

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

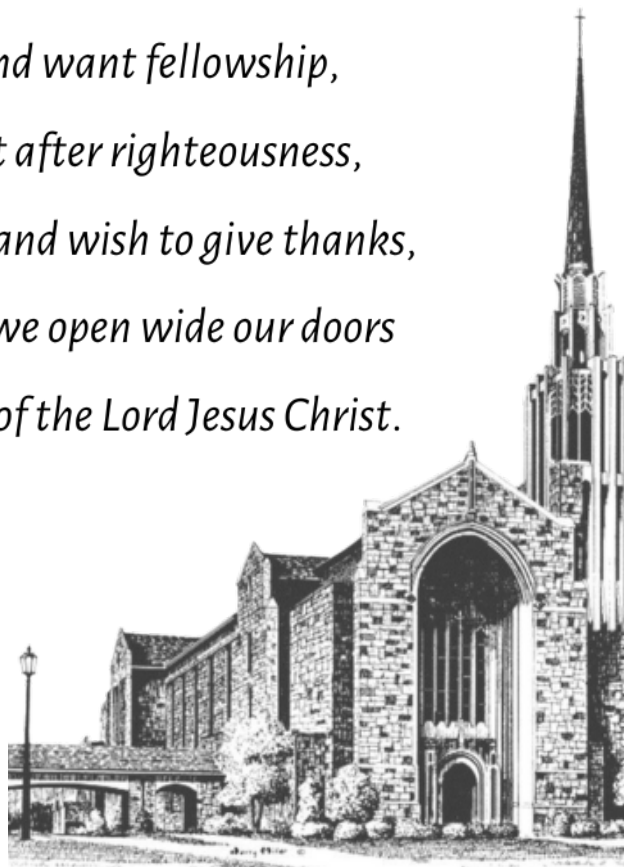
WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks*,
and to whoever will come -- *we open wide our doors*
and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MAY 18TH, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30



Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

WELCOME

Dr. Jeff Patterson

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Congregation reads bold print
Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 46

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath learned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake!”

Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

GIVING

Offering plates will be passed down each row during the service. To give online use your camera on your phone to scan the QR code to the right or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

O holy merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

A New Commandment

Stephen DeCesare

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. The entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: love your neighbor as yourself. This is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus, and to love one another as He commanded us. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI No. 667

GREATOREX

Glory 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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13: 13-35 (Pg. 900)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A New Commandment"

Dr. Jeff Patterson

† APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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. Amen.

*universal

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† HYMN NO. 404

A Hymn to Life

GIFT OF LOVE

A hymn to God, who, strong yet meek, unfurls the star, enfolds the weak; who asks our best, but loved us first, and loves us still, despite our worst.

A hymn to Christ, whose worker's hand carved life from death, forged rock from sand; from whose full heart rich mercies flow, each gift received, a gift we owe.

A hymn to church, our waking place to early calls and signs of grace, where soaring hearts learn thoughtful ways, and searching minds are led to praise.

A hymn to love, a song to life- a fam'ly's care in peace and strife. No sweeter gift, save God alone, than those whom life has named our own.

A hymn to friends, life's long surprise of opened doors and widened eyes. 'Round laughing fires of wit and art, we dance a while, then weep to part.

LOOKING FOR ALTAR
SERVERS!

WE ARE
RECRUITING FOR
CRUCIFERS, ACOLYTES
AND BIBLE BEARERS.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO SERVE IN THIS
MINISTRY, PLEASE
CALL PRISCILLA
SMITH AT
336-848-9589.

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CARING CARDS

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF GENE BOULDIN, WHO PASSED AWAY 5/11.

Lou Bouldin (wife)
Steve Bouldin (son)
Scott Bouldin (son)

RECENT
HOSPITALIZATION:
Adol Nyuol

The Spirit's hymn, God's song between what mortals chant, what angels sing; it lifts our hearts in common bond with saints still here and saints beyond.

Let thankful souls, then, go in peace, run swiftly to a higher feast; God's joy for wine, God's light for bread; feast long our hearts at table spread!

