

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

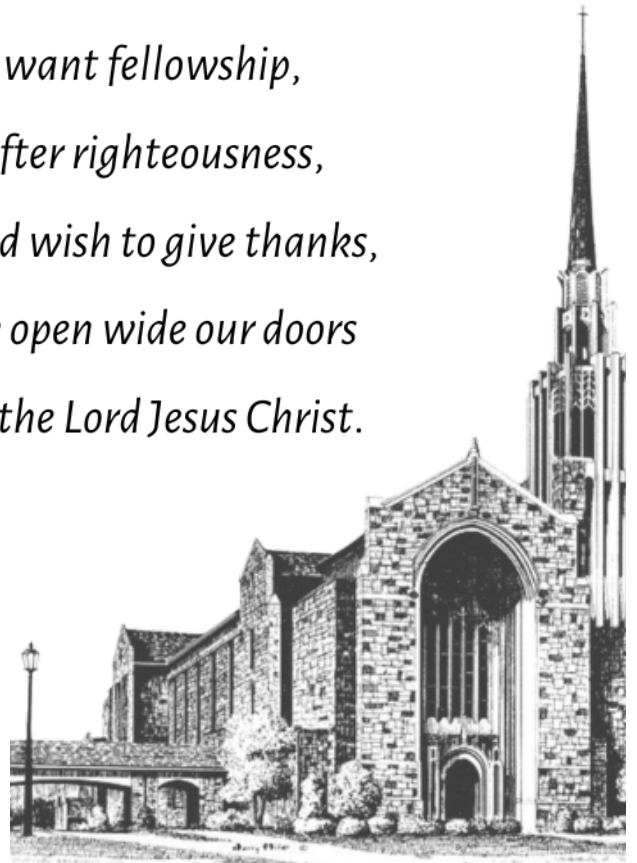
## WELCOME

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.*

**JUNE 1ST, 2025**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY ~ HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.*



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 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.

## WELCOME

Rev. Susannah Pittman

† 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 269

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*      LLANFAIR  
*Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia! To His throne beyond the skies,  
Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia! Reascends His  
native heav'n, Alleluia!*

*There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates,  
Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of  
glory in, Alleluia!*

*See! the heav'n its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet He loves the earth He  
leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to His throne, Alleluia! Still He calls  
us all His own, Alleluia!*

*See! He lifts His hands above, Alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love,  
Alleluia! Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on His  
church below, Alleluia!*

† 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

## 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.

SYMPATHY TO Chris Amos on the passing of her father, Douglas "Doug" Delano White, on 5/25.

SYMPATHY TO Brett Barbour on the passing of his mother, Carol "Sue" Ridings Barbour, on 5/19.

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:  
James Morgan  
Tom Talbott  
Dick Brewer

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.



#### SOLO

*Before the Throne of God Above*

BEFORE THE THRONE

*Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me; to look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM. The King of Glory and of Grace. One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God; with Christ, my Savior and my God!*

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11(Pg. 909)

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

#### SERMON

Rev. Susannah Pittman

#### † 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.**

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#### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

#### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

† 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, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*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. **Amen.**

#### 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 the serving table and receive the bread or gluten-free wafer. After receiving it, you may kneel at the prayer rail. Our Stephen Ministers are available 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.)*

#### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

##### HYMN NO. 146

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.***

***Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.***

***Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:***

***"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood."***

***Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.***

***Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.***

***Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?***

***Alleluia! Bread of heaven, You on earth our food and stay!***

***Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.***

***Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.***



HYMN No. 277

DARWALL'S 148th

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

***Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!***

***Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.***

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

*Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;*

*When He has purged our stains He took his seat above;*

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

*His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;*

*The keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:*

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the judge shall come*

*and take His servants up to their eternal home:*

*We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice:*

***the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!***

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

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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. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist

# 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](http://wesleymemorial.org/calendar).

For more announcements, visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://wesleymemorial.org/announcements).

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, June 2</b> 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible Girl Scout Daisy Troop Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 4</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Prayer Shawl Ministry Vespers Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12) Men's Bible Study Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Media Center Conference Room 3 Chapel Student Ministry Wing Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, June 5</b> 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
<b>SUNDAY, June 8</b> 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. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	<b>Pentecost - Wear Red/Confirmation Sunday</b> Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Confirmation Brunch & Rehearsal Small Groups/All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Senior Adult Spring Luncheon	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Asbury Room Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Dining Hall

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Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://wesleymemorial.org/announcements) for our announcement board

### Vespers Summer Time Change Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Wednesday evening Vespers will move from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the summer (June - August). Our Wednesday evening dinners will start back on September 10th.



