



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

"Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." - Hebrews 4:12

We talk about the Bible as a living word. It continues to speak in a fresh way to people of faith, even though it was written thousands of years ago in a very different culture. And the Bible continues to speak in new and fresh ways to each of us throughout our lives. As our stage of life and circumstances change, we see and hear things in the book we didn't notice before. While there are many ways God "speaks," and the spiritual life is one of learning the spiritual practice of discernment, the Bible is the primary medium through which God has spoken to believers throughout history. It is, however, a book we study and interpret together as a community of faith because God speaks to each of us through it, and we learn from each other and balance each other.

Because we are a "people of the Book," our children grow up here learning the stories, characters, and principles or virtues extolled in the Bible. Most importantly, they learn who Jesus is and what He means to each of us. Every year, we present our 2nd graders with their own Bible. It is our prayer they will learn how to "make sense of the Bible" with the help of parents and teachers at Wesley. Most of all, we hope they will learn how to listen through the book to hear God speak to them about how much they are loved and what is the true meaning and purpose of their lives.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Twentieth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Haley Hess

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Erin Smith, oboist

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd, Therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort
He shall convert my soul
And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
- Psalm 23

* **Hymn** No. 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

* **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.

Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders

Charli Weeks

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 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. 273** AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45) Blessings Laura Story
Anne Hawks, soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Sterling/Mandeville

Jesus Will Still Be There
Stephanie Hess, mezzo-soprano
Things change, plans fail.
You look for love on a grander scale.
Storms rise, hopes fade, and you place your bets on another day.
When the going gets tough, when the ride's too rough,
When you're just not sure enough.
Jesus will still be there. His love will never change,
Sure as a steady rain, Jesus will still be there.
When no one else is true, He'll still be lovin' you.
When it looks like you've lost it all
And you haven't got a prayer,
Jesus will still be there.
Time flies, hearts turn,
A little bit wiser from lessons learned.
But sometimes weakness wins,
And you lose your foothold once again.
When the going gets tough, when the ride's too rough,
When you're just not sure enough.

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. 39-40) Mark 5:21-43
Sermon "Back to Basics Part 11:
Desperately Seeking Jesus" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 337** Only Trust Him STOCKTON
Benediction Ben Martin
Closing Response (11:00) Amen John Rutter
Closing Voluntary Rick Smith
Fanfare on Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

- * *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 by Shirley and Peter Roberts to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Ralph and Elsie Casebolt and Ralph and Christine Roberts.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Christmas Greenery - Last Call - Orders Due Today!

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental UMC is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! For details and to order, visit www.wesleymonumental.org/2023-greenery/ or pick up an order form located at all sanctuary entrances. Deadline to place your order is today, Sunday, October 15.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is November 4, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Twenty-four vendors will be on hand to share their talents. The Bazaar will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet fellow church members and to do some Christmas shopping. We are especially glad to include the Bee Sharps from SCAD. They are a student acapella group that will perform at 11:30 a.m. The Bazaar is also a great opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbors to visit our church.

You may expect to see watercolors, photographs, oil paintings, jewelry, woodworking, homemade preserves, stained glass, wreaths, embroidery, decorated oyster shells, note cards, CDs, baskets, Shaker boxes, cornhole games, planters, sewing, crochet, candles, cheese flowers, books, affirmation cards, as well as lots of homemade goodies to eat.

Questions? Call Woody Brown at 912-352-7833 or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

Advent Devotional Book

The theme for the 2023 Advent devotional book is *A Name Above All Names*. Through it we will focus on twenty-three names for God found in scripture. If you are willing to write one of the devotions this year, please contact Evonne Mobley at 912-663-3530 or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385 for a list of available names and dates. Writings will be due on Friday, November 10.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori Miller, Linda Butler

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Couper Howard, Charlotte Williams

Children's Worship: Amy Daniel, Katie Knight, Sarah Labrot,
Ellen Williams

Sunday School: Laura MacGregor, Ellen Williams

Greeters: Joy Garvin, TBD

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Justin Dunn, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell,
Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton, Michael Hasselle, Adam Hess

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Cabaret Under the Stars ~ Dinner, Dancing, and Music

Thursday, October 19. 6:00 – 9:00 PM, 429 Abercorn Street, Savannah



Enjoy a beautiful October evening with a backdrop of one of Savannah's breathtaking squares entertained by The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra—an 11-piece "fiery hot and soulful Southern big band." Invite your friends and neighbors to an enchanting and elegant evening with scrumptious heavy d'oeuvres, delectable wine, dancing in Wayne Street, and captivating music! All proceeds support the capital campaign.

Tickets and details: equinoxorchestra.com, scan the QR code, or call Monica 912-232-0191.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Bible Study Topics

- Young Mothers' Bible Study. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." Verses this week will be about Dinah and Tamar, Genesis 34:7; 38:26.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Thursdays from noon - 12:30 p.m. Currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Verses this week will be Mark, chapter 15. Sign up for either study with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Items Needed for a Newly Arriving Syrian Refugee Family are:

pillows; large trash container with lid and bags; dishwasher tablets; mop; broom; toothpastes; 3 drawer plastic containers (to put in closet to store clothes); lamps. Please drop off at church with Nelle.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Worship Education for 4th & 5th Graders

Today, Sunday, October 15 is our last Sunday to meet together for Worship Education. Join your friends in the back balcony under the Wesley Window for the 11:00 Service. After the Children's Sermon, we'll go to room 305 and continue learning about the different parts of the service and how the service is put together. Pick-up is from the Fellowship Hall at the end of the service.

