



Membership & Missions

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Next New Member Course

Sundays, July 7 and 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205. The class will join on July 14. Please sign up by calling the church office, 912-232-0191.

Tiny Houses

Thank you to the faithful and hardworking volunteers and especially to Nick Hitt for his leadership of this project. Phase 1 is nearly complete. Please sign up with Scott Cleaveland, 912-598-0278 for your choice of workday, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 76 Dundee Street.



Sundaes on Monday!

Please join the Urban Hope children at Wesley on Monday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m. for ice cream sundaes in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring ice cream or toppings; sign up in the church office, 912-232-0191. All are welcome! Urban Hope is a ministry for inner-city children and youth; our own Doug Carroll chairs the board.

Picnic with a Purpose - Friday, June 28

Please bring school uniforms, new or gently used, white tops, khaki bottoms, (please see list of children's names, ages, and sizes) for refugee children; boxes are located by all church entrances. We'll have a picnic with the refugee children on Friday, June 28, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., church playground (rain or heat location, Fellowship Hall). All are welcome, not just children! (Donations welcome even if you can't attend.)

Name	Gender	Age	Child's Size	Mortaza	M	12	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Naila	F	10	10-12 Shirt/pants	Mostafa	M	16	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Sulaiman	M	8	10-12 Shirt/pants	Rokaya	F	12	Adult Small Shirt (Size 3/4 bottoms)
Zulquida	F	6	8-10 Shirt/pant	Ivoni	F	7	10-12 Shirt/pants
Ferdaws	M	8	8-10 Shirt/pant	Patrick	M	12	14-16 Shirt/pants
hammad Yusuf	M	4	5-6 Shirt/pants	Zacki	M	16	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Ahmed	M	9	14-16 Shirt/pants	Abdul-Aziz	M	7	8-10 Shirt/pant
Hawra	F	7	8-10 Shirt/pant	Abdullah	M	7	8-10 Shirt/pant
Muhadasa	F	5	8-10 Shirt/pant	Adil	M	19	Adult L Shirt (34-36 Waist)
Meshaki	M	11	14-16 Shirt/pants	Ali	M	17	Adult L Shirt (32-34 Waist)
Ruthi	M	7	8-10 Shirt/pant	Asia	F	14	Adult Small Shirt (3/4 bottoms)
Odesi	F	6	5-6 Shirt/pant	Ghani	M	9	10-12 Shirt/pants
Aya	F	7	14-16 Shirt/pants	Muhammad	M	11	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Estera	F	12	Adult Small Shirt (Size 1/2 bottoms)	Mustafa	M	5	5-6 Shirt/pants
Mohamed	M	15	Adult M/L Shirt (31-32 Waist)	Nardos	F	12	14-16 Shirt/pants
Mehrumah	F	5	8-10 Shirt/pant	Ebana	F	9	14-16 Shirt/pants
Winna	F	4	8-10 Shirt/pant	Filseta	F	6	10-12 Shirt/pants
Limar	F	11	14-16 Shirt/pants	Russtom	M	19	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Reham	F	12	Adult Small Shirt (Size 3/4 bottoms)	Natenacl	M	17	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Ghaidaa	F	12	Adult Small Shirt (Size 1/2 bottoms)	Nahom	M	14	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)
Baheer	M	6	10-12 Shirt/pant	Finan	M	11	14-16 Shirt/pants
Zaheer	M	9	8-10 Shirt/pant	Bana	F	8	10-12 Shirt/pants
Suzana	F	10	Adult Small Shirt (Size 3/4 bottoms)	Thomas	M	6	8-10 Shirt/pant
Mansour	M	15	Adult M Shirt (31-32 Waist)	Alisa Fatuma	F	4	8-10 Shirt/pant
Hasam	M	8	10-12 Shirt/pants	Zaina	F	7	10-12 Shirt/pants
				Emad	M	10	14-16 Shirt/pants

Preschool Chapel

This summer we are learning the 23rd Psalm. Please learn it along with all of our Eli's Place children, if you don't already know it!

Always, we need cutting help (patterns and paper provided); please speak with Nelle if you want to cut out Bible memory verse shapes at home.



