

The Heart♥beat

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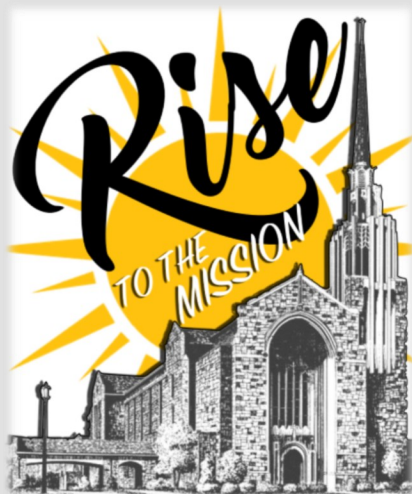
*Will you step out?
Will you step up?
Will you*
Rise To The Mission?

Commitment

Sunday

October 13

wesley memorial.org/give



Pastor Jeff

Senior Pastor
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Creating A Culture

Steve Jobs and Apple didn't just produce new technology, they changed the way we related to technology. They have created a culture.

In the church, we are called to do the same thing. Before we can work on the culture around us, we must first change the culture of our congregations. But, in too many instances, we just keep doing what we've been doing and hope for different results.

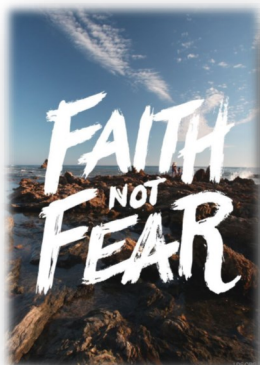
By changing our congregational culture, we change our church and the world around us.

We know well what makes congregations that thrive. We have two thousand years of data as well as extensive study of our age. Thriving, contagious congregations are those who have cultures where people are empowered for ministry, where people trust each other and trust the Spirit. Congregations that are changing the world celebrate the many ways that the Spirit is using people and are always looking to find new ways to co-labor with the Living Christ. Life-giving congregations multiply ministries. Vibrant churches have cultures that travel new paths, take risks and don't fear failure. Faith-filled congregations appropriate the richness of the past and embrace the new things that God is doing. A growth mindset that embraces change (perhaps even some chaos?) is deeply embedded in the DNA of great churches. Healthy congregations know how to both start and stop ministries as they

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explore ways to be more fruitful. Thriving churches are driven by the mission of God and not the preferences of the members. Reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ is the focus.



God has great dreams for Wesley Memorial Church. As traditional churches around us continue to decline, God is calling us to be the exception. For this dream to be a reality, we all must walk in humility and submission to Jesus.

We all must walk in love, grace, mutual encouragement and trust with each other. We all must embrace the future with faith and not fear. We must seek more of God in our lives and fervently desire to be part of God's renewing work in the world. These are exciting days for the people of Jesus.

With Confidence in Christ,

Pastor Jeff



The Bazaar is coming! **Carolina Christmas Bazaar**, sponsored by United Methodist Women of Wesley Memorial, will be **Saturday, November 16, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**. The tradition continues: over 75 vendors, crafts, Bake Sale, Cafe for breakfast and lunch, General Store and Silent Auction.

If you have items to donate for the Silent Auction or General Store, you may bring them now (we have a storage room). Mark your boxes clearly with "Bazaar" and call the church and let them know you are coming. You will also be able to bring items later.

**So save the date now
and
bring a friend or two!**



BIBLE
EXPLORERS

**COME JOIN THE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS
& learn God's Word in fun and exciting new ways!**

Runs October 13—November 17, 2019

Bible Explorers

Sunday afternoon programs for Kindergarteners through 5th grades will begin **October 13 through November 17**.

