



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

At the South Georgia Annual Conference meeting this year one of the exercises our program leadership introduced to us was "What's Your Why?". We were challenged to think about what is our church's why? Why do we do what we do? It means we start with our motive, our why, rather than our what or when or how. It would seem like a logical thing to do, but it is not often where we start. We ignore the motive or make some assumptions about it without ever objectively examining it.

I was thinking that question, "What's Your Why?" is really a good one for us personally. Why do I do what I do? It's worth asking about almost everything in our lives:

Why do I respond to people the way I do?
Why do I prioritize what I do (how I spend my time, money, and energy)?
Why do I behave the way I do?
Why do I believe what I do?
Why do I think the way I do?

Motive or our Why was always important to Jesus and one of the things he was constantly challenging people to consider. However, while I would encourage the asking of the question, I would suggest we do so prayerfully. By that, I mean asking God to search my life and reveal to me my motive. We are masters at self-deception and denial and we learn how to tell ourselves the things we think we are supposed to without being able to see ourselves clearly. The Apostle Paul memorably lamented in Romans, "I do not understand my own actions. The things I want to do I don't seem to do and the things I don't want to do I end up doing". Now Paul has what seems to him to be an easy answer; sin is the why for his baffling behavior. However, the answer to a "why" without some subsequent change, if needed, does little good. If "What's Your Why?" reveals my motive is not what it should be, it must be followed by "What am I going to do about it?" The pace of our lives often prevents us from asking "What's My Why?" So, we just keep doing what we are doing without much thought to the why until something falls apart and forces us to stop and ask. Just some food for thought.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Sixth 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. 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)

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Prelude No. 11 in B Major

Introit (11:00)

Just As I Am

arr. Mary McDonald

Ori Hayes, soprano

Erica Stack, mezzo-soprano

* **Hymn No. 303** The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

* **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** GREATORIX

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

Ben Martin

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. 700 Abide with Me EVENTIDE

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Duet (8:45) Just As I Am arr. Mary McDonald
Ori Hayes, soprano
Ericka Stack, mezzo-soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Shawn Kirchner

Hard Times Come Again No More
Marsha Krantz, violin

Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears
While we all sup sorrow with the poor:
There's a Song that will linger forever in our ears;
Oh! Hard Times, come again no more.

'Tis the Song, the sigh of the weary;
Hard Times, Hard Times, come again no more:
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door;
Oh! Hard Times, come again no more.

While we seek mirth and beauty and music light and gay
There are frail forms fainting at the door:
Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say –
Oh! Hard Times, come again no more.

'Tis a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave,
'Tis a wail that is heard upon the shore,
'Tis a dirge that is murmured around the lowly grave, –
Oh! Hard Times, come again no more.

- Stephen Foster, 1854

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. 104-105) John 11:1-45

Sermon "A Little Good News Part 8: The Resurrection and the Life" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (11:00) Dietrich Buxtehude
Prelude and Fugue in D Major

* *Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

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.

Emergency Information Sheet

The church office is willing to receive your emergency contact information to have on file in case of emergency. All information will be held in confidence, and only the church staff will have access as needed. Information sheets are available in Sunday School classrooms, at all entrances to the sanctuary, in the Fellowship Hall, and in the Oliver Hall lobby. Please return the completed forms to the church office or give them to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Questions? Call Carolyn at 912-308-3385.

Wesley Community Bulletin Board—Buy, Sell, Trade, or Give!

A Wesley Community Board is now located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a space to share information about items you would like to buy, sell, trade or give to other members of our church family. With the start of school upon us, this would be a great place to rehome school uniforms your children can no longer use. As you downsize, you may have furniture to rehome. You might want to sell a car. There is a section of items you are searching for. Feel free to use, but please do not use the board for your yard sale items. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, 912-308-3385.

New Member Course Starts Today, Sunday, July 20 at 9:45 a.m.

Please come to both parts of this 2-part series, July 20 and 27. The class will join as a group on July 27. Nursery provided. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori Miller, Sharlene Monahan

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: David Gaskin, Pat Monahan

Partners in Prayer: Charlie Clarke

11:00 Service

Acolytes: William Haire

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Cynthia & Jim Waldrop, Susan Luke Evans, Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, David Blake, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study-will not meet July 22, as Nelle will be at Youth Local Mission Week.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study-will not meet July 24, as Nelle will be at Youth Local Mission Week.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Hurricane Preparedness

The Hurricane Preparedness Lunch and Learn was recorded and is now posted on the Wesley Monumental YouTube channel. To view the presentation go to YouTube.com. Search for Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, and click on the Hurricane Preparedness program. The paperwork packet that goes with the presentation is available in the church office. It would be helpful to have the packet before you watch the presentation. Question? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Family Fun Day at Wesley Gardens Today!

Join us this afternoon 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.

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.

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!

————→ 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.

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



Youth Group

- ♦ Join us for Family Fun Day at the Gardens today, Sunday, July 20 at 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Boat Day at Wesley Gardens on July 27! Scan QR code to sign up.

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: (07/13/25)

8:45 AM Worship	84	Nursery	23
11:00 AM Worship	285	Children's Worship	45
Online Worship Views	130	Sunday School	98
Total Worship	499		

Finances (07/13/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,190,753.02
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,235,473.20

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 AndersonFinancial Manager	Spiritual Direction/Reservations

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Sermon Extended

Monday	John 11:1-6	What is confusing here about Jesus' action?
Tuesday	John 11:7-16	Do I believe there are times God acts or does not act for a greater purpose than my immediate need?
Wednesday	John 11:17-27	Does Jesus' promise offer reassurance in the face of death?
Thursday	John 11:28-37	Imagine that Jesus weeps with me in my grief and pain. Does it help?
Friday	John 11:38-45	What do we do with such a miraculous story? How do I "apply" it?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, July 20

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
9:45 AM New Member Class, OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
12:30 PM Summer Youth Group, WGR
4:00 PM Family Fun Day, WGR
5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel
6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

Monday, July 21

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

Tuesday, July 22

Youth Local Mission Week, WGR
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
11:00 AM Staff Meeting, OH 205

Wednesday, July 23

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

Thursday, July 24

Youth Local Mission Week, WGR
9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205

Friday, July 25

Youth Local Mission Week, WGR
9:00 AM Fourth Friday Retreat, WGR

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....

Julie Winskie, Cheryl Allen, Mike Murphy, Nancy White (mother of Cynthia Waldrop), 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, Nancy Stevens, (mother of Caroline Rhodes), Ava Herndon, Brett Aiken, Claire Frazier, Byron Boyd, Jamie and Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Dewayne Barfield, John Conner, Carolyn Mills, Ed Derst, Khadra Turley, 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 Armour & Grimmett Families
on the death of *Joe Armour*,
brother-in-law of Kim Grimmett



Summer Sundays

AT WESLEY
GARDENS RETREAT

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, July 20

Join us this afternoon for
Family Fun Day!

The fun starts at 4:00 p.m.! We'll have **inflatable water fun outside** and **board and card games in the Main House**.



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

Potluck dinner will follow the service with **baked spaghetti with meatballs** as the main course. Thanks to the **Compass Class** for providing the sides and desserts for tonight. Donations will be received for the meal.



MISSION EMPHASIS:

All throughout the month of July, we'll be collecting **school supplies**.

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	Recorder Karate & Choir Night	Nelle	Choir
August 3	Boat Night	Maggie	Journey & Staff