



Missions
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Refugee Children’s Wish List for School Uniforms

White shirt; khaki skirt, pants, dress, jumper, or shorts

Please sign up with Nelle for a specific child, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245.
Please clearly label with child’s name and bring to Oliver Hall by July 25. Please pray for your child!

Child’s Name	Child’s Age	Child’s Shirt Size	Child’s Pant or Skirt Size
Naila Achakzai, girl	11	12	11 (prefers skirt)
Sulaiman Achakzai, boy	9	10-12	8
Zulquida Achakzai, girl	7	7	8
Ahmed Bahaduri, boy	10	8	17 (waist 31”)
Hawra Bahaduri, girl	8	10-12 (Large)	17 (waist 32”)
Muhadasa Bahaduri, girl	6	8 (Medium)	8 (waist 24”)
Satayeh Bahaduri, girl	4	4 (Regular)	7 (waist 24”)
Meshaki Chakubuta, boy	12	10-12	7 Regular
Ruthi Chakubuta, boy	8	5T	4T
Odesi Chakubuta, girl	7	5	6X
Happy Chakubuta, girl	4	3T	3T
Limar Laila, girl	12	12	12
Reham Laila, girl	13	Women’s Small	Women’s Small or Medium
Suzana Mwangaza, girl	11	14	Women’s Medium
Ivoni Remy, girl	8	8	10
Patrick Saylee, boy	13	Medium	21
Zacki Saylee, boy	16	Large	30-32
Atteib Suleyman, boy	20	Men’s Medium	32
Soumaya Suleyman, girl	17	Women’s 18	18
Hawai Suleyman, girl	14	16	16
Mastoura Suleyman, girl	11	16	16
Sahiba Suleyman, girl	9	6	6
Raheima Suleyman, girl	7	6	6
Faiga Suleyman, girl	6	5	5
Abdul Suleyman, boy	3	4	4
Zaina Yaredi, girl	8	7/8	7/8
Alisa Yaredi	5	7/8	6
Emad Zainuddin, boy	12	12	14
Hasamuddin Zainuddin, boy	10	10	12



Static and Transitional Housing

Wesley members are taking a lead in renovating two cabins at Greenbriar Children’s Center to serve as static housing for those served by Family Promise. Families in the program will stay in residence at the cottages and churches will deliver meals there. Isle of Hope UMC is turning the old Whitefield Church into a similar facility. Also, three houses are being renovated to serve as transitional housing for families and single moms. Look for volunteer opportunities in the bulletin or contact Nick Hitt or Scott Cleaveland to volunteer. We are hosting Family Promise August 9-16; please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



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Serve in Mission as a Family Without Leaving Town

1. Meals for Missionaries

Cook a meal for World Team missionaries-in-training in late July. Your child/ren might like cooking a dish from the country where the missionary will serve. Please sign up with Nelle.

2. Pen Pal with an Urban Hope Child

Write an Urban Hope child and send packages of nonperishable food. Sign up with Cassie Beckwith.

3. Garden with Urban Hope

Assist at summer camp with gardening and fine arts. Sign up with Cassie Beckwith.

4. Pack Groceries for Kids

Pack nonperishable groceries (please no glass jars) for Wesley Community Center. Please sign up with Nelle.

5. Trim a Lawn

Help maintain the lawn at The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home. Please sign up with Nelle.

6. Choose a School Uniform for a Child Your Age

Select a new school uniform for a refugee child the same age as your child. Please sign up with Nelle.

7. Write a Senior Adult

Send crayon art to a senior adult in the church. Please sign up with Nelle.

8. Spark Joy

Help sort the Mission Closet. Please sign up with Nelle.

9. Family Promise

Deliver a meal in August to our Family Promise homeless guests at their static location. Play games with the kids. Please sign up with Nelle.

10. Cut Out Bible Shapes at Home

Help cut out Bible memory verse shapes at home (paper and patterns provided). Please tell Nelle.
- Read Matthew 28:16-20 as a family.

Read Philippians 4:13 as a family.

Read Romans 8:26-39 as a family.

Read Isaiah 9:6-9 as a family.

