

The Heart♥beat

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A Significant Investment

Hopefully, as we get older, we get more concerned about living a life of significance. When we are young, we tend to focus on success in areas such as career advancement and financial security. Peer pressure forces us to define success in these ways. These are not bad things, but as Christ-followers we know that this is not the best way to define successful living.

As Christ-followers, we want to have lives of spiritual significance and not just worldly success. A life of significance is a life that has a Christ-like impact on our world. We want to make a Christian impact in our community. We want to be remembered as a person that made a positive difference in people's lives. We want to leave a legacy that inspires people. We want to be remembered as people who encouraged others to be who God created them to be.

To pursue a life of significance, we must discipline ourselves to make an investment of our time and treasures in ways that make a positive impact on our world. I think that this is what Jesus meant when he taught us to *"stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where*

moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21, CEB) We need to invest our hearts and our treasures in ways



that make an eternal difference in people's lives.

Our life together as Wesley Memorial Church is making a difference in the world. Together, we are making significant investments that will be huge dividends. The financial support that we

give to and through our congregation changes the world. The time that we spend in mission, ministry, and study adds eternal value to lives.

I saw many people living wisely this week. The 158 children and 70 volunteers who participated in our Vacation Bible School spent time doing something significant. The 97 adults who spent time with me studying the Bible were learning what our faith teaches us about living significant lives in this world and the world to come. Our Mission Team who did building repairs among the poor of Appalachia spent their time wisely this week. The people who contributed food and



money to our backpack ministry that feeds over 200 children per week did the right thing with their time and treasure.

It is great to be part of a congregation that is making a difference. Together, we are making a significant impact on our world.



With Confidence in Christ,

Pastor Jeff



Prayer as a Way of Life

A Joint Sunday School Class for Adults
Aldersgate-Miller Classroom

Led by
Jacob Lancaster, Melissa Lowe,
Jessica Nelson, Barry Osborne, and
Jeff Patterson

All Adults are Welcome!

Sunday Mornings
June 16 - September 1
9:45 am - 10:40 am

August 4 Praying the Lord's Prayer
Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

August 11 Praying the Psalms
Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

August 18 More Varieties of Prayer
Melissa Lowe, Associate Pastor of
Congregational Care and Missions

August 25 Praying the Labyrinth
Melissa Lowe, Associate Pastor of
Congregational Care and Missions

September 1 Concluding Thoughts...
Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor



Guest Preacher in August

Dr. Warren J. Smith,
Associate Professor of
Historical Theology, Duke
Divinity School, will be

preaching on the Lord's Prayer at our
morning worship services on **Sunday,**
August 25. Dr. Smith is the author of *The*
Lord's Prayer: Confessing the New
Covenant.



Tuesday, August 20
5:30 pm
Circle View Room
Approve:
2019 Revised Budget
Sr. Pastor Salary
Simplified Structure

LOUIS PRICE

former lead singer for
The Temptations & The Drifters

Sunday, August 4
@ 9:45 a.m.

*Singing and
Leading
Worship!*

In the Fellowship Hall,
look for **RED** flags.

*All are
Welcome!*



Senior Adult Ministries

Thursday, August 15
Dinner 6:00 pm
Games 7:00 pm
Dining Hall

Potluck Supper & Game Night

Wesley Memorial
A United Methodist Congregation

Bring your favorite
entrée, vegetable, salad,
or dessert to share!

Questions: Contact Susan Sumpter at 336-848-4128

Fall Bible Study

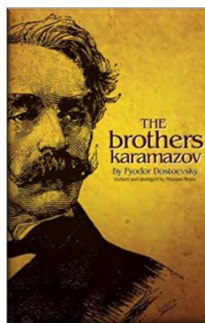
Led by the Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

REVELATION

Wednesdays 12:00 noon (Dining Hall) OR 6:45 (Circle View Room)

Begins September 11

To register call 336-884-2204 OR email creddick@wesley memorial.org



The Greatest Novel Ever Written?

4 Month Book Study
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

facilitated by
Bill Wheeler and Jeff Patterson

Second Thursday of the Month
2:00 - 3:15 pm

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Everyday Splendor

Life. It is the essence of art. Everyday the beauty of life surrounds us, but are we willing to slow down enough to see it?

