

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

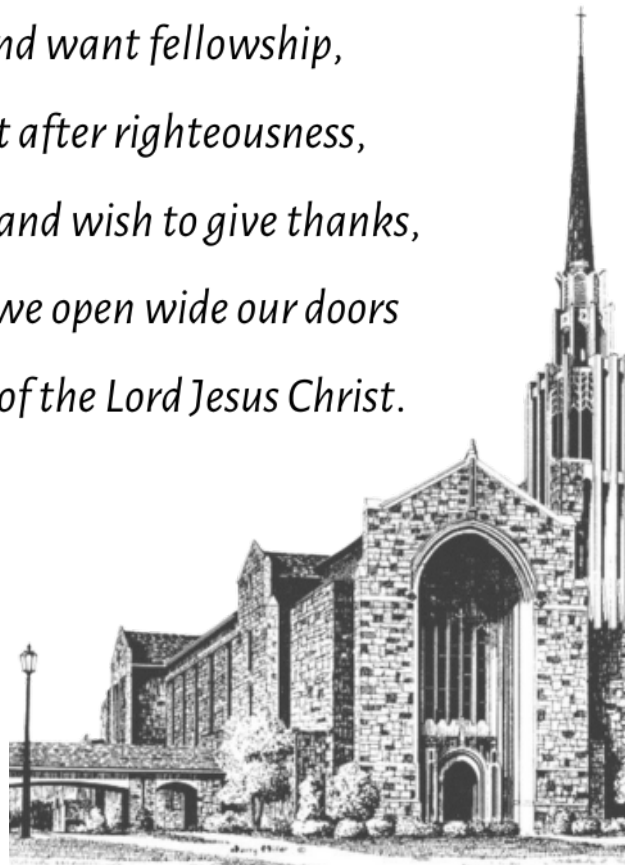
WELCOME

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 21ST, 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00



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

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Handel/arr. Heim

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

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

† 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 Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who 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, 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, 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, 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.

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.

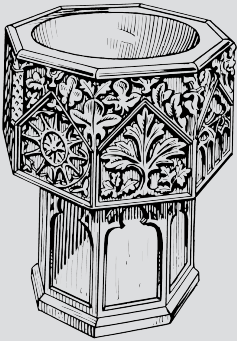
CARING CARDS

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

Sympathy to Lisa Cheek on the passing of her father, James "Jim" A. Brothers, on 9/16.

Sympathy to the family of Mary Grace Megginson who passed away on 9/11.

WE REJOICE IN THE
BAPTISM of Ridge
Clark Lassiter, Son of
Sydney Stroud Lassiter
& Kristopher Clark
Lassiter. Grandson
of Dr. Robert Eugene
Stroud Jr & Sherrie
Lowe Stroud of High
Point, NC and
Ronald Clark Lassiter
& Barbara Organ of
Kernersville, NC



ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ridge Clark Lassiter

After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:

Will you who witness these vows encourage Ridge in the faith and do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ? **We will.**

After the baptism, the pastor addresses the congregation:

Let us welcome Ridge as our newly baptized member of Christ's church.

We welcome you and receive you into the fellowship of the church. We promise to surround you in a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ, so that you may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people, to the glory of his name. Amen.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(children proceed to the front for a blessing and then exit through the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Mark Patterson

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, but give me Jesus.

† 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

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Pg.991)

SERMON

"A Peaceful and Quiet Life"

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.

*universal

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† HYMN NO. 406 (1, 4 & 5)

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

GIFT OF LOVE

Lord, make us servants of Your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

May we not look for love's return, but to seek love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiv'n.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of Your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

† BENEDICTION

† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

C.O. Beck

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

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.



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.

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. Bob Carter, soprano saxophone
Ms. Faith Woodberry-Crisp, soprano soloist
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts
Mr. Chris Ward, Organist
Mr. Nathan Peters, acolyte
Miss Lacy Forshee, acolyte
Mr. Boone Chilton, crucifer
Miss Laila Tobin, Bible
Mr. Warren Lackey, usher
Mr. J.J. Smith, usher
Mr. Kevin von der Lippe, usher
Mr. Wayne Woodell, usher
Mr. John Kennett, usher
Mr. Jim Maines, usher

A Time of Fasting and Prayer: Sept 24-Nov 2

Declare a fast, call a sacred assembly! (Joel 1:14)

Jesus Christ spoke about fasting saying "when you fast" (Mt. 6:16), not "if you fast." He assumed that his followers would fast.