Registration information and brochures are available on the Elementary hall or you can contact Debbie Foust or Kim Suda at:

ksuda@wesleymemorial.org

Just For Our SENIOR ADULTS! (60+ yrs)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fall Day Trip to SHATLEY SPRINGS RESTAURANT

GUIDED TOUR OF AREA CHURCH FRESCOS

Cost: \$18.95 + tip for buffet; or order from menu. (Fresco tour & spring water free)

See Frescos: *Mary Great With Child, John The Baptist, The Mystery of Faith* (at St Mary's Episcopal Church); *The Last Supper* (at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church)

Are the rumors TRUE of the miraculous curing water of Shatley Springs?

Considered one of the purest water sources in the world. Bring your own container to take some home!

Can be stored for months without losing its fresh taste.

RSVP by October 20 to Susan Sumpter, 336-848-4128, or susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com



DECEMBER 12-13

Holiday Tours CHRISTMAS OVERNIGHT TRIP

to MYRTLE BEACH, SC

Depart: 8:00 am, Thursday, December 12

Return: 9:00 pm, Friday, December 13

Cost: \$349/person for double occupancy of hotel room

(\$100 deposit due October 12 to hold your space. Payable to WMUMC)

Includes: Holiday Tours motorcoach, dinner buffet on Thurs, 1 Carolina Opry Christmas Show, 1 Alabama Theatre Christmas Show, hotel lodging

Experience the joy of traveling together with your church friends for an inexpensive and safe trip.

We are going to see AMAZING Christmas shows & decorations!

For full details, call Susan Sumpter, 336-848-4128, or susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com

****Note early RSVP date is OCTOBER 12 (per agreement with Holiday Tours)**



12 children received Bibles this year in the 97th presentation of Bibles from the Covington Millis families.



Pastor Melissa

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Have you ever eaten a great southern tomato pie? I love them! One day, I decided to try to make one myself. At the end of my cooking adventure, I had in front of me nothing more than a disgusting, mushy mess! What went so wrong? I thought through everything in the recipe and remembered that I had skipped one of the instructions... salt the tomatoes first. I had skipped that part absent mindedly, because I didn't think it was relevant or important. I thought it would take too long to salt it and then

wait 30 minutes and that it did not really matter because we could just salt it to taste at the table anyway. However, I learned a valuable lesson that day about making a tomato pie. When you salt the tomatoes, the salt causes them to release their juices.

Gratitude in our lives is like the salt that causes the juices of generosity to flow forth naturally in our lives. There are other ways to force the juices out - like pressing them hard with hammer, smashing the essential element of the tomato in the process. But that is like when you give from compulsion, being forced. It is not very pretty and tends to be painful. God invites us to give freely. To have the generosity flow forth from a thankful heart. This is like the recipe that creates a fruitful and delicious tomato pie - not mushy or watery or smashed.

Are you living generously? In your finances, with your time, with your gifts/ talents? Are they flowing forth from a life salted by gratitude for all that God has given unto you? Generosity is about our hearts and lives growing as disciples, out of our thanksgiving unto God.

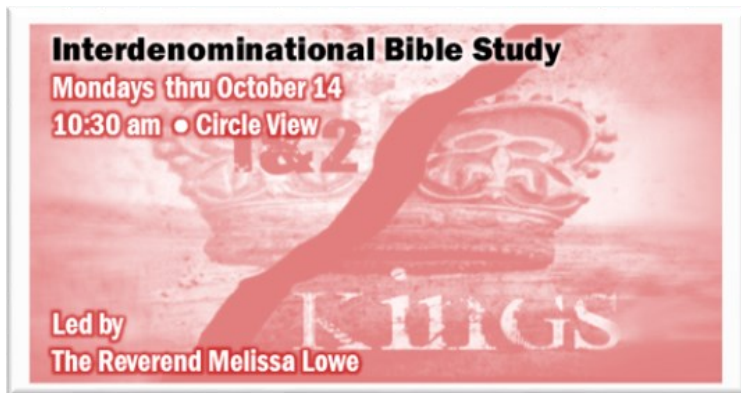
We live in a society and culture here in America, that has become more and more materialistic and consumer driven. In

fact, this consumeristic approach to living feeds an insatiable need to find our fulfillment and security in money and stuff which we have accumulated. This consumeristic mindset has fed our discontentment.

