



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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August 17, 2025

"PROMOTION SUNDAY"

This morning is "Promotion Sunday." It is the day each year when our children and youth are "promoted" to their next age-appropriate Sunday School class. It is also a day we use to "promote" Sunday School for our adults. Sunday School has an important place in the process of Spiritual formation or growth for all ages. In these smaller group settings, we study together and learn more about our faith, but we also build relationships and support each other on our spiritual journey. Sunday School begins with our youngest children and goes through our most mature adults because we believe salvation (being shaped in the image of Jesus) is a lifelong process of transformation and growth.



As you can see from our Promotion Sunday flyer (found at the Fellowship Hall entrance or by scanning the QR code), we have seven adult Sunday School classes to choose from. If you are not currently in a class, we encourage you to visit several of the classes and find a place that you feel best fits where you are on your faith journey. If you need help finding a class or meeting someone in a class, please reach out to one of our staff members.

There are other small-group spiritual formation opportunities during the week. Tuesday morning Men's and Women's Bible studies, Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Ben, Thursday Noon Online Study with Nelle, and our Wednesday Night at Wesley program that will begin on September 10. On Wednesday nights, we have our children's choirs, youth group, and several adult class offerings. To sign up, visit wesleymonumental.org/wednesday-night

STEP IN & SERVE - AUGUST 24

During August, I am preaching a series of sermons entitled "Made to Serve." I am focusing on our calling as followers of Jesus to develop the heart and mind of a servant. There are many opportunities to "serve" at Wesley. Next Sunday, during the Sunday School hour, we will have a "service sign up" event. This event will be an opportunity to learn more about places to serve in the church and outside of it in mission, and to sign up. Make plans to join us and be praying about where God is leading you to serve this year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben".

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Tenth 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. The 11:00 service is also being livestreamed in the Wesley Monumental Fellowship Hall.*

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor of the Education Building. Children ages 3 to 3rd Grade should be dropped off in the Wayne Street Foyer before each service begins. Children's Worship will be held on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Education Building. Following each service they can be picked up from the 2nd Floor.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Abbott Scoggins

Introit (11:00)

Ave Maria
Chad Sonka, baritone

Franz Schubert

- * **Hymn Insert** His Eye Is On the Sparrow
- * **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.

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. 399 or Insert** Take My Life and Let It Be MESSIAH

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Sharon Greiner

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Offertory Anthem (11:00) The Lord's Prayer Albert Malotte
Chad Sonka, baritone

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** "Made to Serve Part 2: The Gift of Time"
Psalm 90:12, Exodus 20:8-11, Ephesians 5:15-16

Sermon Ben Martin

- * **Hymn** No. 395 or Insert Take Time to Be Holy HOLINESS

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Tyler Hilyer
Elizabeth and Johnny Skeadas

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary Largo G. F. Handel

- * *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 loving memory of Dwaine L. Willett by his wife Cynthia Willett.

Just Born

Congratulations to Laura Carroll and Nick Sartino on the birth of a daughter, Marlo June Sartino, on August 8, 2025. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Marlo.

Unknown IRA Contribution

We received an IRA Contribution to the sanctuary ceiling repair. Please get in touch with Tom Anderson in the church office if you made this contribution: tom@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Admin Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet next Monday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

It's Community Potluck Mix and Mingle Time Again

Our fall Community Potluck Mix and Mingle is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you would like to host a gathering in your neighborhood, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Hosts will provide the gathering place and the tea and lemonade. The church will provide the paper goods and eating utensils. Participants will bring the food. The purpose of the gathering is simple: meet Wesley folks who live in your neighborhood and enjoy fellowship and great food. No offering will be taken--unless you want to contribute to the sanctuary ceiling repair! Questions? See or call Carolyn at 912-308-3385.

Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency Contact Information

As the hurricane season becomes more active, it is time to prepare for potential evacuation. The Lunch and Learn session related to hurricane preparedness presented by Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge is available on the church's YouTube channel. A packet of information to go along with the presentation is available in the church office.

