



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

I don't know about you, but I still remember my first Bible. I'm not sure how much I read it (the old King James was a little difficult for a 7 year old), but I wrote my name in it, and I felt a sense of responsibility for it. I kept it in my room and I would take it to church with me. If nothing else, the Bible reminded me of God's presence and God's expectations (though I obviously needed more accountability than it gave me as I grew up). I kept it into my adulthood, in fact I could probably go back and dig it out now. As I look back, it was an important symbol of God's prevenient grace (He loved me and was at work in my life before I ever knew it).

Each year we present our second graders with a Bible. A much more readable one than I received at their age. We hope they will feel a sense of belonging and a reminder that God speaks to them through His word. Like most of us, there will be parts of it that will be hard to make sense of, but it is our prayer that through it they are reminded that God loves them and invites them to know and follow Jesus into a life that is abundant and eternal. I also hope today is a reminder for all of us that it is important for followers of Jesus to spend time in His word throughout our lives. No matter how many times we have read it, it remains a living word and an instrument through which God speaks to us.

Beckett Allen
Palmer Barrow
Bella Grace Bartels
Joseph Boothe
Sebastian Brown
James Butler
Lillian Byrd
Hannah Conger
Evie Kate Cremeans
Charlee Culbreath
Knox Davis
Thomas Delaney
Cooper Dewberry
Abby Fleiner
Abigail Fox
Cole Green
Lucy Mac Hasselle
Hadley Hayes
Haley Hess

Cameron Howard
Elizabeth Huff
Flynn Kilpatrick
Lily Linebarger
Hannah MacGregor
Lindly Mingledorff
Emma Mobley
Roman Montgomery
Hank Murray
Anna Owens
Foster Parks
Milly Schmitz
Rye Snayd
Harper Sortor
Bree Thomas
Caden Valdez
Charlie Washburn
Ally Welch
Henry West

Ben

MORNING & AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Wesley Gardens Retreat

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00) Johann Sebastian Bach
Gigue in B-flat Major

Welcome and Announcements Ben Martin

Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. Please 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.

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor. At Wesley Gardens Retreat, the nursery is located in the Grey Cottage and Children's Worship is held in the Main House.*

Please register your attendance: *If you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text @wmumc316 to phone number 81010 to join the Worship Service Attendance thread. If you have already joined, you will receive a text message each Sunday morning reminding you to text the total number of household members worshipping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If this is your first time using Remind, you may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent.") If you are visiting, please text your name and total number of attendees to Rev. Ben Martin, 912-547-1835.*

Offering: *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering/tithe box located at the main Sanctuary entrance or at Wesley Gardens Retreat, under the Pavilion. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org*

Prayer Requests: *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Caden Valdez

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Opening Hymn (8:45 & 11:00) SAGINA

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19 (KJV)

Alysa Smith, soprano Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

(5:30) Skip Watts, bass

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love Divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

- Charles Wesley (1739)

- * **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Jennifer Thompson
- 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** (11:00) GREATOREX Cole Valdez, chorister
- 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.

Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders Charli Weeks

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Jennifer Thompson

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.

Anthem (8:45 & 11:00) I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn

Alysa Smith, soprano Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me,
 he heard my complaint.
 O blest are they that hope and trust in him.
 - Psalm 40: 1, 4

- * **Scripture** Acts 15:1-29
- Sermon** Ben Martin
- "When the Church is Scattered Series Part 5:
 Compromise or Clarity?"

Closing Hymn (8:45 & 11:00) SAGINA

Alysa Smith, soprano Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano
 (5:30) Skip Watts, bass

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
 Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness Divine,
 Bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ my own
 - Charles Wesley (1739)

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00)

Grimoaldo Macchia

Tocatta on the Bells of Westminster

- * *Please stand as you are able.*
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Mooney from Tim Mooney.

Just Born

Congratulations to Bethany and Taylor Stearns on the birth of a daughter, Hazen Elizabeth Stearns on October 7, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Hazen.

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Robin Boone and Cody Wyatt on their marriage which took place October 10, 2020 in the sanctuary.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310.

Christmas Greenery 2020—Deadline Extended!

The deadline to purchase Christmas Greenery has been extended to Sunday, October 25. Order forms may be found in the sanctuary and you can now pay online. To pay online, visit: <https://pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental> then enter the total amount, select "Give one time," and "Greenery" as the fund. Once you've paid online, please email the completed greenery form to daphne@wesleymonumental.org or deliver to the church office by Sunday, October 25. If you need any assistance, please call the church office, 912-232-0191.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Julianna Jones

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: Brian West, Bob Cole, Bobby Lee, Peter Delters

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

5:30 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley wrote "And Can It Be" in 1738 to celebrate his conversion. Following is Charles's account of his own conversion: "At midnight I gave myself up to Christ: assured I was safe, sleeping or waking. I had continued experience of his power to overcome all temptation; and confessed, with joy and surprise, that he was able to do exceedingly abundantly for me, above what I can ask or think." Two days after his conversion, Charles wrote "And Can It Be." He published the hymn with the subtitle "Free Grace."

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

New Member Course Starts Today

Sundays, October 18 and 25, at 10:00 a.m. Class will join October 25. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Taters for Tots

Please bring peanut butter; canned meats, fruits, and vegetables; rice; cereal; pasta; and grits just inside Oliver Hall door for Wesley Community Center.