Missions Cont.

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Homeless Breakfast

Please sign up with Nelle or Perfect Potluck, coordinator last name, Wesley Monumental, password 7385, for breakfast on Saturday, July 27. Please meet Nelle at Gordon Street church door at 7:45 a.m. to help serve. Needed are grits, hash browns, fruit, dark socks, and hotel-sized toiletries.

Save the Date for Family Promise: August 11-17, 2019

"Allow the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

In August, we will host families at the church's downtown campus (Oliver Hall) rather than Wesley Gardens, and we need 40 volunteers to prepare meals, welcome our guests, and serve as overnight hosts. The Missions Committee has decided to do all registration through Sign Up Genius to prevent duplication.

Please visit the link below,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AAAAA2BA2F49-family>

Individuals, classes, or groups can go on the website to volunteer for a day. If you need help with Sign Up Genius or have any questions, please contact Scott Cleaveland at msctclv@gmail.com or 912-598-8278.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

An update from Wesley member, Ben Witcher (bwwitcher@gmail.com or 912-704-2907)

Dear friends, As we enter the season of Pentecost we are called and challenged to grow. We grow in the Spirit, we grow in community. We grow closer to God as we grow closer together. We grow in making Christ known to our neighbors.

This year, Wesley Monumental will participate in "Faith Build" - an ecumenical initiative which will equip the saints for ministry and growth. Habitat for Humanity of the Coastal Empire and a coalition of Savannah area congregations are teaming up to build a new home for the Adger Family. Jessica, the mother, lost the ability to support her three girls when an autoimmune disorder took her vision a few years ago. Interestingly, the Adgers have been our guests at Wesley Gardens through the Family Promise program, and now we have the opportunity to make an even more lasting impact on their need for affordable housing. We broke ground on the Garden City lot off of Hwy 80 back in April. Representatives from a dozen congregations took part in the ceremony, and it is with tremendous gratitude as Faith Build coordinators that Adam Hess and I thank the Missions Committee and our own Wesley Monumental for becoming an official partner congregation of this project. My family and I joined Wesley shortly after the Hess family for many reasons, not the least of which was the Kingdom building, missional spirit of the congregation. In order to move the Adger family into their new home by Advent, we need contributions of time, talent, and treasure. If you and your Sunday school class or small group would like to plan a work day, coordinate a meal for volunteers, or participate in any other way, I am available to connect any willing pieces with unmet needs.

On behalf of Habitat, our partner congregations, and the Adger family, I would also like to thank James and the youth who have already worked toward the fulfillment of this vision. On May 5, they cleaned, sorted, and rolled coins donated to H4H from fountains in the Oglethorpe Mall. Along with the matching grant, they helped us get \$338 closer to our goal!



Furniture, trucks, and strong backs needed for newly arriving refugee families. Flexible schedule. Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245.

July At-A-Glance

Please refer to "This Week at Wesley" in the Sunday Order of Worship, or visit our website for a detailed list of worship times, additional events, and information.

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day
Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

Sunday, July 7
10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
3:00 Youth Group, WG
5:00 Youth Choir, WG Chapel
5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel
6:15 Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, July 8
Eli's Place Summer Camp Thru 7/11

Tuesday, July 9
2:00 Prayer Partners, OH

Sunday, July 14
Youth Summer Mission Trip Thru 7/19
10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
3:00 Youth Group, WG
5:00 Youth Choir, WG Chapel
5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel
6:15 Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, July 15
Eli's Place Summer Camp Thru 7/18
Summer Fun Daze at WG Thru 7/19

Sunday, July 21
3:00 Youth Group, WG
5:00 Youth Choir, WG Chapel
5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel
6:15 Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, July 22
Eli's Place Summer Camp Thru 7/25
2:00 Sundaes on Monday, FH
Merry Makers Effingham Camp Mtg

Thursday, July 25
10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205
10:00 Staff Retreat, OH 310

Saturday, July 27
8:00 Homeless Breakfast

Sunday, July 28
3:00 Youth Group, WG
5:00 Youth Choir, WG Chapel
5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel
6:15 Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, July 29
Eli's Place Summer Camp Thru 8/1

EB = Education Building OH = Oliver Hall FH = Fellowship Hall SNC = Sanctuary WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

Prayer Committee

In September when Wednesday Night Suppers resume, everyone is invited to join the Prayer Committee and Rev. Martin each Wednesday from 4:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. The committee members pray for the church, staff, and needs of the congregation.