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Mora Wolff, organist

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



LEEZA GRAE BROOKBANK
High Point Christian Academy
NC State University
for Fashion Design
Proverbs 19:21



MACI BLISS BURKHART
High Point Christian Academy
Jacksonville University in Florida
for Exercise Science
Romans 5:8



MATTHEW BANKS COCHRANE JR.
High Point Christian Academy
Clemson University
for Business/Finance
Isaiah 41:10



HARRISS COVINGTON
Westchester Country Day School
NC State University
James 1:2-4



MADISON JUDITH DOAK
High Point Central
Working at Wesley Memorial School &
pursuing degree in Child Psychology
Jeremiah 29:11



LYLA JANE DORN
High Point Christian Academy
NC State University
for Fashion and Textile Management
Psalms 46:5



MADISON SCHULTHEISS
High Point Christian Academy
Gap Year
Ephesians 2:13



CHLOE NICOLE TYWATER
Ragsdale High School
UNC Chapel Hill
1 Corinthians 13:4-7



ZACHARY HEATH TYWATER
Ragsdale High School
Western Carolina University
1 Corinthians 13:8

2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (OUT OF TOWN)

ELIZABETH PINER LEFLER

The Harpeth Hall School, Nashville, TN
UNC Chapel Hill
Daughter of Mary and Tal Lefler
Granddaughter of Betty and Jim Mayer

SKYLAR MARIE MAYER

Henry B. Plant High School, Tampa, FL
Wake Forest University
Daughter of Lisa and Bill Mayer
Granddaughter of Betty and Jim Mayer

LAWSON FOWLER SURLES

Myers Park High School, Charlotte, NC
UNC Chapel Hill
Granddaughter of
Patsy and Charlie Surles

2025 COLLEGE GRADUATES

NATALIE CLAIR BATEMAN

Greensboro College ~ Magna Cum Laude
B.A. Art
Granddaughter of Mary and Tom Mason
(Grandmother, Mary, also graduated from Greensboro college in 1964!)

CAITLIN ANNE BLACK

High Point University ~ Summa Cum Laude
B.S. Computer Science: Cybersecurity Concentration
B.A. Dance
Daughter of Kimberly and James Black

SAM ANDERSON CONRAD

High Point University
B.A. Sport Management & minor in Sales.
Grandson of Carol Young & Tom Ullman

ROBERT GEORGE CULP V

University of Georgia
Bachelor of Business Administration
Son of Leslie and Iv Culp

WILLIAM ANDREW ESKEW

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
B.A. Economics
Son of Melanie and Andy Eskew

GRACE CAROLINE GANTT

Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California
B.S. in Environmental Studies
Minor in Ethnic Studies
Attending Princeton Theological Seminary to pursue a
Master of Theology and Ecology
Daughter of Meredith and Natt Gantt

ASHLYN BROOKE MAYER

Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee
B.A. English and Human Organizational Development
Daughter of Lisa and Bill Mayer
Granddaughter of Betty and Jim Mayer

EMMA CARLISLE NIEBAUER

Queens University of Charlotte
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
Attending Western Carolina University to pursue a
Master of Business Administration and will join the
Women's Golf Team.
Daughter of Catherine and Randy Niebauer

CLAIRE ALYN PETERS

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
B.S. Biology
Daughter of Monica and Alan Peters

STEPHANIE GRAY TALBOTT

North Carolina State University
B.A. Sport Management
Daughter of Becky and Tom Talbott

STEPHENTHOMAS TALBOTT

University of North Carolina - Greensboro
B.S. Hospitality Management
Son of Becky and Tom Talbott

“Loving God, Thank You for guiding our graduates to this milestone. As they step into the future, grant them wisdom, courage, and compassion. May they lead with integrity, serve with love, and face each new challenge with faith. Bless their journey, surround them with support, and remind them always of their purpose and Your presence. Amen.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code on the left with your phone's camera to receive a free welcome gift!

Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, located in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need help finding it, an usher will be happy to assist you.

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex for those who need them.

To view the full church calendar, visit wesleymemorial.org/calendar.

