

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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## WELCOME

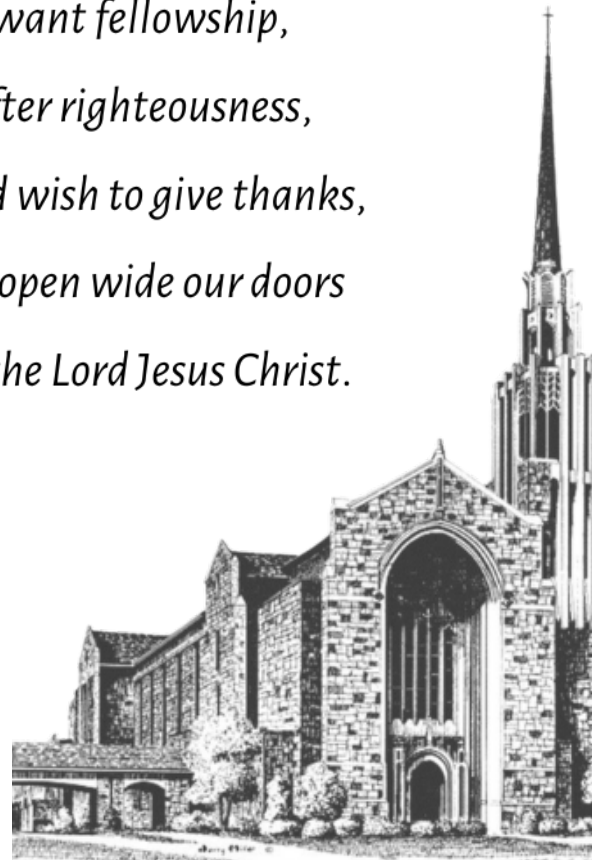
To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,  
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,  
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,  
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,  
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,  
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,  
to all who have been 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.*

**DECEMBER 21ST, 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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

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 Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach  
repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the  
ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your  
way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the  
just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a  
people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 174

*O Come All Ye Faithful (verses 1, 3, 4)*      ADESTE FIDELES  
*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem! Come and behold Him born the King of angels;*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let  
us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! sing, all ye citizens of heav'n  
above; Glory to God, all glory in the highest; Refrain*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all  
glory giv'n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; Refrain*

† THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE      Debbie and Tom Smothers

## SOLO

*The Birthday of a King*      W. H. Neidlinger  
*In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a Child one day. And the sky was  
bright with a holy light o'er the place where Jesus lay. Alleluia! O how the  
angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'twas the birthday of a King.*

*'Twas a humble birth-place, but O how much God gave to us that day. From  
the manger bed what a path has led, what a perfect, holy way. Alleluia! O  
how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a  
holy light, 'twas the birthday of a King.*

## 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.

RECENT  
HOSPITALIZATION:

Carl Weekly  
Mary Pendergraph

#### 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 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

#### † Advent DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

#### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16 (Pg. 572)

#### SERMON

*"Immanuel"*

Rev. 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. 201

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

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

Reverend Lisa Tanico, Senior Adult Ministry

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist

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

Ms. Noelia Morón, pianist

LOOKING FOR ALTAR  
SERVERS!

WE ARE RECRUITING  
FOR CRUCIFERS,  
ACOLYTES AND BIBLE  
BEARERS FOR OUR 11  
AM SERVICE. IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO SERVE  
IN THIS MINISTRY,  
PLEASE CALL PRISCILLA  
SMITH AT  
336-848-9589.

**JOIN US IN  
WELCOMING OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Donna Werner  
Marc Werner  
Cindy Armfield  
Will Armfield  
Gina Saunders  
Thorne Saunders  
Sandra Neugent  
David Neugent

SERVICE NOTES: Texts of  
the Call to Worship, Old  
Testament, Epistle, and  
Gospel taken from the  
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sion Bible, The Book of  
Common Prayer, 2019,  
Anglican Liturgy Press,  
and The United Methodist  
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## 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

<b>MONDAY, December 22</b> 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, December 23</b> 12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 24</b> 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Contemporary Worship Service 54th Annual Lovefeast Candlelight & Communion Service	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY, December 25</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>	
<b>FRIDAY, December 26</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, December 28</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Televised Worship Service AA Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Combined Worship Service Couples under 45 Contemporary Unity Group	WGHP, FOX8 Adult D202 Sanctuary Sanctuary Circle View Room Dining Hall

**Monthly Food Collection** The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection. **Sunday, January 4th, donations will go to Open Door Ministry. Bins will be placed outside all three services.** Please consider bringing items as you feel led; **Please no expired food, drinks, or snacks.** Your generosity helps provide for neighbors in need. Thank you!

