

"...Choose this day whom you will serve ... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

~ Joshua 24:15

## WHOM WILL YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE?

Life hinges on the choices we make. Some have immediate impact while others shape us and our relationships over time. All of them are important. One of the greatest challenges and opportunities we have is making wise, life-giving choices that anchor not only our lives, but serve as a legacy of faithfulness for our families.

Each of us are called to "choose whom" we will serve. Just like the Israelites, we tend to drift in our faithfulness. That's why a season of "Covenant Renewal" is a part of our life together here at Wesley Memorial.

It is a time of reflection on how God has been faithful to our church and to each of us. It is also a time of self-reflection about our faithfulness, and how God is calling us to deepen our lives with him and with one another in our Wesley Memorial family.

Over the next several weeks as you pray, worship, and reflect allow the Holy Spirit to guide and lead you as you fill out and return your Covenant Renewal Response Forms.

On Sunday, November 2 during each of our worship services we will renew our Covenant as God's faithful people by dedicating our response forms and ourselves to God's life giving purpose for us and for the world.











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SPECIAL NEEDS







CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

\$172,280.20

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### HERE AT WELSEY MEMORIAL, WE CHOOSE TO SERVE THE LORD THROUGH ... SERVING

Your servant hearts, coupled with your generosity, have fueled high impact ministries and programs that address, hunger, homelessness, and education, such as food drives for local pantries partnerships with organizations like Open Door Ministries and Macedonia, family resource center and support for children and families through Crossnore and other nonprofit partners. Mission efforts like rise against hunger and refugee support initiatives extend your churches reach even further, providing hope and stability to vulnerable neighbors.

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## GROWING

Wesley Memorial continues to experience meaningful growth across all areas of ministry. It's numbers and so much more. It reflects a deepening commitment to spiritual formation and being a community of care.

Our Children's Ministry continues to expand and deepen, planting seeds of faith, nurturing young hearts. Our youth student ministry has renewed energy, offering inviting spaces for youth to explore faith and develop lasting relationships grounded in Christ.

Adult spiritual formation and small groups are expanding, drawing individuals into deeper discipleship and strengthening the bonds of our church family as we grow together in faith Invitation/Evangelism provides a gracious pathway for new people to find their way into the worship and life of Wesley Memorial encountering God in transformational ways.



It is through the financial generosity of our Wesley Memorial family that lasting and meaningful impact happens within our walls and beyond to the larger community and the world.

Your act of giving is not just financial... it is a spiritual practice of a healthy follower of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of compassion and faith that strengthens the fabric of our congregation. It reflects the love of Christ in tangible lifegiving ways that change the world.

# LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### THE POWER OF DECISION

Joshua was the successor to Moses. As he led the Israelites into the Promised Land, Joshua gathered them at Shechem and called for a decision. "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. . . choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:14-15). Joshua had made his decision. He declared "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). He made the decision for himself and his family. He declared that he would put away all other gods and serve only the true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Hebrew word for "serve" can also be translated "worship." Joshua declared that he and his family would put God first in their family. The decision would organize their lives. In an act of solemn covenant at Shechem, Joshua declared his decision. Joshua knew that our decisions determine our destiny. Do you understand the power behind this spiritual truth?

I invite you to join me and my house in making the decision to put God first in our lives. As for me and my house, we will worship and serve the Lord. We will shut the ears of our hearts to the other gods around us, the gods of wealth, power, pleasure, and popularity. As for me and my house, our lives will declare whom we serve. As for me and my house, we will follow the Lord and make decisions accordingly. As for me and my house, we will invest in the Lord's work, we will spend our lives and our resources following the way of Christ. As for me and my house, we will sow seeds that will help grow the Kingdom of God in this world. As for me and my house, we will not trifle away our lives but work to make an eternal difference in this world. We will build something that will outlast us. As for me and my house, we will make our lives count for the cause of Jesus Christ. As for me and my house, God will get the best we have to offer and not the leftovers. As for me and my house, we will spend our time, talent, and treasure to know Christ and make Christ known. We will invest our lives in equipping the saints for ministry and the work of evangelism. This is our decision. We make it with joy and know that more joy will follow from our faithfulness.

What is your decision? Your decision determines your destiny. Your daily choices create your life. Together, let's seek to create lives that glorify God. I invite you to invest in the lives of our church family so that together we can change the world for the sake of Jesus Christ.

With Confidence in Christ, Pastor Jeff



With your faithful covenant renewal response in Serving, Growing, and Giving, our Wesley Memorial family can continue and expand God-honoring, life-renewing ministry in 2025

As you reflect on the message in this brochure, we invite you to scan the QR Code below. It will direct you to the website where you can fill out your Response Forms a between now and November 2nd.

