



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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May 14, 2023

Mother's Day/Infant Recognition Sunday

This morning, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we are recognizing all of the babies who were born into our congregation over the last year. We are blessed to have so many young families here and want to say thank you today to all of you who are a part of our ministry to babies and children. Thank you to our staff at Eli's Place, the nursery, and our children's ministry. Thank you to our volunteers who serve children in the nursery, children's worship, Sunday school, choir programs, and children's ministries. Thank you to our parents who entrust your children to us. We pray that together we are raising children to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Maclay Tillman Arnsdorff
Matthew Whitfield Campbell, Jr.
William Forest Clary
George Bingham Coakley
Elizabeth Ann Cobb
Ezra Rountree Croft
Annie Yarborough Eichholz
Franklin Tate Freeman
Elizabeth Grace Kingston
Winslet Joan Kutchey
Sarah Smith Mathews
Jack Bryan Elliot Miller
Atticus Donald Monley
Nelson Truluck Morris
Mary Elizabeth Powell
Charles Harrison Rhodes
Jack Rollins Rhodes
Andrew Charles Robinson
Madelyn Grace Robinson
Lily Costa Rogers
Winnifer June Scoggins
Evelyn Jo Teuton
Winfield Joseph Timmons
Maya To
Jesse Floyd Watts
Myriam Shiloh Watts
Robert Sloan Watts
John Jason Yostly

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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) Caden Valdez

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Assurance March arr. Randall Atcheson

Opening Voluntary (11:00) O How I Love Jesus
Brantley Parker, pianist

Opening Anthem (11:00) Keep on the Sunny Side

* **Hymn No. 133** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

* **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** 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.

Infant Recognition Charli Weeks

Children's Sermon Nelle Bordeaux

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.

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.

* Hymn He's Got the Whole World

He's got the whole world. in his hands, He's got the whole world.

in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

Stanza 1: ...the little bitty baby

Stanza 2: ...you and me brother (gentlemen only)

Stanza 3: ...you and me sister (ladies only)

Stanza 4: ...everybody here

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Marilyn Hamm

Christ the Lord is Risen Today with Mozart's Alleluia

Offertory Anthem (11:00) In the Highways, In the Hedges

"And the Lord said unto the servant,
Go out into the highways and hedges,

and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

- Luke 14:23

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.

* Scripture (Pew Bible, pg. 46, 19) Mark 10:13-16, Matthew 18:1-7

Sermon

"Blessing Children"

Ben Martin

* Hymn No. 723 Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE

Benediction

Ben Martin

* Please stand as you are able.

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Altar Flowers - Summer Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: June 18, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and prayed during last Thursday's National Day of Prayer, and to everyone who provided cookies and volunteered during the Massie May Day celebration.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall.

Capstone Capital Funds Drive and Lunch - Reservations Due Today!

We will culminate our Capital Funds Drive next Sunday, May 21, so please turn in your commitment card before or on that Sunday. Following the 11:00 Service, we will gather as a church family to celebrate the culmination of the campaign with lunch together. If you plan to eat, please make your reservation today, Sunday, May 14 by one of the following ways:

- ◆ completing the tear-off located at the bottom of today's insert
 - ◆ emailing Jennifer Baker, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org
 - ◆ completing online form: www.wesleymonumental.org/may-21-lunch/
- Please note, there is no childcare during this lunch, so please enjoy the meal seated together as a family.

May Administrative Board Meeting

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place next Monday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board this Friday, May 19.

Save the Date!

Summer Sunday Evenings at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center 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: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Amy Carter

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Grabowski, Jordan Hess

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Music Awards

Congratulations to 126 three-year-olds through 5th graders who completed choir through the end of the term and received awards at the Music Awards Ceremony on Wednesday. Twenty-four 1st – 5th graders had perfect attendance for the year. In total, the children learned over 30 hymns this year.

Thank you to parents for prioritizing their family's faith.

Thank you to these teachers for their perfect attendance and faithfulness from September through May:

- ◆ Joyful Noise Choir: Miang Chow, Ella Hayes, Deborah Roberds, Shirley Roberts, Aleyse Scarborough, Meaghan Wylie.
- ◆ Children's Choir: Lee Green, Ash Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, Anne Hawks, JoAnna Hayes, Raymond Patricio, Ken Rimes, Carolyn Roth, and Julia Flowers.

You're Invited

Angelina Stack's Senior Piano and Voice Recital is this Saturday, May 20 at 4:00 PM at Wesley Monumental UMC with a reception to follow in Oliver Hall. All are welcome to attend. Angelina is the daughter of Ann Marie and Don Stack. She grew up at Wesley Monumental and has been taking piano lessons since age six. Many of us remember praying for her when she was born. Angelina graduates from Savannah Arts Academy next week and will attend University of Georgia in the Fall. Congratulations, Angelina!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

Next New Member Course

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

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.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry **VBS and Summer Fun Daze**

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze.

***Please note at this time, registration is only open to children and extended family of Wesley members.

- June 5 – 9 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old – 5th grade
- July 17 – 21 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children Kindergarten – 3rd grade

Register for both today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held next Sunday, May 21, and if anyone knows of a member (or member’s child) that is graduating from high school or college, please email james@wesleymonumental.org.

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 second and third parts of a three-part series, “From John the Baptist to Jesus the Messiah.” The study will take place 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: (5/7/23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$848,236.08
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$794,865.38

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (5/7/23)

8:45 AM Worship	101	Nursery	15
11:00 AM Worship	343	Children’s Worship	49
Online Worship Views	126	Sunday School	145
Total Worship	570		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Brookins.....	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux ..	Outreach & New Members	Ashley Higgins.....	Communications Director
Rev. James P. Owens ...	Director of Student Ministries	Suzanna King.....	Director of Hospitality
Dr. Monica Dekle.....	Director of Music & Organist	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Julia Flowers	Music Assistant	Micah Sprünger	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Charli Weeks	Director of Children’s Ministry	Jared Hanks	Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers	Church Administrator	Christian Swails.....	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson	Financial Manager		
Jennifer Baker	Administrative Assistant, Reception		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
May 14, 2023**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 10:13-16	What does Jesus tell us here about children and about our responsibility for them?
Tuesday	Matthew 18:1-7	What can children teach us about faith?
Wednesday	Matthew 18:1-7	What ways could we put a stumbling block before children's faith?
Thursday	Proverbs 22:6	What can we give to children that nothing can take from them?
Friday	2 Timothy 1:5	What does Timothy's experience teach us about parenting?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Jesus, to give our church wisdom and guidance on our Capstone Capital Funds Drive and upcoming building project. Help us to wisely steward the gifts we are given so that our property may be most effectively used in the years to come for children's ministry, music, youth ministry, adult discipleship, and outreach, all for your glory. Amen.

**Capstone Capital Campaign
Church-Wide Lunch**

Sunday, May 21, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Total number of family members eating: _____

Name: _____

Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate or return to the Church Office by today, Sunday, May 14.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 14

Infant Recognition Sunday/Mother's Day

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, May 15

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle

Tuesday, May 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,
Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 310
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

Friday, April 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:15 AM Eli's Place Graduation, SNC
Lunch Following, FH

Saturday, April 20

- 4:00 PM Angelina Stack Recital, SNC

Pastor on Call This Week

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

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 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

The Van Tuyl & Schippereit Families
on the death of *Stuart Schippereit*,
husband of Janet Van Tuyl

The Hunter Family
on the death of *Ruth Jeanette Eidson*,
mother of Leigh,
grandmother of Dallas

In Our Prayers....

Pat Besser, Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), Sally Davis, 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 Stuenkel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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