Giving generously of our financial resources to God, helps remind us of our dependence upon God and security in Him alone. Today, may you be filled with the joy of gratitude flowing forth in fruitful generosity.

In Christ,

Pastor Melissa



Book Club 10:30 am • Lunch & Program 11:45 am

Tuesday
October
15

LIVE *alive*
Serving Adults 55+

Reservations 336.884.2204 (by 10/11)



Greetings to my wonderful Wesley Memorial family,

Did you know that over 80% of new guests visit a church simply because a friend invited them? In order to help equip you in evangelism, **we have created invitation cards** that contain the church logo, service times and address. We hope and pray these cards can help facilitate relationships that will lead to you inviting a new friend or neighbor to one of our worship services this fall. Pick up a few cards this Sunday either in the Bridge Café or Narthex.



Take that next step—
join Wesley Memorial
in ministry!

**WESLEY
101**
New Member Class

Our next Wesley 101
new member class is
November 10 & 17
at 11am in the
Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP to:
cchilton
@wesleymemorial.org

Our upcoming **Wesley 101 New Member class (November 10 & 17 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall)** has already begun to fill up! If you are new to Wesley Memorial or know someone who is, please encourage them to sign up for this two week experience. They will learn more about Wesley Memorial, the United Methodist Church and how they can use their gifts in ministry in our congregation. Wesley 101 is the best next step for a new or regular guest.

I encourage you to pray daily for our city, our church, our neighbors and our shared ministries. Ministry and evangelism begins and ends with prayer. When we pray, we invite God's presence into our midst and we trust God to do the impossible. You nor I can heal someone's soul, heal the sick or truly convert someone. Only the Spirit of God can do these wondrous works.

As it says in 2 Corinthians 4:7 - We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

It is God that does great things, and may we continue to point toward Jesus, the one in whom and by whom all things were made and all things hold together.

Lastly, **If you feel called to begin an ongoing prayer ministry** at Wesley Memorial, please email or call me.

Let us continue to rise to the mission of the Gospel!



Pastor Clark

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



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



Debbie Foust

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"Navigating the Noise: Parenting Through Busyness, Technology, and Today's World."

Our friend and Ministry Architect consultant Chris Sasser will lead us through a night where we'll look at ways to help our families gain a little sanity and refocus on what's really important in life. This seminar will apply to parents who have both younger kids and teenagers, and we'll spend some time equipping and encouraging each other to better lead our families. Know other parents who could use some help? Invite them to join us!

Dinner included. Child care and activities for infants – 5th Grade.

Childcare Reservations: wesleymemorial.org/childcare

Event Registration: ksuda@wesleymemorial.org

*Do you ever find yourself
feeling a little overwhelmed
as a parent?*

*Is your family too busy, your
schedule too full, and your
kids too reliant on
technology?*

If any of this sounds familiar,
join us on **Sunday, November
3 from 5:00 pm-7:30 pm** for



Costume Carnival • Hay Rides • Games • Music • Hot Dog Dinner • Candy

Wear your costume and enjoy all the activities!

Sunday, October 27 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Hot Dog Dinner

5:00 pm (no reservations necessary)

Decorate your car, SUV or van?

Register w/ Kim Suda 336.812.4802 or ksuda@wesleymemorial.org

Donate CANDY? (lots and lots needed, *some non-chocolate too*)

Collection baskets outside worship spaces & Front Office Lobby

join our
group +

facebook®

Wesley Memorial Children's Ministries

October Events

Edge of Adventure

Sunday, 6

Merge Marriage Study ends

Wednesday, 9

Confirmation Mentor Meeting

Thursday, 10

Hype Night

Sunday, 13

Sunday Night Live

Sunday, 20

Confirmation Retreat

Friday, 25—Saturday, 26

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, 27

Edge of Adventure

6:00 -8:00 pm

Nunn's House

1109 Wynnewood Avenue

All 12th grade students
and their 12th grade
friends are welcome to
join us!

