

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

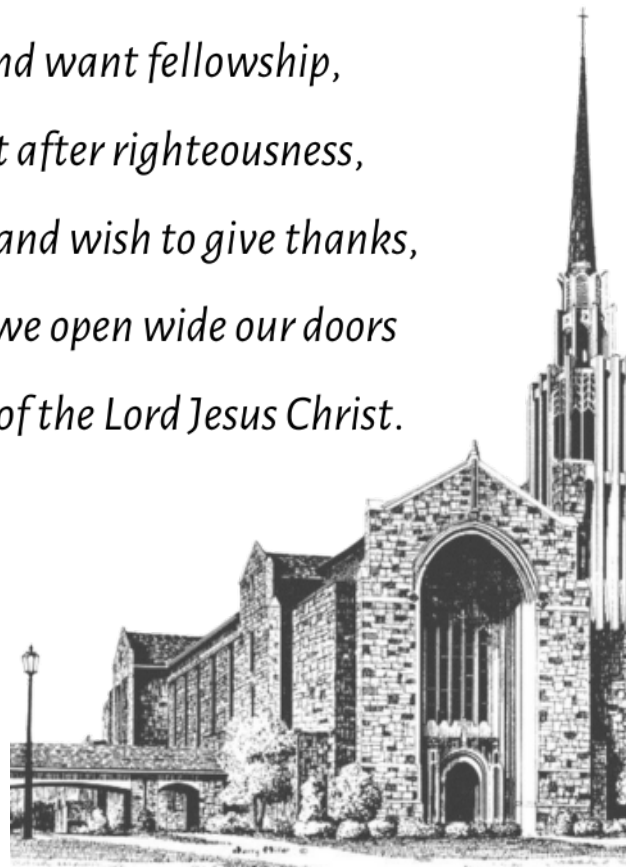
WELCOME

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.

MAY 4TH, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER~ HOLY COMMUNION

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

Prelude from CELEBRATE LIFE!

Buryl Red

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray,
and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Congregation reads bold print
Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord.
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 blessing, '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.*

† 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.
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.

RECENT
HOSPITALIZATION:
Bill Garner

RECENT SURGERY:
Dave Caudle

ABOUT
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



ON COMMUNION
SUNDAYS WE PROFESS
THE NICENE CREED, 325
AD, THAT PROFFESSES
THE FAITH OF THE
UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

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.



† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Like a River In My Soul

Tim Osiek

*I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing
river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've
got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost
and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my
soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies,
just remember, once again you will rise! I've got joy like a fountain, love
like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-19 (Pg. 907)

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

SERMON

"Following by Feeding and Tending."

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became
truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe
in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the
one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* universal

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He shall feed His flock

G.F. Handel

† 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!

† THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Please be Seated

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



THE 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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table, but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

Please come to one of the 4 available serving stations and receive the bread and juice. Proceed to the next available station. If you need an individual cup of juice or a gluten-free wafer, please proceed to the center station. Our Stephen Ministers are available behind the communion rail if you wish for anointing with oil and prayer. (If you are unable to come forward and would like to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.)

THE FLOWERS IN THE
NARTHEX ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF
GOD AND IN
HONOR OF HPU
BACCALAUREATE



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MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN No. 117

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

HYMN No. 115

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: *Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.
Refrain

Jesus! What a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul. **Refrain**

Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o'er takes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry. **Refrain**

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find, He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. **Refrain**

† BENEDICTION

† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION
Amen

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† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation

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

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Chancel Choir

Mr. Bob Carter, soprano saxophone

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Mrs. Martha Bass, usher

Mr. Bert Klemme, usher

Mr. George Morris, usher

Mrs. Ardith Pugh, usher

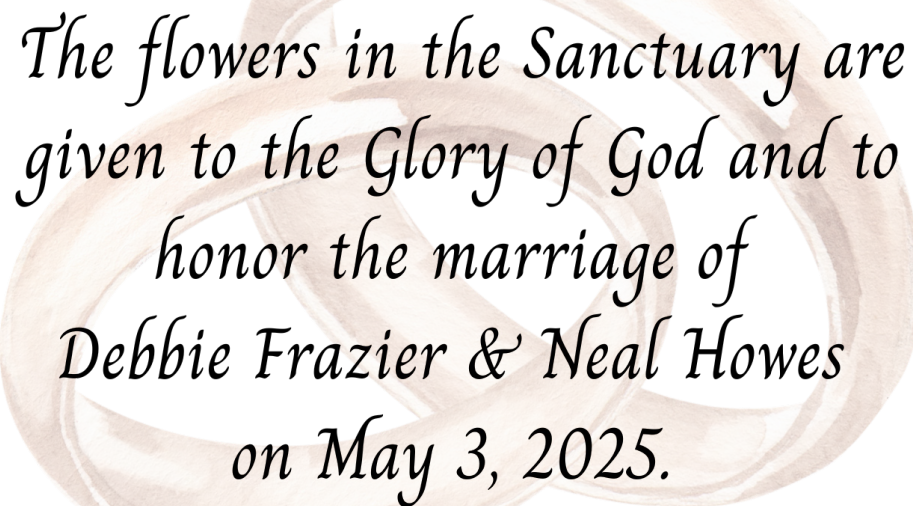
Mr. Randy Niebauer, usher

Miss Lacy Forshee, acolyte

Mr. Hidase Nyuol, acolyte

Mr. Boone Chilton, crucifer

Mr. Teagan Ayers, Bible



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are
given to the Glory of God and to
honor the marriage of
Debbie Frazier & Neal Howes
on May 3, 2025.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code on the left with your phone's camera to receive a free welcome gift!

Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, located in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need help finding it, an usher will be happy to assist you.

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex for those who need them.

To view the full church calendar, visit wesleymemorial.org/calendar.

For more announcements, visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| MONDAY, May 5 10:30 a.m. 5:30 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 Safe Church Training Girl Scout Daisy Troop Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting | Media Center Media Center Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208 |
| TUESDAY, May 6 12:30 p.m. | Handbells Rehearsal | Adult Wing D212 |
| WEDNESDAY, May 7 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. 6:15 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 Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff 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 Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D212 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room |
| THURSDAY, May 8 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Safe Church Training Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal AA Meeting AlAnon | Media Center Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201 |
| FRIDAY, May 9 11:30 a.m. | Wesley Memorial School's Mother's Day Tea | Dining Hall |
| SUNDAY, May 11 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. | Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church | WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing |

Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. The menu for May 7th is brats with peppers and onion. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert.

The Windows @ Wesley: More Tours

The wonderful stained glass windows in Wesley's sanctuary are a marvel that dazzles the eye and lifts the spirit.

Now there is an opportunity to know and understand them in a deeper way with Wesley's Window Tour Guides. The all-volunteer group will be offering the first tours of the season on **Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m.**



The guides will detail the history of the space and the windows, and highlight the stories – there are a lot of them, 135 Bible stories by last count – that the windows tell.

To help us make this tour as meaningful and enjoyable as possible, we ask that congregation members register by calling the church office at 336-884-2204 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More tours are coming! The Guides will offer fall tours on Oct. 4 & Nov. 1.

Groups, from both inside and outside the church, are also encouraged to arrange special tours at a convenient time. Contact the church office, or email tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com for more information.

We'll look forward to seeing you in the sanctuary, on a tour!

Chicken N Fixins

Student Ministry Fundraiser

DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**\$10 PER
TICKET!**

**Children 10 &
under eat FREE!**

**BBQ Chicken, Slaw (Regular or BBQ), Baked
Beans, Roll, Dessert, Tea and Lemonade**



FORTNITE

Friday



*The Game
Night is Back!*



**YOUTH EVENT
FRIDAY, MAY 16**

@ WMC Student Wing
6 PM - 9 PM

Round up your friends and
join us for pizza, snacks,
video games, and a Fortnite
tournament.

****Bring your own game
system!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
wesleymemorial.org/students

Senior Adult Council Outing: Hillbilly Hideaway

Hillbilly Hideaway, established in 1978, was recently featured in Our State magazine (March 2025). Senior Adults are invited to enjoy a special evening featuring a delicious family-style



Southern spread—fried chicken, country ham, BBQ ribs, hoecake biscuits, vegetables, and homemade bread. After the meal, the group will head to the Music Hall for live bluegrass, gospel, and country music.

The outing is set for Saturday, May 17. Cost is \$27 per person, with an optional \$5 for homemade dessert. There is a reservation for 30 people. Stop by the church office to register and pay by Wednesday, May 14. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Memorial. Payment confirms your reservation.

Meet in the top circle of the church at 4:00 PM; the bus will depart at 4:15. Arrival at Hillbilly Hideaway will be before 6:00 p.m., with return to High Point around 9:00 p.m.

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."

