

# HEARTSONGS

of Wesley Memorial Church

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WESLEY MEMORIAL



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## Regular Sunday Worship Times

### **7:30 am - Traditional Worship**

TV Fox 8

### **8:30 am - Traditional Worship**

In-person, Sanctuary

### **9:45 am - Contemporary Worship**

In-person, Fellowship Hall

Live Streamed Online

### **11:00 am - Traditional Worship**

In-person, Sanctuary

Live Streamed Online

### **5:00 pm - Traditional Worship**

*(rebroadcast of 7:30 am service)*

[Facebook.com/wesleymemhp](https://www.facebook.com/wesleymemhp)

## Prayer Time w/Pastor Melissa

### **9:00 am Tuesdays & Thursdays**

[Facebook.com/wesleymemhp](https://www.facebook.com/wesleymemhp)

## Bible Study w/Pastor Jeff

### **1:30–2:00 pm Wednesdays** *(as of 5/26)*

In-person, Dining Hall

*(Will also be shared via podcast)*

## Wednesday Vespers

### **6:00 pm**

In-person, Chapel *(as of 6/1)*

# From Our Senior Pastor

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## The Times are Changing

Church Family,

We have been through a challenging, confusing time together. We are not finished completely with the Pandemic yet and some residual effects of this historic event will be with us for years, but we are getting much closer to our new normal. It is with a sense of relief, weariness, gratitude, and grief that we continue our progress out of the pandemic. While we are glad that the worst of the Pandemic is passing, I cannot help but be mindful of some very dear people that are no longer with us to experience this new season. Some very special people are watching us from heaven as we make our way to a new normal.

Each Sunday, we are seeing more and more people return to worship. Many of us will never again take for granted the gift of communal worship. While I am very grateful for our internet and television congregations, nothing can take the place of in-person worship.

Holy Week worship was especially powerful this year. Dedicating our new Contemporary Worship space was exciting. Easter was about resurrection in more ways than One this year. Sundays have an extra spirit of joy these days. As more and more people are vaccinated, people are feeling increasingly safe to return to worship. As followers of Christ, we were created for gathered worship. During the Pandemic, we

have been reminded that worshipping as a faith community is part of our spiritual DNA. Our souls are malnourished when we are unable to worship together. I hear every week from people who are experiencing the joy of returning to worship. The eyes above the masks gleam just a little brighter on Sunday mornings. We need each other. We enjoy each other.

The Pandemic has changed us as a nation. The Pandemic has changed us as a church. We are a better church. On May 23, we will have 15 new members join our church family. That is a significant sign that we have done something right during the Pandemic. We hear from people throughout the Triad who are grateful for our internet and television ministries. Thanks to your faithfulness, your generosity, your flexibility, and many prayers, we have been a strong beacon of hope and comfort during these trying times.

With Confidence in Christ,

**Pastor Jeff**





# Evangelism

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Hello church family!

We have seen a growing influx of new guests each Sunday at Wesley Memorial. Some of them have cited seeing a newspaper article, a Facebook ad or attending a youth or children's event. Did you know the main reason people visit not just this church, but any church?

- It is not only because of our new audio-visual systems, as wonderful as they are.
- It is not only because of our fantastic children's ministry, as relevant as it is.
- It is not only because they have seen our worship services on television or live streamed from our Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, as innovative as they are.
- It is not only because of our growing student ministry, as vibrant as it is.

Over 80% of people attend a church as a first-time guest for one simple reason:

**A friend invited them.**

That is it. No magic formula, no flash or spin. The Church of Jesus Christ is comprised of people, or "living stones" as 1 Peter tells us. Relationships have always been the engine for not only church growth, but also for accountability, community, service, and even pastoral care.

I encourage you this summer to pray about someone (or various someones) that God

may want you to connect with and give a simple invitation. Pray for them and wait for the Spirit to provide an opportunity.

