

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

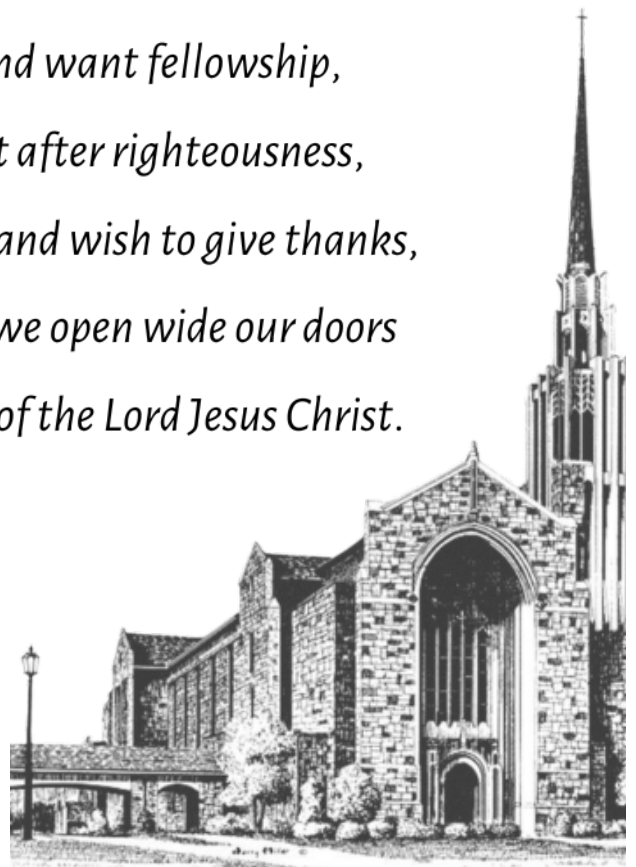
## WELCOME

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 28TH, 2025**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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

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## 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 merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen..**

† HYMN No. 37

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      NETTLETON  
*Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach  
me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the  
mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by  
Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a  
stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy  
goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander,  
Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and  
seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

## 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 SURGERY:

Emily Crouch  
Quentin Scholtz

## 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.



## SOLO

*Because I Have Been Given Much*

Landgrave, arr. Petersen

*Because I have been given much, I too must give; because of thy great bounty Lord, each day I live. I shall divide my gifts from thee with every brother that I see who has the need of help from me.*

*Because I have been sheltered, fed by thy good care; I cannot see another's lack and I not share my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shelter overhead that he too may be comforted.*

*Because I have been blessed by thy great love dear Lord; I'll share thy love again according to thy word. I shall give love to those in need, I'll show that love by word and deed; thus shall my thanks be thanks in deed.*

## 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

Luke 14:7-11 (Pg.873)

## SERMON

*"Practicing Humility"*

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.**

*(The Altar is open for prayer.)*

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† HYMN NO. 454

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service      BEACH SPRING  
Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human  
need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we,  
Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift that You impart.*

*Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still  
the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O  
Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the  
love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light in its  
height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service, forth in Your dear name we go, to the  
child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health,  
good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that Your  
servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

† 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 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

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.

SERVICE NOTES: Texts of  
the Call to Worship, Old  
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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.

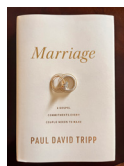
## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, September 29</b> 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Ball & Bible Girl Scout Daisy Troop Cub Scouts Boy Scouts AA Meeting	Media Center Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Dining Hall Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, September 30</b> 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal GriefShare	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203
<b>WEDNESDAY, October 1</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Night Supper (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel Single & Parenting GriefShare Financial Peace University Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12) Disciple Bible Study WOW Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Men's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D212 Children's Ministry Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D203 Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Circle View Room Student Soul Cafe Media Center Conference Room 3 Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, October 2</b> 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Stained Glass Tour Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal C.S. Lewis Society of the Triad AA Meeting AlAnon	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall River Landing Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, October 5</b> 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. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 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 Small Groups/All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Blessed Beginnings Blessing of the Animals	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Circle View Room Fellowship Hall



### 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 Abigail at [afelton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:afelton@wesleymemorial.org).



### 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 Oct. 1 is baked pasta, roasted zucchini, green beans and garlic bread sticks. The dessert will be sherbet. All dinners come with salad bar and bread.

### 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*

### 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. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

If you have an infant that needs care, please contact Ann Marie at [achilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:achilton@wesleymemorial.org).

### 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 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.

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://wesleymemorial.org) or contact the church office at 336.884.2204.

### Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ grows in all practices—including generosity. Will you take your next step in spiritual generosity? Scan the QR code or visit [www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley).



# Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 5, 2025

4:00 PM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

If your pet does not play well with others, you may use a carrier or bring a picture of your pet. If your animal companion has passed away, feel free to bring a photo or just bring them in your heart.



## 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: Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Dec. 7.

RSVP by scanning the QR code.



*Blessed Beginnings*

A UNITY GROUP FOR  
EXPECTING, NEW & PRESCHOOL MOMS



## Carolina Christmas Bazaar – General Store Donations

The trailer is here and ready to receive your donations... in fact, it's half full!



Clean out the closets, attic and garage. We welcome your gently used toys, holiday decor, accessories, sports equipment, lamps and more. No clothing, large furniture or electronics.

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!

## 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.

## Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting

Interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. 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.

## Calling All Drivers: Support Our Veterans Ministry

Our Veterans Ministry is in need of dedicated bus drivers to help transport veterans to and from events and activities. If you have a valid driver’s license, can pass a background check, and have a passion for serving veterans, we’d love to hear from you. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Richard Nifong.

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The number of Wesley Memorial ministries and local agencies that benefitted from the 2024 bazaar proceeds.

Wesley Women distributed \$16,000 to these deserving groups. Please support the Carolina Christmas Bazaar by donating household items and

baked goods, volunteering or attending on Saturday, November 15, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## PRICES

/Person

- \$455 Triple room
- \$469 Double room
- \$575 Single room

3 Days and 2 Nights Oceanfront  
December 1st-3rd  
(Depart Mon - Return Weds)

**Senior Adult**

Exclusively for our  
SENIOR ADULTS 60+ yrs

**MYRTLE BEACH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!**

This trip is exclusive for our Wesley Memorial Seniors and their invited guests. 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 Queen - 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

RSVP TO FRONT DESK NOW! CALL (336) 884-2204

\$100 DEPOSIT DUE BY AUGUST 31 | 2ND DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE SEPT 14

FULL BALANCE DUE OCT 15

## 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](mailto:info@wesleymemorial.org) or email [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto: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