Build for Babies

Help construct a nursery classroom for Wesley Community Center. Sign up with Nelle or Scott Cleaveland, 912-598-8278.

Bible Cover to Cover During 2021

Have you always wanted to read the entire Bible? Do you want to read the Bible chronologically to see how the stories fit? Sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Fall Festival

This year's Fall Festival will be next Sunday, October 25 at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. We will have pony and horse rides, farm animals, a climbing wall, a hayride with Ms. Nelle driving, and lots of fun games for our little children. Ms. Susanna will have a Nacho Bar set up in the Main House, and Mr. James will have the fire pit set up for S'mores. Plan now to join us.



Advent Devotional

Our congregation has been blessed each year with the gift of our annual Advent Devotional booklet. Your contributions to this effort are what make it unique and meaningful. The Susanna Wesley Circle has begun work on this year's devotional which will be centered around the theme of "Hope." Anyone interested in writing a short devotion based on a scripture, please contact Caroline Livingood (calivingood@comcast.net) or a member of the Susanna Wesley Circle. You may wish to write individually, as a couple, or as a family. Last year we were blessed with several children's submissions. The deadline to submit your devotion is Sunday, November 1.

Alpha-Fellowship Class Invitation

You are invited to join the members of the Alpha-Fellowship Sunday School Class by participating in a one minute prayer for our country at 9:00 p.m. each night.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Confirmation

All 6th graders are invited to join us for Confirmation! The Confirmation class will meet once a month beginning in September and continue through next Spring. Classes cover the basics of the Christian faith and our Methodist heritage, leading up to students making a profession of faith in front of the church. Each month, we're offering a Sunday and a Wednesday option to attend Confirmation class. See James P. Owens for more information.

Youth Sunday School In-person or via Zoom

Join us each Sunday morning for youth Sunday school in person or via Zoom. Email james@wesleymonumental.org for the Zoom details.

Youth Group & Youth Choir at Wesley Gardens

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group at Wesley Gardens, Sunday afternoons from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Youth Choir from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Everyone is Invited to Pray for Our Community, Nation, and World

The Prayer Committee invites everyone to come and pray for our community, nation, and world in the Parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall on Thursday mornings October 15, 22, and 29, 8:30 a.m - 9:00 a.m. and Monday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (10/11/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	53
11:00 AM Worship	124
5:30 PM Worship at WG	26
Online Worship Views	130
Total Worship	333
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	XX
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	X

Finances: (10/11/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,343,777.62
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,440,004.75

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. 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	



Follow us on social media @wesleymonumental and use our hashtag #wesleymonumental when sharing your Wesley moments!

To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your Wesley photos to wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

October 18, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Acts 15:1, 11	What is necessary for salvation? Do works (law) matter?
Tuesday	Acts 15:2-6	Who has the authority to determine theological positions for the church?
Wednesday	Acts 15:6-12	How do we connect personal experience with scripture when one seems to conflict with the other?
Thursday	Acts 15:13-18	Is it ok to reinterpret scripture based on a new experience? Did James do that here?
Friday	Acts 15:19-29	Does James ask for a compromise or offer clarity? How can the two work together?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to bless the second graders who are receiving their Bibles. May these children become your disciples who love your Holy Word and "hide it in their hearts."

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, October 18

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
- 12:15 PM 2nd Graders Bible Event, FH
- 3:30 PM Youth Group, WG
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir, WG Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship Service, WG

Monday, October 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Cir, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir, OH Parlor

Tuesday, October 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, FH
- 5:00 PM Wesley Gardens Comm. Mtg, Zoom
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben
- 4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:15 PM WNS To-Go Meals,
Pick up at Wayne Street Door
- 5:30 PM WNS Take-Out Meals, Pick up
at Wayne Street Door or
window in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM "Spiritual Formation" Study,
Led by Ben Martin
- 6:00 PM "The Book of Isaiah" Study,
Led by Jennifer Thompson
- 7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers
Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, October 22

- 8:30 AM Call to Prayer—Our Country,
OH Parlor
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Charge Conference
Consultations, w/DS, OH 205
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 310
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, October 23

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
10/21/20**

Menu: Creamy Chicken with
Mushrooms, Noodles, and
Broccoli Casserole
Children: Grilled Cheese & Fries

In Our Prayers.....

Richard Wallace (son of Susan and Dick Wallace), Dave Fleiner (father of Derek Fleiner), Becky West, Virginia Davis, Rebecca Johnson (daughter of Dan and Lynn Kurtz), Kim Rahn, Melissa Emery, Carol Ebel, Emily Davis, Bob Harman, Beth Aldrich, Liane Willard, Peggy Murphy, Craig Hanson, Theresa Fields, Grace Bockes, Esther Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, The Family of Meaghan Wylie, Joyce English (aunt of Officer Ricky Wiggins), Ellen Atkins, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), Rosemary Beasley, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Mark Case, Karen Nickles, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Bob Franz, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Adam Corey, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins & Family, Cheryl Richardson & Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel)

At Home/Extended Care

Roz Evans, Harriet Bland, Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Georgia Dickerson, Lois Wooten, Michael Mamalakis

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild

In Sympathy...

*Patty James,
wife of Neal James*

*Wattie Hays,
mother of
Harriet Bland*

*Avis Cheney,
sister of
Jeanette Cason*