An authentic, loving, and humble invitation says to your neighbor, "My God is real, my church is growing, and my faith is relevant to my life."

This summer, we will embark on a sermon series entitled, "Creed: What the Church Believes & Why". This teaching series will provide an excellent opportunity to invite someone with serious questions regarding the Christian faith. Be on the lookout for invitation cards that will be in the Bridge Café and Narthex. Give one to a friend, neighbor, or even leave on a table as you leave a restaurant (and leave a generous tip!).

You never know: God could use you to change someone's life.

**Pastor Clark**



# Congregational Care & Missions

My heart is filled with gratitude for the love of God shared each and every day through YOU!



I celebrate over 90 individual pots of spring flowers, prepared by the *Congregational Care Team*, were delivered prior

to Easter in a COVID-19 safe way to members of our congregation that are homebound, experienced recent illness, or live in nursing and retirement homes. They were decorated with beautiful tissue butterflies, created with an intergenerational touch by our *Children's Ministry* and *Senior Adult Council*!

While COVID-19 has impacted us all in different ways, those who work in the medical field have given of themselves sacrificially on the front lines in fighting this disease. Our *Missions Team*, in conjunction with neighboring churches in our *District UMC Missional Network*, put together 500 gift bags to encourage our local employees of Wake Forrest Baptist Health High Point Medical Center.

Thank you for all the many ways that you shine the light of our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Christ,  
**Pastor Melissa**





# Wesley Memorial School

**“We made it!  
We developed new policies and procedures  
to keep all healthy and safe.  
And never, ever, lost our focus or passion for why we exist!”**

JoAnn Clifton, Director & Susan Kelley, Associate Director

## WMS Recipe For A Perfect School Year

### Ingredients:

- 25 Loving, caring, professional teachers.
- 9 Sweet, sweet little Babies.
- 13 Blossoming Toddlers.
- 18 Terrific Two Year Olds.
- 33 Tremendous Pre K Three year olds.
- 34 Precocious Pre K Four year olds.
- 14 Perfectly active and curious Kindergarteners.

### Directions:

Take all of these elements and put them together in a well-organized, well equipped fun environment. Add a tremendously supportive church family and administration. Love the children. Play with the children. Read to the children. Sing with the children. Ask them questions. Teach them how to take turns and follow rules. Teach them to cut. Teach them to create. Teach them to read, write, and think. Teach them about their world and yours. Teach them to be confident. Teach them to be independent. *Teach them that they are a child of God and that they are special to Him and you!*



**If we put love into every action, we invite God into every moment.**

# Children's Ministries

Every week with Wesley Memorial Kids is a week to celebrate. The sound of laughter echoes from Games and Gospel every Wednesday night. The sound of singing flows down the hallways on Sunday mornings as kids worship. Joy overflows when we think of the 29 kids who gathered for our first-ever Nerf Party. And we stand in awe to think of how Wesley Memorial Kids, and the adults who love them, have raised enough money to give 47 goats to families in need through World Vision.

These past few months, we have watched God kindle a passion for His Word in the older kids as they learn the books of the Bible and commit Bible verses to heart. We have seen God move in the younger kids as they learn how God made them and wants to use them to show His love. God's Word is powerful. Kids have a hunger to learn what God has to say to them.

Our culture and even many school curriculums teach kids that the earth and everything in it is an accident. Imagine the ramifications of thinking that all creation is accidental and meaningless. If nothing around us is purposeful, then what are people worth? Where do we point our children when they express their deepest longings--to be heard, known, loved, and valued?

The Bible shows us that God is the Creator, and people are the crown of His creation. Children are God's idea. They are here for a purpose and a reason. God creates out of an overflow of love. Rather than being an

accident, each child has a purpose. God knows them and hears them. God loves them, comforts them, and treasures them.

Children must hear this message from God's Word. They must learn it and internalize it at home and at church. They must sing it, pray it, and see it practiced in and through the family of God. We must tell our kids that God treasures them. It will be the most important message they ever hear.

