

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

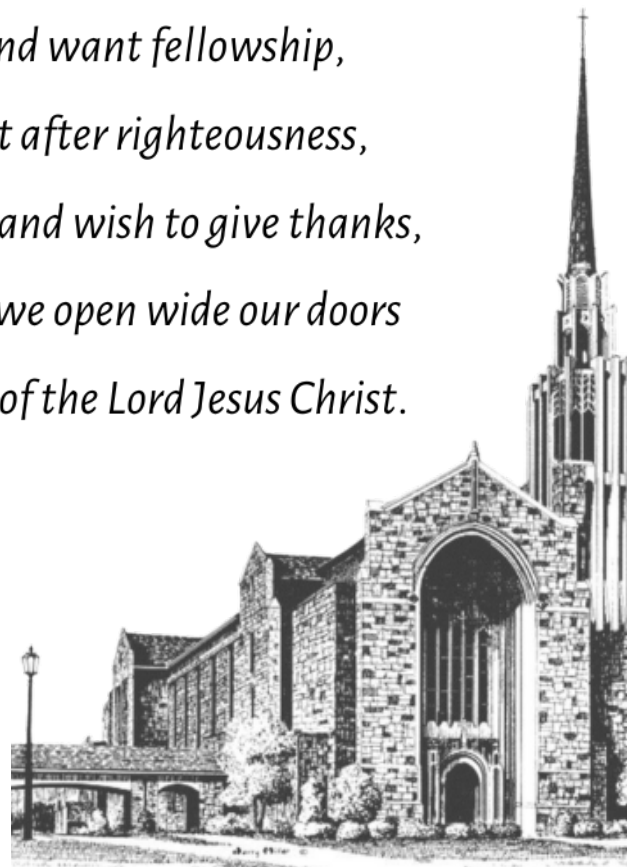
WELCOME

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 14TH, 2025

FOURTEENTH 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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

arr. Michael Glasgow

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

Wait for the Lord

Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

† 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 God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 276

Risen Lord in Splendor Seated

REGENT SQUARE

Risen Lord in splendor seated, throned at God the Father's side, Prince of life who death defeated, Lamb who once for sinners died; Christ forever, Son and Savior, reigns in triumph glorified.

He, who came our nature bearing, Child of earth from heaven's throne, human trials and troubles sharing, God Himself in flesh made known; Christ forever with His people, sends His Spirit on His own.

Love of God, unwearied, reaching furthest bounds of time and space, still by foolishness of preaching, holding forth the word of grace; Christ forever interceding, builds His church in ev'ry place.

Earth awaits her new creation when from sin and death restored, in the strength of full salvation, Christ is honored and adored; Christ forever high ascended, sov'reign universal Lord!

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 DENISE COCHRANE on the passing of her mother, Evelyn Isham, on 9/7.

SYMPATHY TO SUSAN KOONTZ on the passing of her daughter in law, Susan Freeman-Parrish, on 9/7.

ABOUT
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



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.



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

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BIBLE PRESENTATION

(After the Bible presentation, children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

arr. Mark Arnold

† 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 12:32-40 (Pg.871)

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

SERMON

"A Father's Good Pleasure"

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. 285

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

*Lo, He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of His train.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign!*

*Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty; those who set
at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree, deeply
wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.*

*The dear tokens of His passion still His dazzling body bears; cause of
endless exultation to His ransomed worshipers; with what rapture, with
what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars.*

*Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne; Savior, take
the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!*

† BENEDICTION

† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

C.O. Beck

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

**JOIN US IN
WELCOMING OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Alison Grein
Timothy (Tim) Grein

**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
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts
Mr. Chris Ward, Organist
Mr. Nathan Peters, acolyte
Miss Brielle Keunnen, acolyte
Mr. Boone Chilton, crucifer
Miss Ella Hunt, Bible
Mr. Warren Lackey, usher
Mr. Jobie Redmond, usher
Mr. J.J. Smith, usher
Mr. Bruce von der Lippe, usher
Mr. Kevin von der Lippe, usher
Mr. Wayne Woodell, usher

BIBLE PRESENTATION RECIPIENTS

Sterling James Ayers
Hunter Nova Burrell
Augustus Green Elliott, V
Cooper Gray Felton
Desta Mazengia Getahun
Parker Lyles Gibson

Beau Baker Hollingsworth
Russell Marion Ivy
Allyson Claire McGee
Greer Thompson Nelson
Rhett Lee Winston Petty

Brody Edward Ricks
Ellis Robbins
Eliza Mae Simpkins
Brielle Lillian Spires
Amelia Corinne Veltre
Virginia Faye von der Lippe

The Bible presentation is made possible through the generosity of the Millis Bible Fund



WE ARE STUDENT MINISTRIES

"In HIM we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28

MISSION & IMPACT

Wesley Memorial's Student Ministry impacts both its participants and the wider community by offering weekly fellowship and discipleship, overnight retreats, short-term mission trips, local service opportunities, and exciting outings. Through these experiences, students grow deep roots in their faith, internalizing scriptural values in ways that shape their daily lives. As they transition into young adulthood, participants leave our ministry equipped with resilience in their faith, strengthened connections to Christian community, and the confidence to live boldly with Jesus, shining His light into the world around them.



