# 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.

NOVEMBER 9TH 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00 AM

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 Bist du bei mir

attr. J.S. Bach, arr. Michel Rondeau

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.

† 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 God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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! 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

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 the family of Evelyn Davis, who passed away on 10/30.

Recent Surgery: Laura Gibson (no visitors) Billy Koontz

#### ABOUT Children's Church

For quick information about Children's Church, please scan me!



† Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon (Children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Kyrie Eleison* 

Patriarch Ilia II, arr. Rodney Money

† 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! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

SERMON "WW

"What Then Shall We Remember"

Bill Wheeler

† 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.

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

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.



† Hymn No. 59

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by Thee our lot is cast; be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our eversure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!

- † BENEDICTION
- † CHIMES OF THE TRINITY
- † 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

Chancel Choir

Mr. Dan Wyke, trumpet

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Mr. Edwin Bass, usher

Mr. Bart Lassiter, usher

Mr. Bradley Gibson, usher

Mr. Wray Hodgin, usher

Mr. Bill Bradner, usher

Mr. Greg Smith, usher

Mr. Hidase Getahun, acolyte

Miss Brielle Keunnen, acolyte

Mr. Christian Smith, crucifer

Mr. Teagan Ayers, Bible

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.

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## THE WESLEY 100

The Wesley 100 is a Wesley Memorial men's group. Our goal is to offer the men of the church a place to be the hands and feet of Christ and help Wesley Memorial's mission of "making Disciples of Christ".

Our name comes from a quote by John Wesley. "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or layman, they alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth."

The bible verse we chose for the Wesley 100 is Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." We are here to do God's work, to further the missions of the church and to help and encourage each other in our walk in Christ. While our name contains the number 100, we are really the faithful 30-40, so we have a lot of room for more men. Over the past 15+ years, the men have supported the events, ministries, and missions of Wesley Memorial locally, nationally, and globally. Among the many areas of support are:

WMC TEAMS/MINISTRIES
VICTORY JUNCTION
HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MACEDONIA RESOURCE CENTER
WEST END MINISTRIES
WESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL
WESLEY SCHOOL IN NAKURU, KENAI

#### SOME COMMUNITY PROJECTS THE WESLEY 100 MEN HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH ARE:

- Provided help with by cooking hot dogs (over 1,600) for: WMC Cruise In, Fairview Elementary School Open House, and Fall Trails
- WMC Student Ministries Chicken and Fixi'ns fund raiser
- Hosted WMC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- WMC Vacation Bible School prepared dinners
- Hosted High Point Central Hall of Fame banquet
- Rotary Barbeque Fundraiser helped cook and serve
- Prepared lunches for Habitat for Humanity workers
- Wednesday Night dinners and other events Helped prepare, cook, serve, and clean up

#### OTHER PROJECTS AND EVENTS WE PARTICIPATE IN:

- Make chicken pies and apple pies as fundraiser for the group (several times each year)
- Directed traffic at several events including The Cruise-in, Nativity Drive thru, Christmas Bazaar, Anglican Diocese Convocation
- Help groups with individual projects as needed

If 30 – 45 men can accomplish this, can you imagine what we could do with 100 men? We believe John Wesley was right . . . "100 men who want to serve God can shake things up!" For any men who would like to check us out, we meet the third Saturday of each month at 8:30am for breakfast in the dining hall. Note: home cooked meal to start your day off.

You can ask any member of the group or at the church office and we will get you on the email list for all future events. Even if you are not able to attend our Saturday meeting, we would love to have you in the group and your expertise on our many projects.

Contact person: Edwin Bass, President 336-880-2311/edwinbass@triad.rr.com



### **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, November 10		
10:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy Troop	WMS Workroom A201
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Sunday School A224
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Picnic Shelter
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
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TUESDAY, November 11	W. toward Deep France (Mark at Grant alice)	0.00
9:45 a.m.	Veterans Day Event (Meet at front circle)	Off-site
12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
WEDNESDAY, November 12	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Pastor Jeff's Bible Study	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
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.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Off-site
6:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	Circle View Room
6:15 p.m.	WOW Bible Study	Adult Wing D201
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Pastor Jeff's Bible Study	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, November 13		
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
SATURDAY, November 15		
8:00 a.m.	Carolina Christmas Bazaar	Dining Hall
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SUNDAY, November 16	ANGEL TREE TAGS AVAILABLE	VIVOVAD POVA
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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	Adult Wing
10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	New Member Class	Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing
2:00 p.m.	Blessed Beginnings Unity Group	Circle View Room
5:30 p.m.	Italy Pilgrimage Informational Meeting	Dining Hall

#### Wednesdays @ Wesley

There will be NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER on 12th as we prepare for the Carolina Christmas Bazaar.