Would you be a part of teaching our children that they are Treasured? I know you will find so much joy in it if you will be a part of our Treasured Vacation Bible School team this July 19-23.

You have gifts. God gave you those purposeful gifts! We have a role in VBS for you. Contact me today!

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# Student Ministries



High School Leaders At Our  
Middle School Lock-In



Midweek Motivation Middle School Fun



Prayer, Pong & Song Fun



Seniors at our "Edge of Adventure" Dinner



Adeline Glory Nelson  
4.28.2021



Middle School  
Man Trip Fun



I know a dear friend in another church who inspires me.

Her name is Dot.

She is now in her nineties and has been a part of her church for over 80 years.

Through the years she has served in a multitude of ways. As her children came and grew she served in the children and youth support ministries. Her Sunday School class has been a rich source of community and care now for seven decades.

Even as she laments that she cannot do what she used to do she is making phone calls to connect and check on her church family and sends cards of encouragement.

Her hands have joined the compassionate hands of others as she prepared meals for the bereaved, the celebrating and lonely numbering in the thousands.

Why did and does Miss Dot (as I call her) do those things?

Simply because she believes Jesus claims us as his family and in her words "family looks after family".

What a heart.

What a ministry.

What an example of Christ within and through her life.

We have folks like Dot right here at Wesley Memorial. I have seen the care you have for one another. You have faithfully supported ministries especially in this

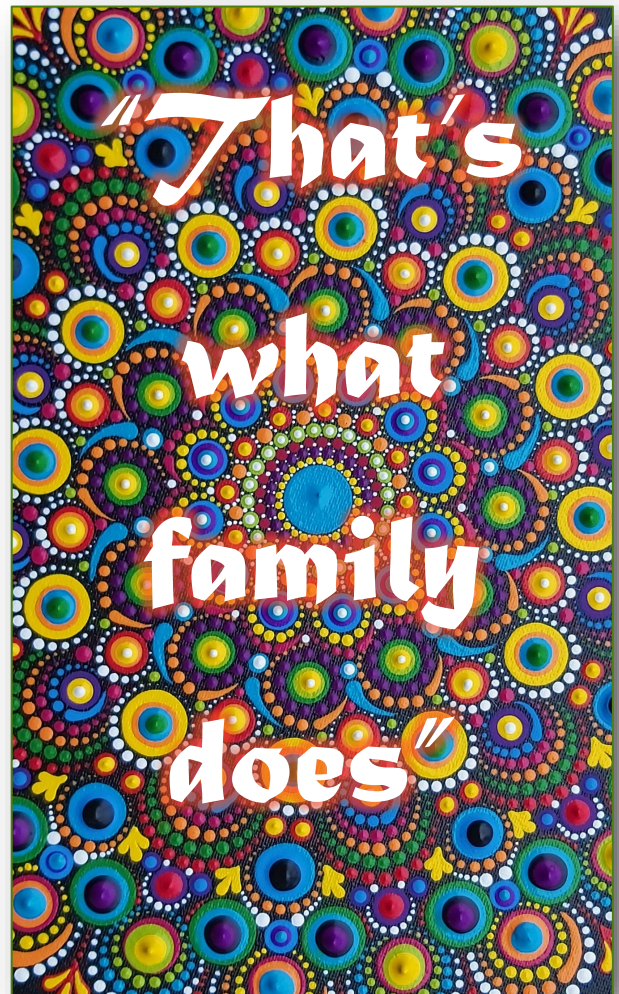
Covid season that did not directly benefit you because "that's what family does". You have committed yourself to pray for our nation, our community, and our church to find a faithful God honoring path amid strident and confusing voices.

Most of all, you have said by your willing spirits that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and on that truth we will be his church and build the future with him.

Thank you for who and whose you are!

