



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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THE GENERAL RULES

Many of you will remember the *Three General Rules of Methodism: Do no harm. Do all the good you can. Attend to the ordinances of God.* They are sometimes called the Three Simple Rules. They are profound and simple, but they do take some intentionality.

First, *Do no harm.* It might not be as easy as we think because often, our words and actions have unintended consequences that we don't really want to consider. Like the words I speak without thinking. Like things I buy that may come from places that exploit people's labor or damage the environment without thought. So often, what is good for some people is not good for others.

Second, *Do good.* The "Golden Rule" says, "Do unto others." Loving our neighbor must mean more than doing no harm, we must be intentional about doing good. Opportunities to do good are everywhere. Often, we neglect small things because we don't think they really matter, but who is to say what a small act of kindness means to someone.

Third, *Attend to the Ordinances of the Church.* Bishop Reuben Job called this "stay in love with God." What Wesley was referring to is being intentional about our spiritual practices. Worship, prayer, service, generosity, fasting, silence, solitude, etc. These are the practices through which we seek to connect with God who loves us.

At Wesley Monumental UMC, we pray that everything we plan and offer helps us keep the General Rules. We seek to do no harm by acting in love in all we do. We offer opportunities to do good for people who are in need of provision or attention. We provide multiple opportunities for worship, spiritual practices, prayer, Bible study, etc. Check out the bulletin this week for opportunities to "*Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.*"

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Sinisa Ciric, violinist
Thiago Formiga, violinist
Leah Dutton, cellist
(11:00 musicians)

Lizhou Liu, violist
Marsha Krantz, violist

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)

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Prelude in E Minor, BWV 533 J. S. Bach

Opening Voluntary (11:00) Spring Antonio Vivaldi
Emma Grace Cohn, pianist

Introit (11:00)

Joyful Noise Choir

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
All Things Bright and Beautiful

* **Hymn** No. 170 O How I Love Jesus O HOW I LOVE JESUS

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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)

Jack Bryan Elliot Miller and Liam Michael Miller
sons of Lindsay and David Miller

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Jack and Liam as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk in the way that leads to life.

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 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

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. 605**

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Cameron Cody

It Is Well With My Soul

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

arr. Mack Wilberg

How Can I Keep From Singing

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

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, 165, 189)

Ephesians 4:1-6, I Corinthians 1:1-17, Galatians 3:26-29

Sermon

"ONE: Part 6—One Baptism"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 98**

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Reception into Church Membership

Taylor King (8:45)

Leo Beckmann, Jr. (11:00)

Parker Bennett and Walker Dixon

Molly and Nicholas Foukal with daughters, Davis and Finley Foukal

Sallie and Carson Jones with son, Charlie Jones

Elizabeth Nelson with son, Barrett Slater

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

John Rutter

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533

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 memory of my brother, Stanley Butler, by David Butler.

Just Born

Congratulations to Allison and Drake Reinke on the birth of a daughter, Andie Faye Reinke, on February 14. Granddaughter of Laura Reinke. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Andie.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

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.

Family Bingo Night - February 28



Join us this 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 or drop off in the church office.

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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson
Offering Steward: David Butler
Ushers: Andrew Wall, Richard Wilson
Partners in Prayer: Charlie Clarke

11:00 Service

Acolytes: William Blake, Cole Green
Children's Worship: Jessica Olliff, Brantley Parker, Stephanie Parker, Karen Washburn, Amelia Wells
Sunday School: Lesley McDaniel, Amelia Wells
Greeters: Joy Garvin, Linda Sapp
Offering Steward: Jim Willis
Ushers: Jim Willis, Dustin Hamilton, Adam Hess, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Bill Mattocks
Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Ericka Stack, Children's & Music Assistant

Thank You

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who consistently nurture and love on all our lovely singers in Joyful Noise: Miang Chow, Caroline and Katherine Durkin, Beth Kaufman, Rebekah Matthews, Deborah Roberds, Shirley Roberts, Heather Whitaker, and Meaghan Wylie. Thank you for teaching the joy of music and Jesus to our wonderful choristers!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

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 "Simplicity—Little Child," Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-15.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All About Paul," 2 Corinthians, chapter 5.