Hot tea kettle whistling joyfully on the stove, children drawing beautiful masterpieces in chalk on their sidewalk canvas, flowers bursting into bloom outside the kitchen window – everyday splendor given to us as a gift, hanging in the gallery of our lives.



Yet, as I walk through the art gallery of my life, I find myself pausing and asking... ‘God, what about this piece or this one over here?’ To be honest there are some hallways in this gallery of my life that I want to ignore and avoid. I try to skirt around them and if I catch a glimpse of the canvases hanging within, there is a part of me that recoils in pain. What to do with the memories and moments that are not all whistling music, sidewalk chalk, and blooming flowers? Moments of disappointment, rejection, and brokenness. ‘God, what do I do with these?! Can I just cordon these areas off to remain in the shadows and collect layers of dust, with a thick metal chain and bold black and white sign saying, *Do Not Enter*?’

Or is this art too....?

‘God are *You* in those hallways?’

Blood poured out, jagged thorns piercing, sky cloaked in darkness with the Son of God hanging on a cross displayed for all the world to see... what of this passionate moment? The greatest moment in the hallway of creation, life and death in battle array, redemption offered up in sacrifice – love embodied.

As I gaze upon this eternal divine masterpiece, I hear through the echoes of time “*This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me*” (Luke 22:19). In the moments of our greatest pain and heartache, can we dare to believe that even these be redeemed and transformed into canvases of beauty and life? As we embrace His sacrifice of unending love for us, can our weaknesses, failures, inadequacies, shame, disappoint-

ments, and pain be made into something new and even meaningful? What would it look like for us to take hold of His hand and allow Him to guide us through these hallways, with His light illuminating our darkness?

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Today, may you accept God's invitation to take a walk with Christ through the art gallery of your life...together linger, meander, stroll through its corridors. May you be healed in the arms of our Savior, as you slow down to see His splendor displayed in your life!

Pastor Melissa



VBS Mission Project



This year's **VBS mission project** is to collect items for Carpenter House in High Point. The following is a list of much needed supplies:

- Diapers (all sizes), especially 4s and 5s
- Pull ups (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Washcloths and Towels
- Children's books (age 0-5)
- First aid items (band aids, thermometers, first aid kits)
- New or gently used linens, comforters or blankets



**Even though VBS is over,
we are still collecting supplies
through the end of August!**

**Missed a sermon?
Want to hear it again?**



**Search for "Wesley Memorial Podcast"
in iTunes or Google Play stores**

We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

In Memory of:

Gifts received May 2019

Jane Elizabeth Phillips Blackwell: Mary Ann Bohi, Lucille Duncan, David & Bonnie Horney, John Peeler, Susanna Wesley SS Class, Noel & Rhonda Catron Wood

William (Bill) McIlwaine Blanton, Jr.: Sally Altizer, Jerry Bain, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Bumgarner, Gene Clark, Marie Clark, Carlton & Lamiarie Clinard, Libby Fisher, David & Kelly Hudgins, Liz Jones, Sarah Kemm, Jane & David Kriegsman, Harold & Betty Martin, Gloria & Dan Odom, Richard & Ivey Orr, Dean Painter, Sallie Phillips, Charles Pride & Marc Burkes & Elizabeth Hipp, Ray & Liz Rogers, Vicki Steck, Patsy & Charlie Surles, Charles & Vanessa Surles, Mr. & Mrs. John Wells, Gloria Wilson, Becky & Frank Wyatt

Guilford Cargal: John Compton, Jackson Dobbins, Bill & Carol Foster, Paula Burton Fowler, Phyllis Goforth, Jean Gooding, Greenwood Hills Wesleyan Church, Jack Holbrook, India Miller, Paul & Caro Smith

David Dowdy, Jr. (Father of Dee Dowdy): Richard & Ivey Orr, Mike & Susan Samuel

Sherrill Williams Elder: Mary Ann Bohi, Warren & Joni Lackey, Wade & Lois Markham

