



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

- 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible is the book around which our faith is built and our worship centers. That being said, it is not the book we worship, but the one who reveals himself through the book. We talk about the Bible as a living word. It continues to speak in a fresh way to people of faith, even though it was written thousands of years ago in a very different culture. And it continues to speak in new and fresh ways to each of us throughout our lives. As our stage of life and circumstances change, we see and hear things in the book we didn't notice before. While there are many ways God "speaks" and the spiritual life is one of learning the spiritual practice of discernment, the Bible is the primary medium through which God has spoken to believers throughout history.

Because we are a "people of the Book," our children grow up here learning the stories, characters, and principles or virtues extolled in the Bible. Most importantly, they learn who Jesus is and what he means to each of us. Every year, we present our 2nd graders with their own Bible. It is our prayer that they will learn how to "hide the word in their heart" with the help of parents and teachers at Wesley. Most of all, we hope they will learn how to listen through the book to hear God speak to them about how much they are loved and what is the true meaning and purpose of their lives.

Harley Anderson
Saige Bentley
Bennett Burnside
Aria Connell
Harrison Daniel
Lulu Davidson
June Duffy
Tempe Eichholz
Lucas Ennis
June Estes
Declan Grady
Mary Grimsley
Will Hamilton
Holden Hasselle
Thomas Howell
Savy Isik
Henry Joyner
Michael Joyner

Harper Linebarger
Heidt Marshall
Allie McDaniel
Beckett McDaniel
Hatley Mingledorff
Jack Newland
Jennings Olliff
Graham Palmer
Will Prather
Ann Rhodes
Elijah Roberts
Piper Schwartzburt
Thomas Simpson
Barrett Slater
Fisher Vance
Eden Wesley
Sloane Wilborn

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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

Fifteenth 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)

Harper Blake

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Minuet in G

J. S. Bach

Anna Louise Clary, pianist

Introit (11:00)

O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands
Psalm 100: 1-2

Jan Yarrington

* **Hymn Insert** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

* **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.

Bible Presentation

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 Insert**

Wellspring of Wisdom

WELLSPRING

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Prelude in D-flat Major Jean Sibelius

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Ludwig van Beethoven
Hallelujah (from the Mount of Olives)

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
In holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim His grace and glory!
Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

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** Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

Sermon "Are There Any Answers? Pt. 2: Ben Martin
The More You Know...."

* **Hymn Insert** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) EDELWEISS
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you for ever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavour.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, full of grace for ever;
may the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you for ever.
Congregation and Choir

Closing Voluntary Meditation in A Minor

* *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 Bill Harper and in honor of Dot Harper by Penny Harper.

Congratulations

The two white roses by the altar today are a symbol of the blessing of marriage between Benjamin Grund, eldest son of Grace and Curtis Grund, and Rebecca Firkser, on September 21 in Brooklyn, New York.

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: October 26 and November 16.

Christmas Greenery—Orders Due by Sunday, October 12

Although we won't be able to decorate the sanctuary for Advent this year, the Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental UMC is still excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! For details and to order, visit www.wesleymonumental.org/greenery/ or pick up an order form located in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

New Member Course Starts Today, Sunday, September 21

Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Please come to both parts of this two-part series, September 21 and 28 at 9:45 a.m. Nursery provided. Class will join as a group on September 28.

Urban Hope Needs You as a Tutor

Tutors needed on Thursday, 3:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m., to help children in your chosen subject of math, reading, penmanship, or science. Most needed are tutors to help children practice their spelling words. Questions or to sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Calling All Cut-Ups to Help with Bible Memory Verses for Children

Please take home Bible memory verses to cut out at home and bring back next Sunday from the table near the door.

Church Pews

When the ceiling in the sanctuary fell, it destroyed three pews that needed to be replaced. Many years ago, several pews were removed from the sanctuary and auctioned to individuals. If you have one of those pews, it would save the church a lot of money if the church could have it back to replace one or more of the three destroyed pews. If you have any information about how the church could obtain one or more of the pews, please contact Carl Pedigo at 912-484-7481 to arrange the pick up.

