



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

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July 16, 2023

**WELCOME MONACO BOYS CHOIR**

Please welcome to the 11:00 Service Pierre Debat and the Monaco Boys Choir, under the High Patronage of H.S.H Prince Albert II of Monaco. The choir's origins date back to the reign of Prince Antoine Ier (1661-1731), but it was not until 1974 that the Boys' Choir was formed at Monaco Cathedral. Regularly taking part in religious services, the choir of around thirty boys aged between 9 and 16 also performs at concerts held on special occasions in Monaco. Recently, the Boys' Choir took part in Commemorations marking the Centenary of the birth of Prince Rainier III on May 31, 2023, paying a wonderful tribute to the Builder Prince, who founded the choir.

**THANK YOU FOR A BREAK**

Starting this week, I will take a break for a couple of weeks to catch my breath, renew my mind, and spend some time with my wife. I will read a book or two to feed my soul, travel a little to see something new, and I might just hit a golf ball or two. And I'm sure I will take a little time to reflect on the last ten years here at Wesley and look ahead to where God is leading us.

I cannot thank you enough for your incredible and surprising generosity in not only affording us a longer than normal "vacation," but in the overwhelming love offering you gave us in celebration of our ten years together. I am humbled by your affirmation, grateful for the privilege of serving here, and excited about continuing our journey together.

I am thankful for our staff members who will be filling in during my time away. You will be well fed spiritually and well cared for pastorally. Forgive me if I'm a little slow in checking messages; I'm going to actually try and retreat for a while. I'll look forward to seeing you again on the first Sunday in August, when we will begin a new series of sermons from the Gospel of Mark entitled "Back to Basics." There we will hear again the "good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It is the "old, old story" that never gets old. The Lord be with you.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Seventh 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)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in A Major, BWV 536

**Opening Anthem** (11:00)

Come Unto Christ

Sally DeFord

\* **Hymn No. 103** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

\* **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.

**Children's Sermon**

Ben Martin

*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**

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 Insert**

**Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

Capo 1: D  
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Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> G D A D  
E<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup><sup>6</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, for - give our fool - ish  
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian  
3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -  
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

A D G Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> F<sup>#m</sup><sup>7</sup>  
B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the  
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

Bm G A A<sup>7</sup> D  
Cm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence,  
us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low  
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by  
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy  
through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of

Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>#dim</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D  
Fm<sup>7</sup> Edim Fm B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

praise; in deep - er rev - erence praise.  
thee; rise up and fol - low thee.  
love; in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
peace; the beau - ty of thy peace.  
calm; O still, small voice of calm.

**Offertory Prayer**

James P. Owens

**Offertory Voluntary (8:45)**

arr. Brant Adams

Jesus Is All the World to Me

**Offertory Anthem (11:00) Bist du bei mir Johann Sebastian Bach**

**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, 635, 137-138)

Jeremiah 29:12-14, Isaiah 6:3, Acts 17:22-28

**Sermon**

“Seeking God Part 7:  
Finding God in All Things”

Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 451**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

Terri and Patrick Benton with daughter, Ansley Benton

Alice Cochran

Lauren and Jon To with daughter, Maya Beatrice To

**Benediction (8:45)**

Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary (8:45)**

Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue in A Major

**Closing Anthem (11:00)**

Magnificat

Johann Michael Haydn

**Benediction (11:00)**

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

\* *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.***Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Hilton and Winfield Cay.

**Messenger Deadline**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205.

**Massie Heritage Center Door Painting Contest**

The old front doors of the Massie Heritage Center lead to one of the most imaginative places to explore and learn in the Historic District of Savannah. The present appearance of these doors is not inviting, so the Friends of Massie (FOM) decided it was time to make a colorful change.

Teaming up with the color experts at Benjamin Moore Paint, four historic colors were selected. The building belongs to the Savannah Chatham County Public Schools, but the FOM reasoned that the neighbors and visitors should participate in the choice of new color for these doors.

From July 12 – July 23, locals can vote for their favorite front door color at the Massie Heritage Center, 207 East Gordon Street, open from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. seven days a week. Color samples from which to make the selection and voting ballots will be available by the front door.