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [wesleymemorial.org/calendar](https://wesleymemorial.org/calendar)  
Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](https://wesleymemorial.org/announcements) for our announcement board

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24, 2025

3:30 PM FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE **LIVE STREAM**

5:00 PM THE 54TH ANNUAL LOVEFEAST

11:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Communion will be served at the Contemporary and Traditional Service*



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CHILDCARE NOT AVAILABLE - FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORSHIP TOGETHER



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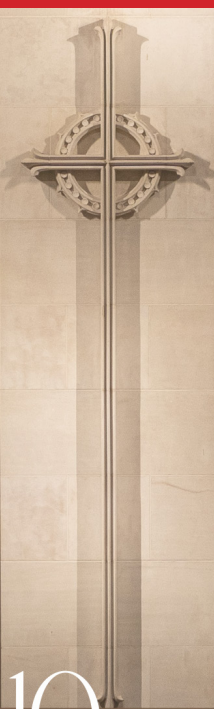
## Combined Service

*Final Sermon of 2025*  
"A Long Time Coming"  
*Luke 2: 22-35*

# SUNDAY 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
IN THE SANCTUARY

CHILDCARE  
FOR AGES 0-3



### Christmas Staff Bonus

The Board of Directors invites you to help us celebrate and bless our incredible staff this Christmas. Their dedication, hard work, and love for our congregation make Wesley Memorial a place of true connection and ministry throughout the year.

If you would like to show your appreciation with a financial gift, you can participate in one of the following ways: Write a check to WMMC with "Staff Bonus" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday offering plate, mail it to the church, or drop it off at the Front Desk. Contribute online at [wesleymemorial.org/give](http://wesleymemorial.org/give) by selecting "Staff-Christmas Bonus" from the drop-down menu under "Fund."

Let's come together to show our gratitude for all they do. Make your contribution by **Wednesday, December 31, 2025**. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

### Support the Good Shepherd Fund

Wesley Memorial has a special resource for church members in need of financial assistance called the Good Shepherd Fund. If you feel called to give to this important resource, please write Good Shepherd on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your support and helping maintain this fund that helps our church family.

### Christmas Eve Offering

In this season of generosity and care our Wesley Memorial tradition is to strongly support some of our local mission partners who serve the under resourced in our High Point community.

This year we have selected three mission partners that continue to do excellent work providing tangible help and sustaining hope for the individuals and families they serve.

\* C3 - Community Collaboration for Children

\* Community Clinic of High Point serving the medical needs of the uninsured.

\* Second Harvest Food Bank supplies area food pantries that in turn provide needed food to families throughout the High Point area.

Each of these mission partners play a vital role in helping our High Point neighbors who are in challenging circumstances. We can bless their efforts with our financial support. You don't have to wait until Christmas Eve. You can go ahead and write a check, send it to the church office, drop it by the office or bring it to worship services. Please put Christmas Eve Offering on the memo line. You can also go on line at [wesleymemorial.org](http://wesleymemorial.org), tap the "Give" icon and then make your gift online.

Thank you for providing a blessing through your gift.

### The Walk to Emmaus 2026

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat sponsored by Upperroom, held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. It runs from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. It is an uplifting, energizing, and wonderful time away from the day to day worries that tend to drown out God.

The dates for the Men's Walk are March 12 -16 and the Women's Walk is from March 19 - 22. The retreat looks in depth at a variety of topics related to basic Christian theology. It is a very spiritual and renewing experience but also quite fun. It does require registration through an application. If you would like to attend or have questions please call or email any of the members listed below:

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## BIBLE STUDIES

REVEREND  
DR. JEFF PATTERSON

### THE MARKS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN

Mondays, January 5 – May 11  
📍 10:30-11:30 AM in Media Center

This is a verse-by-verse study of Romans 12-16 where Paul wrote about living as a Christian in this complicated world. You are welcomed to bring a Bible and fellowship around the Word. We love to welcome new people to Bible Study.