Help Build Our Next Chapter of A/V & Digital Ministry

Wesley Monumental has officially launched a Technology Committee, and we're building a volunteer bench. We need folks with skills or ****interest**** in one or more of: audio mixing, livestream/cameras, networking/Wi-Fi, software, device management, access control/security, or tech training and documentation. Not just "IT pros", tinkerers and problem-solvers welcome. Time: light. One monthly touchpoint and project work as you're able. Interested? Email Aaron Henry to introduce yourself and share your interests. Contact: aaron@aaronhenry.me or 719-494-6575. Note: Some roles that interact with ministries may require church screening/training per our Safe Sanctuaries policy.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Katie Townsend

Greeters: Carl Ericsson, Dorie Gaskin, Sharlene Monahan, Rhonda Radcliff

Offering Steward: David Gaskin

Ushers: Jeff Miller, Pat Monahan

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Children's Worship: Kristin Balducci, Laura Farless, Pam Hammock,
Meghan Scoggins, Laura Watkins, Molly Foukal, Savannah Rogers

Sunday School: Kristin Balducci

Greeters: Byron Boyd, Bebe Cole, Neilie & Justin Dunn

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Tom Bordeaux, Bates Lovett, Chandler Brannen,
Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Joyful Noise and Children's Choirs

Joyful Noise and Children's Choirs are off to a roaring start. We have around 150 choristers and 12 classes. Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children God's Holy Word and His Truths through music. Further, thank you for the opportunity to help children learn to apply Biblical concepts in everyday life at school, at home, and in the community.

Month of September Hymns and Scriptures

- ♦ Joyful Noise: Jesus Loves Me, The Lord's My Shepherd, This is the Day, Holy, Holy, Holy, We are in God's House Today, All Things Bright and Beautiful, I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Hymn of Promise, Standing on the Promises, Child of Blessing, Child of Promise, O How I Love Jesus
- ♦ Children's Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy (Revelation 4:8-11), How Great Thou Art (2 Samuel 7:22, Revelation 4:11, Psalm 104), We Are the Church (Matthew 18:20, Acts 2:1-11, Romans 12:15, Galatians 3:28, 1 Peter 2:4-10), I Want to Be Ready/Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John (Revelation 21:2,16), Gloria Patri, Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer

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 "How To Be Wise: the Book of Proverbs." This week's lesson, "Wisdom Has Built Her House," Proverbs, chapters 9-11.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," Philippians, chapter 3.

Volunteers and Participants Sought for Hope Haven for People with Dementia

If you enjoy serving, both volunteers and participants are sought for Hope Haven, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., to provide a respite for caregivers. Prayer and other activities, and a hot lunch are provided for people with dementia at St. John's Episcopal Church, Cranmer Hall, 27 West Charlton Street. To sign up a participant or to attend volunteer training on Friday, September 26, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., please contact the director, Cathy Baxter, at savannahrespite@gmail.com, or 912-231-7310. There is a monthly charge of \$410 for the two-day program, but scholarships are available.

Urban Hope Supper Needs You to Bring Home the Bacon!

Actually, we need you to bring pulled pork, BBQ beans, cole slaw, green salad, dressing, BBQ sauce, cut fruit, cookies, napkins, large and small paper plates, plastic cutlery, and lemonade on Monday, October 6 for approximately 75 Urban Hope guests. Please meet at Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street (enter Fellowship Hall from the lane south of the church) at 5:30 p.m.; Urban Hope guests will arrive at 6:00 p.m., and we usually finish clean up by 7:30 p.m. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers

Wesley's senior adult fellowship, will meet on Monday, October 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Dr. Edwin Chase will be the speaker. He has recently published a novel, *Cleopas: The Disciple We Never Knew*, which will be the topic of his presentation. Call the church office to make your reservation. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$7.00. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

A Christmas Tradition

Merry Makers will celebrate Christmas with a matinee performance of A Christmas Tradition at Savannah Theatre on Saturday, December 13, at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 per ticket. Reservations are needed ASAP to secure our seating. Your check is your reservation. Make checks payable to Wesley Monumental and give them to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Questions? See or call Carolyn at 912-3083-3385.