The color with the most votes will be selected as the new paint color, and work will begin on July 23. The winning color that the neighborhood selected will be announced on Friday July 30 with the freshly painted doors revealed.

**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service****Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Ann Croft**Offering Steward:** David Butler**Partners in Prayer:** Charlie Clarke**11:00 Service****Acolytes:** Cole Valdez, Sara Cate Green**Children's Worship:** Lee Green**Sunday School:** Lindsey Wiggins, Sally Mathews**Greeters:** Cynthia and Jim Waldrop**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Jacob Sigmon**Partners in Prayer:** Gaye Holt

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

### **A Dinner with Mission on the Move**

Thursday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

“Called by God to go and serve vulnerable children believing the love of Christ brings hope, transforms lives, & strengthens communities.”

Out of our many years of support for Mission on the Move in both Santa Elena, Honduras and Tapachula, Mexico, the missions committee of Wesley Monumental is hosting a dinner in celebration of MOM’s work. Other churches in the community are being invited as well. A Central American themed meal will be served.

MOM Missionary AJ Ford will be stateside early August, joining us to share the work they are doing, plus hopes and plans for the future. Marcy Rodriguez, the Executive Director of Mission on the Move will be with us as well. This will be an inspiring evening of word, music, and video hearing testimonies of what God is doing for children and youth in Central America. To make a reservation, please email Jennifer Baker at the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

## **Charli Weeks, Director of Children’s Ministry**

### **Children’s Ministry Update**

We had a fun time in Children’s Worship last week making crosses to help us remember that Jesus died so that we could live. Many thanks to Amy Daniel and Sarah Labrot for helping. Each week we need 6-8 adults to help in Children’s Worship. 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.



Also, thanks to Sally Matthews and Miang Chow for helping with Sunday School. During the summer we combine all our children’s Sunday School classes. This summer we are learning about the life and lessons of John Wesley.

Scan the QR code to sign up for a Sunday that fits your schedule.

### **Promotion Sunday - Save the Date!**

Summer is flying by and it’s time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for Promotion Sunday. We’ll serve breakfast in the fellowship hall and the children will move up to their new classrooms.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

**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**

**No Fourth Friday Retreat in July**

We will be taking July off and starting back up the Fourth Friday of August.

**Commemorative Oaks and Benches Available**

For those seeking to honor a loved one or wishing to make a lasting contribution to Wesley Gardens, commemorative Live Oaks and quality teak benches with engravings are available. For further info, please email micah@wesleygardensretreat.com.



**Capstone Capital Campaign (7/9/23):**

Pledges Received	173
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,654,060
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

**Finances (7/9/23):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,125,150.57
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,137,015.63

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (7/9/23)

8:45 AM Worship	86	Nursery	9
11:00 AM Worship	328	Children's Worship	33
Online Worship Views	132	Sunday School	118
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>546</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Dr. 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	Ernie Banks.....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  
July 16, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Jeremiah 29:12-14	Where am I searching for God these days? Am I finding Him?
Tuesday	Matthew 13:10-17	What might be getting in the way of my "seeing and hearing" God?
Wednesday	Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 19:1-6	Where do I see and hear God in the creation?
Thursday	Acts 17:22-28	Do I have a dualistic view of the world (sacred and secular) or do I look for God in all things?
Friday	John 15:10-11, 17:20-24	What does Jesus teach us here about His will for us and our experience of Him?

**Sermon Notes**

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for handwritten notes.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, July 16**

- 8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:30 AM **Coffee, FH**
- 9:45 AM **Sunday School, EB & OH**
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 3:30 PM **Youth Group, WG Boathouse**
- 4:30 PM **Spiritual Formation, WG Chapel**
- 5:30 PM **Worship Svc, WG Chapel**
- 6:15 PM **Dinner, WG Main House**

**Monday, July 17**

**Summer Fun Daze at WG Thru 7/21**

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

**Tuesday, July 18**

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310**
- Bible Buddies, OH 308**

**Wednesday, July 19**

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 7:15 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th FLr**

