



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Over these last few weeks in the life of our church, we have celebrated several of life's milestones or rites of passage. We recognized all the infants born in our church, we had a service of confirmation for some of our youth, we welcomed new families into our church, and finally today, we recognize our graduates who are taking one of the biggest steps in life. We mark these steps of life's journey with times of worship as a constant reminder that God is with us all along our journey. The incarnation reminds us that God is with us and the resurrection tells us that God goes ahead of us and will meet us when we get to where we are going. As we journey through life, we walk in faith and not always by sight. It is so often the case that God doesn't show us the outcome, He simply shows us the way and says follow me.

Today, we give thanks for the families, teachers, friends, and church that have been God's instruments of grace in the lives of these graduates, and we commit ourselves to hold them in our prayers as they follow where God leads next.

High School Graduates

Braden Chance Aiken, Southeast Bulloch High School
Mary Matelynn Garvin, Savannah Arts Academy
Sarah Gabrielle Garvin, Savannah Arts Academy
Claire Elizabeth Hays, St. Vincent's Academy
Lexanne Olivia Mattocks, St. Vincent's Academy
Margaret Angela Mattocks, St. Vincent's Academy
William Asher Sigmon, Benedictine
Angelina Marie Ernst Stack, Savannah Arts Academy
Eliza Blue Stubbs, Savannah Country Day School
William DeKalb Tallevast VI, Benedictine

College & Graduate School Graduates

James Craig Buckley, Auburn University
Nelle Bordeaux, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Doctor of Ministry)
Thomas Atticus Bordeaux, Georgia Institute of Technology
Alexandra Lee Eller, Kennesaw State University
John Bostwick Ryan, Georgia College and State University

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Ascension Sunday

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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Parker Hunt

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Anthem

Ride on King Jesus
Jerome Elder, tenor

Hall Johnson

* **Hymn No. 77**

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Kine

* **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Nelle Bordeaux

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 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.

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Lenora and Craig Buckley and son, James
Pam and James Hammock, Jr. and children, Trip and Bo

* **Hymn No. 174**

His Name is Wonderful

Audrey Mieir

Graduate Recognition (11:00)

James P. Owens

Jennifer Thompson Recognition (11:00) Ben Martin

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. Victor Labenske
Blessed Assurance

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Let This Mind Be In You Lee Hoiby

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
Who, being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
But made Himself of no reputation,
and took upon Him the form of a servant,
and was made in the likeness of men:
And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself,
and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him,
and given Him a name which is above every name:
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

- Philippians 2:5-11 KJV

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. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 82-83) Exodus 35:4-21, 29, 36:3b-7

Sermon "More Than Enough" Ben Martin

Capital Campaign Commitment

* **Hymn** No. 374 (8:45) Standing on the Promises PROMISES

Closing Response (11:00) Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Angelina Stack, mezzo-soprano

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

* *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 by Angelina Stack in memory of her grandparents, Ann and Andy Ernst, and in honor of her parents, Ann Marie and Don Stack.

Children's Ministry Assistant Position

As our Children's Ministry continues to grow, a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant is needed to assist with the various children's programs offered by our Church. A copy of the Job Announcement outlining the duties and qualifications for the position may be found on our website, wesleymonumental.org, under News & Events then Announcements.

After reviewing the Job Announcement, if you are interested in applying for the position, please mail or email your resume to the contact information on the Job Announcement.

Sound Help

Our church is in need of people to help set up and monitor the sound for our worship services. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is helpful but not required, training will be available. For more information, please email Nick Hitt at nickhitt@comcast.net. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

2023 Offering Envelopes

If you are a member of Wesley and have not received your 2023 offering envelopes, please contact Jennifer Baker, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org in the church office. Any remaining envelopes not picked up by June 30, will be recycled.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week is pasta. Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

May Administrative Board Meeting

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. If you are a board member and did not receive the agenda emailed on Friday, May 19, please email Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Save the Date!

Summer Sunday Evenings at Wesley Gardens Retreat will begin Sunday, June 11. Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Charlie Clarke

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Charlie Glidewell

Children's Worship: Courtney Lee, Lindsey Wiggins

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Congratulations to Sheila and Skip Watts celebrating their one year wedding anniversary this weekend. Sheila and Skip teach the youth choir every week at rehearsal, and we all benefit from the time and talents they joyfully offer for the glory of God.

The youth choir joins the chancel choir this morning in singing a difficult and hauntingly beautiful piece of music. The piece is a setting of a complete passage of scripture from Philippians, the King James Version. In the middle and high school years, there are many activities that compete for our youth's time. We are thankful these students have prioritized their faith every week with their presence and offering to God.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members Mentors Needed for Young Mothers

Is the Lord calling you to meet once every other month at your convenience with a young mother for Christian encouragement? Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245.

May New Member Course Starts Today

The May New Member Course will be held today, Sunday, May 21, and next Sunday, May 28, at 10:00 a.m. The class will join as a group on May 28. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

May Family Mission Project - Sack Groceries for Needy People

Friday, May 26 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Children are welcome! All ages are invited. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Please come to the Oliver Hall lobby. Please bring a box of your favorite cereal or a canned good or jar of peanut butter.