Our pastors invite you to join them in a 40-day period of fasting and prayer (Sept 24-Covenant Renewal Sunday, Nov 2) to seek a deeper level of consecration to the Lord's work. The hope is that everyone will observe an individual practice of fasting and prayer. During the 40 days, incorporate a rhythm of fasting that suits you. It doesn't have to be a complete fast from all food for 40 days (though that is common in parts of the Christian community today). Choose certain days, certain meals, to abstain from food to spend time in prayer during these 40 days.

While everyone needs to tailor a fast to their own medical condition, there is a variety of fasting practices in the Bible that can suit anyone's situation. Obviously, the practice of fasting can be incorporated in our lives in a variety of ways:

- Judges 20:26 references a 1-day fast.
- Esther 4:16 speaks of a 3-day fast.
- After his Damascus Road experience, Paul observed a 3-day fast (Acts 9:9).
- In 1 Samuel 31:13, we read about a 7-day fast.
- In Daniel 1:12, we read how he fasted for 10 days. During the fast, Daniel ate only vegetables and water.
- In Acts 27:33-34, Paul and the men aboard the ship fasted for 14 days.
- In Daniel 10:3, we discover what has come to be called a "Daniel Fast." This was a fast from rich food and included a simple diet of fruit, vegetables, nuts, and water.
- There is also the Wesley Fast. Early in Wesley's ministry, he advocated fasting on both Wednesdays and Fridays. He would not consecrate anyone to the Methodist ministry who was unwilling to fast on these 2 days each week. This practice was based on early Christian history (*The Didache*). But as time passed, Wesley fasted mostly from sundown on Thursday until 3 pm on Fridays which was the Anglican norm.

Obviously both the Bible and Christian tradition endorse a variety of ways to fast. Everyone can pursue this spiritual discipline in a way that suits their health and condition in life. Take your next step in observing the spiritual discipline of fasting. It is always wise to consult your doctor before tailoring a personal practice of fasting.

Pay attention to our social media during the 40-day fast. Both Pastor Jeff and Pastor Clark will be posting, teaching, and encouraging to guide you during this time.



WE ARE SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL

"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." Psalm 71:18

MISSION & IMPACT

The Senior Adult Ministry at Wesley impacts both participants and the wider community by creating opportunities for connection, encouragement, and service. Through the annual "Golden Gifts for the Golden Years" luncheon in June and the "Celebrating Christmas" luncheon in December, seniors gather for fellowship in a joyful and welcoming setting, free of cost. Monthly social outings to local places of interest keep participants engaged, active, and connected to one another, while the "Aging Well" Learning Series provides valuable information and resources for navigating life with wisdom and confidence. The "Autumn Lights" Service of Wholeness and Healing offers spiritual support and compassion to families on the Alzheimer's journey, extending hope through prayer, storytelling, and raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's and dementia research. In addition, Golden Helping Hands gives seniors meaningful opportunities to serve—whether by helping with office needs at church or delivering treat bags to homebound members—sharing Christ's love in simple yet powerful ways. Together, these ministries nurture the hearts of our senior adults while shining a light of care and compassion into the wider community.

GENEROSITY & GIVING



Gifts and offerings designated for Senior Adults make a direct impact by funding bus transportation for monthly outings, meals and programs for our twice-yearly luncheons, outreach treat bags for homebound members, professional speakers for the Aging Well series, and the printing and mailing of newsletters, worship bulletins, and resource materials. Your generosity ensures the full calendar of fellowship, learning, worship, and outreach events continues to thrive. Looking ahead, new goals include creating a Transportation Ministry to bring non-driving Seniors to church for worship and Bible study, providing for ongoing bus maintenance and fuel, and working toward a vision of establishing a Senior Adult Day Care ministry with meals, fellowship, and learning opportunities—led by a dedicated, paid Director of Senior Adult Ministry.

Today's NEW SENIORS are much different than their parents and grandparents in attitude and behavior. As a forward-seeking church, Wesley Memorial is shifting its planning from an "older group" mentality to a MATURING ADULT MINISTRY. Maturing Adults need a new vision of aging that Lifts Them Up in Christian Fellowship and offers do-able Service Opportunities for ongoing Discipleship." — Susan Sumpter, Leader of Senior Adult Council

INVOLVEMENT

or delivering outreach gifts at monthly events. Volunteers may also join a sub-team focused on areas such as Autumn Lights (Alzheimer's Mission Project), Golden Helping Hands (Service), Aging Well (Learning & Fellowship) or Sharing Our Faith Stories. For details, contact Susan Sumpter at susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com or Abbigail Felton at afelton@wesleymemorial.org.

