



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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Freedom

I had long mistakenly assumed that the famous quote "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" was by Thomas Jefferson. I read recently that it also is often mistakenly attributed to the Irish lawyer and politician John Philpot Curran. In fact, Curran's line was somewhat different and yet quite relevant for the church on an "Independence Day" weekend. What Curran actually said, in a speech in Dublin on July 10, 1790, was: *"The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance."* Freedom is a key spiritual concept. Paul wrote, *"For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."* Paul, of course, was talking about being free from the law or from having to earn our salvation by futilely trying to earn our salvation by our works. Christ set us free not just from the law, but from the power of sin and death. But, maintaining that gift does require "eternal vigilance." Wesleyan theology does not believe in the idea of "once saved, always saved." Wesley held that we always maintain enough of a measure of free will to say no to grace. Paul warned that we should *"Beware when we think we are standing lest we fall."* In other words, opportunities to get lost are lifelong. After Jesus' temptation, the story says, *"The devil left him for an opportune time."* Temptation, distraction, and even disillusionment will be an ever-present reality on our journey home. Therefore, we must be "eternally vigilant." We do that by staying committed to our spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, study, giving, and serving (to name a few), by doing the things we need to do to stay close to God, and by constantly being humble and thankful for what Christ has done for us. During this Independence Day weekend, it is good to be thankful for the many freedoms we know in America and for the people who have given their lives over our history to make that possible. But, it is also a good time to be humble and thankful for our spiritual freedom that comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Patriotic Concert - July 3, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

This afternoon at 5:00 p.m., Raymond Patricio and Mark Spradley will lead us in hosting a Patriotic Concert featuring music by Coastal Winds Woodwind Quintet and Coastal Brass Quintet. Donations will go to benefit Team Savannah for Veterans. (There will be no Wesley Gardens worship and dinner this evening. We will resume next Sunday, July 10)

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary

America the Beautiful

arr. Jim Lucas

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

* **Doxology** No. 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Boys & Girls Club - Join Our Open House

Thursday, July 14, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 510 E. Charlton Street, Savannah. 100th Year Charter Anniversary of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club. Questions, please call 912-233-2939.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

WCC Groceries

Most needed this week for Wesley Community Center is cereal and canned fruit.

Be a Prayer Partner and Provide School Uniforms for an Urban Hope or Refugee Child

Please sign up with Nelle and bring uniform to church on July 24 (white shirt; khaki pants or skirt or jumper dress), tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Next New Member Course

Will take place Sundays, July 10 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining July 17. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Mayfield, Kentucky Adult Mission Trip: August 22-27, 2022

We are putting together a team of folks to travel to Kentucky to assist with rebuilding after the December 2021 tornadoes that swept through the community and devastated Mayfield FUMC. Dormitory-style housing and three meals a day will be provided. We will have specific construction projects to complete for homeowners who have fallen short with insurance and FEMA. All skill levels are needed. Our plan is to travel up on Monday, August 22 and return on Saturday, August 27 which gives us four good days of work. Other churches from the district may be joining us. Donations will be accepted towards room and board costs. If you are interested in participating, please email Scott Cleaveland at msctclv@gmail.com or call 912-598-8278.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School

Time Travelers unite! Join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we travel quickly through our Bibles and learn where to find our favorite stories. Sunday School begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 with the lesson starting at 10:00. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row.

Rising 5th and 6th graders

Plan to stay after church on Sunday, July 10! We are going to go out to lunch at Spudnik and then get ice cream at Leopold's. We'll be making plans for our next two events so be sure you know when you will be in town. Text or email Ms. Charli at 912-547-3526 or charli@wesleymonumental.org to let her know you are coming.

Summer Fun Daze

Last chance to register for Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens the week of July 18-22. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday. On Thursday, we spend the night at Wesley Gardens and campers are picked up at noon on Friday. This year we'll be surfing the waves on the Emotion Ocean and seeing how people in the Bible handle their feelings. Text or call Ms. Charli if you need a registration form.

Family Fun Sunday

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Wesley Gardens on July 24 for our next afternoon of family fun. We'll have water fun along with indoor and outdoor games and activities. There will be fun for all ages so come out and enjoy Wesley Gardens.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth Group/Youth Choir

Youth Group and Youth Choir will not meet this afternoon.