Emergency Contact information forms are also available in the church office. The church will gladly receive your information and hold it in confidence. It will only be used to aid you if needed. From a pastoral care standpoint, the pastoral staff wants to assure that you have an evacuation plan in case it is needed. Questions? See or call Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge 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 Wesley members. There is also a section for **Wesley business owners** to share a business card. **As you downsize**, you may have furniture to rehome. You might want to sell a **vehicle**. There is also a section for **items you are seeking**. 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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Dorie Gaskin, Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: David Gaskin, Patrick Graham

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Children's Worship: Kristin Balducci, Pam Hammock

Sunday School: Kristin Balducci, Pam Hammock

Greeters: Karen & Ron Washburn, Courtney & Matt West

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Adam Hess, Bill Hunter, Justin Jones, Ryan Kelly, John Kingston, Reed Ehrhardt, Bates Lovett

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Join the Savannah VOICE Festival for our 2025 Summer Festival, *Once Upon a Time*, August 7-17, as we celebrate the VOICE Programs' 25 years of educating aspiring singers. We invite you on a fairy tale journey that includes the world premiere of *Cinderella's Royal Feast* by Michael Ching, free events including public classes with Master Teachers, cabaret, musical theatre, sacred music, and a celebration of Sherrill Milnes' career - culminating with Verdi's *Rigoletto*, one of Sherrill's most acclaimed roles. <https://www.savannahvoicefestival.org/events-tickets/>. The baritone today is Chad Sonka, Education and Outreach Director for SVF, and is on faculty at Iowa State University.



Joyful Noise and Children's Choir Begin Wednesday, Sept. 10

Optional dinner at 5:15 p.m., choir from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Scan the QR to register. Register by Sunday, September 7.

- **Joyful Noise Choir (3-year-old through Kindergarten):**

We have a joyful time together singing traditional hymns, playing hymns on colored bells, learning the basics of music-reading, and understanding basic theology in the hymns.

- **Children's Choir (1st – 5th grade):**

What a grand time we have singing traditional hymns and learning about the scripture that inspired them, playing hymns on hand chimes, and getting to know God better together. Older children have option for singing-intensive (two to three-part harmony) or chimes-intensive.

Youth Choir Begins Sunday Evening, September 7!

We can't wait to welcome all 6th-12th graders to choir as we use our voices to worship the Lord and have the opportunity to lead worship throughout the year.

Handbells Starting this Week!

Handbells will begin this Tuesday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m.! For more information, please email ericka@wesleymonumental.org.

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," "James and John on Anger," James 1:19-20; Revelation 3:15-22; 12:7-17.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," Ephesians, chapter 4.

Urban Hope Needs After-School Tutors Any Week Day of Your Choice

Serve at-risk children and youth by helping with spelling words, math, English, or science, any week day once per week from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Most needed is review of spelling words.

Mission Committee Accepting Applications

The Mission Committee is accepting applications from non-profit organizations for funding in 2026. Deadline is September 1, 2025. Organizations must complete a two-page application for consideration. The simple application helps to determine how the organization: 1) serves community needs; 2) fosters faith-based activity; and 3) empowers volunteer opportunities for members at Wesley Monumental. In 2025, the Mission Committee approved 46.3% of its funding from the Administrative Board for organizations that serve women and children in need; 32.3% to feed and house the least among us; and 14.3% for international missions. Organizations that received funding in 2025 are Ceceline Blake Foundation, Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, Fresh Air Home, Inspiritus, Living Vine, Mission on the Move, PACK, Second Harvest Food Bank, Tybee Stops Traffic(king), UMCOR, Urban Hope, and the Wesley Community Center. For an application or more information, please call or text Pat Monahan, Mission Committee Chairman, at 912-220-9638 or email at patrickcmonahan@gmail.com.