Blessings,

**Pastor Ken**



# Memorials & Honorariums

## We Remember Our Loved Ones

*Gifts received in February and March*

### In Memory of:

**Pat and Bill Anderson:** Tammy Locklear Wright

**Warren "Bill" Goodson Anderson:** Beverly & Kurt Koontz, Patricia Nash, Molly Spurgeon

**Edwin "Ed" L. Auman:** Lynne & Ralph Atkinson, Bonnie, Audie and Robert Cashion, Elizabeth & Richard Howle, Mike & Christine Jackson, Beverly & Kurt Koontz, Marion County School Dist., George & Patty McLarty, John Peeler, Phyllis & Fred Picklesimer, Rev. Amy Rio, Mary Wesson, Mike & Royale Wiggin

**Jean Ayers (mother of Mark Ayers):** Lucille Duncan

**Jerry Lovelace Bain:** Bonnie, Audie and Robert Cashion

**Gene Bohi:** Mary Ann Bohi

**Lee Chandler Carter (father of Cathy Weaver):** WMUMC Congregational Care Committee

**Diane Comer (mother of Melissa Wood):** Patricia Nash

**Barbara Lowe Crowder:** Judy & Byron Hill and Jeremy & Christie Hill

**Janice Crowder:** Crowell Little, Bill & Caroline McGuinn, Linda & John McKinney

**Roy & Dot Culler:** Bonnie, Audie and Robert Cashion

**Albert "Al" Fritzsche (father of Debbie Shane):** Gaston Penry, Vivian Penry

**Betsy Hardin Utley Hoak (mother of Bill Utley & Dru Herndon):** Bill & Caroline McGuinn, Ray & Liz Rogers, Steve & Jeanne Spillers

**Tommy C. Langley, III (son of Tommy Langley):** Ken Geddie, Jim & Karen Gooding, Bobby & Debbie Irvin, Beverly & Kurt Koontz

**Harold Martin:** Mr. & Mrs. Jack Coleman

**Mr. & Mrs. William Mewborne:** Bonnie, Audie and Robert Cashion

**Malcolm "Skip" Nash:** Fredericka & Robert Davis, Herb & Lindsay Goins, Page Hauck, Ladd & Maxine Hudgins, Beverly & Kurt Koontz, Bob & Kathy Niebauer, Dwight & Carolyn Steed, Jerry & Kay Tucker, Jim & Williamson

**Katherine C. "Kay" Pitts:** John Peeler

**Betty Anne Robinson Quinn (sister of Jane Duncan):** Sally Story

**Nancy Shaw:** Howard & Sally Altizer, Martha & Edwin Bass, Sion Bell & Debbie Mellinger, Mr. & Mrs. David Breece, Cy & Joni Brooks, Century Study Club, Ned & Katherine Covington, Fredericka & Robert Davis, Scott & Lora Dunbar, Lucille Duncan, Shirley Duncan, Linda Farrar, Candy & Bill Fenn, Libby Fisher, Joe Gamble, Gilbert & Marita Gates, Bonnie & David Horney, John & Kerri Hurley, Dolly Jennings, Harold & Suzy Johnson, Nan & Buck Kester, Rebecca Koonts, Beverly & Kurt Koontz, Mr. & Mrs. C. Barton Lassiter, Wade & Lois Markham, Bob & Judy Marsh, Ken & Jane McAllister, Bill & Caroline McGuinn, George & Patty McLarty, Mary-Lynn & Dudley Moore, Patricia Nash, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Niebauer, Charles & Sandy Odom, John Peeler, Vivian Penry, Gaston Penry, Julie & Dickie Price, Ray & Liz Rogers, Bee Rule, Amelia Schute, Jeanne & Steve Spillers, Susan Sumpter, Matt & Emily Thiel, Marcia Williams, Gloria M. Wilson, Lynn & Jeff Young and Family

