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# THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



In August, \$228 was collected at the Georgia Tech Glee Club concert and donated to Chatham Transitional Ministries. (photo courtesy of Deanne Rimes)



This summer, the Merry Makers enjoyed trips to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and the Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation.



Family Promise Finance Director displays handmade pillowcases sewn by Wesley members. Thank you to everyone who sewed pillowcases & prepared supper for the Family Promise guests.



Our Eli's Place friends had a very special visitor!



In July, a group of Wesley Monumental students traveled to Birmingham, AL for a week of missions with Youthworks.







## From Ben's Desk

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## Wednesday Nights at Wesley

September marks our return to our school year programming schedule and the beginning of our mid-week dinner, Bible studies, children's choirs, and youth small groups. Our plan is to resume on September 8. After having to adjust our Wednesday night program last year due to COVID, we are really excited to return to this important part of our life together. The weekly habit of coming to church for fellowship and study in the middle of our week bridges the gap between Sundays and keeps us grounded in the middle of the hectic pace of our lives. If you've never been a part of the Wednesday night program, we encourage you to give it a try. There is something for all ages to help strengthen our faith.

Everyone is invited to begin with our prayer time from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor. The 4th-5th grade Bible study meets from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Dinner begins each week at 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., children's choirs and youth small groups meet, and a nursery is available for our youngest children. Monica and Charli can help you get your children signed up for the program. This year, we will offer two adult Bible studies from which to choose. One will be a thematic study and the other a straight Bible study. Each study will last six weeks and then we will launch a second six-week series. More information regarding the studies may be found below. Additional information regarding our Fall Programming, Wednesday Night Supper pricing, ways to sign up and pay, etc., will be available in the August 29 and September 5 Bulletins.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY OFFERINGS FOR FALL 2021

Whether you are drawn to a study of the Scripture, a topical study addressing our spiritual lives....or both, we've got a place for you on Wednesday evenings this fall! Don't miss out!

#### September 8 - October 20

##### ***Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* by Henri Nouwen**

Haven't you always wondered, "Is God trying to tell me something?" How do I know when God is speaking or when I'm misinterpreting what I think I'm seeing or hearing as something from God? The word for that process is discernment. Our text will be the book "Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life" by Henri Nouwen. This is a companion volume to Nouwen's book on Spiritual Formation that we did two years ago. Book available at Cokesbury.com or Amazon. Study led by Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.

##### ***The Epic of Eden: Jonah* by Sandra Richter**

In the book of Jonah we find a professional holy man, a "lifer" in the faith who is about to have the God he thinks he understands challenge him with an assignment that he can hardly get his brain around. In *The Epic of Eden: Jonah*, Dr. Sandra Richter takes us on a journey through Jonah's life that leads us all to the place where we realize that our God is way bigger than we thought. Not only will we learn everything we ever wanted to know about the brutal Assyrians of Nineveh, ancient seafaring ships, and large aquatic creatures, but we will also be challenged with the same message that confronted Jonah. Are we willing to let God be God, to move us out of our comfort zones, and embrace a calling that might just take us to the edges of the world we know? Email [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) for a PDF of the study book or purchase it on <https://my.seedbed.com/>. Study led by Jennifer Thompson in Oliver Hall.

#### October 27 - December 8

##### ***Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton**

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "Thou shalt not" rules found in the Bible. Jesus saw those commandments not as burdens but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. The ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully together, and protect us—often from ourselves." Book available on Cokesbury.com or Amazon. Study led by Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.

##### ***Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move* by Andy Stanley**

How many of us have ever gotten to the other side of a decision and wished that we had asked more questions? Good questions lead to good decisions, and God is all about us making good decisions! Questions such as, "Am I being honest with myself?", "What is the wise thing to do?", and "What does love require of me?" are just a few of the questions we will look at in this study as we explore what God, through Scripture, has to say about decision making. Book available on Amazon, but not necessary for the class. Study led by Jennifer Thompson in Oliver Hall.

(All classes will be offered in person and on Zoom. Please contact Ben at [ben@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ben@wesleymonumental.org) or Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.com](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.com) to receive a Zoom invite to the class you choose.)



## Children's Ministry

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**Summer Fun Days don't have to stop now!**  
**Keep the fun going by joining us for these fun events.**

### Sunday Funday

Every Sunday there are fun and exciting activities for children during Children's Worship and Sunday School. Games, skits, art projects and more are used to engage the children in Bible lessons.