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

Youth Group

- ★ We are excited to welcome the 6th graders into youth today! Please join us for Sunday School on the Oliver Hall 4th floor for breakfast and fun!
- ★ Join us for a parent meeting today after the 11:00 service! We will meet in the Oliver Hall Parlor to talk about tour plans for the fall and lots more.
- ★ Volunteer meeting will be on August 24 after the 11:00 service! Join us to learn more about what we do and see how you can help serve.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday Details

Join us today, Sunday, August 17 for Promotion Sunday. We'll be saying hello to 27 three-year-old children who are being promoted out of the nursery, and we'll be saying good-bye to 25 sixth graders who will be joining the youth group and confirmation class this fall.

On the 17th, children 3-years-old to 5th grade will have breakfast in the Sunday School classrooms on the second floor of the Education Building. Sunday School classrooms open at 9:45 a.m. with our lessons beginning at 10:00 a.m. The list below shows the classroom for each grade level.

Room 206	first room on the right	Kindergarten and 1 st grade
Room 207	second room on the right	2 nd and 3 rd grade
Room 208	second room on the left	3's, 4's and Pre-Kindergarten
Room 209	first room on the left	4 th and 5 th grade

Babies, Toddlers and Twos have Sunday School with Ms. Emily Davis in the nursery on the first floor. On the 17th, breakfast treats will also be served in the nursery. The nursery opens at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday and is staffed by screened and experienced teachers and volunteers.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (08/10/25)

8:45 AM Worship	95	Nursery	17
11:00 AM Worship	216	Children's Worship	34
Online Worship Views	187	Sunday School	113
Total Worship	498		

Finances (08/10/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,333,579.01
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,407,492.38

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 Sprunger	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers	Church Administrator	Christian Swails	Wesley Gardens
Tom Anderson	Financial Manager		Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
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Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 90:12	If my time is limited, how can I better choose to use it?
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-16	Am I "making the most" of my time? If no, why not?
Wednesday	Exodus 20:8-11	How can I make time "holy"?
Thursday	Exodus 20:8-11	What time do I give to God? Think of Sabbath as a tithe of the week.
Friday	James 4:13-15	Am I taking tomorrow for granted? How can I avoid this?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, August 17

Promotion Sunday

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, FH
- 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,
Mickve Israel
- 12:15 PM Youth Parent Mtg, OH Parlor

Monday, August 18

- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 19

- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting, OH 205
- 5:00 PM Intermediate Handbells
- 5:30 PM WG Comm. Mtg
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells

Wednesday, August 20

- 9:00 AM EP Teacher Training, OH Parlor
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, August 21

- 9:00 AM EP Teacher Training, OH Parlor
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, August 22

No Scheduled Activities

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 Martin912-547-1835
Wednesdays
Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245
Fridays
Carolyn Cubbedge .912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Programs & Dinner Begin Wednesday, September 10

For details and to sign up, visit:
wesleymonumental.org/wednesday-night
or scan code:



In Our Prayers....

Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Scarlett Creech, Julie Winskie, Mike Murphy, Drew Ernst, Nancy White (mother of Cynthia Waldrop), Sonny Timmerman, 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, 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 Nickles Family
on the death of
Karen Nickles

The Grant and Herring Families
on the death of
Valerie Mae Grant,
daughter of Kathleen and
Adam Grant,
granddaughter of Susan and
Wade Herring



Promotion SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, August 17, when our children and youth move up to their next age-appropriate class.

Sunday School Classes

(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

The Nursery, Children's, and Preteen Ministries are held in the Education Building, located behind the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. Our Youth Ministry meets on the 4th Floor of Oliver Hall.

Children

Exciting changes are coming to Sunday School this fall. Now that the Education Building renovation is complete, there will be classes for four different age groups on the second floor.

The list below shows the classroom for each grade level on the second floor.

3's, 4's and Pre-Kindergarten	Room 208 second room on the left
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2 nd and 3 rd grade	Room 207 second room on the right
4 th and 5 th grade	Room 209 first room on the left

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Babies, Toddlers, and Twos have Sunday School with Ms. Emily Davis in the nursery on the first floor.

3 Year Olds - 5th Grade

On August 17, children 3 years old through 5th grade will have breakfast in the Sunday School classrooms on the second floor of the Education Building. Sunday School classrooms open at 9:45 a.m. with our lessons beginning at 10:00 a.m.

