Offertory Anthem** The Prayer

Jerome Elder, tenor and Tyler Price, tenor

I pray You'll be our eyes and watch us where we go,  
and help us to be wise in times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer as we go our way:

lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace

to a place where we'll be safe.

I pray we'll find Your light and hold it in our hearts  
when stars go out each night.

Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day:

lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace,

give us faith so we'll be safe.

We ask that life be kind and watch us from above.

We hope each soul will find another soul to love

Let this be our prayer,

just like every child needs to find a place:

Guide us with your grace, give us faith so we'll be safe.

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.*

\* **Doxology** No. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- \* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 38) Mark 4:1-20
- Sermon** "Seeds and Soil Part 3: Beware of the Thorns" Ben Martin
- \* **Hymn** No. 672 God Be with You till We Meet Again  
GOD BE WITH YOU
- \* **Benediction** Ben Martin
- Closing Voluntary** God of Grace and God of Glory arr. Paul Manz
- \* *Please stand as you are able.*  
*Immediately following each service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this sanctuary and congregation.*  
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### **Administrative Board Meeting**

The Administrative Board will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **Thank You**

Dear Church Family and Friends: All of my life I have heard people talk about "being the hands and feet of Christ" and felt I had a pretty good understanding of what that meant. But your outpouring of love to us by preparing and serving such a wonderful meal for my family and out of town friends on the day of Ryan's funeral painted a picture that far exceeded anything I'd even imagined. Although I have said thank you in person and through notes to so many of you, I wanted to say "thank you" once more, knowing that there were so many who worked, prepared food, served, cleaned up and generally "loved" on us on that day. I can't bear the thought of missing just one who expressed Christ's love so beautifully. Now I fully understand that verse in Galatians that says "Share one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." So thank you once again, my sweet church family for your many labors of love on my family's behalf. We are forever grateful; your efforts will never be forgotten! Love, The Sailors Family (Mike, Jan, & Michael Sailors)

### **College Ladies Bible Study, hosted by Whitney Owens**

This summer Whitney Owens will host a Bible study for girls in or about to enter college. They will begin meeting on May 29 at the Owens family home. Please see Whitney or James for more information.

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:**

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

**Docent:** Lori Miller

**Offering Steward:** Ed Poenicke

**Ushers:** Bill Tedder, Henry Whitfield

**Greeters:** Harriet Johnson, Jeanne Poenicke

**Children's Worship:** Holly McCormick

### **11:00 Service:**

**Partners in Prayer:** Gay Reese

**Docent:** Gretchen Patricio

**Acolytes:** Ella Barrow, Harris Glidewell

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps, TBD

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Brian West, Bill Hunter, Corey Jones, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Ken Griner, Bates Lovett, Bill Lovett

**Nursery:** Volunteers Needed

**Children's Worship 3's & PreK:** Jen Marler, Neilie Dunn

**Children's Worship K-3rd:** Jan Barrow, TBD

**Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

**Thank You**

Thank you to Shirley Roberts, organist, and Rodney Powers, pianist, for offering uplifting keyboard music at both of today's Services. Also, thank you to choir members Jerome Elder and Tyler Price for offering beautiful vocal music at both Services.

**Thank You to the Congregation**

Dear Wesley Monumental Congregation,  
Thank you for your enthusiastic hymn singing every Sunday, and especially two Sundays ago on the hymn "How Great Thou Art." You often thank the choir for offering our praise in worship, but you also deserve a thank you for bringing your spirit and your voice to worship. Your hymn singing unites us and makes one worshipping body—choir and congregation.

Sincerely,

The Wesley Chancel Choir

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Y'All Haul**

Trucks and strong backs needed Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 during the day to help haul furniture into apartments for newly arriving refugee families. Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245, or Holly McCormick, [hollymccormick@hotmail.com](mailto:hollymccormick@hotmail.com). Also needed are a crib and linens.

**Tiny Houses**

Volunteers are building Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; sign up with Scott Cleaveland for any day you choose, 912-598-8278.