For more announcements, visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, May 19 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible Safe Church Training Girl Scout Daisy Troop Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall Media Center Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, May 20 1:30 p.m.	Pillow Ministry Stuffing Party	Adult Wing D203
WEDNESDAY, May 21 7:20 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Prayer Shawl Ministry Vespers The Big Drop Men's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Chapel Back Parking Lot Conference Room 3 Choir Room
THURSDAY, May 22 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Safe Church Training Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal AA Meeting AlAnon	Media Center Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
SUNDAY, May 25 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Small Groups/All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing

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Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

Eastertide Evensong: Contemplating the Mystery of Christ's Resurrection

All are invited to attend a Choral Evensong for Eastertide featuring the professional Evensong Octet on Sunday, May 18th at 4pm. From ancient times, Christians have gathered as evening falls to place their trust in God and celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness. This Eastertide service, joyful yet reflective, will feature Scripture, silence, and choral music of great beauty by English Renaissance masters William Byrd and Thomas Tallis. Together we will contemplate the joyful mystery of Christ's Resurrection and His continuing presence with us.

Pillow Ministry Stuffing Party – Note New Location

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 20th at 1:30 PM in Room D203 for Pillow Ministry's quarterly stuffing party. This event is a special opportunity to help stuff over 200 pillows—spreading love and comfort to those in need throughout our community!

Comfort pillows are a tangible way to share care, compassion, and encouragement. They are available to anyone and can be picked up from the closet in the mailroom behind the front desk. These pillows are a vital part of our ministry, delivered by our ministers during visits, included in baby welcome bags for new parents, and shared with Hospice of High Point, where we provide 30 pillows each month.

Come join us for a few hours of fun and fellowship, and make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Your time and effort will help spread kindness and care far and wide!

Veterans Day Event on Memorial Day

Veterans are invited to join us on Monday, May 26, for a special Memorial Day ceremony at the Carolina Field of Honor. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and will include a presentation of colors, wreath laying, and remarks from a special guest speaker. Seating is limited, so please bring a chair. We will gather at the church's front circle and depart promptly by bus at 9:45 a.m. This outing is currently reserved for veterans only, and space is limited. To RSVP, please contact Richard Nifong directly at 336-259-0874.

The invitation also extends to our Senior Adults. If you wish to attend, please call the front office to sign up!

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Class

Join us this summer for a Combined Adult Sunday School Class, *The Hard Sayings of Jesus Christ*, held Sundays from June 1 through August 24, from 9:45 to 10:30 AM in the Brand X/Aldersgate Miller Sunday School Classroom. This engaging series will be led by a variety of teachers and will explore some of the most challenging and thought-provoking teachings of Jesus. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY | 9:30 AM

FEEL CALLED TO SERVE IN YOUTH MINISTRY?
WM STUDENTS IS STARTING A NEW YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON MAY 4TH FROM 9:30 - 10:30 AM!
TO HELP EXPAND THIS EXCITING DEVELOPMENT, WE NEED A FEW MORE ADULT LEADERS. ALL CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMMING IS PROVIDED!

IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO TAKE A SPOT IN A MONTHLY OR WEEKLY ROTATION, PLEASE CONTACT PASTER CLARK AT:
CCHILTON@WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG



For More Info:
wesleymemorial.org/students

Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ is constantly growing in all spiritual practices including the spiritual practice of generosity. The goal we learn from scripture is to give generously. Will you take your spiritual generosity to the next level? Scan the QR code to visit www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley



THE BIG DROP
@ WESLEY MEMORIAL

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 21
6:00 P.M.**

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the most smashingly fun event of the year! During "The Big Drop", you'll get to play games, eat sweet treats, and let gravity do its thing as stuff drops from way up high and goes KERSPLAT! Everyone will hear the story of Jesus' first disciples and discover how we too can drop everything and follow Him.

Summer Adult Studies

Taught by Dr. Jeff Patterson

THE LAST BATTLE

Wednesdays, June 4 – June 25 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This 4-week study will discuss *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis. Besides being a conclusion of the series called "The Chronicles of Narnia", this children's book is also a Narnian version of the New Testament book of Revelation. The Last Battle presents a fantasy that deals with some of the same themes found in the Book of Revelation. No previous knowledge of the other Chronicles of Narnia is necessary to benefit from this study. Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read the first four chapters.

OUR BENEVOLENT AND SEVERE GOD: A STUDY OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE'S GOSPEL

Mondays, June 9 – August 25 at 10:30 AM in Media Center

This 10-week study will be a deep historical, theological, and devotional study into the Passion of Christ from Luke's Gospel.

