



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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"The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

The first disciples of Jesus were students who learned from the words and actions of their master. As Dallas Willard observed, they "followed him in an attitude of study, obedience, and imitation." They were first of all students of Jesus, who John called, "the Word (of God) made flesh." The amazing thing for us is that even though we are removed from Jesus "in the flesh" by thousands of years and miles, we are not "second hand disciples." We too are students of Jesus and in turn "the Word of God made flesh" through scripture, that by the power of the Holy Spirit is a "living Word." For those of us who by faith follow Jesus, we do not read scripture as merely a record or history of what God said to people long ago, but we listen through it actively and prayerfully for what God is saying to us personally in the present.

There is certainly a useful place for the academic pursuit of scripture through "critical" methods of study, but in the life of discipleship, we are more interested in letting scripture do the work of "breaking into us" and searching "the thoughts and intentions of our hearts" than we are breaking into scripture to search for historical accuracy or "cracking the code" for hidden meaning. To sit prayerfully and expectantly with the Word is to sit at the feet of our Master with "ears to hear what the Spirit is saying." This kind of study of scripture is devotional not academic, it is to open more than simply our eyes and minds, it is to "open the eyes of our hearts" that "we might see Jesus," attend carefully to His words of hope, promise, challenge, and direction, and through it all to experience the mystery of His presence.

Many of you are now halfway finished with "reading through the Bible" in a year. I find over time in that kind of spiritual discipline that it is easy for me to fall into a trap of just getting my reading done some days without really hearing God speak through it. This may be a good time to refocus ourselves on the purpose of our reading to grow in our discipleship and not just accomplish the goal of completing the reading. May our reading continue to be an experience of the "living Word" each day.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Please register your attendance one of two ways: *Complete the Attendance Roster (navy, rectangle pad) found in each pew or use the Remind app. For Remind, 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 complete the Attendance Roster or 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. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org.*

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

Opening Voluntary

arr. Joe Utterback

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord and praise His holy name.
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

* **Hymn No. 451** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

* **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** 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.

Children's Sermon Charli Weeks
*8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of
the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following
the service, they can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance.*
*11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the
sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the
service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.*

* **Hymn No. 507** Through It All Andraé Crouch

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.

Voluntary (8:45) Oh, How I Love Jesus arr. Ken Farrell

Anthem (11:00) How Firm a Foundation arr. Albert Travis
Kara Mobley, pianist

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 46, 6-7)
Mark 10:17-31, Matthew 6:19-21, 7:24-27

Sermon "COVID Lessons Part 5 - Crisis or Vision" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 368** My Hope Is Built THE SOLID ROCK

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Closing Voluntary Church in the Wildwood arr. Dan Miller

* *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 Chor Jee Chow, loving mother of Ivan Chow and Grace Chow Grund, and beloved wife of David Chow.

Altar Flowers - Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Brookins in the church office, 912-232-0191 or jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$85, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: July 25, September 12 & 19, October 3, 24, & 31, November 7, 14, & 28, and December 12.

Messenger Deadline

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. Extra hands are always needed to fold, seal and label the newsletters (over 600 copies!) in preparation for mailing.

New Address, Phone Number, or Email?

If you have recently moved or have a new phone number or email address, please email the updated information to Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or call, 912-232-0191. Thank you!

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: Anna Livingood

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul

Ushers: Brian West, Peter Delves, Bobby Lee, Justin Dunn

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Fun in August!

Mark your calendars for our Merry Makers luncheon at the church on Monday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Cathy Clevener. Cathy is a licensed professional counselor at the Barnabas Center in Savannah and is preparing to move to Uganda to offer trauma therapy to young people who have experienced war and other atrocities. Come hear Cathy speak as she shares her heart for the brokenness she has seen in these youth and how God has woven together her training as a counselor and her call to the people of Uganda. Please call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson by Friday, August 6 to make reservations. Lunch will be prepared by Suzanna and is \$7, if you are able.

AND, let's go out to dinner! We have group reservations at Sweet Potatoes on Stephenson Avenue for an early dinner on Thursday night, August 19. Please call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson by Tuesday, August 17 to make reservations. For those who want to ride on the van, let Jennifer know. Seats are first come, first serve. We will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. or you can meet us at Sweet Potatoes at 5:30 p.m.. Dinner is Dutch treat.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Amen Handymen

Do you like to repair homes for missionaries and senior members? Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Steve Eberhardt leads this ministry.

Grace Monkeys

Enjoy car repairs? Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Joel Hayes leads this ministry.