### A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS (PART 2)

Wednesdays, January 7 – May 13  
📍 9:30 AM in Dining Hall  
📍 6:45 PM in Media Center

This is a verse-by-verse study of Paul's letter as he continues to help a struggling church live as faithful Christians. In the second part of this letter, Paul covered topics like marriage, divorce, sexual purity, sensitivity to other believers, proper worship, the role of women in the church, spiritual gifts like healings and speaking in tongues, and the resurrection of the Body. Even if you were not able to participate in the first part of this study (Chapters 1-7), feel free to bring a Bible as we delve into the rest of this interesting letter on practical Christian living.

Please call the front desk to sign up!  
336 – 884 – 2204

"...Choose this day whom  
you will serve



"... As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord."

It is a Holy time for our Wesley Memorial family. We are in a season of prayer and fasting as each of us reflects on God's goodness to us and our response. We are Christ-centered serving, growing, and giving community. Each year we set aside this time to prayerfully and intentionally seek God's direction for how we will live faithfully as God's people. Please join your Wesley Memorial family in filling out and returning the Serving, Growing and Giving Response Forms. Visit our website at [wesley memorial.org/wearewesley](http://wesley memorial.org/wearewesley) to learn more about what the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity.

SCAN to fill out forms



Community Pastors in Support of  
NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH  
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## A Sanctity of Human Life

COMMUNITY SERVICE

01. 20. 2026  
7:00 PM

Hosted by:  
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METHODIST CHURCH

Featuring  
Dr. Ben Carson

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# CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2025

**The Front Circle Tree** is given in loving memory of Carter, Doris, and Barbra Lassiter by their sons Bart, Ron, Scott and Tim Lassiter and their families.

**The Chrismon Tree** is given in loving memory of Royster M. Tucker, Jr., Martha Nell Tucker, Nell Hayden Tucker, and Diane Tucker Smith by Bootsy, Donna, Royster, Tuck, Jack, Sloan and Davis Tucker, and in loving memory of Jimmy Carroll by Anne and Clay Carroll.

**The Chrismon Tree** is given in memory of Thayer and Dot Coggin by their family.

**The Narthex Tree** is given in loving memory of Eva Dell and Milly Marsh by Jim Marsh and Jim Marsh, Jr.

**The Chapel Tree** is given in loving memory of Courtney Jean Freedle by Jean Freedle, Chris and Sarah Faith Amos, Matthew and Aubriana Amos and Jennifer, Trevor and Brooks White.

**The Dining Room Tree** is given in honor of our children and grandchildren by Nido and Mariana Qubein.

**The Pre-School Tree** is given in loving memory of Carolyn Bryant by her family.

**Sanctuary- Christ Advent Candle** is given in loving memory of William Blanton, Jr., and Wanna and Charles McAnally, from Wanna Blanton.

**Chapel- Christ Advent Candle** is given in loving memory of Betsy Johnson, and Ruth and J. C. McAllister by Jane and Ken McAllister.

**Special Christmas Ornament** – The crown on top of the left Chrismon Tree is given in loving memory of Joseph Michael Albany, Jr., by Beth Blake and family.

**The Sanctuary Balcony Garland** is given in memory of Kem McAllister by Steve McAllister by Steve, Molly & Kirk Myer, and Reynolds & Jack Scott III.

**The Sanctuary Balcony Wreath** is given in loving memory of Robert Edwin Bass by his family.

**The Chapel Garland** is given in loving memory of Joe Gamble, a faithful servant of Wesley Memorial.

**The Chapel Wreath** is given in loving memory of Tommy Emerson.

## COLUMN WREATHS

In loving memory of our son, Jason A. Myers given by Susan and Glenn Myers.

In loving memory of Clement Kwei Sowa II "CJ" given by Clement, Abby, Denzel, Hillary Rose, and Ethan.

In loving memory of J. Milton McCaskill given by Sandy McCaskill.

In loving memory of Joseph Michael Albany, Jr. given by Lissa and Andrew Albany and Frank H. Wood III.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wood, Jr. given by Frank H. Wood III and Lissa and Andrew Albany.