**Thursday, July 20**

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 10:00 AM **Messenger Brigade, OH 205**
- 12:00 PM **Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom**

<b>OH = Oliver Hall</b>	<b>EB = Education Building</b>
<b>SNC = Sanctuary</b>	<b>FH = Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat</b>	

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

(June 11 - August 6)

**Sunday, July 16 Construction Ministry Night**

- Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux
- Providing Side Dishes: Compass Class
- 3:30 PM Youth, Boathouse
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

**Sunday, July 23 - Family Fun Night**

- Preaching: Charli Weeks
- Providing Side Dishes: Ivy Class

**Sunday, July 30 - Youth Night**

- Preaching: James P. Owens
- Providing Dinner: Jimmy Flowers

**Sunday, August 6 - WG Night**

- Preaching: Christian Swails
- Providing Side Dishes: Pastor's Class

**In Our Prayers....**

Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Chuck Holt, Gail Brannen, Marie Fritts, Pat Beasley, Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buelvas (sister of Madge Edwards), Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Pat Monahan, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, 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), David Gelaude, Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, Shari and Mel Hubbard, 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**

Florene Hendrix (mother of Jewel Hendrix), Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenkel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateride**

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





  
 JOIN US ON  
 SUNDAY EVENINGS  
 THROUGHOUT  
 SUMMER

## Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens

### June 11 through August 6

#### What are Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens like?

We are so blessed to have this AMAZING retreat center and hope you and your family will come & enjoy! With 40 acres - there's plenty of space for outside fun.

- Fantastic Playground
- Prayer Labyrinth for Meditation & Praying
- Restful Benches with Stunning Views
- Walking Trails
- Enjoy Kayaking or Boating
- Sitting, Swimming, or Crabbing off the Dock

Come early in the day, take advantage of this hidden gem, then stay and enjoy worship and dinner. Youth Group meets at 3:30 p.m. At 4:30, Spiritual Director Christian Swails will lead us in a time of Spiritual Formation. Then at 5:30, everyone, including children, meet in the chapel for a short, super casual service (shorts and flip-flops are fine).

At the start of the service, we sing a few hymns chosen by the adults and children. Following the hymns, the children leave with Ms. Charli to enjoy free time on the playground. The adults and youth remain for prayer and hear a short message. At 6:15, everyone will meet at the Main House for a meal. Suzanna prepares the main dish and dessert, and various Sunday school classes contribute the sides.

This summer, we will continue to highlight a different church ministry and adult Sunday school class each week. On Family Fun Nights, there will be extra activities for our children. Everyone is encouraged to come out and celebrate these groups in our church! There is always a nursery and always a place for our children.

Join us this evening for:

## Mission Ministry Night

### July 16 Schedule of Events

- 3:30 PM Youth Group Meets, Boathouse
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation Time, Led by Christian Swails, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Led by Nelle Bordeaux, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

**Menu:** Chicken Parmesan

**Side Dishes:** Compass Class

Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, Burnside Island  
 278 Shipyard Road, Savannah



**Sunday, July 16**

**Wesley Monumental's Mission Ministry**

Missions at Wesley Monumental are the way we live out our faith in Christ by serving in our neighborhood and world. We serve children, families, seniors, and those who are homeless, through Urban Hope, refugee ministry, Family Promise, construction ministry, Wesley Community Center, Grace Monkeys auto repair, and overseas mission to Tapachula, Mexico and Santa Elena, Honduras, both with children. We welcome all ages!



**Adult Sunday School Classes**

Many thanks to the Compass Sunday school class for providing the delicious side dishes this evening.

**Compass Sunday School Class**

This class welcomes couples and individuals. Many members have children, from toddlers to teenagers. Classes involve discussion-oriented studies grounded in scripture. Discussions are open and led by members who are willing to identify topics of interest and moderate the study. Our focus is to be led by the Spirit and to promote articulating our faith as it relates to daily living. Members support each other and enjoy time together in social gatherings. They meet in Oliver Hall room 408 on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

**Preview for next Sunday, July 23**

**Family Fun Night**

with Charli Weeks preaching

Ivy Class will provide the side dishes.

