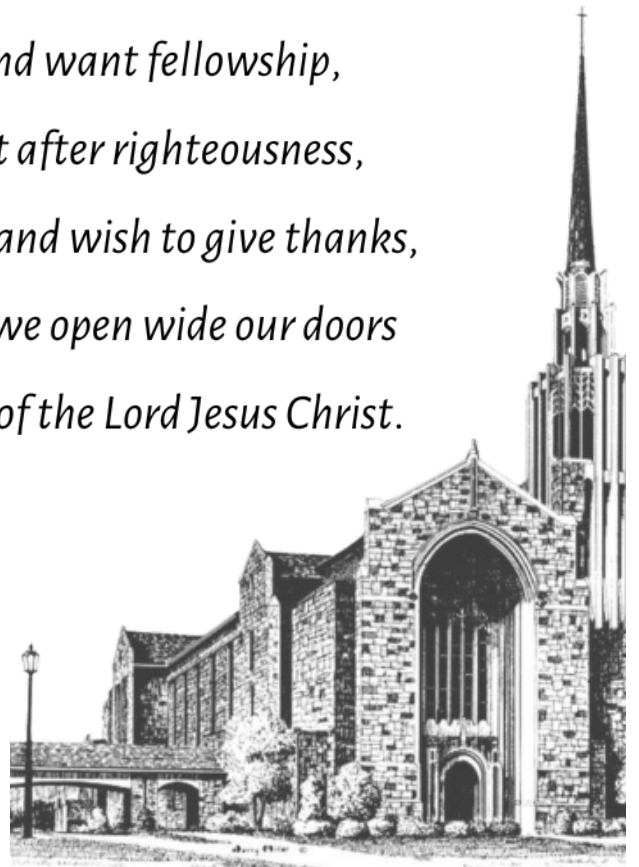


WESLEY MEMORIAL

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.



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.

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23rd, 2025

Chapel

8:30 am

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.

INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord

S. S. Wesley

Lead me Lord in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

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.

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 121

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love; leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore! How He loveth, ever loveth changeth never, nevermore; how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own; how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best; 'tis an ocean vast of blessings, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me, and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping 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. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

SYMPATHY TO OTIS CHILTON ON THE PASSING OF HIS SISTER, JUDY CHILTON MELTON, ON 3/15.

SYMPATHY TO ADAM VELTRE ON THE PASSING OF HIS MOTHER, DARLENE GREEN VELTRE, ON 3/19.

RECENT SURGERY:
Mary Drummond

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.



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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

MEDITATION MOMENT

Upon the Willows

Boddie, arr. Barnwell

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Adoration

Florence Price

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

TESTIMONY

Pastor Herve Mpezamihigo

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a (Pg.959)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Relationships”

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

† HYMN NO. 91

Here Is Love

CYMRAEG

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above; heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all Your love accepting, love You, ever all my days; let me seek your kingdom only, and my life be to Your praise. You alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see; You have cleansed and sanctified me, You Yourself have set me free.

In Your truth You still direct me by Your Spirit through Your Word; and Your grace my need is meeting; as I trust in You, my Lord. Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love and pow'r on me, without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation

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

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist

Ms. Alex Johnston, cello

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

Ms. Mora Wolff, organist

JOIN OUR
MEMBERSHIP

APRIL
13th



Are you considering making Wesley Memorial your home church? We invite you to join with others on April 13th! Connect with one of our five pastors on staff after service or call our Pastoral Ministry Manager at 336-812-4808 with any questions. Let us help you get plugged in, so you can be a part of what God is doing here at Wesley Memorial!

Frequently Asked Questions:

• **Do I need to take a class before I join?**

No! If you are a baptized member of another congregation, you may join by transfer. Otherwise, you may join by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

• **Can I take a class before I join?**

Yes! Although we don't require you to take the 2-part Welcome to Wesley class, we highly recommend it as it is an introduction to what Wesley Memorial stands for and what we believe. The next class will be available on October 12th & 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phones' camera and follow the provided link)!

Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Nursery childcare is available (infants - 2 years old) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need assistance in locating the nursery, one of our ushers will be glad to assist you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 24 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for all ages) Lent Small Group (for all ages) Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Media Center Adult Wing D201 Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, March 25 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D201
WEDNESDAY, March 26 7:20 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.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. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Fairview School Reading Day Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for ages 40+) Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6th - 12th) W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Disciple II Lent Small Group (for ages 60+) Lent Small Group (for couples with school-aged children) Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Fairview Elementary Dining Hall Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D208 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Susanna Wesley Class Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, March 27 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Reaching Rwanda: Hear from Pastor Herve AA Meeting AlAnon	Circle View Room Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, March 29 8:00 a.m.	Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, March 30 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Welcome to Wesley: New Member Meeting Children's Church Lent Small Group (for all ages)	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing D201

Fairview Reading Day – Volunteers Needed!

Fairview Elementary is hosting a special Reading Day on Wednesday, March 26, from 9:00–10:00 AM, and they need volunteers to read to individual classrooms. Books will be provided by the classroom teachers. The school is seeking a total of 26 volunteers, and Wesley Memorial has been asked to provide 5–6 volunteers to support this effort. If you are available to help inspire young readers, please contact Mary Drummond at 336.255.4009 or Lisa Cheek at 336.848.5050.