What's Happening at Wesley?

Ways to Stay Informed

There are numerous ways to stay informed of events here at Wesley.

- * Visit our website, wesleymonumental.org, then click on [News & Events](#)
- * Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)
- * Sign up to receive our Wednesday [Wesley Weekly](#) emails
- * Receive our monthly newsletter, [The Monumental Messenger](#), in the mail or view online
- * Announcements in each Sunday's [Order of Worship](#)

Questions or to sign up, email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org



URBAN HOPE'S GARDEN AND ART SHOW

Join Urban Hope for their
4th Annual Garden and Art Show

Friday, July 26
6:00-8:00 pm

The Whitefield Center
(106 East 37th Street)

Show your support to Urban Hope's young artists as they celebrate the finale of their FREE 8-week summer camp. The campers artwork will be available for purchase and the children get to keep half of what they make. Food and ice cream will also be available for purchase.

Children's Ministry

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry
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Life is wild, but
God is good.



Thoughts from VBS Volunteer, Suzanne Marbach:

I very much enjoyed the days I spent leading the children to their stations and helping the teachers with the great activities they planned for them. The older children with the younger children worked very well in our group. We had one quiet, shy child who missed her sister but her 'family' of elephants watched out for her and helped her with crafts. Our amazing youth helper, Anna, spent time with her too and helped her feel more secure. Cullen took James under his wing and helped without being asked—from keeping him on task, having him sit with him, finding the page number in the hymnal, and even tying his shoes. Britt, who wasn't even in our elephant 'family,' helped some elephants find page numbers too. It was just a great group of kids.

I think the daily topics were spot on and so needed with children nowadays. When life is: unfair, changes, is hard, is good, when we are sad—all things our children (and their families) face, and I think we planted some very important seeds for children to realize that yes, during those times and always, God is good—and that we are not alone in facing those challenges. It was particularly evident that the challenges were planned for in some of the games the children played with Holly—and though it would have been easy to have some frustrations expressed, the children handled it with good sportsmanship and they still had a great time.

I so enjoyed getting to know the teachers and substitute teachers I worked with—some I had never met before and the organization that was put into the whole VBS experience was conducive to us working as a family to help all of our children, not just the ones in our animal group. I look forward to continuing the relationships begun at VBS—with children and adults as well. My church family has grown to include more special people!!





From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
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The “Slow” Days of Summer

There was a time in my life when it seemed like everything “slowed” down in the summer. But, these days nothing could be farther from the truth at Wesley. Instead of worshiping twice on Sundays, we add a third evening service and dinner at Wesley Gardens. There are four mid-week adult Bible studies, summer camp at Eli’s Place, Children’s Camp, VBS, youth trips, mission projects, and we plan to host Urban Hope and Family Promise. Jesus once said, “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.” It seems as if we take the words of Jesus seriously during these long days of summer. I say all of that not in the form of complaint (those who know me know that I am far better off being busy), but there is something to be said about the spiritual discipline of “slowing.” The frenetic pace at which most of us live is physically and financially productive, but it can have negative spiritual consequences. I find it increasingly difficult to heed the words from Psalms, “Be still and know that I am God” or the words of Isaiah, “Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength....”

I do pray that for all the busyness of ministry at Wesley, when you pull aside for worship, study, fellowship, or service here, it can be a Sabbath time. A time where you put away the daily demands and the pace of life to stop and listen for the Word in music, scripture, prayer, in the faces of children, and those in need being served. If you take a summer vacation, look for ways to create some spiritual renewal out of it. I am amazed how many people on vacation in Savannah come to worship at Wesley on Sunday mornings, so find a place to worship while you are away. If you visit places of natural beauty, pay attention to the glory of the Creator in the creation. If you go to Disney World...Well, I don’t really know how to advise you making that spiritually renewing except as an exercise in patience! Find ways to make your “holiday” a holy-day. Slow down, be still, know God with a grateful, peaceful heart.



