

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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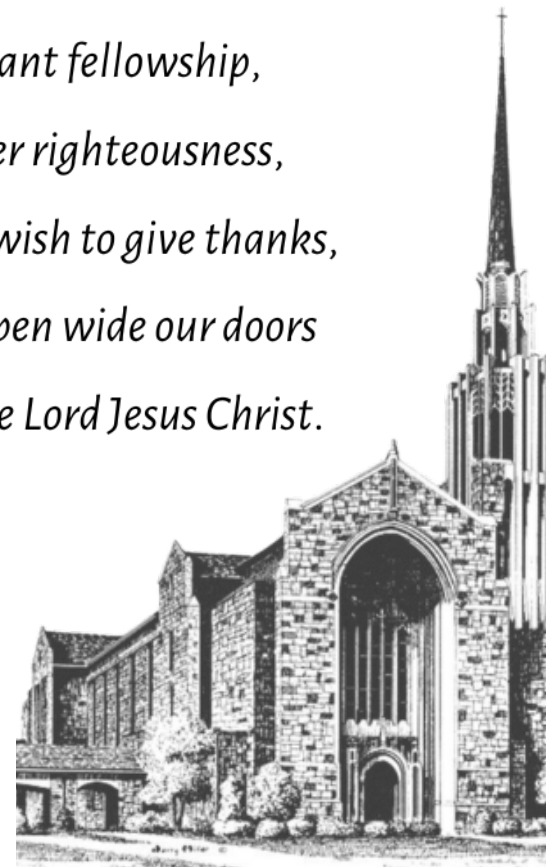
WELCOME

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.

APRIL 19TH, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30 A.M.



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.

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 388

The Church's One Foundation (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5) AURELIA
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the word; from heav'n he came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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.

RECENT HOSPITALIZATION:

Bob O'Keef

RECENT FALL:

Vickie Guelledge
James Lanning

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 or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



SOLO

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Your gift of love, they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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

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 21:1-14 (Pg. 907)

SERMON

"Gone Fishing"

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. 275

Before the Throne of God Above

BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me; to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM. The King of Glory and of Grace. One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God; with Christ, my Savior and my God!

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† *All are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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. Mora Wolff, Organist

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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

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| MONDAY, April 20 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Bible & Ball Cub Scouts Daisy Scouts Boy Scouts AA Meeting | Media Center Fellowship Hall Off-Site Admin - A220/A221 Boy Scout I Room Adult Wing D208 |
| TUESDAY, April 21 12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Handbells Rehearsal Seasons of Sorrow Sea Scouts | Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203 Boy Scout I Room |
| WEDNESDAY, April 22 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. | John Willett's Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Wednesday Night Dinner Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel Wesley Memorial Students Disciple Bible Study WOW Bible Study Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Pastor Lisa's <i>A Theology of Rest</i> Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Dining Hall Dining Hall Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D212 Admin A220/A221 Children's Ministry Hall Student Ministry Wing Circle View Room Student Soul Cafe Conference Room 3 Media Center Adult Wing D201 Choir Room |
| THURSDAY, April 23 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal AA Meeting AlAnon | Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201 |
| FRIDAY, April 24 8:30 a.m. | J.O.Y. Group Trip: Dix Park Trolls | Off-Site |
| SUNDAY, April 26 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. | Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Unity Group Traditional Worship Children's Church Mini Window Tour Confirmation Class Blessed Beginnings Unity Group | WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Sanctuary Student Ministry Wing Circle View Room |

To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar.
 Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

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 April 22nd is meatloaf with mushroom gravy, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, roll, salad bar, and dessert. Payment not required, donations encouraged! Reminder that our last dinner will be on May 13th!

Spring Cleaning?

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE - SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH-26TH

Wesley Women is sponsoring a professional women's clothing drive to benefit Working Wardrobe. This a local non-profit organization, dedicated to helping women build confidence and enter the workforce. Achieving economic independence is the goal of these women as they reach for a better life.

COLLECTION DATES:

Sunday, April 12th - Sunday, April 26th

DONATIONS MAY BE BROUGHT TO:

All Sunday services | Wednesday night dinners | Church front office

WE ARE SEEKING :

- Professional attire, new or gently used
- Clean and ready to wear
- Nice pants, especially black, sweaters, jackets, nice jeans
- Neatly folded in boxes/bags, or on hangers
- Sizes XS - 5X

Your donations will directly support women in our community who are working toward a brighter future. Please help us help women take the next step toward a better life. Thank you for your generosity and support!

For questions please contact:
Carol Young
cyoungisoldit@gmail.com



Welcome our new Pastoral Ministry Manager

With over 35 years of experience in finance, administration, and management, Liz Needham brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership, and integrity to every role she serves.