Helpers Needed for Youth Local Mission Week, July 24-28, 9 a.m. to Noon

Are you willing to help alongside our youth in construction ministry or planting azaleas, spreading dirt, or laying sod for Family Promise homeless families? Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School - Last Call - Deadline to Register is May 22!

- ◆ Need to Register? There are a few spots remaining for our Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of June 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

The deadline to register is tomorrow, Monday, May 22, so please register today by visiting: www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental. At this time registration is open for all Wesley Monumental families.

- ◆ We Need Your Help! It takes a village to shepherd our children through the learning centers and activities that are planned for VBS. From making and serving snacks, to helping put welcome packets together, there are tasks for everyone. You can sign up to help one of three ways:
 1. Fill out the yellow insert located in today's bulletin
 2. Visit www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental
 3. Email charli@wesleymonumental.org

Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

Wesley children, who have completed kindergarten through third grade, can attend our Summer Fun Daze camp at the Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 17 - 21. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's Word. Monday - Wednesday we'll start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, we'll start at 9:00 a.m., and we will be spending the night at Wesley Gardens! Our tired campers will be ready to be picked up at noon on Friday. The cost for the week is \$85. Space is limited. At this time registration is open for members of Wesley Monumental. You can register for VBS and/or Summer Fun Daze at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

High School Mission Trip to Logan, WV, June 25-30

We are planning a mission trip for students entering grades 9-12 with Youthworks, June 25-30, to Logan, WV, where we will work with needy children and families. If you have been on one of our Youthworks trips in the past, you know how great they are! Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

Local Mission Week, July 24-28

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us July 24-28 for our annual Local Mission Week. Each day, students will be sent out into the community to engage in meaningful service right here in Savannah. Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Bible Study - Continuing New Series in May

Our practice of studying the Scriptures, led by Dr. Scott Hafemann, will continue in May with the third part of a three-part series, "From John the Baptist to Jesus the Messiah" taking place this Tuesday, May 23 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Are all welcome!

The Sacred Journey Multi-Day Retreat

Come slow down with us on the Moon River and take a break from the hurry and hustle. Here you will experience ancient ways of being present to yourself, to God, and the beauty around you. Your retreat will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 and end by lunchtime on Sunday, May 28. Your ticket includes ALL MEALS during your stay, lodging, spiritual direction, materials, and a special gift. Questions or to register, email Christian Swails at christian@cocreationlife.com.



Finances: (5/14/23)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$887,811.07
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$819,463.76

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (5/14/23)

8:45 AM Worship	XXX	Nursery	26
11:00 AM Worship	527	Children's Worship	65
Online Worship Views	XXX	Sunday School	73
Total Worship	XXX		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor
 Rev. Nelle Bordeaux...Outreach & New Members
 Rev. James P. Owens ...Director of Student Ministries
 Dr. Monica Dekle Director of Music & Organist
 Julia Flowers..... Music Assistant
 Charli Weeks..... Director of Children's Ministry
 Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator
 Tom AndersonFinancial Manager
 Jennifer Baker.....Administrative
 Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins Administrative Assistant to
 Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
 Ashley Higgins Communications Director
 Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
 Betty Dudley Housekeeper
 Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens
 Property Manager
 Jared Hanks.....Wesley Gardens
 Groundskeeper/Maintenance
 Christian SwailsWesley Gardens
 Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
May 21, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Exodus 35:4-21, 29	What do the Israelites teach us here about giving?
Tuesday	Luke 21:1-4	What does this poor widow teach us about giving?
Wednesday	Mark 14:1-9	What does this woman teach us about giving?
Thursday	Malachi 3:8-10	Is there a difference in the tithe and the offering?
Friday	Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 6:38	What is Jesus trying to teach the disciples here?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 21

Graduate Recognition Sunday

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM Capital Funds Drive Lunch, SNC

Monday, May 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Teacher Work Day
- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg, FH & Zoom

Tuesday, May 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 205
- 5:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg
- 6:00 PM Mission Committee Mtg

Wednesday, May 24

- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle Mtg
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 5:30 PM VBS Training
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, May 25

- Sacred Journey Retreat thru 5/28, WG
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

Friday, May 26

- 11:00 AM Grocery Packing, OH

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper
and programs will resume this fall.

Sunday Night Supper and Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins Sunday, June 11. Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

In Our Prayers....

Carlyle Buelvas (sister of Madge Edwards), Pat Besser, Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, Sally Davis, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), Byron Rogers, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Sara Hardwick (sister of Cassie Beckwith), Dennis Deal (cousin of Patricia Jacobs), Lynn and Dan Kurtz, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Hannah Rowland (daughter of Bren and Chet Kos), Robert Green, Lynn Strickland, David Gelaude, Hope Lassiter (sister of Will Weeks), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Chad Gamble (brother of Kim Watson), Cindy and John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Valery Hanks, Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Matthew McClain, Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenckel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Rimes Family
on the death of *Chris Rimes*,
son of Deanne and Ken

The Flowers Family
on the death of *Mary Holloway*,
mother of Janet,
grandmother of Julia and Tripp

The Rogers Family
on the death of *Jack W. Cockfield*,
grandfather of Savannah Rogers