



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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MEMORIAL DAY

"No greater love has any man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. Though it doesn't always seem appropriate to me to speak of it as a celebration. It is rather a day when we stop to give thanks and contemplate the depth of sacrifice made by men and women who gave their lives while serving in our armed forces. Paul wrote in Romans that "rarely would a person die even for a good person," but countless numbers have been willing to die for our country, the values of justice and freedom, and maybe most importantly, the men and women who serve beside them. The old saying that "freedom isn't free" remains true. At Wesley we have a long history of service men and women who have given of themselves for our freedom. That remains a special part of who we are as a congregation in the numerous active duty, reserve, and guard personnel who are members of our church. I hope you pay attention each week to the prayer list and particularly to the "Military serving stateside and abroad" section. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

As we gather for worship today. We remember that no one understood the concept of dying to save the lives of others more than Jesus. His death bought our freedom from the power of sin and death. He in turn taught that anyone who would be his follower had to be willing to "deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow." For followers of Jesus, sacrifice is a main discipline of the spiritual life. We are challenged to answer the call to self-denial and putting others before ourselves. Sacrifice however is not just a discipline, it is a lifestyle that develops from a heart and mind transformed by the power of Christ living in us. Our goal is that while sacrifice may have to begin by self-discipline, it will one day flow naturally from us in every aspect of our lives. It is then that we will truly have learned what it means to love.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Anthem (11:00)

Douglas Guest

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
(Robert Laurence Binyon, 1914)

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Jordan Hess

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Crusader's Hymn

Franklin Ashdown

Introit (11:00)

THAXTED

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
(Sir Cecil Spring Rice, 1908)

* **Hymn** No. 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

* **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 GREATOR EX

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 (11:00)

Kathryn Lillian Thaw
daughter of Jay and Holly Thaw

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Kate 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.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

James P. Owens

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

Ben Martin

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.*

* **Hymn** No. 696 America the Beautiful MATERNA

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) America, the Beautiful arr. Marilyn Ham

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Battle Hymn of the Republic

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 4: Good Soil"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 580 Lead On, O King Eternal LANCASHIRE

* **Benediction**

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

THAXTED

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.
(Sir Cecil Spring Rice, 1908)

Closing Voluntary Fugue on Crusader's Hymn Gordon Young

- * *Please stand as you are able.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Preston Pound and Elizabeth Craddock on their marriage, which took place May 18, 2019 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center.

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

The church office and Eli's Place will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

Savannah Bananas Game, June 14

Wesley Monumental is going out to the ball game! Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, which includes "all-you-can-eat" burgers, hotdogs, popcorn, and more. See James P. Owens for more details, or email james@wesleymonumental.org

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield **Docent:** Shirley & Peter Roberts

Offering Steward: Britt Griffin

Ushers: Jerry Benson, Phillip Carter

Greeters: Susan Griffin, Linda Butler

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Harriet Bland **Docent:** Bebe Cole

Acolytes: Sara Livingood, Anna Livingood

Greeters: Madge & Joe Edwards, Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: John Beasley

Ushers: Brian West, Bill Mattocks, Jake Maxwell, Robert McCorkle, Ryan McKenzie, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt, Matt Mobley

Nursery: Volunteers Needed

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Shazi Edmonds, JJ Haire

Children's Worship K-3rd: TBD, Lindsey Thomas

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Today's Introit and Closing Response

The origin of the hymn text that the choir sings for the Introit and Closing Response is a poem by diplomat Sir Cecil Spring Rice. The poem is entitled "Urbs Dei" ("The City of God") or "The Two Fatherlands" and describes how a Christian owes his loyalties to both his homeland and the heavenly kingdom.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Keep on Truckin'

We need a truck to pick up a queen-sized bed for refugee families. Please speak with Nelle, 912-234-9245, or Holly McCormick, hollymccormick@hotmail.com.

Next New Member Course

Sundays, June 16 and 23, 10:00 a.m., class joining June 23. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Young Mothers' Bible Study

Christian response to infidelity, "Forsaking All Others," May 28, 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Proverbs, Chapters 17 and 18.

Tiny Houses

Sign up to build for homeless veterans. Monday through Saturday, your choice of day. Contact Scott Cleaveland, 912-598-8278.

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.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School Update

We need your help. During the week of June 10-14 our Wesley Gardens Retreat Center will come alive with the voices of happy and energetic children as they learn how God is good even when life is not so good. We still need adult guides to lead the children from one activity to the next and to help them with the activities in each learning station. You can sign up by filling out the insert in today's bulletin, sending an email to charli@wesleymonumental.org or calling the church office.

We still have room for a few more children at Vacation Bible School. It is going to be an exciting week full of smiles, love, laughter and learning how 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. Preschool children can register now at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental. Elementary children can register by contacting charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Water Fun Day at Wesley Gardens!

Join us next Sunday afternoon for Water Fun at our Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. The water slides and kiddie pools will be ready at 3:30 p.m. Be sure to bring dry clothes or pajamas for the children and towels. The chapel service begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following. We'll get the children changed, serve them dinner in the nursery, and then watch a movie until 7:00 p.m.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

All throughout this year, our 4th and 5th 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.

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 4th and 5th 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 6th-12th graders are invited to the 3rd 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: (5/19/19)

8:45 A.M. Worship	135
11:00 A.M. Worship	323
Total Worship	458
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	167
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	31

Finances: (05/19/19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$815,307.82
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$749,428.28
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 Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Mark 4:1-20	What kind of soil do I feel like right now?
Tuesday	Matthew 16:17-27	What does the "fruit" of my life reveal about me?
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22-23	What "spiritual fruit" do I need to work on cultivating in my life?
Thursday	Matthew 13:24-30	Do I ever feel like someone "sowed" weeds into my life?
Friday	Matthew 13:31-32	What do we learn here about spiritual growth?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We focus our prayers on the South Georgia Annual Conference which will meet June 2-5 in Columbus. We pray for Ben Martin, Woody and Nancy Brown, and Scott Cleaveland as they represent Wesley Monumental.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 26

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 27

Memorial Day—Church Office & Eli's Place Closed
2:00 P.M. **Joy Circle, FH**

Tuesday, May 28

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**

Wednesday, May 29

11:00 A.M. **Ben's Bible Study, OH 310**
5:30 P.M. **College Bible Study w/Whitney Owens**
7:15 P.M. **Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, May 30

9:30 A.M. **Sewing Class, OH Rm 310**
12:00 P.M. **Bible Study at Ruth's Chris**

Friday, May 31

10:00 A.M. **Docent Tours, SNC**
5:00 P.M. **Wedding Rehearsal, SNC**

Saturday, June 1

6:00 P.M. **Wedding, SNC**

Pastors on Call This Week

Monday, 5/26 - Thursday, 5/30
Ben Martin912-547-1835
Friday, 5/31 & Saturday, 6/1
Carolyn Cubbedge ...912-308-3385

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 Holt Family
on the death of Rusty's mother,
Avis Holt

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

In Our Prayers.....

Brooke Ann Childers, Mike Sailors, Tucker Robertson (grandson of Pam Robertson), 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), 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, Ann Lott, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Toni Olds, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Mark Thomas, Will Ronning, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Richard Bartels, Debra Chapman (daughter -in-law of Ruth & Elton Stuenkel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

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