Beyond her professional background, her true passion is ministry and serving the Lord, which is reflected in her compassionate and people-centered approach. She is a devoted mother of three and a proud grandmother, cherishing time with her family and living out her faith in both her personal and professional life. One of Liz's favorite Bible verses is Lamentations 3: 22-23

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Eucharist Ministry Invitation

We invite you to consider joining our Eucharist Ministry. Through this special ministry, we share Holy Communion with our REACH members in their homes once a month. While this work happens quietly, its impact is meaningful. It brings comfort, connection, and a reminder that they remain a cherished part of our church family, even when they are unable to be with us in person. If you feel called to be part of this caring ministry, or would like to learn more, please contact Abbigail at Afelton@wesleymemorial.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You're invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry—a beautiful time of fellowship, creativity, and care for others. We meet every **Wednesday from 1:30–3:00 pm** in Conference Room 3, and everyone is welcome! If you're new, we're happy to teach you—just bring a willing heart and a desire to serve; no knitting experience required! Come be part of a ministry that wraps others in prayer, one stitch at a time.

Comfort Pillow Ministry

THANK YOU to all who showed up to stuff pillows on April 14th! We are happy to announce that over 400 pillows were stuffed in less than 2 hours. These pillows bring tangible comfort to those who are suffering with physical, mental, or emotional difficulties. Your time and effort will serve to comfort over 400 people. We are truly grateful for your commitment to Pillow Ministry!

~ Susan Samuel and Emilie Rogers



ACTIVITIES FOR
JUST OLDER YOUTH
AGES 60+



Events Column

April 2026

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DIX PARK RALEIGH
Thomas Dambo Trolls. Free Outing!
@ 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Events Column

May 2026

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PAINTED PIANO FESTIVAL
DOWNTOWN THOMASVILLE
@ 6:30 PM

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SHELF LIFE BOOK CLUB
Local Author Shirene Gentry will be
discussing her book Identity Unveiled:
Daughter of the King of Kings
@ 1:30 PM in the Media Center

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SENIOR APPRECIATION MEAL:
SANTO "THE NEIL DIAMOND GUY"
Shag Lessons @ 5:30 PM
Dinner served @ 6:30 PM
Menu is shrimp boil. Bring a lawn chair -
outdoor at the picnic shelter. Must make
reservation by 4/30

To sign up for any of the J.O.Y Events, visit
wesleymemorial.org/joy-60plus
or scan the QR Code!

To inquire, please email
joy@wesleymemorial.org



Mini Tours

WESLEY'S WINDOWS

Join the Wesley Windows Team for special "Mini Tours" of Wesley's stunning stained glass windows following the 11:00 worship service on the Fourth Sunday of each month. On **Sunday April 26th**, tour guides Xenia and Paul Ferris will discuss the contents and meaning of Wesley's Chancel Rose Window, which details events that followed the Resurrection.

1st Tour: Sunday, April 26th

2nd Tour: Sunday, May 24th

3rd Tour: Sunday, June 28th

- Tours Last 15- 20 Minutes
- Meet the Window Team at the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Window Tour Sign!

VISIT OUR SITE



wesleymemorial.org/glass

MARRIAGE NIGHT

AT WESLEY MEMORIAL

Join us for Marriage Night at Wesley Memorial, an evening designed to encourage, strengthen, and celebrate the gift of marriage. Whether you are newly married or have been together for many years, this event will provide meaningful conversation, practical insights, and time to reconnect with your spouse in a Christ-centered setting.

📅 Friday, May 15th, 2026

🕒 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

📍 Wesley Memorial Fellowship Hall

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More details are coming soon.
Reserve your spot online at
wesleymemorial.org/marriage
or scan the QR code.

WESLEY MEMORIAL

GRADUATION *Sunday*



MAY 17TH, 2026
11 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Parents and grandparents of graduating seniors—we would love to celebrate this special milestone with you and your student on Graduate Sunday!

GRADUATES ARE INVITED TO:

- Attend a reception before the 11 a.m. service
- Wear their cap and gown
- Receive a special blessing and sermon
- Be celebrated alongside their church family

For more details and to participate, please complete the form at wesley memorial.org/graduates and submit a photo of your graduate to Liz at

◀◀◀ Ineedham@wesley memorial.org by 5/11 ▶▶▶

IF YOU HAVE A COLLEGE GRADUATE YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN OUR GRADUATE SUNDAY INSERT, PLEASE FILL OUT THE SAME FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

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 helping maintain this fund that helps our church family.

Rise AGAINST HUNGER

- 📅 Sunday, May 17th, 2026
- 🕒 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 📍 Dining Hall at Wesley Memorial

Bring the whole family and help Wesley Memorial pack 36,000 meals for global hunger relief! Scan the QR Code to register or visit wesley memorial.org/rise



THE BIG DROP

@ WESLEY MEMORIAL

WEDNESDAY MAY 20 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.

Scan to see what's happening in our Children's and Student Ministries!



WESLEY STUDENTS



WESLEY KIDS