



***Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025***

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February 16, 2025

**OPPORTUNITIES OR OBLIGATIONS**

One of our Wednesday night studies this semester is a book by John Mark Comer entitled "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry." It is evident from the title that the author suggests that the pace at which we live our lives, including how we tend to overschedule ourselves, is a spiritual problem. This week, as I was trying to decide what to write for the front of this bulletin, I was looking through last week's bulletin to see what might need to be highlighted on the cover this week. Frankly, it made me tired just looking at it. Without a doubt, there is something for everyone every week. But, I also realize everything is not for everyone. It can be easy for us in our overscheduled lives to feel obligated when it comes to church. When we feel obligated, it is easy to lose the spiritual benefit of participating. We hope that everything we offer, from worship and study to fellowship and service, is an opportunity to grow deeper in our experience of and relationship to Christ.

Sometimes, when it comes to our own spiritual formation, less is more. Less hurry and more rest, less words and more silence, less accumulation of stuff and more giving away. Believe me, I'm not trying to talk you out of anything or downplay the value of everything we offer. There is purpose and possibility in it all, but we don't need to feel guilty when we don't do it all. Sometimes, we find ourselves going through the motions of some of our spiritual practices and realize we are not finding the same meaningful benefit from them we once did. We think something must be wrong with us, but maybe God is leading us or inviting us into a different practice. So, I would invite you to read through our bulletin each week and prayerfully consider the many opportunities we offer to help you grow deeper spiritually. Pay attention to what gets your attention, even if it is something you've never tried before. It's okay to try something new, even if it means letting go of something old, so you don't just overschedule yourself into turning opportunities into obligations. And, I don't deny that maybe this whole article is a reflection of my own tendency to overschedule myself. But as Jesus once said, "let those who have ears to hear listen," or as I grew up hearing it, "if the shoe fits wear it."

*Ben*

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*

### 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.*

### Lighting of the Candles

**Chiming of the Hour** (11:00)

Meris Baxter

**Opening Voluntary** (8:45) Prelude in F Minor, BWV 534 J. S. Bach

**Opening Voluntary** (11:00)

J. K. Vanhal

Allegro Moderato from Concerto in C Major  
Harmon Shinall, bassist

**Introit** (11:00)

O Come, Ye Servants

Christopher Tye

\* **Hymn** No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

\* **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.

**Baptismal Covenant** (11:00)

Raymond Scott Rogers, Jr.  
son of Savannah and Scott Rogers

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Scotty as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Children's Sermon**

Nelle Bordeaux

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 from 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 second floor.

**Morning 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) Arabesque No. 1 Claude Debussy

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) I Am Not Ashamed

Malinda Smith, mezzo-soprano

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
I am not afraid to be counted, but I'm willing to give my life.  
See, I'm ready to be all He wants me to be.  
I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
I've got too much behind me to let this world bind me.  
To some He's a name, but to me, He's my everything.  
I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**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. 193, 225)  
Ephesians 4:1-6, Hebrews 10:39-11:16

**Sermon** "ONE: Part 5—One Faith" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 701 When We All Get to Heaven HEAVEN

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) Choral Amen in A John Stainer

**Closing Voluntary** Fugue in F Minor, BWV 534 J. S. Bach

\* *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 honor of the church staff, congregation, Compass Class, and my family for all of the love, support, and prayers over the past year, with heartfelt gratitude by Katie Gore Townsend.

### **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.

### **Urban Hope Needs School Supplies**

Please drop off glue sticks, white glue, blue ballpoint pens, a mop, hand sanitizer, Clorox or Lysol wipes, and dividers to the box in the Oliver Hall lobby.


### **New Member Course Starts Today, February 16, at 9:45 a.m.**

Please come to both parts of this two-part series, February 16 and 23, at 9:45 a.m. both Sundays. The class will join as a group on February 23. Nursery provided. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **Family Bingo Night - February 28**

 Join us Friday, February 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our 3rd annual Family Bingo Night presented by the Susanna Wesley Circle. There will be dinner, dessert, bingo, a silent auction, and exciting prizes with proceeds benefitting charities within our community.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/WMFamilyBingoNight2025> for prices and to register. Also, if you would like to donate a prize, or maybe a gift you received for Christmas that you may not have use for, please email [swcirclewm@gmail.com](mailto:swcirclewm@gmail.com) or drop off in the church office.

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks  
**Greeters:** Pat Killewald, Becky Pullin  
**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller  
**Ushers:** Henry Whitfield, Patrick Graham  
**Partners in Prayer:** Dorie Gaskin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Addison Conger, Hannah Conger  
**Children's Worship:** Volunteers Needed  
**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed  
**Greeters:** Frank Anderson, James Cubbedge  
**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan  
**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Peter Delvers, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell, Cory Hall, Wayne Hall  
**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

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

#### **Urban Hope Supper, Monday, February 24, at 5:30 p.m.**

Please cook at home and bring items; we usually serve 75 guests. Please meet at Independent Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m.; the Urban Hope children and families will arrive at 6:00 p.m., and we usually finish clean-up by 7:30 p.m. Needed are pulled pork, salad, macaroni and cheese, BBQ beans, slaw, dill pickles, cut fruit, and cookies. All ages are welcome.

#### **Day of Service, Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. to noon**

Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, to join other Coastal District United Methodist congregations. Please meet at Isle of Hope UMC at 9:00 a.m. We need 60 Wesley Monumental members to sack dry goods for 14,000 people in need. Ages first grade and higher with parent or grandparent are welcome. Nursery provided. Please sign up by March 1.

