



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

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June 22, 2025

### **WELCOME TO SUMMER**

Yesterday (June 21st) was the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere, the longest day and shortest night of the year. It is also the official beginning of the summer season. I, for one, love the long, hot days of summer. I am a big fan of the light. In the Biblical story light plays a significant role. The first of God's creation was light. *"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void (chaos) and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind of God swept over the face of the waters. The God said 'Let there be light' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good."*

John's gospel says that Christ is that light. *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."*

Jesus said of himself, *"I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* And in Matthew's gospel, he said to his followers, "You are the light of the world, no one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket but rather on a table so that it gives light to all in the house."

The world we live in finds itself in a lot of chaos and darkness these days, but I would offer us the reminder that Christ is the world's light, and we are to be bearers of the light that the "darkness cannot overcome." This summer in these long days of light and warmth, let us be reminded to share the light and love of Christ in every way we can to everyone we can.

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Second 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. The 11:00 service is also being livestreamed downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

**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**

**Opening Voluntary** (8:45) Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Bruce Greer

**Introit** (11:00) Morning Has Broken  
Olivia Wanager, soprano

\* **Hymn No. 57** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON  
Stanzas 1-5, 7

\* **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.

**Children's Sermon**

Charli Weeks

*8:45 & 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. 181                      Ye Servants of God                      HANOVER

**Offertory Prayer**    Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Solo** (8:45)      Go Tell It on the Mountain      arr. Mark Hayes  
Skip Watts, baritone

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00)    arr. William Dawson

Ain'-a that Good News

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

I got a harp up-in a that kingdom.  
I got a robe up-in a that kingdom.  
I got a Savior in a that kingdom.

### **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. 220, 17 )  
Hebrews 4:14-16, Matthew 15:21-27

**Sermon**      "A Little Good News Part 4: In My Shoes"      Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 92                      For the Beauty of the Earth                      DIX

**Benediction**    Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00)    arr. Mark Hayes  
Go Tell It on the Mountain  
Skip Watts, baritone

**Closing Voluntary** (11:00)    arr. Carl Maultsby  
Toccata on Good News

\* *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 wedding of Elizabeth Faulk and Kaleb Senator who were married on Saturday, June 21.

### **Altar Flowers – Summer Dates Available**

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$120, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following summer date is still available: July 20.

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

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

### **Tapachula Mission Trip Book Drive**

Wesley Monumental will be sending a team of 5 adults and 5 youth to Tapachula, Mexico in July. Mission on the Move has requested that our team bring books to expand the library they have for their students. Books for all age groups are needed, with a specific need for books of 2nd-12th grade reading levels. All books must be entirely in Spanish or bilingual.

The youth have started a wish list on Amazon of books we would like to take to Tapachula. Any books purchased from the wish list will be shipped to the church and packed by our team members for the trip. For the wish list, please scan the QR code above or visit the link below:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/AND7V2EYWKP6>

If purchasing books from another source, the children's home has asked that we do NOT bring fantasy books or books in which characters have experienced abuse or imprisonment. If you have questions regarding appropriate topics, please contact Sheila Watts. Any books purchased should be dropped off at the church office no later than July 2, 2025. Thank you for your support!



### **Book-Signing Event**

The book-signing evening scheduled for June 29 of Dr. Edwin Chase's first novel, Cleopas: The Disciple We Never Knew, has been postponed until the fall.

### **—————→ Elevator Out of Order Beginning Tuesday, May 20 ←————**

Renovation on the Education Building/Sanctuary elevator began on May 20, and will take eight weeks to complete. During that time, we will move our 8:45 worship service into the Fellowship Hall so those who cannot climb the stairs to the sanctuary will have an in-person worship option for those eight weeks. The 11:00 service will remain in the sanctuary. We will also livestream the 11:00 service into the Fellowship Hall so those for whom the sanctuary will be inaccessible but who may want to come to Sunday school and stay to worship together downstairs. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this much-needed update on the elevator.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Ushers:** Jerry Benson, Richard Wilson

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Michael Cooler, Jordan Hess

**Children's Worship:** Pam Hammock, Christa Kerby

**Sunday School:** Pam Hammock, Christa Kerby

**Greeters:** Peter Delters, Linda Sapp

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Ryan Kelly, John Kingston, Matt Kuykendall, Bobby Lee, Bates Lovett, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt

## **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. Now studying "Anger in the Bible," "Let Me Alone, So That My Wrath May Burn Hot," Exodus 31:18-32:35.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5.

