



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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THE END OF SUMMER

While it may seem like summer has just started, summer is coming to an end for our families with children in school. Chatham County public schools begin this week, with private schools right behind them in the next two weeks. Many parents will welcome a return to the “routine” of the school year, even with the demands it brings. I, for one, am definitely a creature of habit; I like routine. It brings order, or a better word is discipline, to all parts of my life, such as the care of my physical body, focus on my work life, commitment to my spiritual growth, and so on.

The creation story reflects a rhythm to life, time, days, seasons, and activities (work and rest). Habit can imply mindlessness or going through the motions, but it can also mean the discipline to a meaningful routine and commitment or priority to the things that are important. In no place is this more important than our spiritual growth. There is a reason spiritual practices have long been called spiritual disciplines. Paying attention to God in my life requires discipline and attention. The concept of Sabbath, or ordering life around God, is as old as the creation and important enough to be one of the Ten Commandments.

As we return to the “school year” routine, it is a good time to commit to ordering our lives around God and Sabbath. Worship is a time to reorder our lives every week as life’s demands and pace create chaos in us. Worship grounds us in a life with God. While the law of Sabbath implies a day out of the week, the concept or principle of Sabbath runs through every day. Finding a routine to nourish my spiritual life each day is critical to maintaining order in my life. The return to the school year routine is a good time to recommit ourselves to a meaningful spiritual routine in our lives.

I hope you will commit yourself to the spiritual practices of Sunday worship here at Wesley each week for a time of reordering, renewing, and refocusing yourself around God and the things that truly make for a meaningful and joyful life. And then, in September, plan to be a part of our Wednesday Nights at Wesley, where we gather ourselves in the middle of the week for a little spiritual refreshment to help us stay grounded in our busy and distracting lives.

And while we are at it, let’s pray for our educators and students as they begin a new year together.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Nelle Bordeaux

*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) A Mighty Fortress arr. Joel Raney

Opening Anthem (11:00) Wolfgang A. Mozart
Alleluia from Exsultate, Jubilate
Ori Hayes, soprano

* **Hymn No. 116** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

* **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.

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. 700** Abide with Me EVENTIDE

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. Brant Adams
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Moses Hogan

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel,
Then why not every man?

He deliver'd Daniel from the lion's den,
Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,
And why not every man?

The wind blows east and the wind blows west,
It blows like the judgement day.
And ev'ry poor soul that never did pray
Will be glad to pray that day.

I set my foot on the Gospel ship,
And the ship, it begin to sail,
It landed me over on Canaan's shore,
And I'll never come back anymore.

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. 71-72) Luke 10:25-37

Sermon "Who and Whose" Nelle Bordeaux

* **Hymn No. 140** Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

Benediction Nelle Bordeaux

Closing Response (11:00) John Rutter
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Closing Voluntary Michael Praetorius
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* *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 celebration of Carolyn and Don's second wedding anniversary on August 1.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are rice and canned fruit. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Wesley Christmas Bazaar

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--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 Saturday, November 4, 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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ethel Burriss, Judy Cleveland

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Ansley Cheshire, Catherine Cheshire

Children's Worship: Karen Washburn, Sarah Labrot

Sunday School: Anne Tyree

Greeters: Linda Sapp, Michael Donovan

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Jesse Bentley, David Blake, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Christopher Cay

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

The opening hymn, "The God of Abraham Praise," is a Jewish song dating back to the 1400s. Thomas Olivers, a friend of John and Charles Wesley, paraphrased it and wrote the hymn that we know today. Olivers was orphaned at age 4, and after getting bounced from relative to relative for years, he was eventually apprenticed to a shoemaker. The shoemaker was a Christian, but Olivers would have nothing to do with it and grew up living recklessly. In the 1740s, when Olivers heard the great evangelist, George Whitefield, preach a sermon on Zechariah 3:2, "Is this a brand, plucked from a fire?" he accepted Christ as his Savior. This orphan was now a child of God, and he teamed up with the brothers Wesley. He wrote hymns and preached, though not nearly to the extent of John and Charles. The hymn Olivers paraphrased gives us reason upon reason to praise God—Abraham's God and our God.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Family Mission Project

Friday, August 1, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Oliver Hall lobby. Bring a canned good and help sack groceries. All ages are welcome! Sign up with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Family Promise Supper - Cooks Needed August 6-13

Cook at home and deliver supper at 5:30 p.m. to White Bluff Presbyterian Church for homeless families, usually 15 people. Please sign up with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

A Dinner with Mission on the Move Honduras and Mexico

Thursday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A Central American-themed meal will be served. To make a reservation, please email Jennifer Baker at the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org by August 5.

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 6th-12th 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.

Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Join us in August for an in-depth study by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. We will be looking closely at the Exodus/Passover-Redemption, which is the foundation for all of God's saving actions, including the life and death and resurrection of the Messiah. Tuesdays, August 15 and 29, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

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!



Capstone Capital Campaign (7/23/23):

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

Finances (7/23/23):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,187,730.72
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,196,367.00

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (7/23/23)

8:45 AM Worship	89	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	XXX	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	130	Sunday School	102
Total Worship	XXX		

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 30, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 10:25-29	Who is my neighbor?
Tuesday	Luke 10:30-33	Who am I in this parable?
Wednesday	Luke 10:34-37	To whom can I show mercy?
Thursday	Psalm 88:1-4	Am I the hurt traveler?
Friday	Romans 5:5	Whose am I?

Sermon Notes

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This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

- 1:00 PM **Family Mission Project, OH**

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 30 - Youth Night

Preaching: James P. Owens
 Providing Dinner: Jimmy Flowers

Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, potato salad (red skin), coleslaw, chips, strawberry shortcake, tea, and lemonade

- 4:30 PM **Spiritual Formation, Chapel**
- 5:30 PM **Worship, Chapel**
- 6:15 PM **Dinner, Main House**

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 Lovett and Washburn Families on the death of *Matthew Lovett*, brother of Leslie Washburn