



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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SABBATH AND STAYCATION

On Friday we will celebrate the Independence Day holiday so this week and next week are two of the biggest vacation weeks of the year. Most of us look forward to vacations or as has become popular "staycations". A staycation is basically taking a vacation at home (which is a big money saver by the way). The problem with a staycation for some of us "workaholics" is that if we don't go away we continue to work. Work is so much a part of who we are and according to the creation story we are made to work. "Six days you shall work, but the seventh day you shall rest, it is a sabbath to the Lord." Both work and rest are part of the ten commandments so they are obviously pretty important to a relationship to God and to each other. But when it comes to keeping "sabbath", a lot of us are better at the six days of work than the one day of sabbath. For Jesus, sabbath was a not a day to become legalistic over, it was a way of healthy living. As he put it to the sabbath legalist, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." Every day as well as every week needs sabbath practices, time for rest, for God, and for important relationships. But that being said, if it is not on our calendar it tends to get taken up with more work. What we are desperate for often without knowing is some rest for our souls. I hope you will find time for a vacation or staycation this summer, but when you do, find time for a little rest, for family and friendship, and don't forget some time for God.

Sunday afternoons at Wesley Gardens are a way of practicing Sabbath. There we share in fellowship and relationship building, worship, and hopefully a little rest. We hope you will join us for this practice of Sabbath.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

David Rigsby, guest organist

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. Some pew cushions are available for back and seat support and can be found in the Narthex and to the right at the entrance by the elevator. Please use as needed and return at the end of the service. 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)

arr. Ken Medema

All Creatures of our God and King

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

arr. David Cherwien

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* **Hymn No. 539** O Spirit of the Living God FOREST GREEN

* **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)

Evelyn Wynn Cobb

daughter of Elizabeth and Benjamin Cobb

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Winnie 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she 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 & 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. 121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy WELLESLEY

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo I Need Thee Every Hour
Jerome Elder, tenor

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 wesleymunc 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. 61-62) Luke 4:16-30

Sermon "A Little Good News Part 5: Jesus and Jubilee" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn** No. 731 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken AUSTRIA

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Christina Bryan and Allen Parker
Madeleine (Maddie) Hoss
Susan and Steve Keeling
Allee and Nolan Williams and daughter, Marjorie Williams

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45) Sing for Joy arr. Jan Sanborn

Closing Voluntary (11:00) Postlude in G Rex Koury

- * *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 Cobb, Neely and Stanfield families visiting from out of town in celebration of Evelyn Wynn Cobb's baptism.

Altar Flowers - Fall 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 fall dates are available: September 7 & 28, October 26, and November 2, 9, 16, & 30.

Just Born

Congratulations to Marie and Arden Hadwin on the birth of a son, Henry Woods Hadwin, on February 10, 2025. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Henry.

Next Week's Communion Offering

Will be for Pastor's Discretionary Fund to aid people in need.

Pew Cushions

Some pew cushions are available for back and seat support. They are located in the foyer at the main entrance and to the right at the entrance by the elevator. Please use as needed and return at the end of the service.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Church Office and Eli's Place Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed Friday, July 4 and Eli's Place will be closed Monday, June 30—Friday, July 4.

Tapachula Mission Trip Book Drive—Deadline is July 2

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 this Wednesday, July 2. Thank you for your support!

Available in Church Office

Dr. Edwin Chase's novel, *Cleopas: The Disciple We Never Knew*, can be purchased at the church office for \$15, payable by cash or check.

—————→ **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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Judy Cleveland

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Ushers: Jeff Miller, David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green, Cole Green

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Nancy & Woody Brown

Offering Steward: Adam Hess

Ushers: Adam Hess, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens,
Wesley Olliff, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

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," 1 Kings, chapters 18 & 19; 2 Kings 2:23, 24.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 2 Thessalonians 1.

Prayer Partners for Urban Hope and Refugee Children Needed

Would you like to pray daily and to provide school uniforms for a child? Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, and bring uniforms to Oliver Hall on or before July 13. You may write a check to the church with "School Uniforms" on the memo line and give to Nelle.

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.

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 next 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 by this Thursday, July 3, 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.

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

- ◆ Today, June 29—Join us at the Gardens today for kayaking after church and then Trivia Night!
- ◆ We will not have youth next week, July 6. Enjoy your holiday week-end!
- ◆ We will be leaving for our Mexico Mission trip on July 9 and will return on the 16th , so I will see y'all again on July 20!

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! (Deadline is July 7)

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 - July 25

◆ **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: (06/22/25)

8:45 AM Worship	78	Nursery	11
11:00 AM Worship	330	Children's Worship	28
Online Worship Views	154	Sunday School	100
Total Worship	562		

Finances (06/22/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,091,384.23
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,104,172.42

CHURCH STAFF

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

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Isaiah 61:1-4	Why is this such good news to Isaiah's audience?
Tuesday	Matthew 5:3, Luke 6:20	What did Jesus mean when He said the poor or poor in spirit are "blessed"?
Wednesday	Luke 4:16-21	What was Jesus saying about himself?
Thursday	Luke 4:22-30	Why/how is Jesus offensive to some people?
Friday	John 8:31-36, John 9:39-41	From what do I need to be set free?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, June 29

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

Monday, June 30

No Eli's Place Summer Camp this Week

Tuesday, July 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
11:00 AM Staff Meeting, OH 205

Wednesday, July 2

11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205

Thursday, July 3

12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, July 4

Independence Day
Church Office Closed

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

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



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 29

Today at 4:00 p.m., you are invited to join **Maggie Hatchett** and the Youth for Bible Trivia!



Meet us in the **Main House** with your A-Team to test your knowledge of the Bible! There will be prizes to win and fun to be had!

The children are invited to join us for **Bible BINGO** as well!



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

Potluck dinner will follow the service with **BBQ Chicken** as the main course. Thanks to the **Youth Parents** 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	Trivia Night	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