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 Today

Please come to the front of the sanctuary after worship today, 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

Today's Lunch and Learn will meet in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Attorney Janna Martin will share information regarding Advanced Directives for Health Care and Power of Attorney. You may still attend even if you did not make a reservation for lunch.

Merry Makers March Program

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship, will meet on Monday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Please note this change in time. Daniel Hughes of Jacksonville, FL, will be the presenter. He is an underwater photographer and will present a program on sea life using his own photographs. Lunch will be served following the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

In Bloom: Lunch & Learn for Moms

Come and enjoy lunch with other Wesley moms on Sunday, March 2, immediately following the 11:00 service. Mothers of children age 0 - 5th grade will gather in the fellowship hall for conversation, an update on our spring and summer opportunities, and a flower-arranging demonstration. Watch for an email invitation, and be sure to respond to let us know you are coming.



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

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

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

Youth Group

- Join us tonight to talk about our character and then play Humans vs. Zombies! Bring your Nerf with you!
- St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser is coming up soon! If you plan to participate, you must spend the night at the church on Sunday, March 16. We will have youth that night, then games and fun after. We will serve from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.! Sign up on the church website!

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreats — Join us this Friday, February 28

◆ **Prayer & Solitude Retreat**

Craving set apart time and space to connect with God? If so, you might find this retreat meaningful. It's free and requires no previous retreat experience, offering a mix of solitude and time with Scripture (via Daily Office & Lectio Divina). You can shape the retreat as your soul needs it—we'll simply provide an optional framework. Spiritual Direction with a local pastor is available throughout. For those desiring a bit of caffeination before meditation, freshly roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m. in the Main House, and the retreat thereafter from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Following the retreat, lunch is served for any who'd like to join! Friday, February 28. All weary souls welcome.

◆ **Artist Retreat**

There is a new monthly collaboration with a favorite local artist, Allison Hall of Small Creative. Following the Prayer & Solitude Retreat, lunch is provided, and then Allison will guide a retreat for creatives—no cost, and all are welcome. (If you're a SCAD student and need a ride, please let us know.) Lunch is served at 12:45 p.m. with the guided retreat from 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. "Structured time" ends at 3:00 p.m., but you're welcome to linger and continue creating on your own until sunset.

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:

- BOOK CLUB - We will start at 4:00 p.m.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (02/16/25)

8:45 AM Worship	106	Nursery	14
11:00 AM Worship	290	Children's Worship	45
Online Worship Views	167	Sunday School	135
Total Worship	563		

Finances (02/16/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$423,850.28
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$303,217.70

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 StackChildren's & Music Assistant	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Maggie Hatchett ...Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers..... Church Administrator	Christian Swails..... Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson..... Financial Manager	

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 3:1-12	What did the baptism of John the Baptist mean to people?
Tuesday	Matthew 3:13-17	What did Jesus' baptism mean to him?
Wednesday	I Corinthians 1:10-17	Why do liturgical practices often cause division?
Thursday	Galatians 3:26-29	What does it mean to be "baptized into Christ"?
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	What does my baptism mean to me?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, February 23

- 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 Children's Ministry Comm. Lunch, FH
- 12:30 PM Lunch & Learn, OH Parlor
- 12:30 PM Beginner Handbells, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Handbells/Choir, SNC
- 4:00 PM Confirmation, FH
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation, WGR
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, February 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 205
- 5:30 PM Urban Hope Supper, IPC
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, February 25

- 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 26

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, OH Parlor
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
- 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 27

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
- 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Friday, February 28

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 6:00 PM Family Bingo Night, FH

Saturday, March 1

- 12:00 PM Wedding, SNC

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 26, 2025
Menu: Tuscan Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour (brother-in-law of Kim Grimmett), 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 (grand-daughter 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



Family Bingo Night

Friday, Feb. 28 • 6 p.m.

Wesley Monumental UMC
Fellowship Hall

Children \$10 • Adults \$15
Family Max \$40

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