While the Sanctuary ceiling is being removed and restored, the children will remain in their Sunday School classrooms until 11:05. At 11:05, the children go to the third floor for a short time of worship. Using the same pattern as morning worship, they sing a hymn, say the Apostles' Creed, and sing the Gloria Patri before hearing the Bible lesson for the day. At the close of the lesson, they sing another hymn.

After this worship time, the children return to their classrooms on the second floor for a snack and an art activity. Pick up continues to be from their classrooms on the second floor.

Youth

6th-12th Grade

Our youth meet in Oliver Hall, Rooms 405 and 408, and are currently studying the lives of the apostles and their ministry, both with Jesus and beyond.



Adults

(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

Now is a great time to join a Sunday school class! Questions? Please contact Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, carolyn@wesleymonumental.org

Alpha (Hybrid - Education Building, Room 305 & Zoom)

This class uses the Adult Bible Studies series, a Bible-based, Christ-focused curriculum. Occasionally, they use topical or video-based studies. Class members enjoy fellowship events and are faithful in their support of each other in times of illness or crisis. Contact Evonne Mobley at evonne.mobley@gmail.com for a Zoom invite, or show up on Sunday!

Being Class (Oliver Hall, Room 309)

We are human beings, not human doings, but when life feels hectic and chaotic, it can be hard to remember this. In the Being Class, we value being with God and being in community. Together, we explore what it means to be disciples of Jesus and how to integrate this into our lives. This is a brand-new group for adults of all ages, led by WMUMC Spiritual Director, Christian Swails. We are currently studying individual spiritual practices such as prayer, sabbath, and fasting using short videos and group discussions. You are welcome to join at any time! Please contact Christian with any questions at christian@wesleymonumental.org.

Compass (Oliver Hall, Room 407)

This class welcomes couples and individuals. Many members have children, from toddlers to teenagers. Classes involve discussion-oriented studies grounded in Scripture. Discussions are open and led by members who are willing to identify topics of interest and moderate the study. Our focus is to be led by the Spirit and to promote articulating our faith as it relates to daily living. Members support each other and enjoy time together in social gatherings. For more information, contact Lauren Cohn at lculbreth@hotmail.com.

Connect (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall, Room 207 & Zoom)

Connect is made up of people of all ages and stations of life who enjoy being together and learning God's Word. The members of Connect are welcoming and would love to include more people. If you have never been in Sunday School or just haven't found a class at Wesley, give Connect a try. Contact Curtis Grund at sixgrunds@comcast.net for Zoom details or just show up on Sunday!

Ivy (Oliver Hall, Room 310)

The Ivy Class is a lively group of "empty nesters"—parents of college-age children, new grandparents, couples, and singles. The class studies biblically-based materials—anything from traditional Bible studies to books addressing various topics that pertain to spiritual growth. They also hold social events frequently. For more information regarding the Ivy Class, please contact Era Hall at erahall@comcast.net.

Journey (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall, Room 308 & Zoom)

Members of this class seek to broaden their knowledge and understanding of Scripture in today's world. This class is for those who like to explore diverse opinions, accept the conflict of ideas, and want to nurture their spirituality. The purpose of the Journey Class is to grow toward living a modern life as a follower of Jesus, based on His teachings. Contact David Butler for a Zoom invitation at dhbutler1693@gmail.com.

Pastor's Class (Hybrid - In person in Fellowship Hall & Zoom)

Taught by Ben Martin and Nelle Bordeaux, this is a class for any age adult. Each lesson is a freestanding lesson and, along with the convenient location in the Fellowship Hall, the Pastor's Class is a great class to drop in on! For a Zoom invite, contact ben@wesleymonumental.org.





Ready to serve, but can't make it to Step In & Serve?

Circle the ministry areas below where you are interested in serving, write your contact information, and drop this portion in the offering plate.

We will reach out to you!

Name: _____

Email or Phone #: _____

Adult Ministries

Leadership Teams

Wesley Gardens

Children's Ministries

Missions

Worship

Music

Evangelism/Hospitality

Office & Admin

Youth Ministries