Summer Bible Studies

Galatians and Acts, Thursdays, noon, via Zoom, sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Read the Bible-Young Mothers' Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Sermon

The Children's Sermon has returned to our order of worship and children are welcome to come to the sanctuary with their parents at both services. The children will be taken to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Children can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance after the 8:45 service and from the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (Grades 6th-12th)

High School Fall Retreat

Our Fall Retreat is back and it will be a special weekend for our high schoolers (Grades 9-12)! So mark your calendars for August 27-29 and plan to join us at Wesley Gardens Retreat for a fun and relaxing weekend.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (7/11/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	86
11:00 AM Worship	201
Online Worship Views	93
Total Worship	380
Nursery	12
Children's Worship	24
Sunday School	124

Finances: (7/11/21)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,017,482.89
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,003,153.28

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
Rev. 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	



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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

July 18, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 10:17	How would I answer the man's question?
Tuesday	Mark 10:17-22	Is there anything so important I would give up any and everything?
Wednesday	Mark 10:17-22, 28-31	What might Jesus ask me to give up?
Thursday	Matthew 6:19-21	What future am I preparing for and how am I preparing?
Friday	Matthew 7:24-27	What foundation am I laying that will protect me in the storms of life?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

Please bless the Amen Handymen as they repair homes for senior adults and missionaries. Keep them safe on ladders and in all projects, and bless the chairman, Steve Eberhardt. Amen.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, to read the entire Bible; all are welcome.

Sunday, July 18	2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
Monday, July 19	Isaiah 27-30
Tuesday, July 20	Isaiah 31-35
Wednesday, July 21	Isaiah 36-37; 2 Kings 18:9-19:37; 2 Chronicles 32:1-23; Psalm 76
Thursday, July 22	Catch-Up Day
Friday, July 23	Isaiah 38-39; 2 Kings 30; 2 Chronicles 32:24-33
Saturday, July 24	Isaiah 40-42; Psalm 46
Sunday, July 25	Isaiah 43-45; Psalm 80

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 18

Youthworks Mission Trip, AL Thru 7/23
8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
9:45 AM **Sunday School**
10:00 AM **New Member Class, OH 205**
11:00 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
5:30 PM **Worship SVC, WG Chapel**
6:15 PM **Dinner, WG Main House**

Monday, July 19

9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
7:00 PM **Grief Share, Zoom**

Tuesday, July 20

7:00 AM **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom**
11:00 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
11:00 AM **Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310**
7:15 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, July 22

9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
10:00 AM **Messenger Brigade, OH 310**
12:00 PM **Downtown Bible Study, Zoom**

Friday, July 23

No Scheduled Activities

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

**Sunday Night Supper & Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

5:30 Worship in the Chapel
6:15 Dinner in the Main House

July 18

Preaching: Jennifer Thompson
Menu: Hamburger Casserole
and Salad

July 25

Preaching: James P. Owens

In Sympathy....

Joellen Cooper-Pyles
on the death of her sister,
Donna Cooper Dalton

The Whitaker Family
on the death of Frank's father

The Conger Family
on the death of Holly's grandmother,
Evelyn L. Schleich

The Fleiner Family
on the death of Derek's father,
Dave Fleiner

The Price Family
on the death of Libby's sister,
Phyllis Ann Wertz Green

Toni Olds
on the death of her brother,
Donn Chown

In Our Prayers....

Debra & Jim Parker (sister and brother-in-law of Nick Hitt), Keith Ellis, Marilyn Ross (grandmother of Kim Keaton), Bob Harman, David Heery, Jane Green and Family (sister of Gail Brannen), Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Joe Gold, Olin Bockes, Mark Lanier (son of Ellison Lanier), Ronald Duell (father of Melinda Sorter), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Frances Hughes (friend of Marilyn Holleman), Matthew Yost, Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Shirley Roberts, Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Brian Allen, Clif Cooper, Katherine Burton (niece of Cindy Burton), Sara Francis Thrasher (grandmother of Reanna Hamilton), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunate (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Mario Delfiaco (brother of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), The family of Meaghan Wylie, Claire Hayes, Bryan Bost, Ryan Davis, Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Adam Corey, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), John Martin, Sr., Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley)

At Home/Extended Care

Ruth & Elton Stuenckel, Cecil Abarr, Bella Grace Bartels, Richard Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Boches, Virginia Davis, Ann Ernst, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Ellie Tardif, Bill Taylor, George Vail, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Matt and Melinda Allen, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Charles Smock, Chris Watson