# COLUMN WREATHS



In loving memory of Lester, Louise and Perry Zimmerman given by Lou Anne and Dan.

In memory of Doug Tilley given by Kelly Ward Tilley.

In memory of Ann Tilley given by Kelli Ward Tilley.

In loving memory of Gladys and Roy Beasley given by Bonnie Beasley.

In loving memory of Adalyn and Charles Kearns given by Kay and Dusty Maynard and their family.

In loving memory of Harold Walker given by Shelby & Nathan Walker.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Allen Huntley given by their daughter, Leslie Huntley.

In loving memory of Mr. J. Roger Baity given by Erik R. Baity.

In loving memory of Len Fletcher given by his wife, Beverly Fletcher.

In memory of Amanda given by Nancy Salter.

In memory of Don given by Nancy Salter.

In memory of Allen B. Harless Jr., Catherine Campen Field, and Lucy Meade Harless Edmundson given by Katherine and Henry McMullan and family.

# DOOR WREATHS



In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow A. Kearns, Jr. given by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In memory of William G. Gaffey, Jr. given by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Bob Bass and in honor of Janie Bass given by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Ruth and J. C. McAllister given by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In memory of Michael John Lyles given by his loving grandmother, Mary Lyles.

In loving memory of Kem McAllister given by Callie & Charlotte Myers and Lollie & Jake Scott IV.

In loving memory of Royster M Tucker, Jr and Martha Nell Tucker given by Donna & Royster Tucker and family.

In honor of Bootsy Tucker given by Donna & Royster Tucker; Tuck & Celia, John, Adele, Olivia; Austin & Sloan, and Rachel & Davis Tucker.

In loving memory of their parents Dr. and Mrs. Frank T. Webster and Dr. and Mrs. William B. Donald given by Martha and Frank Webster.

In loving memory of Dot Byerly given by Kathy and Jay.



# POINSETTIAS



In loving memory of Bob Duncan  
given by Lucille and family.

In loving memory of Kem McAllister given by Martha  
and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Corky Hustrulid and his  
parents, Virginia and Clarence Hustrulid given by  
Judy and the family.

In loving memory of Jane W. Myers given by Charles  
Myers.

In memory of Alton Ward given by Shari Hunt and  
Tom Neill.

In memory of T.C. and Peggy Neill given by Shari  
Hunt and Tom Neill.

In loving memory of Carol Jordan Green given by  
Cameron Green Marsden.

In memory of Joel Williams and in honor of Marcia  
Williams given by their children, grandchildren, and  
great grandchildren.

In memory of Barbra Lassiter given by Crissie  
and Jim Boggs.

In memory of Jimmy Carmichael given by Crissie  
and Jim Boggs.

In honor of Susan Sumpter given by the Senior Adult  
Council.

In memory of John L. Ward given by Kelli Ward Tilley.

In memory of Marilyn Ward given by Kelli Ward Tilley

In memory of Helen and Roy Bradner given by  
Bonnie and George Wallace.

In honor of Jaxon Nifong and Margaret Dixon  
given by Bonbon and G.

In loving memory of Helen R. Lindsay given by  
Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and  
Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza  
Ball.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L.  
Kearns given by Allen and Garrett Kearns,  
Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan,  
Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Bill Anderson given by  
Allen and Garrett Kearns.

In honor of the "Fish" Unity Group given by  
Allen Kearns.

In memory of Michael John Lyles given by his  
loving mother, Elizabeth Lyles.

In honor of Ellis Baker and our children given  
by Bonnie Odom Baker.

In loving memory of Dr. James Young given by  
his family, Carol Young, Angie, Mary Powell,  
and Jennifer.

In memory of Evelyn Isham, lovingly  
remembered by her daughter and son-in-law,  
Denise and Matthew Cochrane, and her  
treasured grandchildren, Banks, Graham, and  
Laney.

In loving memory of Jimmie Foscue given by  
Lynn Foscue.

In loving memory of Herman Hunter Sr. given  
by his family.

In honor of our grandmother, Myrtle Pope  
given by Kathy Lavender and Buddy Wilson.

In honor of our mother, Meryle Pope Wilson  
given by Kathy Lavender and Buddy Wilson.