Read Luke 1:37 as a family.

Read John 14:1-4 as a family.

Read Psalm 100 as a family.

Read Jeremiah 29:11 as a family.

Read Luke 2:1-20 as a family.

Read Philippians 4:1-4 as a family.

Special Pandemic Funding
Through the Oliver Mission Fund and the generosity of families in our congregation, we have been able to address the needs of the vulnerable in Savannah and beyond. These are all faith-based organizations with which Wesley and our congregation has relationships, vetted by the missions committee. Following is our special pandemic funding so far this summer:
Urban Hope - Grocery cards for families of summer campers
Refugee Family - Continuing funding rent for out of work refugees we support as a congregation
HUGS - Support for low cost psychological counseling services
Zambia Bible College - Nutritional support for villages served by trained pastors whom we support
Fresh Air Home - Funded camp care packages sent to 400 campers due to first cancellation since WWI
Greenbriar - Matching grant to support the children in their care
Family Promise - Funding for renovation and furnishing of transitional housing on Westside and static housing in Greenbriar cottages
Wesley Community Center - No direct financial needs identified, but conducting weekly food drive

International Missions

These precious people live in a poor barrio (slum-like neighborhood community) in Trujillo, Peru called El Milagro (which means “The Miracle”). They have been, and continue to be, under strict, government imposed quarantine with mandatory curfews. Because no one can leave their barrio to work, no one can buy food. Missionaries Martin and Tracy Reeves and their family (with TMS Global) have been providing 120+ families food for months through donations from churches like ours. Look what your money provided for these families! Thank you, Wesley!





August At-A-Glance

EB = Education Building
FH = Fellowship Hall

OH = Oliver Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat

SNC = Sanctuary

Monday, August 10

September Messenger Deadline

9:00 Merry Makers August Event,
Outdoors at WG

Friday, August 14

4:00 Shred Your Stress
Provided by Savannah Shredding
(see announcement below)

Tuesday, August 18

2:00 Care and Share

Monday, August 24

5:30 Administrative Board Mtg



Additional Announcements



Shred Your Stress!

Please bring boxes of documents you want shredded to the church on Friday, August 14. Savannah Shredding will be parked on Wayne Street from 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Please call Nelle with any questions, 912-234-9245.



VBS 2020



Children's Ministry

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We are happy and excited to welcome children back to church, Vacation Bible School, and Eli's Place for Summer Camp! We have missed the children's sweet voices, hugs, and laughter. Much has changed since spring break. There are many new guidelines and procedures, and we are committed to following them closely. The health and well being of our children and our staff is our top priority. Some of the precautions we are taking are listed below. As you can see in the pictures, even with all of the new guidelines and procedures, we are still having fun.



Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

To protect our children, we are limiting access to the nursery and the second floor of the Education Building on Sunday mornings to children and their parents. We ask all parents to wear a mask and for children to wear a mask when feasible. On Sunday mornings, all children should be brought to the Wayne Street door where a staff person will check their temperature, ask you a few screening questions, and then walk your child to their classroom. After the service, parents are asked to come and pick up their children from the nursery or the second floor.



Nursery Notes

If you are bringing a baby or toddler to the nursery, please bring diapers and bottles in a Ziploc bag labeled with their name. Please do not bring a diaper bag or backpack. We have extra clothes, underwear and pullups for children three years old and older.

In our Sunday School and Children's Worship Classrooms

The number of children in a classroom varies depending on the size of the classroom, but it is limited to 8-10 children with two adults. Children in different classrooms are not to be combined at any time.

- We wash hands between activities for 20 seconds.
- Bathrooms are disinfected 2-3 times each day.
- Staff and volunteers wear masks and gloves as needed.
- We encourage the children to wear masks but will not force children to keep them on.
- We do not have dress up clothes, stuffed animals, puppets or sensory bins in our classrooms.
- Toys and cloth items from home are not allowed in the classrooms.
- All toys and furniture in the classrooms are disinfected each day.
- The playground is disinfected between classes. Classes will not be combined on the playground.





From Ben's Desk

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BACK TO SCHOOL?

