



***Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024***

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### **WEDNESDAY IS COMING**

Tony Campolo wrote a book entitled "It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming." Here at Wesley, it kind of feels like we are living with anticipation. It's August 25th, but September is coming. We feel it as our renovation continues and things start taking shape, and we anticipate renewed space for our ministry. As September is now on the horizon, Eli's Place is anticipating the arrival of a new school year and 150 or so children back on our campus every day. And our staff are all anticipating the beginning of our "school year" Wednesday Night at Wesley programming.

Wednesday Nights at Wesley have become such an important piece of our ministry. 160 or so of our children will be growing in their faith through music. Adults and youth will gather to share a community meal and then study together in various small group settings. We will learn from each other, support and encourage each other as we are refreshed and equipped to live out our faith at home, school, and work. And don't forget while our children's choir program is age 3-years-old to 5th grade, we have a nursery for smaller children so parents can be a part of one of our discipleship groups. This fall, the following three adult groups will be offered.

- 1. Young Women's Small Group led by Katie Knight.**
- 2. A Book Study on "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis will be led by Glen Doki.** "Mere Christianity" is a classic book on the basics of the Christian faith by one of the great Christian writers of the 20th Century. Many of you may know him from "The Chronicles of Narnia."
- 3. A Spiritual Formation Study on "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson led by Ben Martin & Christian Swails.** This is a book on important practices and virtues for a life of discipleship. It is based on the Psalms or Songs of Ascents. Eugene Peterson is the translator of The Message Bible.

More information about signing up for studies and making reservations for dinner are available in the bulletin insert today. We hope you will sign up for a study, get your kids signed up for choir, make a standing reservation for dinner each week, and make Wednesday nights a vital part of your spiritual formation this year.

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

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

*Fourteenth 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 in the Fellowship Hall.*

## Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Harper Sorter

## Lighting of the Candles

### Introit (11:00)

Laudamus Te  
Ori Hayes, soprano  
Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano

Antonio Vivaldi

\* **Hymn No. 462** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus TRUST IN JESUS

\* **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** GREATOR EX

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 in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.*

*11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.*

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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. 476** Lonely the Boat BAI

**Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Duet (8:45)** Laudamus Te Antonio Vivaldi  
Ori Hayes, soprano  
Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)** Randall Thompson  
The Last Words of David

He that ruleth over men must be just,  
ruling in the fear of God.  
And he shall be as the light of the morning,  
when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;  
as the tender grass springing out of the earth  
by clear shining after rain.  
Alleluia! Amen.  
- 2 Samuel 23:3-4

### **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, NT pgs. 226, 35, 18)  
Hebrews 12:1-2, Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 16:24-26

**Sermon** "Relinquishment Part 8: My Life" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 526** What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

**Reception into Church Membership (11:00)**  
Heather and Danny Evans  
Cori and Zak Palmer with sons, Davis and Graham Palmer

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response (11:00)** Felix Mendelssohn  
Cast thy Burden Upon the Lord

**Closing Voluntary** To God be the Glory arr. Kenneth Varner

\* 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 memory of Ellen Atkins from her family.

### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Allie and Ashton Cubbedge on the birth of a son, Ari Edward Cubbedge, on August 18, 2024, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ari is the great grandson of Carolyn and James Cubbedge. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Ari.

Congratulations to Lindsay and David Miller on the birth of a son, Liam Michael Miller, on August 19, 2024. Grandson of Lori and Jeff Miller. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Liam.

### **Administrative Board Meeting - Tomorrow, Monday, August 26**

The Administrative Board will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board around noon tomorrow. (2024 Administrative Board Dates: August 26, October 28, and December 9)

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

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

### **Help Neighbors Amidst Storm Damage**

Please bring items to church to the Oliver Hall lobby for nearby counties and communities, including Richmond Hill, which was damaged by the storm. Items needed are:

5 gallon buckets (does not matter brand, color, etc.)  
Rubber Gloves  
Sponges  
Scrub Brushes  
Handheld Squeegees  
Clorox Wipes  
Lysol Spray  
Mr. Clean Magic Erasers  
Mops  
Brooms  
New hand Towels  
New Rags

### **Family Promise Needs Mattress Pads**

Please donate new or gently used twin mattress pad waterproof protectors. Please bring to the Oliver Hall lobby.

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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:** Mark Lindsay

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Ansley Pedigo, Charlotte Williams

**Children's Worship:** Lizzie Grimsley, Sarah Labrot, Ashley Wanager,  
Olivia Wanager

**Sunday School:** Lizzie Grimsley

**Greeters:** Cynthia & James Waldrop

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, David Blake, Jon Boothe, Greg Dotson, Fred Bozeman,  
Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Jerry Cohn

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

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

### **Children's and Youth Choirs**

We are so excited for children's and youth choirs for ages 3 through 12th grade to begin again in September!!

- ◆ **1st-5th grade choir** (and also **Joyful Noise choir** for younger children) begins Wednesday, September 4 with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and choir from 6:00-7:00 p.m. See registration link on the insert.
- ◆ **6th-12th grade choir** begins Sunday, September 8 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and includes handbells from 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.!