**Dinner & Dessert
Provided**



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Dinner included. Activities for middle school students and their friends

Event Registration: ksuda@wesleymemorial.org

Navigating the NOISE

Parenting Through
Busyness, Technology,
and Today's World



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CHILD
CARE

wesleymemorial.org/childcare



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We had a wonderful start to our school year with **158 children!** We are looking ahead to many activities for learning in October. October is our month of fire safety and exploring “God’s world in the fall.” Many of our learning activities will incorporate the changing fall leaves, pumpkins, and the farm. Oh, what wonders God gives us!

Autumnfest!

Friday, October 18, 9:30 am-Noon

All our children from our littlest babies through our Kindergarten students will participate in this full morning of outdoor fun, games, art, and music highlighting our October themes. All families and church members are invited to help the children with their activities, volunteer at a station, or simply come and enjoy seeing the sweet children. Our Autumnfest stations will include:

Blue Grass Music & Dancing

Hayride Wagon-Pull

Pumpkin Roll

Deer Corn Sensory Bin

Fall Art and Painting

Farm Fun Snacks



**WMS
Mini-Crop Walk
September 20**



**Our Children
Raised
\$1570.18**

Save the Date

Sunday, December 8 at 11: 00 am

Please join us for

ADVENT LESSONS CAROLS

with Scripture, Choir and Orchestra



Anne Carroll

Director of
Traditional Music

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Would you like to be an Anthem Angel or sponsor an orchestra instrument? Anthem Angels purchase anthems for the Chancel Choir or a handbell choir from a list of anthems compiled by the Director of Music in memory or honor of a loved one, teacher, friend, etc. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin each time your anthem is sung or rung in worship. If you would like to sponsor an orchestra instrument when they are used in worship in honor or memory of a loved one, contact **Anne Carroll**. Your sponsorship will be announced in the bulletin and your loved one mentioned.



Troop 4 is now accepting new scouts! Calling all 6th -11th Grade Boys looking to make new friends and go on fun adventures! We meet each **Monday at 6:30** in the scout room at Wesley Memorial (next to youth room). We welcome new scouts during the first Monday meeting each month. Interested scouts may send an email with parent name and phone number to **Troop4NewMemberCo@gmail.com** and one of our new member coordinators will contact you!



2019 Guilford County Walk to End Alzheimer's

October 19 @ Lebauer Park Greensboro

Fighting for the First Survivor

Last year Kay and I told you how we walk in memory of our fathers both of whom were diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

This year we would like to express our gratitude. Last year Wesley Memorial collected approximately \$930 for the WTEA. This year with the help of Susan Sumpter and Older Adult Council, a mini walk was held on campus and we have collected over \$4800 so far. In addition, Vann York Auto and Thayer Coggin Furniture have become bronze sponsors for the Walk. If anyone else would like to become a sponsor, please contact me.

This year's theme for the walk is "Fighting for the First Survivor". As I explained last year, the white flower is the symbol of the first survivor. Let's not slack off with the walk still four weeks away. Contributions can be made directly to the church with the word Alzheimer's in the subject line.

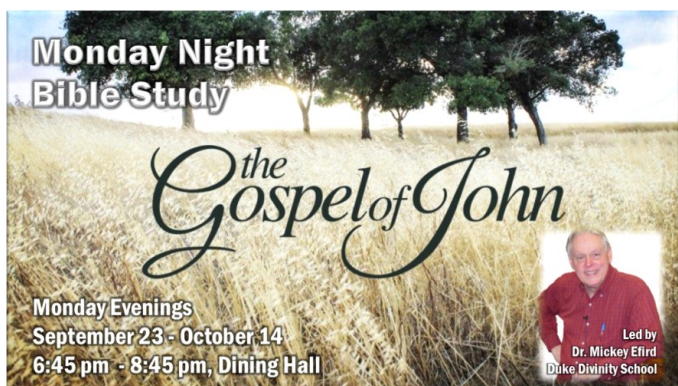
Contributions can also be made on-line by logging on to ALZ.org. Then click on Donate in the upper right corner of the home page. On the donate page click on donate to a walker and donate to a team on the next page. Enter Wesley Memorial UMC as the team name and search. From there just follow the instructions to make a donation.