### **Youth Local Mission Week Needs Adult Helpers July 21-25**

Serve alongside our wonderful youth! Choose all or part of any day that suits your schedule. Projects include yard work, sacking groceries, playing with children, construction, organizing uniforms, and more. Please tell Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

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

### **Lunch and Learn: Preparing Yourself and Others for a Hurricane Evacuation**

Join us for Lunch and Learn on Sunday, July 6, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The topic is "Preparing Yourself and Others for a Hurricane Evacuation." The program is designed for all who need to evacuate and especially for those who are responsible for helping others to evacuate. You will receive information from CEMA and a plan for preparing all of the paperwork that should go with you when you leave. Reservations are needed to ensure enough food for lunch. Call the church office. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

### **Merry Makers**

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet for lunch on Monday, July 14, 11:00, at LaNopalera on Mall Blvd. Dutch treat. Call the church office to make your reservation. This is a great opportunity to "Meet and Mingle," make a new friend, and invite a friend to join us. Questions? See or Call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

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

### **Summer Sunday School - Come Join Us!**

Come join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we have fun learning about David, the shepherd boy, and the songs he wrote that are in our Bible. Lots of fun activities to help us memorize Psalm 23 by the end of the summer. Sunday school begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 a.m., with the lesson starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row. Questions? Please email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org).

### **Family Fun Day at Wesley Gardens**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 20 and join us for Family Fun Day at Wesley Gardens. We'll have inflatable water fun outside and board and card games in the main house. The fun starts at 4:00 p.m., with singing and worship in the chapel at 5:30 and dinner in the main house at 6:15.

### **Promotion Sunday**

Summer is flying by, and it's time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 17, on your calendar for Promotion Sunday!

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

#### **Youth Group**

- ♦ For today, June 22, we will be going to the Fun Zone for go-karts and mini-golf!
- ♦ Join us next week for kayaking at the Gardens! We will leave after the 11:00 a.m. service and eat lunch at the Gardens and head out into the river for some fun! If you have a kayak that you can lend the youth to use, message Maggie for details. AND we are in charge of the Meet and Mingle next week at the Gardens, so be sure to come out at 4:00 p.m. to join the youth for field day fun!

#### **Tapachula, Mexico Mission Trip**

Please be praying for our 5 high school boys and 5 adults going to Mexico in July! We are still taking book donations! We are looking forward to our time in Mexico and spending time getting to know each other these next few weeks.

#### **Be Sure to Sign Up for Youth Local Mission Week!**

Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in serving our community for the week of July 21-25. We will be doing different projects, including yard work, serving meals, building, and helping with local camps. This year, we will be serving from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and then returning to Wesley Gardens every afternoon for fellowship and a time of worship. Stay the night at the Gardens, then get up and do it again in the morning. Scan QR code to sign up! Deadline to register is July 7.



### **Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**

#### **Fourth Friday Retreat - June 27**

##### **♦ Morning Prayer & Solitude Retreat: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Craving time alone with God? If so, you might find this meaningful. There's no cost or need for previous retreat experience. We'll begin in the Chapel and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office and Lectio Divina), but you can utilize the grounds and shape the morn as your soul needs. Micah's fresh roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m. in the gazebo, and spiritual direction with a local pastor will be available throughout. Feel free to pack a snack or lunch.

##### **♦ Afternoon Creativity Retreat: 1:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Postponed until August.



#### **A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (06/15/25)

8:45 AM Worship	125	Nursery	14
11:00 AM Worship	307	Children's Worship	56
Online Worship Views	151	Sunday School	130
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>583</b>		

#### **Finances (06/15/25):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,066,090.25
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,065,032.32

#### **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
Ericka Stack .....	Music Associate	Suzanna King .....	Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers .....	Music Assistant	David Lindquist .....	Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks .....	Director of Children's Ministry	Betty Dudley .....	Housekeeper
Maggie Hatchett ...	Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger .....	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers .....	Church Administrator	Christian Swails .....	Wesley Gardens
Tom Anderson .....	Financial Manager		Spiritual Direction/Reservations

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**June 22, 2025**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Hebrews 4:14-16	How does it help me to know Jesus has experienced life as I do?
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:1-3	What does it mean to call Jesus the "pioneer" of our faith?
Wednesday	Philippians 2:1-8	How can I have the "mind of Christ" and what does that look like in life?
Thursday	John 13:1-17	What example did Jesus set for us and how can I follow it today?
Friday	Matthew 15:21-27	What did Jesus learn from this experience?