**Homeless Breakfast**

Saturday, May 25, please meet at Gordon Street door at 7:45 a.m. to serve 5 to 15 people. Sign up, Perfect Potluck, coordinator Wesley Monumental, password 7385 or simply tell Nelle what you want to bring, such as dark socks, hotel-sized toiletries, grits, oatmeal, orange juice, coffee, or hash browns.

**Servanthood Sign-Up**

If you want to receive weekly emails of inspiration and Scripture and will try to do one conscious act of servanthood daily, please tell Nelle, 912-234-9245 or [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care**

**Display of Wedding Pictures**

During June, there will be a display of wedding pictures of Wesley members. If you would like to share your photograph, please get it to the church office by Wednesday, June 5. The display will run from June 9-June 23 in the Parlor of Oliver Hall.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

***Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)***

**Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed**

All throughout this year, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school teachers have been hard at work teaching. We'd love to give them the summer off so that they will return refreshed and ready-to-go in the fall. We will need two volunteers each week for this class. If you would like to teach one or more weeks out of the summer, please contact James P. Owens, [james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org).

**KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea**

Mark your calendars for September 20-22 for the annual KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea! We will be taking 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders again this year. More information and registration details will be available soon.

***Youth (6th—12th Grade)***

**Youth Group at Wesley Gardens Begins June 2**

As the school year winds down, please remember that our Sunday evening dinner and worship services begin on Sunday, June 2 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. This means that our normal youth group time will shift to 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens.

**Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens, August 23-25**

We're having a Fall Retreat! All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. We'll start Friday afternoon, stay overnight Friday and Saturday and be done Sunday afternoon. There will be tubing, swimming, games, and lots of time enjoying the Gardens!



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

**Attendance: (5/12/19)**

8:45 A.M. Worship	84
11:00 A.M. Worship	538
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>622</b>
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	179
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	33

**Finances: (05/12/19)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$792,765.28
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$731,358.90
Construction Loan Balance .....	\$403,295.63

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Skip Watts.....Music Assistant	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**May 19, 2019**

**The Sermon Extended:**

Monday	Matthew 6:25-34	What am I overly concerned with that is affecting my spiritual growth?
Tuesday	Luke 9:51-62	What am I using as an excuse for not being more committed to following Jesus?
Wednesday	Luke 10:38-42	If I have to choose one thing to enable my spiritual growth, what is it?
Thursday	Luke 18:18-26	Is there anything I need to get rid of that is holding back my spiritual life?
Friday	I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19	Are wealth and possessions a tool or a stumbling block for me spiritually?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

This week we focus our prayers on those who will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. We pray God's blessings and leadership on their futures.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, May 19**

**Graduate Recognition**

**OH Parlor Display of Graduate Photos**

- 8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

**Monday, May 20**

- 1:30 P.M. Betty Murray Funeral,  
WG Chapel
- 2:00 P.M. Courtney Gaines Circle,  
John Wesley Villas
- 5:30 P.M. Administrative Board Mtg, FH

**Tuesday, May 21**

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 P.M. Pacesetters, FH

**Wednesday, May 22**

- 10:30 A.M. Jane Shirah Circle, WG
- 11:00 A.M. Ben's Bible Study, OH 310

**Thursday, May 23**

- 10:00 A.M. Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

**Friday, May 24**

- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours

**Pastor on Call This Week**

Ben Martin .....912-547-1835

**Sunday Night Supper & Worship**

at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center begins Sunday, June 2 with worship in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. and dinner following in the main house at 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

*In Sympathy....*

The Murray and Griffin Families  
on the death of *Betty Murray*,  
mother of Susan Griffin

The Davis Family  
on the death of *Jim Davis*,  
husband of Karen

The Thomas Family  
on the death of  
Lindsay's grandmother,  
*Vivian Rakestraw*

The DiVito Family  
on the death of Rob's grandmother,  
*Marjorie Moody*

The Chase Family  
on the death of Edwin's brother,  
*Bill Chase*

**In Our Prayers.....**

Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Linda Tedder, Gloria Eitel, Wayne Black, Patty Ronning, Richard Zehl, Trish Arredondo (cousin of Marion Thomas), Abby (granddaughter of Bob and Toni Olds), Susan Owens (mother of Kim Keaton), Avis Holt (mother of Rusty Holt), Chad Ebel, Shirley Vaughn, Bill Bland, Bob Franz, David Burke, Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Lily Marler, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Harriet Bland, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Les Wilkes, Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Ann Lott, Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Toni Olds, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Vivian Wilson, Mark Thomas, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenkel), Richard Bartels, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Sammy Reesman