Youth

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One of the things we value in the Wesley Youth Ministry is a commitment to serving God by serving others. I’ve always thought that life-long disciples of Jesus develop and maintain this commitment. It’s related to the second half of the great commandment, “love your neighbor as yourself.”

You’ll find our youth volunteering at Vacation Bible School every summer and at other children’s events throughout the year, like the Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Festival. You see them serving as acolytes in worship and as ushers and greeters occasionally. They work hard to put on our St. Patrick’s Day Pancake Breakfast. And our students are also active in service outside of our church as well.



In the same way, our mission trips are always meaningful service opportunities for our students. We have one coming up, July 14-19 to Chattanooga, Tennessee. There, we will serve in a variety of community organizations, working with children, visiting the elderly, and possibly serving food to the homeless.

As our youth go out and serve, we will have the opportunity to use our words and our actions to tell others about Jesus, to “give a reason for the hope” that we have (1 Pet. 3:15). My hope for our students is that they will serve the Lord and share their faith with passion. There’s a certain energy that I always feel while serving on these trips - I’d call it the Holy Spirit - and I pray that we can bring that spiritual fervor back to Wesley Monumental and Savannah.



Music

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Messiah Soloists



Tina Williams,
soprano



Claire Watts,
mezzo-soprano



Timothy Miller,
tenor



Robert Cantrell,
bass

Saturday, December 14. 7:30 PM, Wesley Monumental Sanctuary

Wesley Monumental choirs presents Handel’s magnificent oratorio, *Messiah*, with orchestra.

Part I: Prophecy of the Coming of a Messiah and Christ’s Nativity

Part II: Christ’s Suffering, Death, and Resurrection

Part III: Affirmation of Christian Faith and Glimpses of Revelation

Tickets: \$35 tax-deductible donation. \$15 students with I. D.

Available at MessiahSavannah.eventbrite.com, from the church office, or from any choir member.

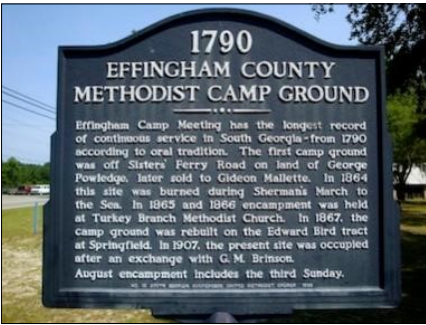
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Congregational Care

Rev. Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Care
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Merry Makers will travel to the Effingham Camp Meeting on Monday, July 22. This year’s preacher is Rev. Jay Tucker, pastor of Richmond Hill UMC. The group will stop for dinner at Sweet Tea’s in Port Wentworth prior to the service. (Sweet Tea’s is located at the intersection of I-95 and 21.) Please sign up through your Sunday School class or call the church office. Questions? See Jennifer Thompson





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Life at Wesley



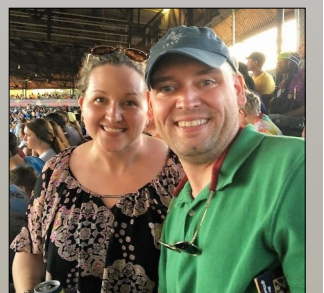
Youth and adult leaders participating in this year's 80's themed Mystery Dinner Theater.



Choristers treated to a percussion demonstration from Ray McClain at their end-of-year choir party.



Members of the Youth Group help clean, sort, and roll coins donated to Habitat for Humanity from fountains in the Oglethorpe Mall.



Wesley members enjoying a Savannah Bananas game.



Children dress up as their favorite book character during Eric Carle's Art & Stories week at Eli's Place Summer Camp.



Wesley's Y'All Haul volunteers help deliver furniture to newly arrived refugee families from the country of Eritrea in eastern Africa.

Messenger Monthly Spotlight



VBS 2019

