

#### **Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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April 30, 2023

#### THANK YOU REV. JENNIFER THOMPSON

For the last four years, we have been blessed to have Rev. Jennifer Thompson as our Minister of Congregational life. She has headed up our Adult Christian Education and Senior Adult ministry, Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible study, Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens, Prayer Ministries, taught Sunday School, led Grief Share, supported the United Methodist Women, and shared the love of Christ with our congregation in countless ways, both visible and behind the scenes. Her husband, Rev. David Thompson, has served as our District Superintendent during that time. This year the South Georgia Annual Conference is reducing the number of District Superintendents from six to three. David has prayerfully decided to take a Spiritual Renewal leave and he and Jennifer are prayerfully seeking where God will place them in ministry next (and hoping to get a little closer geographically to their grandson Anderson). May 8 will be Jennifer's last official day, but she and David will return to be with us on May 21 so we can formally thank her and say goodbye as a part of worship. We will also have a church lunch that day as we culminate our "Capstone Capital Funds Drive" for the renovation of the Education Building. It will be a good day for us to be together with Jennifer and David for a meal as well as worship. Please keep them both in your prayers and find time to thank her for her ministry with us here at Wesley. One of the ministries Jennifer helped lead each year was the National Day of Prayer event that takes place this week.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> annual National Day of Prayer is coming up this Thursday, May 4, 2023. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 7:30 a.m.-noon and a suggested prayer schedule for different groups in our church can be found on the insert in today's bulletin. We hope everyone will take time to pray specifically for our nation and leaders whether we can be present in our sanctuary or praying where we are.

#### **Care and Share Celebrates 50 Years**

In 1973 Beth Williams organized the first meeting of Care and Share at Wesley Monumental. Care and Share's main purpose is to be a ministry to church members and friends who are unable to attend church on a regular basis. Participants are men and women who make monthly visits in addition to the visits made by our ministers. Upper Rooms are taken regularly and get well and condolence cards are sent as called for. Fruit baskets are delivered at Thanksgiving and other special gifts are given on birthdays, Valentines Day, Easter, and Christmas. Care and Share is very appreciative that the UMW Circles assemble these gifts for them. Care and Share is a vital link to Wesley Monumental for our Very Special Persons. The visits bring joy to them and those visiting, in return, receive rich blessings.

#### **MORNING WORSHIP**

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Fourth 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)

Charlotte Williams

**Lighting of the Candles** 

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary** (11:00)

**Teagan Pennington** 

O Lord, Thank You for Spring Teagan Pennington, pianist

**Introit** Amazing Grace/I'm New Born Again

arr. Mark Hayes

Skip Watts, bass

\* **Hymn** No. 318

Christ Is Alive Stanzas 1-2, 5 **TRURO** 

\* 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.

#### **Baptismal Covenant** (11:00)

William Forest Clary son of Mary Beth and Ross Clary

#### Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Will 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.

#### **Service of Confirmation** (11:00)

James P. Owens

Carson Hayes Madeleine Hall Tyler Jones
Hunter McIntosh Hudson Mobley

Edie Pederson Gil Thomas Sheppard Zittrouer

#### Congregational Response:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

#### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 369

Blessed Assurance

**ASSURANCE** 

#### **Care & Share Recognition**

**Offertory Prayer** 

Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45)

arr. Marilynn Ham

Praise to the Risen King

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Jesus Paid It All arr. Robert Sterling I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

#### Refrain:

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain* 

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. *Refrain* 

#### **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

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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, pg. 90)

Luke 24

**Sermon** "Life in Between" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord WOLFE

#### **Reception into Church Membership** (11:00)

Emily and Ryan Burnside with children, Hollis and Bennett Pam and James Hammock, Jr. with children, Trip and Bo Sara Beth Thompson with children, James and Caroline

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00)

In Mansions of Glory and Endless Delight Harper Sortor, soloist

**Closing Voluntary** Every Time I Feel the Spirit A. D. Miller

\* Please stand as you are able.

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you. All music reprinted under OneLicense.net No. A-719387 and CCLI No. 11046193.



#### Just Born

Congratulations to Robin and Cody Wyatt on the birth of a son, Roy Henry Wyatt, on April 21, 2023. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Hank.

#### **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

#### A TikTok Approach to the Old Testament - Begins Today

The Journey Sunday School Class will study The Old Testament utilizing the lecture videos of Dr. Christine Hayes of Yale University, Dr. Robert D. Miller of Catholic University, and a special presentation by Rabbi Robert Haas from Congregation Mickve Israel. All members of Wesley are invited to participate in this study that will begin today, Sunday April 30 and conclude July 30.