4th & 5th Grade Sunday Fun

On Sunday, October 22 all 4th & 5th graders are invited to sit together in the balcony for the 11:00 service. After the service, we'll have lunch in the Fellowship Hall, play games in the square, and go to Leopold's for ice cream. Parents should plan to pick up from the church at 1:45 p.m.

Children's Worship Training

4th & 5th graders who would like to help with Children's Worship must attend a training session. There will be a make-up training session after the 11:00 Service on Sunday, October 22. The training will last about 30 minutes and then we'll join the others for games and ice cream.

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 29

Our annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, October 29 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The petting zoo is returning this year along with lots of games, Ms. Suzanna's Nacho Bar, and S'mores at the pavilion. The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Group

Youth Choir, Youth Group, and Parents' Meeting

Youth Group will meet tonight with Rev. Ben Martin from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth parents are invited and encouraged to meet with Rev. Martin from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to discuss the future of Youth Group and how parents can help. Youth Choir will meet prior from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fun with Skip and Sheila

Do you like fun? Do you like Skip and Sheila? Join us for a Sunday night Youth Group filled with game show fun! On October 22, we will meet during the regularly scheduled youth time (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) for dinner and games. Skip is our resident game show aficionado and will MC as we play Family Feud and Chain Reaction! All are welcome.

Fall Festival

The youth will be helping with the Fall Festival at Wesley Gardens Retreat this year on Sunday, October 29. If your student is interested in helping, please contact Charli Weeks (charli@wesleymonumental.org) or Laura Blake (laurablake8@gmail.com) directly.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Monthly Spiritual Practices Gathering

For anyone interested in engaging their heart into deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith. Join Christian Swails as he leads a Spiritual Practices Gathering once a month at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The next gathering will take place Sunday, October 22 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend!

Wesley Gardens Bible Study

Tuesday, October 24, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. For details, contact: hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

CoCreation Spiritual Retreat Day

On Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., we will have an opportunity to experience a fuller experience of spiritual practices. The Spiritual Retreat Day will be led by Christian and Hannah Swails as an offering of their ministry Co-Creation. It promises to be a transformative experience of self-discovery, growth, and connection. The cost for the day is \$49, which includes lunch. Scan the QR code to register or call the church office.



Finances (10/08/23):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,529,861.97
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,613,866.20

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (10/8/23)

8:45 AM Worship	84	Nursery	11
11:00 AM Worship	233	Children's Worship	25
Online Worship Views	165	Sunday School	104
Total Worship	482		

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. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge..... Senior Adults and Pastoral Care	Suzanna King..... Director of Hospitality
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music & Organist	David Lindquist.....Maintenance Tech
Julia Flowers Music Assistant	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Ernie Banks..... Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Tom Anderson Financial Manager	Christian Swails..... Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jennifer Baker Administrative Assistant, Reception	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
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Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 5:21-24	Have I ever been “desperate”? How did I respond?
Tuesday	Mark 5:25-29	How am I trying to “touch the hem of his garment”?
Wednesday	Mark 5:30-34	When has faith made me “well” or given me “peace”?
Thursday	Mark 5:35-36	What am I most afraid of? How is it affecting my faith?
Friday	Mark 5:37-43	What can I take from a story with an ending I don’t expect to experience?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

****Visit wesleymonumental.org/events/ to view the calendar online.****

Sunday, October 15

Bible Presentation Sunday

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 10:50 AM 4th/5th Grade Worship Education, SNC Balcony
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, FH
- 6:30 PM Youth Parents' Meeting, FH

Monday, October 16

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Elis Place Chapel
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study & Bible Buddies, OH 310/308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH
- 6:00 PM Eli's Place Spirit Night, Java Burrito, 420 E. Broughton

Wednesday, October 18

- 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 & OH
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Edwin Chase Teaching, FH
- 6:00 PM Book Study, Led by Ben, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, October 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
- 6:00 PM Cabaret Under the Stars

Friday, October 20

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesdays
 Ben Martin912-547-1835
 Wednesdays
 Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245

Wednesday Nights at Wesley

October 18

Fettuccini Alfredo w/Chicken & Broccoli

In Our Prayers....

Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Melinda Bunton (mother of Leigh Anne Divito), Roger Lemay, Philip Fritts (brother of Lynn Fritts), Gloria Eitel, Adam Corey, Anne Holley, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Tommy & Harriett Gattis (parents of Clayton Gattis), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Mary Odom, Richard Zehl, Will Weeks, Mercedes Brenne and Jack Carman (friends of Anne Tyree), Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), 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), 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), 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), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), 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, Toni Olds, 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

Christmas Bazaar Bake Sale Sign-Up

Please tear off and place in offering plate.

Name _____

Best way to contact _____

Bake sale item _____

Questions? Please contact Florence Anderson at 912-657-6640.