**At Home/Extended Care**  
Melinda Lanier, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Anne Chase, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**  
Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Justin Geen, Matt Hepinstall, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts, Clint Guild





## **Congratulations 2019 Graduates**

### **High School Graduates**

**Thomas Atticus Bordeaux – Herschel V. Jenkins School of Engineering**  
son of Tom and Nelle Bordeaux

**Pete Carroll – Benedictine**  
son of Marty and Julie Collins

**William R. Cohn – St. Andrew's School**  
son of Jerry and Lauren Cohn

**Morgan Elizabeth Dewberry – St. Vincent's Academy**  
daughter of James and Mary Ann Dewberry

**Tristan Randy Durden – Savannah Christian Preparatory School**  
son of Ralph and Lorraine Oakes

**Samuel Lewis Edwards – St. Andrew's School**  
son of Tim and Hillary Edwards

**Madeline Faye Holt – Savannah Arts Academy**  
daughter of Justin and Dena Holt

**Gillian Anne McMillan – Savannah Arts Academy**  
daughter of Jason and Renee McMillan

**John Bostwick Ryan – Savannah Country Day School**  
son of Hurley and Meb Ryan

**Thomas Anthony Schandolph – Herschel V. Jenkins School of Engineering**  
son of Mark and Helen Schandolph, nephew of Will and Charli Weeks

**Jessica Carmen Schooley – Savannah Christian Preparatory School**  
daughter of Richard and Carmen Schooley

**Grahame Scott – Savannah Arts Academy**  
son of Jay Scott, grandson of Rodney and Nell Scott

**Anna Katerine Ernst Stack – Calvary Day School**  
daughter of Don and Ann Marie Stack

**Caralynn Graciela Ernst Stack – Calvary Day School**  
daughter of Don and Ann Marie Stack

### **College and Graduate School Graduates**

**Cameron D. Cohn—University of Mississippi**  
son of Jerry and Lauren Cohn

**Bailey Elizabeth Cook – Georgia Southern University**  
daughter of Bo and Diane Cook

**Robert Pierce Cook – Universal Technical Institute**  
son of Bo and Diane Cook

**James N. Smith - Clemson University**  
son of Newman and Malinda Smith

**Caleb James Ernst Stack – Kennesaw State University**  
son of Don and Ann Marie Stack

**Wade W. Herring III – University of Georgia School of Law  
(Juris Doctor)** son of Wade and Susan Herring

**Robert Andrew Miller – Mercer University  
(M.S. in Mechanical Engineering)** son of Jeff and Lori Miller

**David Gillam Watts – Cumberland School of Law, Samford University  
(Juris Doctor)** son of John and Claire Watts

**Sarah Embry Witcher – Savannah College of Art and Design  
(M.A. in Business Design and Arts Leadership),**  
wife of Ben Witcher, mother of Ellis



## Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good 2019 Vacation Bible School

When we join Wesley Monumental we make a promise to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Vacation Bible School gives you a unique opportunity to fulfill that commitment in many different ways.

Our theme for Vacation Bible School this year is, *Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good*. VBS will be held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center the week of June 10-14 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon each day. We have over a hundred children already enrolled and will need lots of adults to guide them through the day. Please look over the list below, check where you would like to serve and then place it in the offering plate.

Please circle: I would like to work with

Preschool      Elementary      Either

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to lead a group of children from activity to activity.

Please circle days you are available.

M    T    W    Th    F    All

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help in teaching in an activity area.

Please circle days you are available.

M    T    W    Th    F    All

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with preparations for VBS  
(sorting items, making decorations, setting up)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with registration on Monday (6/10) or  
Tuesday (6/11) from (8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org).

We are looking forward to a week filled with smiles, love, laughter and learning when *Life is Wild, God is Good*.