KidzQuest Retreat, September 23-25

Mark your calendars for the KidzQuest Retreat, September 23-25! All 4th-6th graders are invited to join us for this weekend of fun, worship, and fellowship at Epworth by the Sea. We will begin registration soon. For more information, please see James P. Owens.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Group Mission Week! July 25-28

We are in need of a few folks to help out with our youth Local Mission Week, July 25-28. Especially if you have skills and knowledge related to construction, we would love for you to help our youth complete service projects in the community. Please see James P. Owens or Scott Cleaveland for more information.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers - Day Trip to St. Simons Island

Come join us for a day trip to beautiful St. Simons Island on Thursday, July 21! We will load up the van at the church at 8:00 a.m. and travel to Epworth by the Sea. At Epworth, we will have a guided tour of the Methodist Museum and a lecture on Methodist history by Rev. Dave Hanson. Afterward, we will go to lunch and then have time to “mosey around” the village at the pier. There you can shop, grab an ice cream cone, or sit on the pier and enjoy some time over the water. We will return to the church around 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. *Please call the church office or let Jennifer Thompson know that you want to go by Friday, July 15.* The cost to you will be lunch, whatever you buy at the village, and a small donation to cover gas in the church van. We have room for 12 on the van – first come, first serve.

Merry Makers - Dutch Treat at J. Thomas Kitchen

Join us for a “Dutch treat” lunch on Monday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. at J. Thomas Kitchen (4700 US-80, Suite E, Savannah). Please call the church office by Friday, July 8 and let Jennifer Baker know if you would like to join us. (Jennifer Thompson will be out of the office the week of July 4th and will not be able to take your reservations.)

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (06/26/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	87
11:00 AM Worship	219
Online Worship Views	132
Total Worship	438
Nursery	XX
Children’s Worship	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	120

Finances: (06-26-22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,045,950.99
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,026,245.24

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children’s Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen

Greeters: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Andrew Wilkes

Children’s Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Joyce & Richard Zehl, Karen Washburn,
Judy Pitts, Vicki Dougherty

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell,
Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 23, John 10:1-5	What are ways I experience God leading me?
Tuesday	Proverbs 3:5-6	What three things does Solomon teach us here about following God?
Wednesday	Psalm 1	What is a path of righteousness? Am I following it?
Thursday	I Peter 3:18	Where does the path of righteousness lead?
Friday	Psalm 23:3, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, 1 Peter 4:16	What does "for His name's sake" mean to me?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We thank You, Lord, for the privilege of living in this great country. We ask You to bless our nation. Be with our elected officials, with our first responders, and with all branches of our military. Be with our churches and help them grow. Give them a vision to reach out to those in need both physically and spiritually. Help us, as citizens, to reflect You in the way we live our lives.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 3

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 PM Patriotic Concert, SNC

Monday, July 4

**Independence Day
Church Office Closed Today
Eli's Place Closed All Week**

Tuesday, July 5

- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, EB 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, EB 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, July 6

- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, July 7

- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

☆ June 19 - August 14 ☆
(we will not meet on July 3)

Event Times

- 3:30 PM Youth Group, Boat Hse
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

Meal Details

- Suzanna prepares entrée & dessert
- An Adult Sunday School Class prepares the sides

Worship Service

Each Sunday, we will highlight a different area of ministry and have a theme for that particular Sunday for everyone to enjoy. Themes include:

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| Family Fun Nights | Choir Night |
| Merry Makers Night | Youth Night |
| Missions Night | UMW Night |

In Our Prayers....

Baker Crawford, Cameron Schmitz, Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, Cathy Hillegas (mother of Annie Hitt), Walter Sumner (brother of Rosanne Montjoy and uncle of Michael Montjoy), Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Shari and Mel Hubbard, Leon Terrell Coppage (father of Amy Carter), Dwayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Michael Sailors, Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, John Burton, Pat Beasley, Jane McClain, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Dean Muenckler, Bob Harman, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (grand-daughter of Ceil Waters), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Grace & Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Dajuan Monley, Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Chris Watson