



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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ELI'S PLACE

One of the most exciting, effective, and beloved ministries of our church is Eli's Place, our Early Childhood Development Center. On Tuesday, September 2, Eli's Place began its fourteenth year with 153 children enrolled from infants through preschool and 30 staff members. It has come a long way from its beginning with a few children in a mother's morning out program. Eli's Place is a half-day program from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with two, three, and five-day-a-week classes. Charlie Weeks, our Director of Children's Ministry, has done a remarkable job of growing this ministry in size and quality.

The name Eli's Place comes from the book of 1st Samuel and the story of Hannah, Samuel, and Eli. It is at the temple, where Eli is the priest, that Hannah prays for a child and promises to give the child back to the Lord. When Samuel was old enough he moved to the temple with Eli and heard God's call to serve as a voice for God to the people. As children are brought to Eli's Place at Wesley Monumental, it is our prayer that they will come to know God's great love for them and will never know a day apart from the Lord.

Eli's Place is truly a "child development" center where children develop spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. There is an intentional, strategic learning process that begins with our infants and ends with our preschoolers all reading, writing, adding and subtracting, and knowing about basic science and the world. They will learn through Biblical stories and staff examples about the love of God and the life that God wants for each of them.

Eli's Place has also been a great way for young families to be introduced to Wesley Monumental, and many have found their way into our church family. Our growth and the current renovation have left us scrambling for places to accommodate all our children, both on Sundays and at Eli's Place. Please be patient and understanding as we all share space until we move back into the Education Building.

Be in prayer for our children and staff as Eli's Place begins another year, and give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities we have been given to make a difference in the lives of children and their parents.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Amazing Grace arr. Joseph Martin

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) Hannah MacGregor

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary (11:00) Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Eric Jones, pianist

Introit (11:00) Come Sunday Duke Ellington
Claire Frazier, mezzo-soprano
Eric Jones, pianist

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love.
Please look down and see my people through.
Often we'll feel weary, but He knows every care.
Go to Him in secret, He will hear your every prayer.
Up from dawn 'til sunset man works real hard all day.
Come Sunday, that's the day.

* **Hymn No. 707** Hymn of Promise PROMISE

* **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. 534 Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) People Need the Lord arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Hubert Parry

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

I was glad when they said unto me,

We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

- Psalm 122: 1-3, 6, 7

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. 162, 175, 225, 209)

Romans 12:9, I Corinthians 13:12-13, Hebrews 11:1, I Timothy 3:9

Sermon

"Holding on Part 2: Faith"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 529 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Peter Lukin

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Closing Voluntary

Prelude

Gabriel Pierné

* *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 His faithful servants, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooten by Mr. and Mrs. James William Coley.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Just Born

Congratulations to Ashley and Aaron Higgins on the birth of a son, Shepherd Colsen Mays Higgins, on August 23, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Shep.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the October Monumental Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, September 9. Please send to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Name Tags

Please take care to wear your Wesley Monumental nametag to worship and Wednesday night activities. This will help us uphold our values as a friendly and welcoming church family and allow guests to identify those who can assist them. If you need a new nametag, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Acolyte Training

For any 6th graders interested, acolyte training will be held after the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 22. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Holly Conger.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori Miller, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: William Blake, Couper Howard

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Maggie & The youth group representatives

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delves, Greg Dotson, David Gaskin, Wayne Hall, Bart Rhodes

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Choir

Children's Choir (and Joyful Noise Choir) began September 4, and we are so excited to sing in church soon! Even if you missed the first rehearsal, you may join at any time. The 1st-5th graders are working in depth on: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, I Am Bound for the Promised Land, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Zion's Walls, Hymn of Promise, Doxology, Gloria Patri, Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. During dinner prior to choir (after entree, before dessert), we work on a local mission project specially curated by Rev. Nelle. For example, this past week the choristers created cards for one of our shut-ins.

Adult Handbells

After much consideration, we will be having rehearsals in the Fellowship Hall Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. I have some amazing music picked out, and I am really looking forward to ringing with you all! We will begin rehearsals September 9. All you need to bring is your positive attitude and worshipping spirit! If you are interested and able to ring, would you please email me at ericka@wesleymonumental.org? If you also know of anyone else who might be interested in ringing, would you please reach out to them as well? Thank you so much! And see you all soon!

Youth Choir/Handbells

We will be starting youth choir on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and this evening we plan to meet at Wesley Gardens Retreat. We will be splitting the time in half, so we are able to do handbells, AND singing (do not worry, Ms. Monica will be there too!). Then on Wednesday nights from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m, we will be doing a handbell intensive. The Wednesday night is not required, but encouraged if you want to sharpen your handbell and music reading skills. I look forward to making beautiful music with you!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Cook at Home for Families

If you want to prepare a meal occasionally at home for church members who need help, please tell Nelle, You cook at home and deliver to church.

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 "What Do We Do with Jesus's Extravagant Promises about Prayer?," chapters 13-15, Proverbs 8:12, 22-31; Isaiah 57:15; Matthew 6:10, 17:20; Mark 11:24."
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "Paul." This week's lesson is 1 Corinthians, chapter 1. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at 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 Group

Youth will meet at Wesley Gardens Retreat from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for the first regular programming of the Fall. We will be making dinner together, playing games, and worshipping the Lord. Parents, be sure to join the BAND so that you can see all of our events and info. Find it on the website.

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 tomorrow, 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 let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (09/01/24)

8:45 AM Worship	85	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	287	Children’s Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	166	Sunday School	98
Total Worship	538		

Finances (09/01/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,377,111.00
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,453,969.84

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	Music Assistant	David Lindquist.....	Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks	Director of Children’s Ministry	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Ericka Stack	Children’s & Music Assistant	Micah Sprünger	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 11:1-16	How do I define faith?
Tuesday	I Corinthians 13:12-13	What makes faith the foundation for hope and love?
Wednesday	I Timothy 3:9	What makes faith so hard to hold onto?
Thursday	Ephesians 2:8-10	How does faith "save" us?
Friday	Mark 9:14-28	If I am a mixture of faith and doubt, how can I grow my faith?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, September 8

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
11:00 AM Worship Education, SNC Balcony
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR
4:00 PM Youth Choir & Handbells
5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 9

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
11:00 AM Merry Makers, OH Parlor
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, FH

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH
9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
OH Parlor
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 PM Wesley Gardens Mtg, WGR

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
4:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir, SNC
5:30 PM Dinner, MI
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir, SNC
6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Studies,
OH 4th Flr
6:00 PM A Long Obedience Study, MI
6:00 PM Mere Christianity Study, OH 205
6:00 PM Women's Small Group, OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, September 12

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, September 13

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH

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

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

Wednesday Night Supper

September 11
Menu: Chicken Parmesan

In Our Prayers....

Aaron Berkebile, Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delters), 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, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddie 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/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Davis Family
on the death of
John Haywood Davis,
brother of Archie Davis