#### **Bible Studies**

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor with Bible Buddies meeting in the barrel vault room. Currently studying "What Children Teach Us about God." This week's lesson is "Abundance: Boy Who Gives His Lunch," John 6:1-15.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All About Paul," 2 Corinthians, chapter 4.

#### **Looking Ahead-New Topic in Young Mothers' Bible Study in March**

The new subject will be "Friendship in the Bible," starting Tuesday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Oliver Hall, nursery provided by fabulous Carmine Cowart and Del Muller. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

#### **Would You Like to Help with Home Repairs for Senior Members? We Can't Stand Long Meetings, Either--Come for Five Minutes Next Sunday**

Please come to the front of the sanctuary near the communion table after worship next Sunday, February 23, following either service, for a brief five-minute meeting to learn more about Amen Handymen, our ministry to help seniors stay in their homes by doing minor plumbing, electrical, and woodworking repairs and building wheelchair ramps. If you like to do home repairs or want to learn, please come. Jon Boothe leads this ministry, and we thank Steve Eberhardt for his years of leadership. Questions or need a repair? Nelle, 912-232-0191 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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

#### **Lunch and Learn—Advanced Directive for Healthcare & POA**

If you are interested in information regarding Advanced Directive for Healthcare and Power of Attorney for you or a family member, you are invited to a presentation by Attorney Janna Martin on Sunday, February 23, immediately following morning worship in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. A light lunch will be available for all who register no later than Friday, February 21. Please call the church office to sign up. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

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



#### **Vacation Bible School/Summer Fun Daze—Register Now!**

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for VBS and Summer Fun Daze. To register for either event, scan QR code or visit: [myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://myvbs.org/wesleymonumental)

- June 2-6 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- July 14-18 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children who have completed Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

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

**Youth Group**

- We have youth this week, and be sure to come next week for Humans vs Zombies.
- Join us on Wednesday evenings for a bible study of Exodus and fun!
- St. Patrick's Day Pancake Fundraiser is coming soon! Check on the website to sign up for it!



- Join us for a FREE Ghost Pirates game on Saturday, February 22! We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m., the game starts at 7:00 p.m. Scan the QR code to sign up.

**Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director**

**Today at Wesley Gardens**

Come learn how to quiet your anxious mind and experience the presence of God through:

- GOD IN NATURE/REFLECTIVE WRITING - We will start at 4:00 p.m.

**Spiritual Formation—Through out the Year**

For 2025, we have some incredible offerings each week at Wesley Gardens. This is a place to learn and practice some ancient spiritual practices that have cultivated a deep inner life of peace, healing, and clarity for disciples of Jesus for thousands of years. There is no need to come every week; just pop in and check out one of the practices below that you feel drawn to. Each week is a new practice, so you can join any-time.

- ◆ 1st Sunday (every month) - Christian Meditation
- ◆ 2nd Sunday (every month) - Lectio Divina
- ◆ 3rd Sunday (every month) - God in Nature/Reflective Writing
- ◆ 4th Sunday (every month) - Book Club - We will be reading *The Practice of the Presence of God* (written in 1692) by Brother Lawrence

Questions or interested in joining, please email Christian Swails at christian@cocreationlife.com (or just show up).



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (02/09/25)

8:45 AM Worship	109	Nursery	18
11:00 AM Worship	369	Children's Worship	49
Online Worship Views	137	Sunday School	159
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>615</b>		

**Finances (02/09/25):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$376,836.74
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$289,712.94

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki.....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 Henry.....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 Sprünger ..... Wesley Gardens
Jimmy Flowers..... Church Administrator	Property Manager
Tom Anderson..... Financial Manager	Christian Swails..... Wesley Gardens
	Spiritual Direction/Reservations

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**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Where does faith fit in this list of "ones"?
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-2	What is faith to me?
Wednesday	Mark 5:21-34	How can faith "make me well"?
Thursday	James 2:14-26	What does my faith look like?
Friday	2 Timothy 1:5-7	Why do I have faith?

**Sermon Notes**

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## This Week at Wesley

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

### Sunday, February 16

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM 4th/5th Grade Lunch, FH
- 12:30 PM Beginner Handbells, SNC
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation, WGR
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

### Monday, February 17

- President's Day—Eli's Place Closed
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Cir, FH
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

### Tuesday, February 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH Parlor
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

### Wednesday, February 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, FH
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Ruthless Elimination of  
Hurry Study
- 6:00 PM Anxious Generation Study
- 6:00 PM Grief Share
- 6:00 PM Young Women's Small  
Group, Led by Katie Knight
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
EB 4th Flr

### Thursday, February 20

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

### Friday, February 21

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

### Saturday, February 22

- 1:00 PM New Member Tea
- 5:00 PM Marriage Enrichment, FH

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

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

February 19, 2025

Menu: Chicken Parmesan

## In Our Prayers....

Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour (brother-in-law of Kim Grimmatt), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), John Conner, Carolyn Mills and Mark Mills (mother and brother of David Mills), Ed Derst, Khadra Turley (mother of Corie Turley), Adeline Hayes, Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon (father of Erica Timmons), Berta Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Aaron Berkebile, Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Melissa McDonald and Family, Michael Baggott, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin, Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Danielle Robertson, 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, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Deanne and Ken Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), 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, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Camille Searcy, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Dick Wallace

### Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

### *In Sympathy....*

The Connell Family  
on the death of *Zeb Connell*,  
father of Aria Connell,  
sister of Carrie Connell

The Shor Family  
on the death of *Murray Shor*,  
father of Mort Shor

The Burnsed and Hitt Families  
on the death of *Louis Burnsed*,  
brother of Marilyn Hitt