Jim Flick: Marsha & Leslee Brody, David Crompton, Jason & Kelley Gill

C. Arthur Honeycutt, Jr.: Wade & Lois Markham

Daphne Rouse Horney: Dr. & Mrs. Richard Orr, Mr. & Mrs. William Russell

William A. Horney, Jr.: Mr. & Mrs. William Russell, June Safrit

Frances Ann Clifton Ingram: Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hunter, Sr., Jim & Sandra Marsh, Midweek Study Club, Caroline Sozzi

June Smisor: Rick & Jill Holbert

Ed Smothers (Father of Tom Smothers): Wade & Lois Markham, Mr. & Mrs. William Russell

Gerald Steed (Brother of Dwight Steed): Mr. & Mrs. William Russell

Thomas Calvin (Tom) Stout: Mr. & Mrs. William Russell

W. Vann York: Chris Amos, Allen Beard & Molly Miller-Beard, Mary Ann Bohi, Nelson & Marie Copeland, Sandra & Jim Marsh, Richard & Ivey Orr, Jean Purdee, Bill & Emilie Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. William Russell, Don & Betty Williamson

Gifts received June 2019

N. Calhoun (Cal) Anderson, Sr.: Carolyn Emerick, Bill & Candy Fenn, Bootsy Tucker

Jane Elizabeth Phillips Blackwell: Paul & Barbara Coughlin, Dennis & Cindy Stout

William (Bill) McIlwaine Blanton, Jr.: Anne & Norman Andrews, Stephanie & Michael Beaver, Harriet Bennett, Mary Lou Brinson, Gerald & Janie Brown, Mike & Cres Calabrese, G. Craig Clinard, Doris Coggin, Paul & Barbara Coughlin, Linda & Allen Courter, Jennifer & David Covington, Ned & Katherine Covington, Lane & Sanders Dallas, Kay English, Dr. & Mrs. William Farabow, Bill & Candy Fenn, Ken Geddie, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gideon, Jr., Sarah & Julian Hawes, Jean Herring, Leslie Huntley, Corky & Judy Hustrulid, Junior League of High Point, Gayle Kearns & her family, Nan & Buck Kester, Patricia

Lopp, Mary Lyon, Wade & Lois Markham,
Jim & Sandra Marsh, Kay & Dusty
Maynard, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Montgomery,
Ken & Jane McAllister, Henry & Katherine
McMullan, Mrs. H.G. Phillips, Jr., Kay &
Dave Phillips, June Safrit, Harriet & James
Schnell, Martha Sharpless, Kay & Jim
Snow, Jupy Stout, Bootsy Tucker, Britt &
Tom Tyson, Jordan Washburn, Bert &
Chuck Wood

Eugene Bohi: Ellen Whitlock

Doris Bouldin (Mother of Eddie Bouldin):
Gaston Penry

Guilford Cargal: Barbara Bell

Jim Flick: Brenda Schmidt

Frances Ann Clifton Ingram: Mr. & Mrs.
Ray Montgomery

Juanita Thomas (Mother of Judi Osborne):
Jupy Stout

W. Vann York: Michael & Alicia Alford, Bob
& Janie Bass, Wanna Blanton, Ellen
Whitlock, Sarah Woollen

In Honor of:

Gifts received May 2019

Sue Dunn: Sallie Bardelas, Betty Nifong

Bill & Carolyn McGuinn: Joann McCuiston

Nancy & Hayden McKenzie: Bootsy Tucker

Gifts received June 2019

Alexis King: Dr. & Mrs. Archie Tyson

In Memoriam

Calhoun (Cal) Anderson May 30, 2019

Sympathies

James (Smith) Turner Anderson upon the
death of his father; **Calhoun (Cal) Anderson** on
May 30, 2019

Glenda Miller and family upon the death of
her father; **James L. Hardin** on June 20, 2019



Anne Carroll

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Save the Dates

September 15 is the start of our Stewardship Campaign and we will celebrate with a **HERITAGE Hymn Festival** at 11:00 am worship with choir, organ and trumpets.

October 13: Special anthems for **Commitment Sunday**

November 3: **All Saints Sunday**

December 8: **A Service of Lessons and Carols** with choir, organ and strings.

If you would like to sponsor an instrument for the Hymn Festival or Lessons and Carols services please contact Anne Carroll. You can do this in honor or memory of someone or anonymously.