### Help Shape Our Church's Future – Take the Survey!

From June 23 to July 3, we're inviting all youth and adults in our church family to complete a short congregational survey. Your voice matters as we continue discerning the direction of God's Future Church 2.

The survey will be delivered electronically, but computer stations will also be available on Sunday mornings for those who need assistance. We hope everyone will participate, your insights will help guide our next faithful steps together.

More details to come in the coming weeks.

### Honoring Pastor Susannah Pittman - June 15

Join us on Sunday, June 15, as we give thanks for Rev. Susannah Pittman's ministry at Wesley Memorial. As Susannah and her family prepare for their move to Greenville, SC, we invite you to celebrate her faithful service with us. There will be two opportunities that day to greet Susannah and express your gratitude: a morning reception before the 9:30 a.m. service in the Dining Hall, and an afternoon reception following the 11 a.m. service in the Asbury Room.

In addition to these receptions, we are collecting a Love Offering to express our appreciation for Susannah's leadership, care, and presence among us. Contributions can be made online at [wesleymemorial.org/give](http://wesleymemorial.org/give) or by check. If giving by check, please write Susannah Pittman Love Offering in the memo line and return it to the church office by Wednesday, June 12.

We are grateful for Susannah's time at Wesley Memorial and hope you will join us in honoring her and blessing the next chapter of her ministry.

### New Books Trace Our Church History

There has not been any written history about our church in the past 25 years so we are pleased to announce "A Pictorial History of Our Church" has just been published. Roy Shipman, Co-Chair of our Historical Committee, and the author of numerous books about the history of High Point, has just completed and published a Two Volume Set of the history of Wesley Memorial. Enjoy over 700 pages, with 1,000 pictures, names and events presented in this wonderful hard bound collection. Volume One covers the time period from 1856 until October, 1960 when we moved to this location. Volume Two covers 1960 through 2024. Volume One is \$40 and Volume Two is \$50 = \$90 for the two-volume set. (You may order one or both books.) What a wonderful gift! Orders are now being accepted. Checks are to be made to Wesley Memorial and BE SURE to put "HISTORY BOOK" on the information line of your check.

## 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 Media Center

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](mailto: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.)

SENIOR ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON!

An Invitation to ALL Wesley Memorial Members ages 60+ years

**LAUGHTER IS THE  
BEST MEDICINE!**

JUNE  
SUNDAY | **8** | 12:15 PM  
CHURCH DINING HALL

Our annual Senior Adults Luncheon is a GIFT to YOU  
in celebration of the contributions and faithfulness of  
our older adults in the life of our church.

Special program to be presented by Priscilla Smith  
that promises to bring a broad smile to your face,  
chuckles galore, and JOY to your heart.

**MENU**

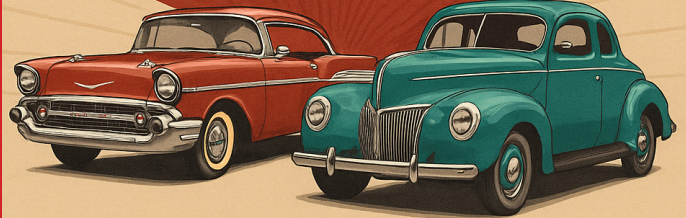
Baked Spaghetti with Meat Sauce prepared by Elizabeth's Pizza  
Side Tossed Salad | Garlic or Plain Buttered Bread  
Assorted Cheesecake Bites for Dessert  
Sweet and Unsweet Tea or Water

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council

Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, June 4

with a call to the church office: 336-884-2204

# CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN



**SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2025**  
**10AM - 2PM**

### Car Blessing During the Classic Car Cruise-in

During the Classic Car Cruise-In, we'll hold a special car blessing at 12:00 PM in the front circle for Wheels4Hope, a nonprofit that helps individuals and families in need by providing reliable, affordable vehicles.

### Join Our Prayer Team

Do you feel called to the ministry of intercessory prayer?  
We are seeking prayer warriors of all ages and stages  
who will pray before, during and even after our church  
services each Sunday. If interested contact Pastor Clark at  
336-812-4813 or [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org)

## WESLEY MEMORIAL KIDS



**Mega Sports Camp** Monday-Friday June 16-20  
• 9AM-1PM

**True North** Sunday-Thursday July 20-24  
**Vacation Bible School** 5:30-8:00PM

**Cave Quest** Tuesday-Friday August 5-8  
**Music and Arts Camp** 9AM-1PM

**SIGNUP TO ATTEND AND/OR  
VOLUNTEER AT**

**WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/KIDS**

# NO TIE JULY

DRESS DOWN, WORSHIP UP

CASUAL SUNDAYS ALL MONTH

# Sermon Growth Notes

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Key Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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