INVOLVEMENT

Our Student Ministry is growing, and we'd love for you to be part of it. There are many ways to serve—from helping shape our vision on the Advisory Leadership Team, to leading a Wednesday Night small group, to offering support as a chaperone for outings, retreats, or mission trips. You can also bless our students by preparing meals or stepping in as a substitute when needed. However you serve, your presence makes a difference in helping students grow in faith and experience the love of Christ.

GENEROSITY & GIVING

Your giving allows us to invest time directly into students' lives through dedicated staffing, ensuring they receive the care, discipleship, and mentorship they need. It makes it possible to offer engaging programs for students from across multiple schools—representing to our city and county our deep commitment to this vital mission field. Your generosity equips our ministry with current and relevant study materials, modern media, meaningful social media engagement, excellent meals and snacks, and exciting events and adventures that help students better understand themselves and grow in their walk with Christ.

In addition, your support provides a safe & inviting physical space where students feel they belong. Looking forward, our greatest need is in staffing—more leaders and disciple-makers to connect with students, build relationships, and walk with them in faith. Expanding the hours and hands devoted to student ministry will increase our ability to reach more young people, strengthen connections, and ensure excellent programs. Your continued support empowers us to come alongside the Spirit's work in this generation and faithfully steward the enormous mission field of students in our community. Every gift, every prayer, and every investment helps us shape students into resilient followers of Christ who shine His light into the world.

OUR MISSION

is to provide exciting programs that motivate students to gather and experience meaningful community where they can grow deeper in faith. Together, we walk a pathway where students are lovingly shaped into their identity in Christ, discovering their unique call and passion for living the way of Jesus in the world.



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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 15 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 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 16 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal GriefShare Monthly Ministry Update	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203 Dining Hall
WEDNESDAY, September 17 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. 6:15 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 18 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
SATURDAY, September 20 8:30 a.m.	Wesley 100 Men's Group Meeting	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, September 21 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.	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: A study for new, expecting & preschool moms	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Circle View Room

Ministry Team Update

A Ministry Team Update meeting will be held on Sept. 16th, at 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend this event. Whether you are on a ministry team or not, this is a wonderful time to learn more about the wide-ranging opportunities to serve here at Wesley Memorial, and to discover areas in our church and community that are aligned with your passions. As service is a foundational part of our faith journey, please join us in this celebration of our ministry teams.

Constitution Day Bell Ringing

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, our church bells will ring at 4 p.m. to mark the 238th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. This observance is part of "Bells Across America," a nationwide tradition sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution during Constitution Week, Sept. 17–23. We invite you to pause in prayer and gratitude for the freedoms we share.

A Study of First Corinthians with Pastor Jeff

Pastor Jeff will begin his new Bible study, A Study of First Corinthians, on Sept. 17. The study runs through May 13, 2026, and meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall or at 6:45 p.m. in the Media Center. First Corinthians is filled with practical Christian truth. Paul founded the church in Corinth, but the believers struggled to leave their old lives behind and embrace their new identities in Christ. Topics include church divisions, sexual immorality, lawsuits among believers, marriage, worship services, women's role in the Christian community, the work of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts, Holy Communion, and the resurrection of the body. Register by calling the church office at 336.884.2204 or emailing receptionist@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 Sept. 17 is homemade creamy chicken noodle soup and crackers. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert.

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 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, beginning in September. 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.

Financial Peace University

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone.

Learn *God's ways* of handling money.

You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Financial Peace University is the nine-week class that's helped nearly 10 million people learn step by step how to beat debt and build wealth. Class starts on Wednesday, September 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in room D201. Join us and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. The cost is \$79 per household. More information and link to register available at wesleymemorial.org/financial-peace. Note: scholarships available.



Single & Parenting Support Group

Being a single parent isn't easy. You may feel exhausted, overwhelmed, and underappreciated—and you're not alone. We welcome you to attend Single & Parenting—a supportive group where you can connect with others who understand your challenges and discover practical tips to help you thrive.

Join us starting September 17 for:

- Free Dinner
- Children's ministry program offered 6-7:30 p.m. for ages two through fifth grade
- Encouragement, wisdom, and real-life parenting support

This group will meet for 13 weeks starting Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. in D202. Take a break. Focus on *you*. Find rest, hope, and community.

Registration available at wesleymemorial.org/sandp.

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!

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



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!

75

The number of vendors displaying their wares at the
Carolina Christmas Bazaar

Some familiar, some fresh, all waiting for you!

Saturday, November 15

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Wesley Women

New Group for Moms

Blessed Beginnings is a Bible study for expecting, new and preschool moms that meets the first and third Sundays of each month at 2 p.m. in the Circle View Room at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. 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. RSVP by emailing communications@wesleymemorial.org.



Blessed Beginnings
A UNITY GROUP FOR
EXPECTING, NEW & PRESCHOOL MOMS

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.



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



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