New this year! Children DO NOT need to be picked up between the Worship Service and Sunday School. Children who attend the 8:45 Service will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday School classroom. Children who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship. Children can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance after Sunday School and from the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 Service.



### Wednesday Nights!

Join the fun on Wednesday nights! Beginning September 8, we are excited to welcome children younger than 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Joyful Noise. Mrs. Monica is looking forward to welcoming the 1st-5th graders to Children's Choir. Watch for more information in the mail and on Instagram (@cmatwesleyumc).



### Eli's Place

Eli's Place begins the 2021-2022 School Year on Tuesday, September 7. We have a few openings in our Young Two and Three Year Old classes and would appreciate your recommending our preschool to your friends and family members.



Always a fun time at Wesley Gardens. This year's Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 24 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Thank you!!!

Thanks to everyone who is wearing a mask during our Sunday Services to protect our children. The children and the adults who work with them are so happy to be back in the big church room and appreciate your efforts to protect our youngest members.



### Summer Fun Daze!!!





## Evangelism

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### Daily Chronological Bible Readings - September 2021

It Is Never Too Late to Start Reading the Bible! Please sign up with Nelle for a weekly email of Bible encouragement and even a weekly Bible joke, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

### September Bible Memory Verse

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." - Daniel 12:3

Wednesday, 1	Ezekiel 13-16	Saturday 11	Ezekiel 45-48	Tuesday, 21	Zechariah 8-14
Thursday, 2	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 12	Daniel 1-3	Wednesday, 22	Esther 1-5
Friday, 3	Ezekiel 17-20	Monday, 13	Daniel 4-6	Thursday, 23	Catch-Up Day
Saturday, 4	Ezekiel 21-24	Tuesday, 14	Daniel 7-9	Friday, 24	Esther 6-10
Sunday, 5	Ezekiel 25-28	Wednesday, 15	Daniel 10-12	Saturday, 25	Malachi; Psalm 50
Monday, 6	Ezekiel 29-32	Thursday, 16	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 26	Ezra 7-10
Tuesday, 7	Ezekiel 33-36	Friday, 17	2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1-3	Monday, 27	Nehemiah 1-4
Wednesday, 8	Ezekiel 37-40	Saturday, 18	Ezra 4-6	Tuesday, 28	Nehemiah 5-7
Thursday, 9	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 19	Haggai	Wednesday, 29	Nehemiah 8-10
Friday, 10	Ezekiel 41-44	Monday, 20	Zechariah 1-7	Thursday, 30	Catch-Up Day

Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.; all are welcome, even if you have not read all the Bible verses.



## Missions

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### Coastal District Mission Project

On Friday, September 10 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., the Coastal District of the UMC has the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of families in our community!

Volunteers are needed to support the work of The Society of St. Andrew, a ministry that works to provide food to those in need, by helping to organize donated produce items from the Southeast Produce Council Food Show at the Savannah Convention Center (on Hutchinson Island) into trucks. This could be a great family mission project. The produce will be donated to local church-based food pantries. Up to 50 volunteers will be needed.

If you would like to help with this much needed outreach to the community, please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



## Prayer Committee



### Equipped with the Holy Spirit

Jesus said in John 15, "If you love me, keep my commands, and I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate to help you, and be with you forever." Jesus is promising the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior. Oswald Chambers says in *My Utmost for His Highest*, "Prayer does not equip us for greater works - Prayer IS the greater work." The Holy Spirit encourages us to pray. It is the Holy Spirit that nudges us, convicts us and encourages us. We look forward to praying with you on Wednesday Nights from 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor with our church family. - Sue Ellis, Prayer Committee





## Missions Cont.

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### Prayer Partners with Urban Hope & Refugee Children

"Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me.'" - Matthew 18:5

Thank you all for praying daily for your Urban Hope and refugee children and for providing school uniforms for your child. Our own Judi Painter of the Mission Committee has set up a special email address for the Urban Hope director and Inspiritus refugee coordinator to send us the children's prayer requests, and so you will receive prayer updates from Judi. Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245, or Judi, willowbark71@gmail.com, if you have questions. You have outfitted 76 children, more than ever, but even more importantly, you are covering them in prayer. For the past three years, you have given uniforms for the refugee children, but this is our first time to give uniforms for the Urban Hope children. What a privilege it is to pray for these children every day!