Veterans Day Event - Honor. Remember. Celebrate. Join us on Tuesday, November 11th, as we pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served our nation. Transportation Provided! A dedicated bus will depart promptly at 9:45 AM to take all interested veterans to the Carolina Field of Honor for the ceremony. Rain or shine, this event will take place! Ceremony Highlights:

- Presentation of Colors
- Wreath Laying Tribute
- Special Guest Speaker Seating is limited at the venue—please bring a



folding chair! Reserve your seat on the bus today! Call or text Richard Nifong at 336-259-0874 to sign up.



Angels will be available for pick-up beginning **Sunday**, **November 16th.** Deliver gifts wrapped and labeled to the church by **Sunday**, **December 7th**. Angels will be on the Christmas trees in the Bridge Café, Sunday School area and the Narthex outside the sanctuary. Blessing one child at a time just as our Father continues to bless us!

#### **Cover the City Blanket Drive**

We are excited to announce that our annual Cover the City Blanket Drive is well underway! This drive will run through the whole month of November. Collection boxes will be available at all three services for your donations of blankets.

As you snuggle in your warm bed this season, please remember those who are less fortunate. Over the past 10 years, this organization has collected more than 100,000 blankets, and this year, the need is greater than ever. Let us not forget the pressing needs in our local community.

We encourage you to dig deep and help us make this drive a success! If you don't have blankets to donate, you can still contribute by marking your check "Cover the City." Thank you for your generosity!

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The number of days until the 52nd Carolina Christmas Bazaar. Saturday, November 15, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cafe, 75 vendors, Bake Sale, General Store and Treasure Hunt, come join the fun! You may deliver General Store donations to the Dining Hall stage starting **Monday**, **November 10.** 

Nov. Food Collection: Fairview Backpack Ministry

Help Feed Children Over Christmas Break. In November our monthly food collection will go to the Fairview Elementary School Backpack Ministry. This ministry helps ensure that 80 children have food during their Christmas break when school meals are unavailable. We encourage everyone to focus their efforts on supporting this important initiative. We need your help! Please bring single-serving food items to place in backpacks for the students. Ideas include:

**Drinks:** Juice boxes | **Breakfast:** Cereal boxes/cups, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, muffin packs | **Meals:** Chef Boyardee cups, ravioli, beefaroni, pork and beans, mac and cheese cups | **Snacks:** Fruit cups/cans, pudding cups, Jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy Treats, Goldfish|

Donations will be collected on through **November 29th.** You can drop off items anytime between these dates in the designated bins located in the Administrative Area. Thank you for helping us share love and support with the children at Fairview Elementary this holiday season!

"...Choose this day whon



.. As for me and my hous 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 wesleymemorial. org/wearewesley to learn more about what the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity.

SCAN to fill out forms online!



#### **Upcoming Pilgrimage to Italy**

Dr. Jeff Patterson and Educational Opportunities Tours are planning a Christian pilgrimage to Italy, Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2026. Cities visited include Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Vatican City, and Monte Cassino. For complete information and registration, contact Pastor Jeff. An informational meeting is planned for **Sunday, November 16th, 5:30 pm** in the Dining Hall.



#### Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The lighting of the tree will be held on Friday, **December 5th at 6 p.m.** in the Circle Parking Lot. Join us as we gather around the Christmas tree with family and friends, singing Christmas carols, and celebrating the joy of the season.

#### Poinsettia Delivery for REACH Members

Please help Congregational Care share Christmas love with our REACH members. We will be distributing poinsettias for delivery on **Friday, December 5th** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. after the tree lighting. Drive through the porte cochere at the side entrance to the narthex where we will load your car. You may request the number of poinsettias you wish to deliver along with specific neighborhoods or specific recipients. There are a few minor changes to delivery instructions in compliance with our Safe Church policies. These changes will be shared during pickup in the narthex. Share the joy of giving this Christmas season!

#### 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."

#### **Heart of the Triad Christmas Concert**

Wesley Memorial is delighted to host the Heart of the Triad Choral Society for their 2025 Christmas Concert, "Merry and Bright!" HTCS is a non-profit community choir made up of singers from across the Piedmont Triad.

Performances will be held on **Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m.** and **Saturday, December 13, at 3 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We're especially excited that our own Wesley Memorial children have been invited to take part! Come and celebrate the season with this joyful and festive choral event.

#### We want to Honor the birth of your Baby!

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our savior, we want to honor all the births within our congregation since November 2024 If you are a member and have received a new baby into your family (child or grandchild) since last November of 2024, please send



your baby's full name, date of birth, parent/grandparent information, and a good quality picture to Isabel at icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org **Monday**, **December 1st** to be featured in our **December 7th** bulletin.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **Looking Ahead**

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

- 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.
- Community Impact Serving Day March 14, 2026
- The School of Methodism will be March 20-21, 2026