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 March 26th is enchilada casserole with Mexican fiesta rice, guacamole, salsa, and tortilla chips.

Reaching Rwanda

Come and hear from Pastor Herve about Rwanda and how you can be involved in sharing God's love and expanding God's kingdom!

Thursday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Circle View Room (directly above the front reception desk).



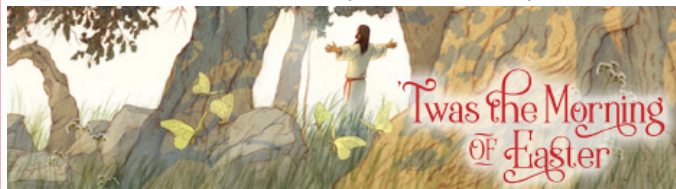
Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team is now splitting our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center.

Next Sunday, April 6th, donations will go to Macedonia Family Resource Center. Bins will be placed outside all three services.

Please consider bringing items as you feel led, knowing helps provide for neighbors in need—thank you!

Experience the Easter Story in a New Way



Step into the Children's Ministry Hall and journey through the Easter Story in a unique and meaningful way. One classroom has been transformed into a quiet space where people of all ages are welcome to walk through and reflect on this powerful story. Beautifully enlarged pictures bring each moment to life, guiding you through the events of Holy Week. As you enter, simply press play on the audio player. Come, listen, & experience the story of Easter in a way that speaks to your heart. Come by whenever you are at the church.


Easter Flower Delivery


Celebrate Easter by delivering flowers to REACH members of our congregation, including those who are homebound. Join the Congregational Care Team on Friday, April 11th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Drive through the porte cochere at the narthex side entrance to pick up flowers for delivery. Help us share Easter joy with our church family!

JOIN US FOR A MORNING WITH

Dr. Gerald McDermott



 Saturday, April 12th

 Location: Sanctuary


 Lecture: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM


Dr. Gerald McDermott, renowned theologian, author, and speaker, will be joining us for a special morning of insight and discussion. This event will include **two powerful lectures** exploring the **rich meanings of Baptism and Holy Communion**—two of the greatest gifts to the Christian community. He has authored, co-authored, or edited 25 books and is recognized as a leading authority on Jonathan Edwards, Christian understandings of other religions, Anglicanism, and the significance of Israel in redemption history. His latest book, *A New History of Redemption: The Work of the Jewish Messiah Through the Millennia* (2024), explores the story of salvation with Israel at its center.


Why Attend?

- Deepen your understanding of Baptism and Holy Communion
- Gain fresh theological insights from a globally respected scholar
- Explore the deep connections between Christianity and its Jewish roots
- Engage in meaningful discussion in a welcoming setting

Additional Highlights!

 Dr. McDermott's books will be available for purchase

 Following the event, Tucker Mitchell will lead Stained Glass Tours in the Sanctuary

 No cost for the lectures, but registration is encouraged.

 To register, contact the front desk.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the most respected voices in Christian theology today.

Easter Memorials

Our worship spaces will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. To place an order in remembrance or celebration of a loved one, kindly reach out to Isabel at 336-812-4808 or icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org before April 11. Each lily is priced at \$26. In lieu of flowers, contributions can also be made to the Lenten Offering in honor or memory of a loved one.

WESLEY MEMORIAL KIDS PRESENTS

EPIC EASTER 2025!

3PM. SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
IN THE GYM

AN EXCITING & INTERACTIVE SHOW
PLUS OUTDOOR EGG HUNT!

REGISTER AT
WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/EASTER

FAMILIES WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!



Signs and Wonders: How the Holy Spirit Grows the Church

In this six-week study, you will take a look at how to more effectively share your faith in Christ. In addition to learning more about the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of evangelism, we will also explore individual spiritual gifts and how your gifts can be used to grow the body of Christ. Starts Wednesday April 23rd. Led by Rev. Clark Chilton. Location: Brand X classroom. Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm. Book provided (\$15). Register at wesleymemorial.org/wonders or call the front office at 336-884-2204.

Contemporary Worship Time Change

Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 20, our Contemporary Worship service will move to 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:45 a.m. This new time will remain in place going forward. Additionally, Children's Sunday School will also begin at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to worshipping with you at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the risen Christ together!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the pivotal moments of Jesus Christ's last week, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, shaping both history and the Christian faith. Through the Sacred Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—we immerse ourselves in His journey, pausing to remember His sacrifice, meditate on His teachings, and renew our commitment as His disciples today. Through worship and contemplation, we allow the events of Holy Week to shape our lives and bear witness to Christ's transformative power. Below is a preview of the Holy Week calendar.

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
3:00 p.m. EPIC Easter Event 2025 (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel
Holy Communion and Anointing of Oil

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper

Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)
Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Columbarium
7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Adorn our crosses for Easter Sunday

Help our crosses bloom on Easter Sunday! Bring flowers (purchased or from your garden) to adorn the crosses outside the Sanctuary and Bridge Cafe entrance starting Saturday, April 19, 2025.