	Penelope Allen Prayer Partner: Ellen O'Connor		Bobby Ancrum Prayer Partners: Elane & Edd Finley		Jaslyn Ancrum Prayer Partners: Christa, Kyle, & Silas Kirby		Kayla Bell Prayer Partner: Karen Washburn		Jordyn Broadie Prayer Partner: Susan Kornegay		Gabriel Brown Prayer Partner: Scott Cleaveland
	Giovanni Brown Prayer Partner: Scott Cleaveland		Ralynee Chaplin Prayer Partner: Susan & Dick Wallace		Saraya Chaplin Prayer Partner: Sandra McGowen		Chayanne Chaplin Prayer Partner: Sandra McGowen		Jernise Cutter Prayer Partner: Emily Jones		Josiah Cutter Prayer Partner: Shirley Roberts
	Zachary Dorsey Prayer Partners: Susan & Ben Martin		Zavier Dorsey Prayer Partners: Susan & Ben Martin		Damien Douse Prayer Partners: Joyce & Richard Zehl		Nichole Edwards Prayer Partners: Bonnie & Peter Delters		Desmond Gotti Prayer Partners: Caroline, Randon, & Ann Rhodes		Anijah Grantham Prayer Partner: Pam Highsmith
	Saranan Grantham Prayer Partner: Haley Hess		Za'Karia James Prayer Partner: Ansley Kornegay		Za'Keria James Prayer Partner: Ansley Kornegay		Alana Johnson Prayer Partners: Judi Painter & Anna Clair Painter		Miracle Lovett Prayer Partner: Karen Pannell		Jamiya Robinson Prayer Partners: Lynne & Fred Bozeman
	Zachariah Small Prayer Partner: Don Riddle		Christina Smith Prayer Partner: Gail Rountree		Khloe Smith Prayer Partners: Nelle & Tom Bordeaux		Robyn Stephens-Ferguson Prayer Partner: Mary Anne Hill		Vernita Stephens-Ferguson Prayer Partner: Adrienne Tietz		Joshua Trappio Prayer Partner: Patricia Jacobs
	Devin West Prayer Partner: Jordan Hess		Kenneth Wiggins Prayer Partners: Susan & Britt Griffin		Demari Wiggins Prayer Partner: Dr. Gillian Greer		Zaiden Wright Prayer Partner: Ethel Burris		Naila Achakzai Prayer Partners: David Chow & Grace & Curtis Grund		Sulaiman Achakzai Prayer Partners: David Chow & Grace & Curtis Grund
	Zulquida Achakzai Prayer Partner: Olivia Gray Cohn		Elonga Akiokobuy Prayer Partners: Will Weeks		Ferdaws Ameri Prayer Partners: Bonnie & Peter Delters		Yusuf Ameri Prayer Partners: Deborah & Willie Roberds		Esinam Attipoe Prayer Partner: Lily Brown		Yayra Attipoe Prayer Partners: Linda & David Butler
	Hawra Bahaduri Prayer Partner: Ellene Anderson		Ahmed Bahaduri Prayer Partner: Thax McCormick		Muhadasa Bahaduri Prayer Partner: Carmine Cowart		Satayesh Bahaduri Prayer Partners: Marion & Mark Thomas		Meshaki Chakabuta Prayer Partner: Evonne Mobley		Ruthi Chakabuta Prayer Partners: Bonnie & Gordon Montgomery
	Odesi Chakabuta Prayer Partners: Bonnie & Gordon Montgomery		Happy Chakabuta Prayer Partner: Evonne Mobley		Nardos Demoz Prayer Partner: Kimberly Ergul		David Drajoru Prayer Partner: Cynthia Willett		Kato Drajoru Prayer Partners: Barbara & Talley Jones		Waswa Drajoru Prayer Partner: Sherry Saferight
	Jean Pierre Lehani Prayer Partner: Janet Wist		Suzana Mwangaza Prayer Partner: Emma Grace Cohn		Oseya Rehani Prayer Partner: Cameron Schmitz		Ivoni Remy Prayer Partners: Gaye and Rusty Holt		Atteib Saboun Prayer Partners: Annabelle & Kieron O'Grady		Soumaya Saboun Prayer Partners: Leigh Clemens & Susan Hancock
	Hawaye Saboun Prayer Partners: Leigh Green & Ellie Muenkler		Mastoura Saboun Prayer Partner: Sandrae McCorkle		Sahiba Saboun Prayer Partners: Nelle & Tom Bordeaux		Rahima Saboun Prayer Partner: Melissa Emery		Faiga Saboun Prayer Partner: Pat Besser		Abdul Saboun Prayer Partners: Linda & Noel Cooper
	Ebana Tesfay Prayer Partner: Caroline Livingood		Filseta Tesfay Prayer Partner: Caroline Livingood		Zaina Yaredi Prayer Partners: Amy & Sam Daniel		Alisa Yaredi Prayer Partner: Katherine Grimmert		Feza Yaredi Prayer Partner: Gail Brannen		Bashir Yousufzai Prayer Partners: Ellen & Allen Williams
	Bibi Yousufzai Prayer Partner: Denise Grabowski		Shabir Yousufzai Prayer Partner: Karen Washburn		Shabib Yousufzai Prayer Partners: Ann & Melvin Croft		Shamaree Chasten Prayer Partner: Britt McCormick				



