



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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June 18, 2023

**Happy Father's Day**

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4*

Today is Father's Day and in a church like ours, blessed with so many children and young families, it is in large part a day of celebration. For others of us, it is a day of remembrance and gratitude for the gift of a father now gone whose love and example helped make us who we are. We must acknowledge however, for some it is a painful day that confronts us with the frailty and faults of a father who did not fulfill the role God intended. The day also reminds us that being a father is a gift and a responsibility. Paul speaks to it in his letter to the Ephesians and the importance of the teaching role of a father. It is also interesting that this verse follows on the heels of some instruction to husbands about how to love and serve our wives. Maybe nothing fathers do is more important than modeling what a husband should be for our children. Today we pray and give thanks for all our fathers, and for our Father in Heaven whose love is unfailing.

Speaking of families, today we begin our eleventh year appointed to be your pastor at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. It is hard to believe a decade has gone by so quickly. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for the incredible generosity and encouragement you show us. I cannot thank you all enough for the celebration of our decade together at Wesley Gardens last week. It was a surprise that warmed my heart, reminded me once again of how incredibly blessed I am to serve here, and inspired me to keep giving and serving alongside you at Wesley. The long tenure of our staff members reflect what a wonderful place this is to live out our calling. Monica, Charli, and Tom Anderson have been here longer than I, and James and Nelle are both beginning their tenth year here, Jennifer Brookins her ninth year. Our deeply committed staff and faithful, loving congregation are truly the keys to our church's effectiveness in sharing the love of Christ and welcoming people into our church family. We are all excited to be a part of what God will do here in the year ahead.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**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**

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary (8:45)**

Fanfare

Paul Dukas

**Opening Anthem (11:00)**

How Can I Keep From Singing

Daniel Wilkinson, tenor

\* **Hymn No. 144**      This Is My Father's World      TERRA BEATA

\* **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.

**Baptismal Covenant (8:45)**

Beau Exley Bartlett  
son of Kelsey and Trey Bartlett

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Beau as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**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.  
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** No. 378 Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

**Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) How Can I Keep from Singing  
Daniel Wilkinson, tenor

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) Look at the World John Rutter  
Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share and every blessing.  
All things come of Thee.

**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, pgs. 731, 7, 47)  
Jeremiah 29:12-13, Matthew 7:7-8, Mark 10:46-52

**Sermon** "Seeking God Part 3: Ben Martin  
What Do You Really Want?"

\* **Hymn** No. 359 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed HUDSON

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) The King of Love John Ness Beck  
The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

**Closing Voluntary** Carillon Herbert Murrill

\* *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 our Heavenly Father by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Watts.

### **Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat - Come Join Us!**

During the summer we gather at our 40-acre retreat center on Burnside Island for our youth group activities, an evening worship service (full of singing the old hymns of the faith), and a fellowship meal. Starting this evening, Sunday, June 18, we will add a spiritual formation time in the Chapel from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. led by Spiritual Director Christian Swails. At 5:30 p.m. we'll have our worship service in the Chapel with Ben Martin preaching. Dinner will take place at 6:15 p.m. in the Main House (reservations not required), with the main dish prepared by Suzanna and sides provided by the Alpha Sunday school class. We hope you will make plans to join us.

### **Father's Day - Wesley Glen Ministries**

Father's Day is Wesley Glen Day in the South GA Conference! Meaning, churches all across the conference will be helping Wesley Glen Ministries spread the good news about their wonderful ministry for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Wesley Glen Ministries serves 39 residents and many of them have lived at Wesley Glen for over 15 years. They also have a day program for people in the community who come to join the many activities Monday through Friday. For Father's Day this year, help Wesley Glen Ministries root for James and his team as he competes in the World Games in Berlin, Germany! Your gift will allow Wesley Glen Ministries to continue offering robust Special Olympics and health and wellness programming for James and all of his fellow competitors. If you would like to make a donation, visit [wesleyglenministries.com](http://wesleyglenministries.com) or mail a check to WGM, 4580 Mumford Road, Macon, GA, 31210.

### **Planters Available for Purchase - Several Still Available!**

We have started cleaning and planting in the garden next to Oliver Hall and need to reduce the number of planters in the garden. These planters are available to the congregation for "purchase" on a first come, first served basis and are currently located on the east side of the garden. If you would like to purchase a planter, we ask that you make a donation with proceeds going towards landscaping and maintenance of the garden. Please call the church office for more information and to set up a time to get the planters.

### **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](mailto:bakerj@wesleymonumental.org) in the church office. Any remaining envelopes not picked up by June 30, will be recycled.

### **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](mailto:nickhitt@comcast.net). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Ann Croft, Sharlene Monahan

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Christopher Butler, Michael Cooler

**Children's Worship:** Volunteers Needed

**Greeters:** Carolyn Cubbedge, Linda Sapp

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delters, Michael Donovan, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards

**Partners in Prayer:** Annelle McDuffee

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

Congratulations to Rev. Ben and Mrs. Susan Martin upon their tenth anniversary at Wesley Monumental!