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

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks Greeters: Judi Cleveland, Will Weeks Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Ansley Pedigo, Marshall Pedigo Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed Greeters: Gail Brannen, Judy Smock Offering Steward: Adam Hess

Ushers: Adam Hess, Tim Edwards, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell,

Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton, Michael Hasselle, Dan Hoey

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

#### <u>Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist</u> Children's Music Awards

We look forward to the Children's Music Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:15 p.m. when we celebrate all that the children (and their parents) have accomplished. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade choristers have learned over 30 hymns this year alone! The chorister year culminates on Mother's Day (May 14) when the 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade choristers will lead us in worship again at the 11:00 Service. We are thankful for families prioritizing faith in their lives. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16

#### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### "The Day Mom Finally Snapped"

Young Mothers' Bible Study on Anger; Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. This week's lesson, "Let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot," Exodus 31:18-32:35. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

#### **Thursday Noon Bible Study**

This week's lesson, Esther, chapter 2. Meets via Zoom. Sign up with 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.

#### <u>Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life</u> Merry Makers May Event

Lots of people say they want to write and publish a book, but few ever do. Come learn from someone who's done it-three times! Wesley Monumental's own Communications Director, Ashley Mays Higgins, is a traditionally published author who writes fiction for fierce young women of faith. On Monday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m., join Ashley in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive presentation about her personal journey toward publication, how you can take the first steps toward being an author, and a Q&A about the publishing industry. Ashley will have crossword puzzles, bookmarkmaking supplies, and more fun surprises we'll enjoy together. Contact Jennifer Baker in the Church Office to make your reservation.

#### <u>Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry</u> Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 14 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our list.

#### **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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- July 17 21 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

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

# <u>James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries</u> Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held 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 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 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 9 and 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: (4/23/23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$752,858.94
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$688 978 53

#### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (4/23/23)

8:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship Online Worship Views <b>Total Worship</b>	93 XXX 111 <b>XXX</b>	Nursery Children's Worship Sunday School	XX XX 107
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#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben MartinSenior Pastor
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux Outreach & New Members
Rev. Jennifer Thompson Congregational Life
Rev. James P. Owens Director of Student Ministries
Dr. Monica DekleDirector of Music & Organist
Julia Flowers Music Assistant
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry
Jimmy FlowersChurch Administrator
Tom Anderson Financial Manager
Jennifer BakerAdministrative
Assistant, Reception

Jennifer BrookinsAdministrative Assistant to
Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Ashley HigginsCommunications Director
Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
Betty DudleyHousekeeper
Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens
Property Manager
Jared HanksWesley Gardens
Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Christian SwailsWesley Gardens
Spiritual Direction/Reservations

### **Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church** April 30, 2023

#### **Sermon Extended**

Monday	Genesis 12:1-9	How does Abraham's journey with God set the stage for our understanding what it means to be in a covenant relationship with God?
Tuesday	Luke 24:1-12	Why does God make the disciples wait in between Jesus' death and resurrection? When has God made me wait "in between"?
Wednesday	Luke 24:13-35	What do I learn from the Emmaus story about encountering the risen Christ?
Thursday	Luke 24:36-53	Why are the disciples waiting after Jesus' ascension? How do they wait? How do we wait?
Friday	Hebrews 11:1-12:2	What has my experiences of living "in between" taught me about faith?

#### **Sermon Notes**

As a Praying Church...
We ask you to bless the Care and Share Team at Wesley. Let them be a blessing to our Very Special Persons (VSP's), and give them joy in bringing joy to others!

This Week at	Wesley
Sunday, Apri	130
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
4:00 PM	Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 PM	Youth Group, EB 4th Flr
Monday, Ma	<u>y 1</u>
9:00 ÅM	Eli's Place
Tuesday, Ma	<u>y 2</u>
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study,
	The Original Pancake House
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
5:30 PM	Evangelism Comm Mtg, Zoom
<u>Wednesday,</u>	<u>May 3</u>
9:00 AM	Eli's Place
11:00 AM	Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
4:45 PM	Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM	Dinner, FH
6:00 PM	Joyful Noise Choir, EB
6:00 PM	Children's Choir, EB
6:00 PM	Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 PM	Book Study, Led by
C-00 DB4	Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
6:00 PM	Enneagram Study, Led by
6:00 PM	James P. Owens
0.UU PIVI	Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
	EB 4th Flr
Thursday, Ma	ay 4
7:30 AM	National Day of Prayer,
	SNC open until Noon
9:00 AM	Eli's Place
12:00 PM	Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom
Friday, April	<u>5</u>
9:00 AM	Eli's Place
10:00 AM	Massie May Day

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

#### **Wednesday Night Supper** 5/3/23

Menu: TBD

In Sympathy....