If you would like to be an Anthem Angel contact Anne Carroll. Anthem Angels purchase anthems from a list comprised by the Director of Music and can be a memorial or honorarium. A note will be placed in the bulletin each time your anthem is used for worship.



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Vacation Bible School 2019



Children's Ministries

MOVE UP SUNDAY CELEBRATION

with Captain Jim

Sunday, August 25

9:45 am in the Dining Hall

(look for the RED flag)

Ages kindergarten and up!



THE LEGEND OF

CAPTAIN JIM IS MAGIC

MASTER OF TRICKERY & TALL TALES

AN EXCITING, FAMILY FRIENDLY, FEEL GOOD SHOW

Captain Jim, an award winning "Inspirational Humorist Illusionist" who will "Freak Your Mind, Make Your Belly Laugh & Touch your Heart!" Captain Jim shares a scripture filled message and his own personal testimony of faith. He captivates all ages by using his God given talent as a dynamic speaker & performer.



Summer Camp 2019



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Summer Fun

- Seven Summer Nights (for everyone)
Wednesdays, 7:17 pm, Offsite TBD
August 7
- Guys' Ball and Bible
Tuesdays, 2:22 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Girls' Bible Study,
Wednesdays, 10:10 am, The Underground
- HYPE Nights (High School only)
Sundays, 7:11 pm, Offsite TBD
August 25

Save The Dates

- Carowinds (for everyone)
Thursday, August 8
- Family Hour (for students and parents)
Sunday, August 18, 9:45am
- Ward Street Outreach (for everyone)
Thursday, August 22
- Welcome Lock-In (for 6th graders)
Saturday, August 24 thru Sunday, August 25
- Move-Up Sunday (for everyone)
Sunday, August 25, 9:45am

Serving High Point and BEYOND...



The Wesley Memorial Building team spent July 14–20 in mission at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. Henderson Settlement was founded in 1925 after generous donations from local landowners (including Bill Henderson for whom it is named) were given to a Methodist pastor, Hiram Frakes. Reverend Frakes decided to do ministry in this area after witnessing a murder and learning of high crime that plagued the region. In addition, the community is overwhelmed by extreme poverty. The median

household income is around \$13,000 a year!

Today, the settlement is engaged in multiple mission activities including a farming and greenhouse program, daycare and afterschool programs for local children, and mentorship programs.

For more about Henderson Settlement, see www.hendersonsettlement.com/our-history.html

The group of 8 men who traveled for this project took part in work camp, which is one of Henderson Settlement's biggest focuses. We spent a week working at a house, putting on siding and insulation, replacing windows, all to help the homeowner save money on utilities and to encourage him by improving the general appearance of his home. It was a wonderful week of service and fellowship as the 8 of us were able to grow in relationship with each other and with the homeowner. We are grateful for Wesley Memorial's support for our hands-on ministry this past week!





**WALK TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**

alzheimer's association™

Saturday, September 7
High Point Seniors' Walk
Wesley Memorial UMC
1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC

9:00 am Registration
10:00 am Gathering
10:15 Walk Begins

**Choice of
Walking Paths**

Indoors—Dining Hall

Outdoors— Campus Sidewalks

Bake Sale

Free Hotdog Lunch

This Summer At WMS



The Wesley Memorial School summer camp program has been so much fun. Our children have experienced activities based on our faith focus, “Fruit of the Spirit”. Some of our favorite weeks and specials

have been our week of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), VBS, Taking care of our Earth, and Waterworks.

We were treated to a very special ecology program from Leggett & Platt, Inc. The children played games, learned about recycling, and were treated to a special toy made from recycled materials. During STEM week the children learned about patience as they conducted experiments and tried their hand at being young scientists and inventors. Other specials and activities included gymnastics from High Point Gym-



nastics, water play, and a visit with the animals from Sunset Stables.

We are thankful for all who shared their gifts and talents with us this summer!



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Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

The organized unit of **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** shall be a community of women whose **PURPOSE** is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Thank you to **Angel Tree Circle** for providing and preparing dinner at Ward Street Mission on July 11th to 130 people.

If you are interested in joining a circle this fall, please contact:

Lucille Duncan 336.882.1815 or

Carolyn Steed 336.882.4829.

Circles will not meet in August.

SEPTEMBER

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Deadline

Thursday, August 22

5:00 pm

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