In "normal" years, August is all about the end of summer and getting back to school. It is a time when we are busy getting ready for Sunday school promotion, planning our Fall Wednesday night programming, wrapping up summer worship at Wesley Gardens, etc., but obviously, this is not a "normal" year. As I write this, we are just a few weeks back in the sanctuary for in-person worship services, and it is really difficult to forecast what our situation will be in a month. At this point, we do plan to continue our outdoor option at Wesley Gardens well beyond our normal stopping point near the end of August. Several adult Sunday school classes are planning for in-person/online options. Charli, Haley, and the children's team are exploring how we might have combined Sunday school classes for children, and Monica is looking at what might be done with the Wednesday night children's choir program. All that is to say, we are busy praying and planning for how we can offer as much programming as safely as possible, but our decisions will likely be several more weeks in the making. Thank you for your patience as we try to juggle our responsibilities for ministering to our church family and community, but to do so in the safest way possible. In the meantime, we hope you are staying connected in person or online. We would love to hear your thoughts about in-person programming and what would best meet the needs of your family.



Prayer Committee



Communication With God

Prayer is our lifeline to God through faith and belief in Jesus Christ. After Jesus ascended, He sent the Holy Spirit to equip us for this life. The Holy Spirit gives us the desire to pray. We worship a triune God, three in one, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We repeat this every Sunday in our creed. We come from God; we belong to God, and we return to God. Communicating with our Father God is the biggest privilege we can possibly have on this earth. Come join us this fall as we pray with Rev. Martin and a few of us in the sanctuary from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. before Wednesday Night Supper. Prayer is a school we never graduate from!!!! ~Prayerfully, Sue Ellis



Congregational Life

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Merry Makers Soon To Be "Making Merry" Once Again!

Join us under the tent (at the pavilion) at Wesley Gardens on **Monday, August 10 at 9:00 a.m.** for breakfast and a real treat! Our own Claire Frazier is going to be using her beautiful voice to share with us some of the hymns we have missed so much over the past few months. Please wear your mask. We will keep masks on except to eat. The meal - prepared by Susanna - will be brought to us in carry-out containers. If you would rather not eat under the tent, please feel free to take your meal home with you. If you wish to have a meal, the cost is \$7. Reservations are required so that we can set up enough tables to appropriately space everyone. *To make reservations, please call the church office and tell Daphne or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, August 7 at noon. When you make your reservation, please let us know if you plan to eat or not.*



Put **Monday, September 14** on your calendar too! We will meet under the tent at Wesley Gardens - this time for lunch. Join us at **11:00 a.m.** to hear Rabbi Larry and Rebbitzin Eileen Greenhouse from Keren Ohr Messianic Synagogue in Bloomingdale as they share their story of how they are Jewish and also recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Lunch will follow and the same social distancing/mask wearing practices will be observed. *To make reservations, please call the church office and tell Daphne or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, September 11 at noon.*



Youth

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The Youth Group stayed connected during the initial quarantine and shut-down with a Bible Study on Wednesday nights! We used Zoom, a video conferencing platform, and met together weekly to check in and talk about the Scriptures. We first studied Theodicy (God's justice and the problem of evil in the world), spending several weeks looking at the subject in Genesis, Job, Ecclesiastes, and in the lives of Jesus and Paul.



We have recently started meeting again. We are gathering outdoors at Wesley Gardens Retreat on Sunday afternoons. The students have enjoyed seeing each other in person again! Our youth also enjoyed volunteering at Vacation Bible School during the last week of June. Now, we are looking forward to a Local Mission Week, July 20-23, when we will do service projects all around town.



Music

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A Summer of Socially-Distanced Music





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Life at Wesley



Welcome Home! It's great to be back for in-person worship in the sanctuary and at Wesley Gardens Retreat!



Join us each Sunday for Children's Worship!

World War II Veteran, Cecil Abarr, and his wife, Lou, attend our worship service over Independence Day weekend.



VBS 2020 was all about learning how Jesus' power pulls us through! Look inside for more pics.



Messenger Monthly Spotlight

Eli's Place End-of-Year Drive Through