On Easter Sunday, enjoy a free digital image and 4x6 photo print from a professional photographer. Photos will be taken by the flower crosses outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Below is a list of organizations who benefited from Wesley Memorial. This is truly an example of the great heart and generosity of our Wesley Memorial family. Even more amazing and humbling is that those dollars were utilized to serve, heal, encourage, educate and bless thousands in Jesus' name. This is what we do. This is who we are. We are God's Church, we are Wesley!

2024 MISSIONS GRANTS DISTRIBUTED BY WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH	
ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Community Clinic of HP (Medications)	\$7,000.00
Rise Against Hunger	\$14,500.00
Macedonia FRC (Dance Elite team)	\$2,000.00
Macedonia FRC (Baseball Uniforms)	\$5,000.00
Wesley Memorial School Rainbow Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Fairview Teacher Appreciation Meals	\$1,136.07
Fairview Thanksgiving Meal Cards	\$1,400.00
Homeless Care Kits (Easter offering)	\$7,601.37
Open Door Ministries (Easter offering)	\$7,601.37
Partners Ending Homelessness (Easter offering)	\$7,601.37
West End Ministries, Leslie's House (Easter offering)	\$7,601.37
Good Samaritan Clinic Dominican Republic (Child Nutrition)	\$1,500.00
HP MLK Breakfast	\$1,000.00
Sr Resources of Guilford (Mobile Meals)	\$5,000.00
World Relief Triad	\$3,300.00
Commander Peace Academy	\$3,000.00
Commander Peace Academy (Back to school dinner)	\$207.69
Commander Peace Academy (Game room)	\$4,000.00
Wheels 4 Hope (Car blessed during the Cruise-in)	\$3,000.00
Cover the City (blankets)	\$1,500.00
Hinton Resource Center (home repair)	\$5,000.00
HorsePower (Horse name Cassie)	\$5,028.00
Greater High Point Food Alliance	\$2,500.00
Steve Shamblin Ministries	\$2,500.00
Children's Law Center	\$5,000.00
Victory Junction	\$5,000.00
YWCA baby closet	\$5,000.00
Homeless Care Kits for Hurricane Relief	\$2,302.96
Samaritan's Purse designated Hurricane Relief	\$18,000.00
UMCOR designated Hurricane Relief	\$4,000.00
Weaverville UMC (Initial Response with basic items)	\$9,000.00
Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Eve offering)	\$10,000.00
Camp Linn Haven (Christmas Eve offering)	\$10,000.00
Total Gifts distributed for the year 2024 from Wesley Memorial	\$172,280.20

Mission Team Update: Disaster Relief for Hurricane Helene

Samaritan's Purse	\$32,000
Samaritan's Purse (continue to give \$4,000 per month)	\$12,000 over the next 3 months
UMCOR	\$4,000
Camp Linn Haven	\$10,000
Weaverville UMC (initial response 10/2024)	\$9,000
Propane for people effected by the hurricane 3 Nails Hardware \$6,000 Blue Ridge Propane \$4,000	\$10,000
Propane for the next 2 months	\$8,000 over the next 2 months
Homeless Care Kits	\$2,303
Help in Restoring a first responder's home	\$4,000
Total amount distributed	\$91,303.00

The members of Wesley Memorial have contributed an incredible \$93,000.00 to support our neighbors in the mountains of North Carolina! This number reflects monies collected from October 1st, 2024, through March 1, 2025. Your kindness and generosity are making a real difference, and we are committed to continuing this mission as long as our resources allow. Please know that your mission team is keeping its finger on the pulse of the needs in Western North Carolina. Ken Gullledge and Joe Lorber are in communication with our contacts multiple times a week in determining how we can support our neighbors. The most pressing need now is counseling for mental health. How would you feel if you lost everything or almost everything? You survived the Hurricane, but your home, property and the lives of neighbors and friends did not. You still have monthly payments on these items, but they were either damaged or destroyed. Samaritan's purse is coming in and helping rebuild or repair 500 traditional homes and 500 mobile homes. This is why we are continuing to support Sanitarian's Purse. We have also provided heating fuel for people for the past several months and will continue through May. We're also excited to partner with Seaboard Lion's club for a hands-on mission event over the Easter weekend in Newland and this event is open to everyone. Please continue to pray for these people for they are just like us in their desire to help themselves, but they need a helping hand. As someone from Samaritan's Purse recently shared, "The quality of our work is the platform of our witness." Their mission is simple but powerful: "Ordinary people doing extraordinary things inspired by an awesome God." We at Wesley Memorial are doing just that! With your continued support, we can bring comfort and hope to these children of God through our financial, spiritual and personal support.

With gratitude,

Your Mission and Community
Impact team

Team Chair – Charles Surles

VISIT
OUR WEBSITE



If you would like to get involved or would like to stay tuned with what the Mission and Community Impact Team is actively contributing, scan the QR code to visit our website at www.mywesleymissions.com

Sermon Growth Notes

Date _____

Title _____

Speaker _____

Key Scriptures _____

Notes _____