You can get involved in Senior Adult Ministry by serving as an "At-Large" member of the Senior Adult Council, helping with tasks like decorating, hosting, driving,



OUR MISSION

The Senior Adult Ministry of Wesley Memorial exists to minister to the members of our church ages 60+ years by caring for their needs, and by connecting them with opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service.



WE ARE ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12

MISSION & IMPACT

The Adult Spiritual Formation ministry has a meaningful impact on both participants and the broader community. Through churchwide small group studies, members grow in their faith while finding encouragement and accountability in a supportive setting. Last year, this ministry launched a church-wide study, based on the book "A Jesus Shaped Life" by Steve Cordle, which gave the opportunity for small groups to form! Special speakers and workshops provide rich opportunities for learning and spiritual growth, equipping individuals to live out their faith more fully. By developing and promoting new small groups, the ministry helps members form deeper connections with one another, building authentic relationships rooted in Christ. These relationships foster true fellowship and create a community where people experience the joy of "doing life together in Christ."

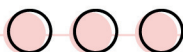


GENEROSITY & GIVING

Your generosity makes it possible to purchase books and educational materials for churchwide studies, ensuring that everyone has the resources needed to grow in faith together. These gifts also help offset the costs of hosting special speakers and workshops, which provide valuable learning opportunities for our congregation. Looking ahead, one of our goals for the next year is to bring in a well-known author or dynamic speaker for a special event. Because travel, lodging, and speaker fees can be significant, the continued generosity of our members will be essential in making this vision a reality and further enriching the spiritual lives of our community.

OUR MISSION

Is to foster, grow,
and enrich the
faith in God, His
son, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy
Spirit for our adult
congregation and
community.



INVOLVEMENT

We invite you to get involved in the Adult Spiritual Formation ministry by serving as a small group leader. You don't need special training—just a willing heart to welcome others, encourage conversation, and create space for faith to grow. Small groups provide a place to discuss the weekly sermon, share prayer concerns, and walk through life's joys and challenges together. If you are open to helping others deepen their faith while building meaningful connections, we would love for you to consider leading a group. Your presence could make a real difference in the lives of others as we "do life together in Christ."



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, September 22 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
TUESDAY, September 23 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal GriefShare	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203
WEDNESDAY, September 24 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
THURSDAY, September 25 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, September 26 7:00 p.m.	NC Baroque Orchestra	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, September 28 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. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 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 Couples Group Small Groups/All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Autumn Lights	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Fellowship Hall

New Group for Moms

Blessed Beginnings is a Bible study for expecting, new, and preschool



Blessed Beginnings

A UNITY GROUP FOR
EXPECTING, NEW & PRESCHOOL MOMS

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: Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Dec. 7. RSVP by scanning the QR code.



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 Sept. 24 is meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, corn and green beans. The dessert will be chocolate "Pilot Mountain" cake. All dinners come with salad bar and bread.

Wednesday Night Kids - Games & Gospel

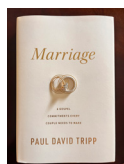
Join us Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Games & Gospel, a program for age 2 through fifth grade. Kids enjoy dinner, games, music, Bible lessons, and more. Check-in is in the lobby next to the Dining Hall. Sessions will be held Sept. 17 and 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; Nov. 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Special Concert from NCBO

Wesley Memorial is excited to be able to host the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. NCBO will present a program entitled "Falling Leaves: Music for the Changing of Seasons." Programming includes Vivaldi's "Autumn" from The Four Seasons, Bach's incredible Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, and vibrant Concerti for 2 oboes & 2 recorders by Telemann & Vivaldi. This concert is free and open to the public!

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.



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.
- **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.
- **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 or contact the church office at 336.884.2204.

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

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.

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.

Pillow Ministry Thank You

Thanks to 38 ladies and Les Hurrelbrink we stuffed almost 300 pillows in less than 2 hours during our stuffing party on Wednesday, September 3rd. We are grateful to all participants for helping to set this new record! The congregation's support continues to amaze us. With thanks, Susan Samuel and Emilie Rogers



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.



Carolina Christmas Bazaar – General Store Donations

Storage for General Store donations will be available soon in the church parking lot! We welcome your gently used household items, seasonal décor, toys, purses, accessories, and more. Please note: No clothing, large furniture, or electronics can be accepted.

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!



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hotdogs served in the cafe at the
2024 Carolina Christmas Bazaar, plus
192 sausage biscuits,
94 pimento cheese sandwiches and
150 bowls of White Chicken Chili.

You know it's got to be good!

Bring your appetite to the bazaar
Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Wesley Women

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting

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

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 or email 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