The family of *Ron Kent* 

The Patricio Family on the death of Alan Patricio, brother of Raymond Patricio

The lackson Family on the death of Ruth M. Jackson, mother of Sheila Jackson

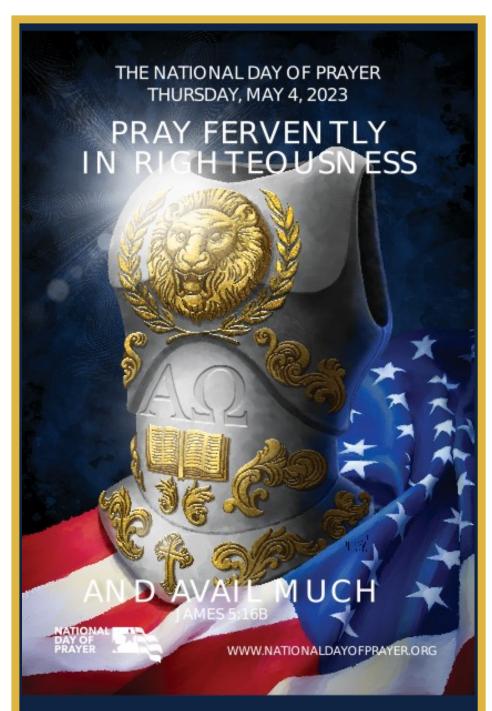
#### In Our Prayers....

Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, John Birkheimer, Shirley Roberts, John Beal (brotherin-law of John Birkheimer), Eleanor McCurry, Mary Holloway (mother of Janet Flowers), 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 Oscar Cook, Doris Burton, 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, lane 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 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, Marilvn 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



Join us Thursday, May 4 for the 2023 National Day of Prayer.

This year Wesley Monumental is offering two ways to participate:

## 1. Pray in the Sanctuary

The Sanctuary will be open from 7:30 a.m. to noon so members and visitors can stop by and pray.

# 2. Observe periods of prayer and pray from anywhere

Wesley members are encouraged to join in prayer for our country and its leaders by lifting your united voices on its behalf. While we ask you to join your respective groups in prayer, your prayers are welcomed at any time. The Prayer Schedule is located on back.

# National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4 Prayer Schedule

Listed below is a suggested prayer schedule. While we ask you to join your respective groups in prayer, your prayers are welcomed at any time. National Day of Prayer brochures are available in the Sanctuary and Church Office.

8:00 A.M.	Let us all pray together as a congregation no matter
0.00 A.W.	where you are.
9:00	Prayer Committee
9:15	Missions Committee &
	Living Vine Volunteers
9:30	Administrative Board
9:45	Finance & Stewardship Committees
10:00	Susanna Wesley Circle
10:15	Merry Makers
10:30	Messenger Brigade
10:45	Eli's Place Children & Staff
11:00	Pastor's Sunday School Class
11:15	Joy Circle
11:30	Ivy Sunday School Class
11:45	Evangelism Committee & Refugee Ministry
40.00 5.44	Volunteers
12:00 P.M.	The Altar Guild & Communion Committee
12:15	Staff-Parrish Relations Committee
12:30	Alpha/Fellowship Sunday School Class
12:45	Jane Shirah Circle Methodist Men & Construction Teams
1:00 1:15	Chancel Choir
1:30	Ben's Bible Study Groups
1:45	Nelle's Bible Study Groups
2:00	Jennifer Thompson's Bible Study Group
2:15	Ivy Sunday School Class
2:30	Pacesetters Circle
2:45	Epworth Sunday School Class
3:00	Courtney Gaines Circle
3:15	Trustees and Wesley Gardens Committee
3:30	Church Staff
3:45	Ushers, Greeters, & Audio Team
4:00	Journey Sunday School Class
4:15	Shepherds for New Members & All Visitors
4:30	Care & Share Committee
4:45	Connect Sunday School Class
5:00	Compass Sunday School Class
5:15	Children & Children's Ministry Volunteers
5:30	Youth & Youth Ministry Volunteers
5:45	Millennial Blend Sunday School Class
6:00	All Sunday School Teachers
6:30	Pray as a family when you gather for your evening
	meal.