# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

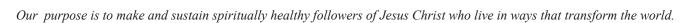
# **WELCOME**

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.

**SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025** 

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30



## 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 Rev. 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:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Hymn No. 23

Holy Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
NICAEA
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song
shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three
persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

## 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.

#### 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. Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

Sympathy to Lisa Cheek on the passing of her father, James "Jim" A. Brothers, on 9/16.

Sympathy to the family of Mary Grace Megginson who passed away on 9/11.

#### Solo

O Thou Who Camest From Above

S. S. Wesley

O Thou who camest from above, the fire celestial to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for Thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return, in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for Thee, still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all Thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death Thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

## 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. 33

**MEINEKE** 

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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** 

## † Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

## 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.



**SCRIPTURE** 

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Pg.991)

SERMON

"A Peaceful and Quiet Life"

Rev. 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. 406 (1, 4 & 5)

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace GIFT OF LOVE Lord, make us servants of Your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

May we not look for love's return, but to seek love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiv'n.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of Your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

- † BENEDICTION
- † Postlude

† Those who are able please stand.

## WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor
Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist

LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS!

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ACOLYTES AND BIBLE
BEARERS FOR OUR 11
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IN THIS MINISTRY,
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## A Time of Fasting and Prayer: Sept 24-Nov 2

Declare a fast, call a sacred assembly! (Joel 1:14)

Jesus Christ spoke about fasting saying "when you fast" (Mt. 6:16), not "if you fast." He assumed that his followers would fast.

Our pastors invite you to join them in a 40-day period of fasting and prayer (Sept 24-Covenant Renewal Sunday, Nov 2) to seek a deeper level of consecration to the Lord's work. The hope is that everyone will observe an individual practice of fasting and prayer. During the 40 days, incorporate a rhythm of fasting that suits you. It doesn't have to be a complete fast from all food for 40 days (though that is common in parts of the Christian community today). Choose certain days, certain meals, to abstain from food to spend time in prayer during these 40 days.

While everyone needs to tailor a fast to their own medical condition, there is a variety of fasting practices in the Bible that can suit anyone's situation. Obviously, the practice of fasting can be incorporated in our lives in a variety of ways:

- Judges 20:26 references a 1-day fast.
- Esther 4:16 speaks of a 3-day fast.
- After his Damascus Road experience, Paul observed a 3-day fast (Acts 9:9).
- In 1 Samuel 31:13, we read about a 7-day fast.
- In Daniel 1:12, we read how he fasted for 10 days. During the fast, Daniel ate only vegetables and water.
- In Acts 27:33-34, Paul and the men aboard the ship fasted for 14 days.
- In Daniel 10:3, we discover what has come to be called a "Daniel Fast." This was a fast from rich food and included a simple diet of fruit, vegetables, nuts, and water.
- There is also the Wesley Fast. Early in Wesley's ministry, he advocated fasting on both Wednesdays and Fridays. He would not consecrate anyone to the Methodist ministry who was unwilling to fast on these 2 days each week. This practice was based on early Christian history (*The Didache*). But as time passed, Wesley fasted mostly from sundown on Thursday until 3 pm on Fridays which was the Anglican norm.

Obviously both the Bible and Christian tradition endorse a variety of ways to fast. Everyone can pursue this spiritual discipline in a way that suits their health and condition in life. Take your next step in observing the spiritual discipline of fasting. It is always wise to consult your doctor before tailoring a personal practice of fasting.

Pay attention to our social media during the 40-day fast. Both Pastor Jeff and Pastor Clark will be posting, teaching, and encouraging to guide you during this time.



## WE ARE ENIOR ADULT COUNCIL

"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." Psalm 71:18

MISSION & IMPACT

The Senior Adult Ministry at Wesley impacts both participants and the wider community by creating opportunities for connection, encouragement, and service. Through the annual "Golden Gifts for the Golden Years" luncheon in June and the "Celebrating Christmas" luncheon in December, seniors gather for fellowship in a joyful

and welcoming setting, free of cost. Monthly social outings to local places of interest keep participants engaged, active, and connected to one another, while the "Aging Well" Learning Series provides valuable information and resources for navigating life with wisdom and confidence. The "Autumn Lights" Service of Wholeness and Healing offers spiritual support and compassion to families on the Alzheimer's journey, extending hope through prayer, storytelling, and raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's and dementia research. In addition, Golden Helping Hands gives seniors meaningful opportunities to serve—whether by helping with office needs at church or delivering treat bags to homebound members—sharing Christ's love in simple yet powerful ways. Together, these ministries nurture the hearts of our senior adults while shining a light of care and compassion into the wider community.