We are also thrilled to be offering handbells for 6th-12th graders for 30 minutes prior to Wednesday dinner beginning Wednesday, September 4, if that time is more convenient for you than Sunday.

### **Adult Handbell Choir:**

Come and ring with us in our Adult Handbell Choir, "*Soli deo Gloria*" ("Glory to God Alone" in Latin), with Ericka Stack. Prior musical knowledge is preferred, but any and everyone is welcome! We will start with basic handbell techniques, hymns, and how to care for our bells. Please look in the Wesley Weekly for a poll on what day you would like handbells to meet. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [ericka@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ericka@wesleymonumental.org).

### **6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Handbell Choir**

Middle and high school students: you are cordially invited to join our new Handbell group, called "*Gaudete*" which means "Rejoice" in Latin. We will meet thirty minutes during Youth Choir, as well as 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays before dinner if that time is more convenient for you. Basic music knowledge is encouraged, but any and everyone is welcome! We will start with basic handbell techniques, hymns, and how to care for our bells. This group will be starting rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [ericka@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ericka@wesleymonumental.org).

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

### **Bible Studies**

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of Oliver Hall, room 213 (parlor); the Bible Buddies nursery meets in room 207 (barrel-vault room). Currently studying "A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World," by Paul E. Miller. This week's lesson is "Understanding Cynicism," John 5:1-18; Colossians 2:6."
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying the "Minor Prophets." This week's lesson is Malachi, chapters 2 and 3. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

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

### **Worship Education**

Worship Education for 4th & 5th graders will meet during the 11:00 service on September 8, 15, 29, and October 6. We'll meet in the center balcony under the Wesley Window at 10:50 a.m. and stay for part of the service. Pickup will be from the Fellowship Hall, bump-out room on the right at the end of the service.

**Maggie Hatchett, Director of Student Ministries (6th-12th Grade)**

**Youth End of Summer Party**

Today, Sunday, August 25, we will have an end-of-summer party from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.! We will have dinner, a Photo Booth, hide-and-seek and sardines, crafts, and some competitions! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall first and then hang in the youth rooms. Can't wait to see y'all!

**Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director**

**Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering**

Seek wisdom and peace in community during our Spiritual Practices Gathering from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. every Sunday at Wesley Gardens Retreat. This time is dedicated to meeting together to experience spiritual practices in the way of Jesus. We do this through journaling, connecting with nature, practicing silence and solitude, centering prayer, and more. Come not just to learn *about* God but to learn how to be *with* God. All are welcome!

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care**

**Merry Makers—September Program**

Mark Lindsay, executive director of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, will be the speaker for the Merry Makers on Monday, September 9, at 11:00 am. Mark is one of Wesley's own who has a passion for inner city youth. You will find that his passion is contagious. Merry Makers will meet in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Lunch will be served following the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? Call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (08/18/24)

8:45 AM Worship	110	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	285	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	136	Sunday School	121
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>531</b>		

**Finances (08/18/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,314,602.21
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,370,401.99

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker .....	Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux..... Outreach & New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge..... Senior Adults & Pastoral Care	Ashley Mays Higgins ...	Communications Director
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music & Organist	Suzanna King.....	Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers .....	David Lindquist .....	Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks .....	Betty Dudley .....	Housekeeper
Ericka Stack.....Children's & Music Assistant	Micah Sprunger .....	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Maggie Hatchett ...Director of Student Ministries	Christian Swails.....	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jimmy Flowers..... Church Administrator		
Tom Anderson .....		
Financial Manager		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
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**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Hebrews 12:1-2	What does it mean for me to embrace Jesus as the "pioneer and perfecter" of my faith?
Tuesday	Mark 1:14-20	What do I think repent and believe meant to Jesus? What did it mean to "follow" him?
Wednesday	Matthew 16:24-26	How am I losing my life by trying to save it?
Thursday	John 4:1-15	What is Jesus trying to teach this woman?
Friday	Matthew 11:25-30	What are my expectations of being a Christian? What is Jesus' hope for me?

**Sermon Notes**

## **This Week at Wesley**

\*\*Visit [wesleymonumental.org/events/](http://wesleymonumental.org/events/) to view the calendar online.\*\*

### **Sunday, August 25**

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC  
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH  
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR  
5:00 PM Youth End of Summer Party, FH

### **Monday, August 26**

2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 205  
5:30 PM Admin Board Mtg, FH/Zoom  
6:00 PM Pacesetters

### **Tuesday, August 27**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,  
Sunnyside Up  
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study  
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH  
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205  
5:30 PM Board of Trustees

### **Wednesday, August 28**

11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

### **Thursday, August 29**

10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205  
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom  
5:30 PM Open House, EB/OH

### **Friday, August 30**

No Scheduled Activities

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

### **Pastors on Call This Week**

All days except Wednesdays & Fridays  
Ben Martin .....912-547-1835  
Wednesdays  
Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245  
Fridays  
Carolyn Cubbedge ..912-308-3385

## **In Our Prayers....**

Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Pat Monahan, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

### **At Home/Extended Care**

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann

### **Military Serving Abroad/Statedside**

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