



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

*"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness,
so everyone who belongs to God
may be proficient, equipped for every good work."*

- 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible is the book around which our faith is built and our worship centers. That being said, it is not the book we worship, but the one who reveals himself through the book. 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 it continues to speak in new and fresh ways to each of us throughout our lives. As our stages 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.

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 "hide the word in their heart" 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.

Barrett Allen	Noelle Hayes
Fielding Anderson	Natalie Hoey
Anna Louise Clary	Harris Lane
Emma Grace Cohn	Leigh Lientz
Witt Coley	Riley Merritt
Emma James Cowart	Dean Muenckler
Merritt Dixon	Coleman Sellers
Henry Duffy	Louisa Smith
Jack Eichholz	Reese Sorel
William Glenn	James Suttles
Jackson Goldberg	Lily Wiggins
Kara Hayes	

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 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. 600** Wonderful Words of Life WORDS OF LIFE

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Be Thou My Vision arr. Marilyn Ham

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Craig Courtney

O Word of God, Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
we praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
It is a sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav'n-drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

The scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to You, O Christ, will guide.

O make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations Your true light as of old.
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims by this, their path to trace,
'til, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.
Amen.

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 HUNDRETH

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. 229, 211, OT pg. 566)
James 1:21-22, 2 Timothy 1:13, Psalm 119:9-16

Sermon "Holding on Part 4: To the Word" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 314** In the Garden GARDEN

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

A LA PUERTA

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Closing Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

* *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 Bill Harper and in honor of Dot Harper by Penny Harper.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned meats such as Vienna sausages. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Acolyte Training Today!

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

New Member Course Starts Today, September 22

And continues September 29. Please meet in the Oliver Hall Lobby, 10:00 a.m. both Sundays. Nursery provided. Class will join as a group on September 29.

Advent 2024

The theme for the 2024 Advent devotional book is "O Come, All Ye Faithful." If you would like to be one of twenty-five writers, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or Evonne Mobley. In your writing, you are being asked to share how your faith is preparing you for the birth of Jesus. Hopefully you can share a personal experience. You will receive guidelines for your writing. The deadline for submission is Sunday, November 10.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: TBD

Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Cooler, Jordan Hess

Children's Worship: Natalie Ingalsbe, Sarah Labrot, Hannah MacGregor,
Laura MacGregor

Sunday School: Laura MacGregor

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Bill Mattocks,

Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Choir

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. Last week they particularly enjoyed singing Battle Hymn of the Republic as the refrain is to the tune of a well-known Georgia football team fight song. It is a good challenge to try to sing the hymn with all the stanzas and complicated words as fast as the UGA marching band plays it! Thanks to Mr. Raymond Patricio for educating everyone about the UGA marching band's tempo. Choristers were also interested to learn that a woman, Julia Ward Howe, wrote the lyrics to Battle Hymn.

This past week during dinner--before choir--the children made and colored origami angels with Bible verses for one of our church members, 96-year-old Mr. David Chow. He loves origami. The design for the angel has bangs that the children cut! Thanks to Rev. Nelle for curating mission projects for the children.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Mac P.A.C.K.

Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese for People of Action Caring for Kids (P.A.C.K.) on Sunday, October 6. It is a Christian nonprofit with no paid staff that provides food for needy children and youth on weekends.

Weekly Volunteer Opportunity this Fall beginning in October

Refugee apartment move ins with Inspiritus, every Friday morning 9:30-11:00 AM. Assist Inspiritus staff and other community volunteers with setting up an apartment for a newly resettled refugee family. Needed are: kitchen size trashcans/liners, brooms, wet/dry mops, area rugs 5x7 and 4x6 , kitchen storage containers and front doormats. Drop off in Oliver Hall lobby. Please call/text Holly McCormick for details or donations, 912-856-6982

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 "Unanswered Prayer," Psalm 22, 63; 1 Peter 3:7; James 4:3..
- 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 3. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Worship Education

Worship Education is not meeting today to give the 4th & 5th graders an opportunity to sit through the service and practice what they have learned in our classes. Be sure to pick up a Listening Guide from the ushers. The Listening Guide includes some prompts that Mr. Ben has written to help them listen for important points in the sermon.

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

Youth Group

Youth will meet tonight from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Parents, be sure to join the BAND so that you can see all of our events and info. Find it on the website.

Columbus Day Service Opportunity

There will be a Columbus Day Service opportunity from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the church with Maggie and Nelle. Be on the lookout for more information.

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!



Wesley Christmas Bazaar

The annual Wesley Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024. The bazaar will showcase all sorts of handwork including but not limited to woodwork, monogrammed clothing and linen items, photography, jewelry, notecards, candles, scroll-sawn ornaments, needlework, picture frames, toys, paintings, and lathe-turned bowls to mention a few. The bazaar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the gifts of our fellow church members and to shop for Christmas. We are looking for vendors and you are invited to reserve your space now. There will also be a bake sale, and donations are needed. 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.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (09/15/24)

8:45 AM Worship	XX	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	292	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	170	Sunday School	XXX
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (09/15/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,456,311.35
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,536,671.72

CHURCH STAFF

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
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Sermon Extended

Monday	2 Timothy 3:16	What authority do I give to scripture and why?
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:13-14	What is my "standard for sound teaching"?
Wednesday	Psalms 119:9-16	How does scripture guide my life?
Thursday	James 1:21b-22	What does it mean for the word to be "implanted" in me?
Friday	John 15:1-8	Practice letting the Word of Christ "abide" in me today- meditate on and memorize a verse of scripture today.

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, September 22

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
4:00 PM Youth Choir & Handbells
5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 23

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
2:00 PM Joy Circle, Hm of Linda Butler
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, FH
6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
10:30 AM Jane Shirah, OH Parlor
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 26

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

Friday, September 27

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 25

Menu: BBQ Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Lulu Gribbins, Gary Kornegay,
Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park
(mother of Jeff Endsley), Suzette
and Jimmy Fincher (parents of Amy
Green), Aaron Berkebile, Harriett
Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis),
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, 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, 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/Stateside

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

The Hatchett & Kowalchuk Families
on the death of
Jim Kowalchuk,
father of Maggie Hatchett