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week are soft cereal bars. Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

**Y'All Haul--Twin Beds and Strong Lifters Needed**

We need three twin beds and helpers with trucks to move them. Flexible schedule. Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**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.

**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.

**James P. Owens, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers Dutch Treat - Last Call!**

Join the Merry Makers at 11:00 a.m. at The Original Pancake House (7201 Hodgson Memorial Dr. - in the Kroger shopping center) this Thursday, June 22 for a yummy lunch out. Please let James P. Owens (james@wesleymonumental.org) or Jennifer Baker (bakerj@wesleymonumental.org) know by tomorrow, Monday, June 19 if you will be attending. See you there!

**Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

Thank you to all who served at Vacation Bible School! It was a truly memorable week. From teenagers to senior adults, our leaders and helpers did a phenomenal job of shepherding 181 children to fun activities around the property. Special thanks to Ash Grimmett, James Hammock, Christian Swails, Thomas Bordeaux, and Jeff Miller for making the lessons about Daniel come to life; and to Penny Hendrix and Glen Doki for creating amazing costumes. It was a fantastic week and was only possible because so many people invested their time in our children.

As you look at the pictures from VBS you can see that our leaders were men and women who were seasoned church members, new church members, parents of children of all ages, grandparents, and members of our youth group. Our nursery workers have done a wonderful job filling in during Children's Worship and Sunday School but VBS made us realize the love and joy our church family has to share with the children is missing on Sunday mornings. We need your help!

On Sunday mornings there are usually 50-60 children in attendance at Children's Worship and each week we need 6-8 adults to help manage the crowd. No preparation is required. The lesson and art activities are prepared by staff during the week. On Sunday morning your responsibilities are to: shepherd the children from the Sanctuary to their classroom after the Children's Sermon, help serve snack, and help the children with their art activity. It is a fun and busy 40 minutes.

Please consider serving in our Children's Ministry. You can sign up for the weeks that fit your schedule by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0945ABAB22A2F58-sunday1> or emailing charli@wesleymonumental.org.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**Fourth Friday Retreat - Join us this Friday!**

On June 23, join us in the chapel for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to group prayer and Lectio Divina (meditation on Holy Scripture) this liturgically-based retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Coffee and tea is provided at the Memory Garden gazebo from 8:30 a.m. The retreat is 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat. Please bring your own lunch. For questions and further details email, hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.



**Capstone Capital Campaign (6/11/23):**

Pledges Received	168
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,635,400
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

**Finances (6/11/23):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$991,600.18
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$960,614.82

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (6/11/23)

8:45 AM Worship	79	Nursery	18
11:00 AM Worship	373	Children's Worship	49
Online Worship Views	132	Sunday School	181
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>584</b>		

**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 Anderson.....Financial 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 Swails ..... Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church  
June 18, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 10:46-52	What do I really want God to do for me?
Tuesday	Matthew 7:7-8	Do I ask God for what I want? Why or why not?
Wednesday	John 14:7	What can I learn from examining my desires? Am I careful what I ask for?
Thursday	I Peter 2:11	How do I experience my desires "waging war on my soul"?
Friday	Philippians 3:4-11	How did Paul's deepest desire change? Has mine changed?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We thank you, Father God, for all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other family members and special people in our lives who have shown us the fatherly love of God through their lives and witness. Please be with all of the families of our church, however they are composed, and help all those raising children in this challenging time. We ask that you would strengthen marriages and all types of relationships. We pray in the name of Jesus, who cried out to you "Abba," Father. Amen.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, June 18**

**Father'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**
- 5:00 PM    **Spiritual Formation,  
WG Chapel**
- 5:30 PM    **Worship Service, WG Chapel**
- 6:15 PM    **Dinner, Main House**

**Monday, June 19**

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

**Tuesday, June 20**

- 7:00 AM    **Men's Bible Study,  
Sunny Side Up**
- 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   **Staff Mtg, OH 310**

**Wednesday, June 21**

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

**Thursday, June 22**

- 9:00 AM    **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 11:00 AM   **Merry Makers Lunch,  
Original Pancake House**
- 12:00 PM   **Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom**

**Friday, June 23**

**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**

**Sunday, June 18 - Senior Adults Night**

- 5:00 PM    **Spiritual Formation, Chapel**
- 5:30 PM    **Worship, Chapel**
- 6:15 PM    **Dinner, Main House**
- Preaching: Ben Martin**
- Main Dish: BBQ Chicken**
- Side Dishes: Alpha Class**

**Sunday, June 25**

**Family Fun/Bring a Friend Night**

- 5:00 PM    **Spiritual Formation, Chapel**
- 5:30 PM    **Worship, Chapel**
- 6:15 PM    **Dinner, Main House**
- Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux**
- Side Dishes: Connect and  
Millennial Blend Classes**

Join us on Sunday evenings this summer. Everyone welcome!

**In Our Prayers....**

Marie Fritts, Pat Beasley, Heather Neisler, 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, Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), 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), 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), 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, 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 Comunale Family  
on the death of  
*Jerry Comunale,*  
brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett