



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

While it may seem like summer just started, for our families with children in school, summer is coming to an end. Chatham County public schools begin this week with private schools right behind them in the next two weeks. Many parents will welcome a return to the "routine" of the school year even with the demands it brings. I, for one, am definitely a creature of habit; I like routine. It brings order or a better word is discipline to all parts of my life, care of my physical body, focus to my work life, commitment to my spiritual growth, and so on.

The creation story reflects a rhythm to life, time, days, seasons, and activities (work and rest). Habit can imply mindlessness or going through the motions, but it can also mean discipline to a meaningful routine and commitment or priority to the things that are important. In no place is this more important than our spiritual growth. There is a reason spiritual practices have long been called spiritual disciplines. Paying attention to God in my life requires discipline and attention. The concept of Sabbath, or ordering life around God, is as old as the creation and important enough to be one of the Ten Commandments.

As we return to the "school year" routine, it is a good time to make a commitment to ordering our lives around God and Sabbath. Worship is a time to re-order our lives every week as the demands and pace of life creates a sense of chaos in us. Worship grounds us in a life with God. While the law of Sabbath implies a day out of the week, the concept or principle of Sabbath runs through every day. Finding a routine to nourish my spiritual life each day is critical to maintaining order in my life. The return to the school year routine is a good time to recommit ourselves to a meaningful spiritual routine in our lives. Join us here at Wesley each week for a time of reordering, renewing, and refocusing ourselves around God and the things that truly make for a meaningful and joyful life. And while we are at it, let's pray for our educators and students as they begin a new year together.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Shirley Roberts, organist

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. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

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.*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

J.S. Bach

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 642

* **Hymn No. 154** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed James P. Owens

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** GREATORIX

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 on the second floor.

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.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

James P. Owens

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Don Riddle and Carolyn Roth's First Anniversary, August 1st.

Just Born

Congratulations to Jenna and Gil Watts on the birth of a son, Robert Sloan Watts, on July 21, 2022. Grandson of Claire and John Watts. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Bo.

Altar Flowers - Fall 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 \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: September 4, 18, October 30, and November 6.

"Surprised by God's Kindness" by Dr. Edwin Chase

Dr. Edwin Chase, former Associate Pastor of Wesley Monumental, recently released his memoir, "Surprised by God's Kindness." Copies are available in the Church Office for \$14.95 with all proceeds benefitting The Methodist Home for Children and Youth.

Wesley Gardens Retreat Updates

- Yoga on the Dock! - YogaFaith Savannah has resumed with their wonderful Wednesday classes from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (donation based). All ages and stages and sizes are welcome. See you on the dock!
- 4th Friday Retreats - will resume in September.
Please email Micah (micah@wesleygardensretreat.com) if you have any questions.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Usher: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Avery West, Christopher Butler

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: James Cubbedge

Offering Steward: Adam Hess

Ushers: Adam Hess, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Pratt Mathews, Bill Mattocks

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Thank you to Shirley Roberts for playing both Services this morning. Thank you for the opportunity to be at Centenary United Methodist Church in New Bern, North Carolina playing their morning Services as well as an organ concert in celebration of the church's 250th anniversary.

In 1769, John Wesley sent two lay preachers as missionaries to America: Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmore. In 1772, Pilmore set off toward Savannah on a missionary tour of the south. Arriving in New Bern on Christmas Eve, Pilmore preached to a large gathering on Christmas Day, 1772, marking the beginning of Methodism in New Bern and leading to the establishment of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members **Wesley Community Center Groceries**

Most needed this week is pasta.

Urban Hope School Supplies

Dry erase markers, wide-rule notebook paper, crayons, tri-fold project boards, 1st and 2nd grade writing tablets, composition books, pens, and Microban spray. Please place in boxes located by all doors.

August New Member Course

Our next New Member Course will take place Sundays, August 7 and 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. The class will join as a group on Sunday, August 14. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Construction Ministry (local and non-local)

- ◆ Family Promise Cumming Street house in Savannah – to help with onsite work, call Scott Cleaveland, Mission Chairman, 912-598-8278.
- ◆ Mayfield, Kentucky Adult Mission Trip: August 22-27 – Sign Up ASAP
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 a.m. with the lesson starting at 10:00. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 Service together and sit on the front row.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

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.

Youth Group and Youth Choir

Join us this afternoon at Wesley Gardens Retreat for Youth Group at 3:30 p.m. Youth Choir will not meet.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Beat the Heat Burgers and Bingo - RSVP BY THIS FRIDAY 8/5

Come get out of the heat and sun and join us on Monday, August 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the church in the Fellowship Hall for an indoor picnic (burgers, all of the fixin's, and root beer floats for dessert) AND Bingo with MYSTERY PRIZES! RSVP online <https://bit.ly/MMBurgersBingo> or by calling the Church Office, 912-232-0191 by Friday, August 5.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (07/24/22)

8:45 AM Worship	71
11:00 AM Worship	225
Online Worship Views	122
Total Worship	418
Nursery	10
Children's Worship	23
Sunday School	13

Finances: (07/24/22)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,155,559.69
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,173,257.52

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Julia Flowers.....Music Assistant	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Rev. James P. Owens...Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	



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

July 31, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 23:1-5	Pray the 23 rd Psalm today.
Tuesday	I Samuel 16:1-13	What does this story tell us about God, David, and ourselves?
Wednesday	Psalm 139:13-16	What does this Psalm tell me about myself?
Thursday	James 5:13-16	What does anointing have to do with healing?
Friday	Mark 14:1-9	What did this mean to Jesus?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with all students and educators as they enter into the first days of this school year. Give them peace, clarity of mind, and a willingness to learn. Surround our schools with Your safety and protection. Allow all who enter know that You go with us wherever we go.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 31

- 8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:30 AM **Coffee, FH**
- 9:45 AM **Sunday School**
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 3:30 PM **Youth Group, WG Boat House**
- 4:00 PM **WG Committee Mtg, WG**
- 5:30 PM **Worship, WG Chapel**
- 6:15 PM **Dinner, WG Main House**

Monday, August 1

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**

Tuesday, August 2

- 7:00 AM **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310**
- 9:00 AM **Bible Buddies, OH 308**
- 11:00 AM **Extended Staff Mtg, OH 310**

Wednesday, August 3

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

Thursday, August 4

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 12:00 PM **Downtown Bible Study, Zoom**

Friday, August 5

No Scheduled Activities

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....

Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Bo Watts, Craig Hanson, Jan Pullin, Sue and Keith Ellis, 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), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), 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, 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 (granddaughter 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

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

In Sympathy....

The McClain Family
on the death of *Jane McClain*,
mother of Ray McClain