**Sermon Notes**

## **This Week at Wesley**

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

### **Sunday, June 22**

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  
12:00 PM Music Lunch & Learn, FH  
12:30 PM Youth Group  
4:00 PM Meet & Mingle,  
WGR Main House  
5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel  
6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

### **Monday, June 23**

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
5:30 PM Task Force on Aging, OH 205

### **Tuesday, June 24**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up  
9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH  
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH  
11:00 AM Staff Meeting, OH 205  
5:30 PM WG Task Force, OH 310

### **Wednesday, June 25**

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
OH 4th Flr

### **Thursday, June 26**

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

### **Friday, June 27**

No Scheduled Activities

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

Mike Murphy, Nancy White  
(mother of Cynthia Waldrop),  
Jamie West (nephew of Brian  
West), Sonny Timmerman, Drew  
Ernst, Julie Watson, Sydney  
Lindquist, Jane Sparks, Clint Mesa  
(great nephew of Deanne and  
Ken Rimes), Janet Woolley (sister  
of Julie Hayes), Ryan Davis, Ken  
Rimes, Mattie Hyder, Nancy  
Stevens, (mother of Caroline  
Rhodes), Cooper Brice Cooper  
(nephew of Joellen Cooper-Pyles),  
Ava Herndon, Brett Aiken, Claire  
Frazier, Byron Boyd, Jamie and  
Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples,  
Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett  
Hinnant, Joe Armour, Dewayne  
Barfield, John Conner, Carolyn  
Mills, Ed Derst, Khadra Turley,  
Adeline Hayes, Joey Herndon,  
Berta Botkin, Vicki Worden,  
Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park, Doug  
Moore, Katie Townsend, Raine  
Rude, Melissa McDonald and  
Family, Michael Baggott, John  
Martin, Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan  
Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Danielle  
Robertson, Roger Lemay, Jason  
Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy,  
Adam Corey, Sharon and Terry  
Knepper, Karen Nickles, Will  
Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary  
Hohnerlein, Oscar Cook, John  
Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry,  
Doris Rothenberger, 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, Tim Mooney

### **Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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

### **In Sympathy....**

The Horton and Jones Families  
on the death of  
*Emily Jones Horton*,  
sister of Talley Jones

The Mills Family  
on the death of *Mark Mills*,  
brother of David Mills

The Kelly and Wylie Families  
on the death of *Patricia Kelly*,  
grandmother of Meaghan Wylie





Meet us at the Gardens on Sunday evenings this summer! We are so blessed to have this AMAZING retreat center, and we hope you and your family will come and enjoy it. With 40 acres - there's plenty of space for outside fun.

Come early in the day to take advantage of this hidden gem, then join us for a special **Meet and Mingle** at 4:00 p.m., followed by **Worship** at 5:30, then **share a potluck meal together** in the Main House at 6:15. (Suzanna prepares the main dish, and various Sunday school classes host and contribute the sides.) If you can't make it at 4:00, no problem - come on out at 5:30 when everyone, including children, meets in the chapel for a short, super casual service (shorts and flip-flops are fine).

At the start of the service, we sing our favorite hymns chosen by the adults and children. Following the hymns, the children leave with Ms. Charli to enjoy free time on the playground. The adults and youth remain for prayer and hear a short message. At 6:15, everyone will meet at the Main House for a meal.



JOIN US SUNDAY AFTERNOONS  
THROUGHOUT SUMMER

( SCHEDULE ON BACK ) →

Wesley Gardens Retreat, Burnside Island  
278 Shipyard Road, Savannah

# MEET US AT THE GARDENS TONIGHT!

## Sunday, June 22

### Paint a Moon River Sunset this Afternoon at Meet & Mingle

Today at 4:00 p.m., you are invited to a **guided painting experience** at Wesley Gardens! Join **Ashley Henry in the Main House** for a very laid back, step-by-step painting class. **No previous painting experience is necessary, and supplies will be provided.** Children four and above are welcome to attend a special nature painting class just for them at the same time, while a nursery will be provided for three-year-olds and younger. Your masterpiece awaits!

At 5:30 p.m., we will worship in the Chapel. Be ready to request your favorite hymn, and **Nelle** will preach.

Potluck dinner will follow the service with **baked ziti** as the main course. Thanks to the **Ivy Sunday School Class** for providing the sides and desserts for tonight. Donations will be received for the meal.



**MISSION EMPHASIS:** All throughout the month of June, we'll be collecting canned goods.

### *Join us Sunday afternoons this Summer!*

Date	Special Event	Worship Led By	Host SS Class
June 8	Board Games	Carolyn	Alpha
June 15 (Father's Day)	Spiritual Practices	Christian	Pastors
June 22	Paint Night	Nelle	Ivy
June 29	Field Games (all ages)	Ben	Youth Parents
July 6	No dinner or activities today.		
July 13	Wesley Gardens History	Christian	Being & Connect
July 20	Family Fun Day	Carolyn	Compass
July 27	Choir Night	Nelle	Choir
August 3	Boat Night	Maggie	Journey & Staff