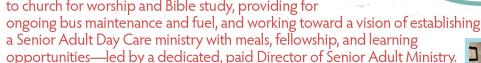
## GENEROSITY & GIVING

Gifts and offerings designated for Senior Adults make a direct impact by funding bus transportation for monthly outings, meals and programs for our twice-yearly luncheons, outreach treat bags for

homebound members, professional

speakers for the Aging Well series, and the printing and mailing of newsletters, worship bulletins, and resource materials. Your generosity ensures the full calendar of fellowship, learning, worship, and outreach events continues to thrive. Looking ahead, new goals include creating a Transportation Ministry to bring non-driving Seniors to church for worship and Bible study, providing for

a Senior Adult Day Care ministry with meals, fellowship, and learning opportunities—led by a dedicated, paid Director of Senior Adult Ministry.







You can get involved in Senior Adult Ministry by serving as an "At-Large" member of the Senior Adult Council, helping with tasks like decorating, hosting, driving,

or delivering outreach gifts at monthly events. Volunteers may also join a sub-team focused on areas such as Autumn Lights (Alzheimer's Mission Project), Golden Helping Hands (Service), Aging Well (Learning & Fellowship) or Sharing Our Faith Stories. For details, contact Susan Sumpter at susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com or Abbigail Felton at afelton@wesleymemorial.org.







Today's NEW SENIORS are much different than their parents

and grandparents in attitude and

behavior. As a forward-seeking church,

Wesley Memorial is shifting it's planning from

an "older group" mentality to a MATURING ADULT MINISTRY. Maturing Adults need a

new vision of aging that Lifts Them Up in

Christian Fellowship and offers do-able

Service Opportunities for ongoing

Discipleship." -- Susan Sumpter, Leader of Senior Adult Council







The Senior Adult Ministry of Wesley Memorial exists to minister to the members of our church ages 60+ years by caring for their needs, and by connecting them with opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service.



# WE ARE ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.  $\sim 1$  Corinthians 12:12

## MISSION & IMPACT

The Adult Spiritual Formation ministry has a meaningful impact on both participants and the broader community. Through churchwide small group studies, members grow in their faith while finding encouragement and accountability in a supportive setting. Last year, this ministry launched a church-wide study, based on the book "A Jesus Shaped Life" by Steve Cordle, which gave the opportunity for small groups to form! Special speakers and workshops provide rich opportunities for learning and spiritual growth, equipping individuals to live out their faith more fully. By developing and promoting new small groups, the ministry helps members form deeper connections with one another, building authentic relationships rooted in Christ. These relationships foster true fellowship and create a community where people experience the joy of "doing life together in Christ."

## **GENEROSITY & GIVING**

Your generosity makes it possible to purchase books and educational materials for churchwide studies, ensuring that everyone has the resources needed to grow in faith together. These gifts also help offset the costs of hosting special speakers and workshops, which provide valuable learning opportunities for our congregation. Looking ahead, one of our goals for the next year is to bring in a well-known author or dynamic speaker for a

special event. Because travel, lodging, and speaker fees can be significant, the continued generosity of our members will be essential in making this vision a reality and further enriching the spiritual lives of our community.

## INVOLVEMENT

We invite you to get involved in the Adult Spiritual Formation ministry by serving as a small group leader. You don't need special training—just a willing heart to welcome others, encourage conversation, and create space for faith to grow. Small groups provide a place to discuss the weekly

sermon, share prayer concerns, and walk through life's joys and challenges together. If you are open to helping others deepen their faith while building meaningful connections, we would love for you to consider leading a group. Your presence could make a real difference in the lives of others as we "do life together in Christ."

## **OUR MISSION**

Is to foster, grow, and enrich the faith in God, His son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for our adult congregation and community.









## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code to receive a free welcome gift. Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on the children's ministry hall (ask an usher for help finding it).