12th Grade Ministry: Graduation Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our 12th-grade students on Graduation Sunday, May 18th at the 11 a.m. service! If you have a student graduating from high school, please send their name and graduation details to Kaide at ksledge@wesleymemorial.org by May 12th so we can include them. We will also recognize our college graduates with a special insert—please send full name, college/university, degree, and family details to Isabel at icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org by May 12th.

A vibrant poster for 'The Big Drop' event. The background is a bright teal color. At the top left is a yellow triangle. In the center, the words 'THE BIG DROP' are written in large, bold, white letters with a pink outline. Below this, a green watermelon and a round pie are depicted. To the right of the title, it says '@ WESLEY MEMORIAL'. Below the title, the word 'WEDNESDAY' is written in large, bold, pink letters, followed by 'MAY 21' and '6:00 P.M.' in large, bold, white letters. In the bottom left corner, there are two small inset photos: one showing a group of people at a table and another showing a large crowd. A white circle with confetti is also visible on the left side.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the most smashingly fun event of the year! During "The Big Drop", you'll get to play games, eat sweet treats, and let gravity do its thing as stuff drops from way up high and goes KERSPLAT! Everyone will hear the story of Jesus' first disciples and discover how we too can drop everything and follow Him.

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Class

Join us this summer for a Combined Adult Sunday School Class, *The Hard Sayings of Jesus Christ*, held Sundays from June 1 through August 24, from 9:45 to 10:30 AM in the Brand X/Aldersgate Miller Sunday School Classroom. This engaging series will be led by a variety of teachers and will explore some of the most challenging and thought-provoking teachings of Jesus. All are welcome to attend.

Veterans Day Event on Memorial Day

Veterans are invited to join us on Monday, May 26, for a special Memorial Day ceremony at the Carolina Field of Honor. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and will include a presentation of colors, wreath laying, and remarks from a special guest speaker. Seating is limited, so please bring a chair. We will gather at the church's front circle and depart promptly by bus at 9:45 a.m. This outing is currently reserved for veterans only, and space is limited. To RSVP, please contact Richard Nifong directly at 336-259-0874.

Summer Adult Studies

Taught by Dr. Jeff Patterson

THE LAST BATTLE

Wednesdays, June 4 – June 25 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This 4-week study will discuss *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis. Besides being a conclusion of the series called "The Chronicles of Narnia", this children's book is also a Narnian version of the New Testament book of Revelation. The Last Battle presents a fantasy that deals with some of the same themes found in the Book of Revelation. No previous knowledge of the other Chronicles of Narnia is necessary to benefit from this study. Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read the first four chapters.

OUR BENEVOLENT AND SEVERE GOD: A STUDY OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE'S GOSPEL



Mondays, June 9 – August 25 at 10:30 AM in Media Center

This 10-week study will be a deep historical, theological, and devotional study into the Passion of Christ from Luke's Gospel.

WISDOM FOR LIVING IN STRESSFUL TIMES

Sunday- Thursday, July 20-24 at 6:00 – 7:30 PM in Sanctuary

Do you long for moderation, balance, stability, and a life-giving rhythm to your life? Do you want to find the peace and presence of God amid your daily activities? Do you want some Christian tools to help you grow as a Christian disciple? Pastor Jeff will bring the spirituality of the 6th century Rule of St. Benedict to bear on our busy 21st century lives. (Next to the Bible, Pastor Jeff says that this ancient book has been the most important book on his spiritual journey.)

AN INTRODUCTION TO MERE CHRISTIANITY

Wednesdays, August 6 – 27 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This will be a 4-week study of the classic work by C.S. Lewis that presents the concepts of basic Christianity in a rational way to the modern world. This book originated as a series of radio talks by Lewis to strengthen the English during the bombings of World War II. Since publication in 1952, this book has influenced millions of Christians. The magazine Christianity Today in 2000 ranked it first among the "100 books that had a significant effect on Christians in this century." Since 2001, *Mere Christianity* has sold well over 4 million copies. It has been translated into at least 36 languages.

Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read chapters 1-5. While this book has major popular appeal, these opening chapters are a little difficult because they lay a philosophical groundwork for Christianity. You probably will find the remaining chapters much more engaging, but these opening chapters are important.

PLEASE CALL (336-884-2204) OR EMAIL (RECEPTIONIST@WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG) THE CHURCH TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE COURSES. YOUR REGISTRATIONS HELPS US PLAN FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER RESOURCES. (NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY FOR THE COMBINED SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.)

Sermon Growth Notes

Date _____

Title _____

Speaker _____

Key Scriptures _____

Notes _____