**Genevieve Thornton Sorrell (mother of Gennie Kirby):** Lucille Duncan

**Sandra Steadman:** Judy & Corky Hustrulid, Beverly & Kurt Koontz

**Dwight B. Story:** Robin Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barrett, Martha Kivett Bristow, John, Amy, Laura & Carol Burns, Ned & Katherine Covington, Howard & Ruby Cross, Hunter Dalton, Davidson County High School Social Club, Anne Davis, Fredericka & Robert Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Deaton, Lucille Duncan, Delores & Don Elkins, Betty Hayes, Gregory Hedrick, Nan & Buck Kester, Phyllis & Tasha Lee, Ann Levina, Theresa Matthews, Ken & Jane McAllister, Patricia Nash, NC Retired Teachers Association, John Peeler, Betty Pennington, Vivian Penry, Gaston Penry, Phyllis Pugh, Spencer Storie, Martha & Mark Sumner, Charles & Vanessa Surles, Charlie & Patsy Surles, Jerry & Kay Tucker, Bootsy Tucker, Glenn & Sue Wall, Marcia Williams

**Steve Sugg (father of Steadman Sugg):** Lucille Duncan

**Wilma Wooten:** Joe & Judy Needham, Dwight & Carolyn Steed

### In Honor of:

**Melissa Lowe:** Patricia Nash

**Chris Massey:** Patricia Nash

**Sandra McNeil:** Jackie Shackelford

**Bonnie Odom:** Bonnie Beasley

**Barry Osborne:** John & Kathy McKenzie

**Jeff Patterson:** Patricia Nash, Jackie Shackelford

**Frank Pifferetti:** Patricia Nash

**Carolyn Steed:** Patricia Nash



## Email

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- Join Our Email List
- Enter “Your email address:”
- Check appropriate box(es)
  - ☐ HeartSongs (Quarterly Publication)
  - ☐ Prayer List
  - ☐ Wesley Weekly (Weekly Newsletter, Thursdays 4:00)

## Text the word(s) below to 94000

- **DETAILS** to learn more about Wesley Memorial UMC
- **WMCHURCH** to receive periodic text messages from Wesley Memorial UMC
- **WMkids** to receive reminders, announcements, and encouragement from our Director of Children’s Ministries.

**Submit A Prayer Request**  
(speak with a pastor)  
[www.wesleymemorial.org/pray](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/pray)

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## TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY

### Televised Service

Beginning in January of this year we began filming and recording our televised service with our own equipment. Last year, filming and recording was provided by an outsourced Greensboro company. The televised service is our "most viewed, most attended" service of all services offered whether in-person or live-streamed. Currently this ministry is not included in the operating budget. If you would like to make a contribution to the televised ministry please write: televised ministry on your check - thank you!



### A Recent Emailed Inquiry

Dear Frank,

What can you tell me about the large candle in the chancel?

The large decorative candle is called a Paschal Candle. The candle is lit for the Easter Vigil and is carried in procession through the church, reminding the people of the light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of the tomb. Therefore, the Paschal Candle is a symbol of Christ rising from the dead. It is also lit for baptisms and funerals. Our Paschal Candle and stand was given by Jackie Gillespie in memory of her husband, John.



### Crab Dip by Pat Grayson

*From the 2020 Chancel Choir  
Pandemic Cookbook*

- 1lb. Crabmeat
- 2 8-ounce cream cheese
- 4 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp Worcestershire
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 2 Tbsp. Milk



1. Combine - put shredded cheese on top.
2. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-40 minutes.

### Sanctuary Sound/Acoustician

In 2018 the church secured Kirkegaard Associates to complete a study of our sanctuary's acoustics. Joseph Myers and Bridget Benge visited the church in the Fall of 2018, listened to amplified sound and natural sound in the church, including organ music, choral singing, congregational singing and speech, both in the empty church and at an 11:00am service. In January of 2019 they submitted a 38 page report of their findings.

Recently, a group has been meeting with our trustees to consider steps in completing the next phase of the project. Don Shaw is the Trustee chairperson for this project.