## Youth

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From July 18-23, a group of Wesley Monumental students traveled to Birmingham, AL for a week of missions with Youthworks. We were divided into three teams and, each day, our teams were sent out to serve in charities, non-profits, and other sites throughout the community. Many of the students were privileged to work at the Lovelady Center or one of the Lovelady thrift stores. Lovelady is a program for women who



have been in the prison system and are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. Working alongside these women, our students were able to hear their stories and understand more about the least fortunate among us.

Our students also served in local food distribution centers - warehouses that process food donations and funnel the donations to local food pantries. We were impressed with the generosity of so many individuals and businesses, but also distressed at how much food is thrown away. One evening, we were able to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a museum commemorating the history of the Civil Rights movement. We noted the rich history of this movement in Birmingham and other areas nearby, as well as the on-going need for justice and equality in our nation today.

Thanks especially to our adult volunteers - Sheila Boone and Stephanie Yost - who gave their time to make this trip possible!



## Kids Coke Classic Golf Tournament

**2021 Kids Coke Classic - Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner**  
**September 12 and September 13 - The Golf Club at Savannah Harbor**

Our golf auction dinner and golf tournament is just around the corner and we need your quick participation!

Sunday evening, September 12, 6:00 p.m. - Free dinner (Catered by Carrabba's) and auction of 80 various donated items such as golf certificates for four persons, free stays at various hotels and resorts in the Coastal Empire area, dining-out at great restaurants and catering to dinners, professional services (Lasik eye operation, etc.), jewelry and other ladies' goodies! All for a successful bid of some small amount! Just bring your little credit card and everything else is free!!!

We are getting close to our 60 teams for the two flights of golfers for Monday, September 13. Morning flight at 7:30 a.m. and afternoon flight at 1:30 p.m. If you wish to play - or sponsor a team (service folks, etc.), just call Don Riddle- 912-401-9016! Thanks for your consideration!



## Jane Shirah Circle

The Jane Shirah Circle will meet 10:30 a.m., September 22 at Carolyn Griner's home, #4 Bundy Park.





## Music

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### Choir and Orchestra Concert

The Wesley Monumental Choir will present Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* in concert at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. We began working on the music during the pandemic and are excited to share this magnificent piece of music with you. A forty-two piece orchestra, including our Noack pipe organ, will accompany the singers. The concert will also include a congregational hymn by Vaughan Williams, choral music by Vaughan Williams, and a special surprise piece to end the program. Tickets will go on sale in December. Thank you for supporting the choir! We appreciate all of you.



**Children's choirs begin Wednesday,  
September 8,  
and we hope you will come!**

**Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

We sing songs to worship God,  
play hand chimes,  
and learn more about God.

We will also have our annual  
Nativity Pageant!



1st through 5th grade: E-mail Monica ([monica@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org))  
to register and receive more details.

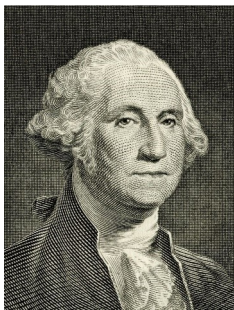
3 years old - Kindergarten will be with Mrs. Charli in the Joyful Noise Choir!



## Congregational Life

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Care

### September Luncheon



Mark your calendars for our Merry Makers luncheon at the church on Monday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. Our speaker will be our own Ron Freeman! Ron has prepared a fascinating presentation on George Washington and the trials and frustrations he encountered during the Revolutionary War.

Please call the church office or email/text Jennifer Thompson (229-726-7735) by Friday, September 10 to make reservations. The program and lunch will be in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Lunch is \$7, if you are able, but *come no matter what!*

## Merry Makers Fun in September



### Alhambra Dinner Theater

Also, for those of you who have signed up and paid to go to the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, September 11, to see *The Sound of Music*, please remember that we will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by approximately 8:00 p.m. Contact Jennifer Thompson if you have questions.





## Messenger Monthly Spotlight

### Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens Retreat