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders in each row. Large-print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 22		
10:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
5:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy Troop	Children's Ministry Wing
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
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TUESDAY, September 23	TT 11 11 D 1	A 1 1 TATE DOTO
12:15 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
1:00 p.m.	GriefShare	Adult Wing D203
WEDNESDAY, September 24		
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
9:30 a.m.	Pastor Jeff's Bible Study	Dining Hall
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper (served until 6:30 p.m.)	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel	Children's Ministry Hall
6:00 p.m.	Single & Parenting	Adult Wing D202
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare	Adult Wing D203
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University	Adult Wing D201
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Student Ministry Wing
6:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	Circle View Room
6:15 p.m.	WOW Bible Study	Student Soul Cafe
6:45 p.m.	Pastor Jeff's Bible Study	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, September 25		
6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, September 26		
7:00 p.m.	NC Baroque Orchestra	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, September 28	1	,
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Student Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.		, ,
	Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Wing Choir Room
10:15 a.m.		I
10:30 a.m.	Couples Group	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Small Groups/All Welcome	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing
6:00 p.m.	Autumn Lights	Fellowship Hall

#### **New Group for Moms**

Blessed Beginnings is a Bible study for expecting, new, and preschool moms that meets on



the first and third Sundays of each month from 2–3:30 p.m. in the Circle View Room. The group includes Bible study and discussion, complimentary childcare, prayer and support for moms, and fellowship with women who understand the joys and challenges of raising young children. Refreshments and resources for growing families are also provided; come as you are and leave encouraged. Upcoming dates: Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Dec. 7.

## Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.in our dining hall. The menu for Sept. 24 is meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, corn and green beans. The dessert will be chocolate "Pilot Mountain" cake. All dinners come with salad bar and bread.

## Wednesday Night Kids - Games & Gospel

Join us Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Games & Gospel, a program for age 2 through fifth grade. Kids enjoy dinner, games, music, Bible lessons, and more. Check-in is in the lobby next to the Dining Hall. Sessions will be held Sept. 17 and 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; Nov. 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

## **Special Concert from NCBO**

Wesley Memorial is excited to be able to host the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. NCBO will present a program entitled "Falling Leaves: Music for the Changing of Seasons." Programming includes Vivaldi's "Autumn" from The Four Seasons, Bach's incredible Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, and vibrant Concerti for 2 oboes & 2 recorders by Telemann & Vivaldi. This concert is free and open to the public!

## **New Couples Group Starting in September**

We're excited to launch a New Couples Group for those ages 45 and under. The group will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, beginning Sept. 28. Our first topic of



discussion will be communication. Children are welcome to attend Children's Church or the nursery during this time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Abbigail at afelton@wesleymemorial.org.

## **Groups for Connection & Support**

We invite you to connect, grow, and find encouragement through one of our small groups meeting this fall:

- Single & Parenting: A 13-week support group for single parents, meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Gather for dinner, a children's ministry program (ages 2 through 5th grade), and practical encouragement from others who understand the joys and challenges of parenting alone. Register at wesleymemorial.org/sandp.
- **Financial Peace University**: A 9-week course that helps you beat debt, save money, and build wealth using biblical principles and proven tools. Meets Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room D201. Cost is \$79 per household, with scholarships available. Register at wesleymemorial.org/financial-peace.
- **GriefShare**: A group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, offering support, resources, and community. Choose from two meeting options: Tuesdays at 1 p.m. or Wednesdays at 6 p.m. For more info, visit wesleymemorial.org or contact the church office at 336.884.2204.

Autumn Lights: Candlelight Prayer Service Sunday, Sept. 28 | 6:30-7 p.m. Fellowship Hall Registration begins at 6 p.m.

## Raising Awareness and Financial Support to Benefit ALZHEIMER'S / DEMENTIA PATIENTS & THEIR CARE PARTNERS

Whether you are a Care Partner alongside your loved one on the Alzheimer's/Dementia journey, or a faithful supporter for ending this disease - we recognize and honor the challenges and sacrifices of the Patient's friends and family members. We know your devotion is not an easy path, but a beautiful gift of LOVE.

At Wesley Memorial, we seek to bring "AUTUMN LIGHT" by offering a special worship service of Wholeness and Healing. ALL FAMILIES OF ALL FAITHS are invited to participate in this candlelight service of Music and Prayers. Please share the date of Sunday, September 28 with community friends. Upon arrival, attendees will receive a candle votive in a glass jar. Printed information will be available for those seeking programs of support.

All will be invited to write names on paper flowers of loved ones affected by this devastating disease. Our pastors will pray over these names. Should you feel led to make a donation, 100% will be given to the Alzheimer's Association of Guilford County.



Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council of Wesley Memorial

## Senior Adult Fall Learning Series

Join us for the 2025 Aging Well Learning Series, "New Learnings, Rising Hope", taking place on Tuesdays in October from 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

This engaging 4-part series is designed just for senior adults (60+) and will focus on brain health, dementia awareness, caregiving, and personalized approaches to cognitive decline.

- Oct. 7 Brain Health and Enhancing Memory
- Oct.14 Understanding Alzheimer's/Dementia: 10
   Signs and Advances in Research
- Oct. 21 Supporting Care Partners
- Oct. 28 The Bredesen Protocol: A Personalized Approach to Prevent and Reverse Cognitive Decline

The first three sessions will be presented by professional speakers from the Guilford County Alzheimer's Association. The final session will be led by our own Dr. Bose Ravenel.

To help with preparations of handouts and refreshments, please RSVP by calling the front desk at 336-884-2204.

This event is sponsored by your Senior Adult Council.

## Tour the Windows — Bring a Friend

A tour of Wesley's wonderful stained glass windows is set for Thursday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. The tour meets in the sanctuary and lasts about 90 minutes, led by members of Wesley's sanctuary tour team.

The windows, which include more than 135 scenes and characters from the Bible (plus many more), are a real treasure and a wonderful blessing to our a congregation. But they are a terrific outreach as well. Wesley has hosted five different community groups for window tours this year, with several more on tap for the remainder of the year.

Why not bring a friend to this next tour? Please register in advance by calling the church office at 336-884-2204.

## **Pillow Ministry Thank You**

Thanks to 38 ladies and Les Hurrelbrink we stuffed almost 300 pillows in less than 2 hours during our stuffing party on Wednesday, September 3rd. We are grateful to all participants for helping to set this new record! The congregation's support continues to amaze us. With thanks, Susan Samuel and Emilie Rogers









## Carolina Christmas Bazaar - General Store Donations

Storage for General Store donations will be available soon in the church parking lot! We welcome your gently used household items, seasonal décor, toys, purses, accessories, and more. Please note: No



clothing, large furniture, or electronics can be accepted.

To arrange a drop-off time, contact:

- Debbie Lassiter at 336.880.7111
- Teresa Swartz at 336.848.1793

Thank you for supporting the Wesley Women and the Carolina Christmas Bazaar!

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hotdogs served in the cafe at the 2024 Carolina Christmas Bazaar, plus 192 sausage biscuits, 94 pimento cheese sandwiches and 150 bowls of White Chicken Chili. You know it's got to be good!

Bring your appetite to the bazaar Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Wesley Women

## **Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting**

Interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for an informational meeting on Monday, December 2 at 4:00 PM in the Media Center. For questions, please call Barbara Coughlin at 336-414-6350, Mary Hooper at 704-999-9878, or Cathy Weaver at 336-689-6279.



This trip is exclusive for our Wesley Memorial Seniors and their invited quests. Our Motorcoach will not include pickups of other groups. Daily itinerary presented at a later date yes! It will include some free time for beach walking! Attractions we will attend are:

- · Alabama Theatre See the South's Grandest Christmas Show!
- Legends In Concert Christmas Show-Tribute Artists perform their Christmas classics
- Barefoot Oueen Dinner Cruise with Christmas entertainment on intercoastal waterway
- Tanger Outlet Center- Find great deals on our shopping trip!

## Package Includes

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation on HOLIDAY TOURS including Wi-Fi and Electric
- ✓ Pickup and Return to Wesley Memorial
- ✓ 2 Nights Lodging Oceanfront Hotel
- Meals: 2 Breakfasts at Hotel; 1 Lunch; 1 Dinner

#### **More Information**

For more information about this trip call or email Susan Sumpter:



336-848-4128



susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com

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## Membership Updates

In efforts to keep our membership database updated, we are asking all members to report any family changes. Change examples include birth, marriage, baptism, transfer, death in family, and any changes to contact information such as email, phone #, and address. If you are not a member, but are very active in the church, please feel free to reach out and update your information as well! To send your updates please email info@wesleymemorial.org or email icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org for further questions.

## **Looking Ahead**

Several upcoming dates to note in the life of our church:

- No Wednesday night dinner on Nov. 5 or Nov. 12.
- Rise Against Hunger will take place Feb. 1, 2026.
- Evensong service is set for March 1, 2026 at 4 p.m.
- Gary Chapman returns on March 7, 2026.
- The School of Methodism will be March 20–21, 2026.

#### 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