



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

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July 23, 2023

**Wesley's Youth on a Mission!**

Jesus said, "The son of man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). When we follow Jesus' example of humbly serving others outside the walls of the church, we are engaging in missions. Whether it is building and repairing homes, beautification of public spaces, food and clothing distribution, or visiting the sick or elderly, Christian mission happens whenever we follow Jesus into the world to love and serve.

For an example of such humble service, look no further than our very own Wesley Monumental Youth Group (grades 6th-12th). From June 25-30, a group of our high schoolers traveled to Logan County, WV, to serve with Youthworks. Our group painted and did other work projects at a new Christian school in the area, and we helped community members in need through yard work and park beautification. We also visited senior citizens in the community, performing songs to brighten up their days.

Through nightly worship and Bible studies and devotionals, our students learned about the importance of sharing God's love by serving others. During our week, we reflected on the theme "I'm here," learning about how to be fully present before God and one another. We served alongside one other church group, who had come all the way from Minnesota. Our students loved meeting new friends from other parts of the country who had also come to serve.

This coming week, many of our students will be going out to serve again – this time, right here in Savannah! Our Youth Local Mission Week is a chance for students to engage in missions right here in their own community. Please pray for our students as we serve God by serving others this week!

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Welcome and Announcements**

James P. Owens

*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**

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel  
Prelude for Organ

**Introit (11:00)**

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

\* **Hymn No. 400** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

\* **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**

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**

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. 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord WOLFE

**Offertory Prayer** James P. Owens

**Offertory Anthem** Eternal Life arr. Olive Dungan  
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!  
- St. Francis of Assisi

### **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. 25) Genesis 28:10-19

**Sermon** James P. Owens

"The Lord is this Place, and I was not Aware of it."

\* **Hymn** No. 528 Nearer, My God, To Thee BETHANY

**Benediction** (8:45) James P. Owens

**Closing Response** (11:00) I Would Be True John Rutter

**Closing Voluntary** Tu es petra Henri Mulet

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." - Matthew 16:18

\* *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 and in loving memory of their son Chris Rimes by Deanne and Ken Rimes.

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

Most needed this week is canned meat (pull top lids are best). Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

### **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.

### **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.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Sharlene Monahan

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** William Blake, Michael Cooler

**Children's Worship:** Ellen O'Conner, Monica Pearre, Ashley Wanager,  
Ellen Williams

**Sunday School:** Donessa Gattis, Ellen Williams

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Matt West, Mark Wilcox,  
Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken

**Partners in Prayer:** Grace & Art Greene

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

Today's Closing Response was given to the glory of God with love for Deanne and Ken Rimes in memory of their son, Chris Rimes by loving family members: Alan and Nancy Rimes, Cindy and Way Fountain, Connie and Lance Smith, Stewart Fountain, Brooke Smith, Avery Smith.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

I would be faithful through each passing moment;  
I would be steadfast in my love of God.  
I would be strong to follow where He leads me;  
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

And when my earthly pilgrimage is over.  
I would have grace to stand before His throne.  
And come at last into the heavenly kingdom  
To see my Savior's face and know as I am known.

**James P. Owens, Congregational Life**  
**The Merry Makers are Back, August 14!**

Our senior adults' fellowship, The Monumental Merry Makers, will begin our regular meeting schedule beginning in August. Everyone is invited to join us for "Beat the Heat" Bingo at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Monumental. Lunch will be provided by Suzanna and our very own Skip Watts will be your expert bingo caller!

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



**Children's Ministry Update**

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.

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 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**

**Swimming and Tubing Day, August 6**

On August 6, the youth group will meet at the dock at Wesley Gardens Retreat for swimming and tubing in the river! All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us and stay for worship and dinner afterwards.

**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.



**Wesley Christmas Bazar**

The Wesley Christmas Bazaar is returning this year and will feature the creative talents of Wesley folks. The Bazaar will showcase handwork, including but not limited to woodwork, monogrammed clothing and linen items, photography, jewelry, hand-painted notecards and local landscapes, calligraphy, candles, scroll-sawn ornaments, wooden pens, needlework, picture frames, dried flowers, toys, lathe turned bowls, and furniture--just to mention a few. The Bazaar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the gifts of our fellow church members and shop for Christmas.

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall. We are looking for vendors, and you are invited to reserve your space now. If you have any questions, contact one of the co-chairs: Woody Brown at 912-352-7833, or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

**Capstone Capital Campaign (7/16/23):**

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

**Finances (7/16/23):**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,153,988.81
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,161,711.14

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (7/16/23)

8:45 AM Worship	83	Nursery	X
11:00 AM Worship	252	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	119	Sunday School	XXX
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>454</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
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 23, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	Have you ever encountered God in a way you would not have expected?
Tuesday	Psalms 139:7-12	Where are the places that I do not expect to encounter God?
Wednesday	Luke 10:25-37	Who are the people that I do not expect to see God in?
Thursday	1 Thess. 5:16-18	What are the circumstances that I do not expect to find God in?
Friday	Acts 17:22-31	How can we change our mindset from "God is in here" (in the church) to "God is out there" (in the world)?

**Sermon Notes**

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**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, July 23**

- 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 Family Fun Day, WG
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, WG Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship Svc, WG Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, WG Main House

**Monday, July 24**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp

**Tuesday, July 25**

- 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
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 205

**Wednesday, July 26**

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

**Thursday, July 27**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

**Pastors on Call This Week**

Nelle Bordeaux..... 912-234-9245  
 James P. Owens ..... 770-868-6150

**Sunday Nights at  
 Wesley Gardens Retreat**

(June 11 - August 6)

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

Preaching: Charli Weeks

Menu: Lemon Chicken

Providing Side Dishes: Ivy Class

- 3:30 PM Family Fun Day!
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

**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....**

Mercedes Brennen and Jack Carman (friends of Anne Tyree), 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/Stateside**

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

In Sympathy....

The Gottwals and Hess families on the death of *Harry Gottwals*,  
 stepfather of Stephanie Hess