WISDOM FOR LIVING IN STRESSFUL TIMES

Sunday- Thursday, July 20-24 at 6:00 – 7:30 PM in Sanctuary

Do you long for moderation, balance, stability, and a life-giving rhythm to your life? Do you want to find the peace and presence of God amid your daily activities? Do you want some Christian tools to help you grow as a Christian disciple? Pastor Jeff will bring the spirituality of the 6th century Rule of St. Benedict to bear on our busy 21st century lives. (Next to the Bible, Pastor Jeff says that this ancient book has been the most important book on his spiritual journey.)

AN INTRODUCTION TO MERE CHRISTIANITY

Wednesdays, August 6 – 27 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This will be a 4-week study of the classic work by C.S. Lewis that presents the concepts of basic Christianity in a rational way to the modern world. This book originated as a series of radio talks by Lewis to strengthen the English during the bombings of World War II. Since publication in 1952, this book has influenced millions of Christians. The magazine Christianity Today in 2000 ranked it first among the "100 books that had a significant effect on Christians in this century." Since 2001, *Mere Christianity* has sold well over 4 million copies. It has been translated into at least 36 languages.

Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read chapters 1-5. While this book has major popular appeal, these opening chapters are a little difficult because they lay a philosophical groundwork for Christianity. You probably will find the remaining chapters much more engaging, but these opening chapters are important.

PLEASE CALL (336-884-2204) OR EMAIL (RECEPTIONIST@WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG) THE CHURCH TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE COURSES. YOUR REGISTRATIONS HELPS US PLAN FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER RESOURCES. (NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY FOR THE COMBINED SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.)

WESLEY MEMORIAL KIDS



Mega Sports Camp

Monday-Friday
8:55AM-12:00PM

June 16-20

True North

Sunday-Thursday

Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00PM

July 20-24

Cave Quest

Tuesday-Friday

Music and Arts Camp 9AM-1PM

August 5-8

SIGNUP TO ATTEND AND/OR
VOLUNTEER AT
WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/KIDS

SENIOR ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON!

An Invitation to ALL Wesley Memorial Members ages 60+ years

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

JUNE
SUNDAY | 8 | 12:15 PM

CHURCH DINING HALL

Our annual Senior Adults Luncheon is a GIFT to YOU in celebration of the contributions and faithfulness of our older adults in the life of our church.

Special program to be presented by Priscilla Smith that promises to bring a broad smile to your face, chuckles galore, and JOY to your heart.

MENU

Baked Spaghetti with Meat Sauce prepared by Elizabeth's Pizza
Side Tossed Salad | Garlic or Plain Buttered Bread
Assorted Cheesecake Bites for Dessert
Sweet and Unsweet Tea or Water

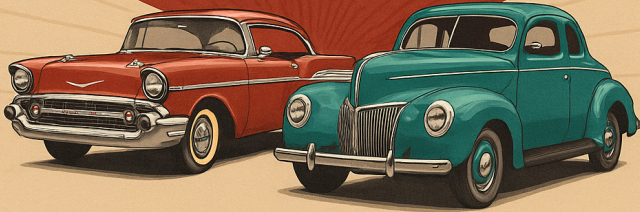
Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council

Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, June 4

with a call to the church office: 336-884-2204

HOSTED BY WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH

CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN



SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2025
10AM – 2PM

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH
1225 CHESTNUT DRIVE, HIGH POINT, NC 27262

- ★ Vintage-Cars & Trucks
- ★ Music & Food Vendors
- ★ Family-Friendly Fun
- ★ Awards & Prizes

FREE ADMISSION

ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME!

Senior Adult Trip to Wolfahrt Haus Dinner Theater

The Senior Adult Ministry at Wesley Memorial is planning a trip to Wolfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, VA for The Buffet and Dining Show: “The Music Man” on Thursday, July 10. The meal will be served at 12 noon and the show starts at 1:30. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person. Register and make payment at the front desk of the church by May 31. We need 20 reservations to be able to make the trip. We hope you can join us in this event.

**NO
TIE
JULY**

DRESS DOWN, WORSHIP UP
CASUAL SUNDAYS ALL MONTH

The Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to meet needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to the church and mark them "Benevolence Fund."

Sermon Growth Notes