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

Youth Group!

- ★ Join us for youth tonight, Sunday, September 21, at the church from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We are finishing up our talk on the book of John, learning about worship from Glen Doki, and playing SPUD ball.
- ★ Be sure to come out on Wednesdays for Wednesday Night supper and Bible study from 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ★ During the Meet and Mingle event on September 28, the youth will be meeting at SkyZone! Meet us at the church for a ride at 4:30 p.m. or at SkyZone at 4:45 p.m. We will eat dinner and play until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for everything. Scan the code to sign up.
- ★ We are looking for volunteers to go with us to the fall retreat! We will be going to Epworth by the Sea, November 21-23. We will leave around 5:00 p.m. on the 21st and return around 1:00 p.m. on the 23rd. If you are interested, please let Maggie know!



High Schoolers! Join a Connect Group this Fall!

Connect groups are a space for 5-6 high schoolers to get together before school and hang and do a devotional. This is a space meant for us to grow in community and faith! To sign up, scan code or visit, wesleymonumental.org/connect-groups/



Support College Campus Ministry

Join us for The Wesley Open, Georgia Southern Wesley Foundation's annual golf tournament supporting a campus ministry that transforms lives! It will take place on Thursday, October 23, at the Forest Heights County Club in Statesboro. Please use the QR code to register or learn more. Your participation directly fuels worship, discipleship, outreach, and mission efforts - in the United Methodist tradition - empowering students to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Every dollar raised goes entirely to the Georgia Southern Wesley Foundation, in support of this thriving ministry and the students it serves. If you have any questions, contact Maggie Hatchett in the church office or Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278. For ministry info see www.gswesley.com.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (09/14/25)

8:45 AM Worship	135	Nursery	30
11:00 AM Worship	313	Children's Worship	65
Online Worship Views	164	Sunday School	148
Total Worship	612		

Finances (09/14/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,531,842.36
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,620,197.92

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki	Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux	Outreach & New Members	Jennifer Brookins	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge	Senior Adults & 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 Property Manager
Maggie Hatchett ...	Director of Student Ministries	Christian Swails	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jimmy Flowers	Church Administrator		
Tom Anderson	Financial Manager		

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
September 21, 2025

Sermon Extended

Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:12-18	What questions do I want the answer to? What do I do with the unanswerable questions?
Tuesday	Genesis 3:1-13	Why is the temptation to know everything God knows a problem? What did they learn?
Wednesday	Psalms 131	Where is the balance in the search for truth and contentment with things beyond our understanding?
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13:9-13	What do we see partially now on that we will see clearly later?
Friday	John 8:31-32, John 14:6, John 18:37-38	According to Jesus what is truth? How does truth set us free?

Sermon Notes

Step In and Serve

This Week's Service Need: Side Door Greeters

_____ Yes, I can help serve as a *Side Door Greeter* on Sunday mornings (either worship service) to assist those with mobility issues.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate, return to the church office or email ashley@wesleymonumental.org

Thank you!

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, September 21

Bible Presentation 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 Parlor
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, Mickve Israel
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle, Hm of Linda Butler
- 5:30 PM Pacesetters, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 23

- 7:00 AM Men & Ben Bible Study,
Candler Hosp., 5353 Reynolds St
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 205
- 5:00 PM Intermediate Handbells, EB 4th Flr
- 5:30 PM Christmas at WG Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Com. Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, September 24

- 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 Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB 2nd Flr
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, OH 4th Floor
- 6:00 PM Living As United Methodist
Christians, Led by Ben, FH
- 6:00 PM Pilgrim's Progress,
Led by Glen, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Women's Small Group,
Led by Katie, OH
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

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

Wednesday Night Supper

September 24, 2025
Menu: Baked Ziti

In Our Prayers....

David Kurtz (uncle of Dan Kurtz),
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, Nancy Stevens,
(mother of Caroline Rhodes), Ava
Herndon, Brett Aiken, Claire
Frazier, Byron Boyd, Jamie and
Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples,
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 Neel and Russo Families
on the death of
Rebecca Neel,
sister of Camille Russo