Again, we cannot begin to express how much we appreciate the efforts of Wesley Memorial in "Fighting for the First Survivor" of Alzheimer's. We would love to see Team Wesley Memorial at the walk on the 19th. This would help us in our goal of getting the walk back to High Point.

Thanks again,

Jerry and Kay Tucker

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.



We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

In Memory of:

Gifts received July 2019

Jane Elizabeth Phillips Blackwell: Malcolm & Patricia Nash

William (Bill) McIlwaine Blanton, Jr.: Mr. & Mrs. George Ferguson, Jr., Mrs. Charles K. Martin, Charles & Honey McAnally

Eugene Bohi: Malcolm & Patricia Nash

Wayne Patterson (Father of Jeff Patterson):

Malcolm & Patricia Nash

Gerald Steed (Brother of Dwight Steed): Malcolm & Patricia Nash

W. Vann York: Malcolm & Patricia Nash

Gifts received August 2019

Calhoun (Cal) Anderson: Raymond & Liz Rogers

Frank Barrett: Rick & Jill Holbert

William (Bill) McIlwaine Blanton, Jr.: Bonnie Cashion, Grace & A.B. Henley, Patricia Hutchens, Vivian Penry, Helen & Scott Vanvick

James L. Hardin (Father of Glenda Miller): Ellen Whitlock & Tim Rhodes

Patricia (Pat) Morakis: Raymond & Liz Rogers, June Safrit

Cheryl Riggs Rice (Sister of Jackie Gillespie): Evelyn Davis

Juanita Thomas (Mother of Judi Osborne): Raymond & Liz Rogers

W. Vann York: Lee & Stuart Nunn

In Honor of:

Gifts received August 2019

Dr. Bill Anderson: Susanna Wesley SS Class

Darrell Sumner: Susanna Wesley SS Class

In Memoriam

Patricia (Pat) Morakis, August 17, 2019

Donald Elmer (Pete) Brewer, September 13, 2019

Sympathies

Eula Lyons upon the death of her daughter, **Amelia (Amy) Lyons Esteras** on July 14, 2019

Jackie Gillespie upon the death of her sister; **Cheryl Riggs Rice** on July 24, 2019

Kim Sanders Roberts and family upon the death of her father, **Ernest Leonard Sanders** on July 26, 2019

Sarah Hawes and family upon the death of her brother, **Nathan (Nick) Cleveland Gibson** on August 8, 2019

Andy Beck and family upon the death of his mother, **Rachel (Rae) Beck Logan** on August 14, 2019

Mason Garner and family upon the death of her grandmother, **Patricia (Pat) Morakis** on August 17, 2019

Jim Holcomb and family upon the death of his mother, **Jean Holcomb** on August 24, 2019

Pat Brewer, David, Edwin & Matthew Brewer upon the death of her husband and their father, **Donald Elmer (Pete) Brewer** on September 13, 2019

Kitty Coble, Kathy Coble, Jerry Cornwell and family upon the death of her husband and their father, **Howard Coble**, on September 25, 2019

NOVEMBER

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Deadline

Thursday, October 17

5:00 pm

showell@wesley memorial.org



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

UMW Board will meet Monday, October 7, 10:30 am
in the Small Dining Room

Special thanks to Circle #6 for organizing the Red
Cross Blood Drive on Sept 8. Twenty seven pints of
blood were collected.

If you are cleaning out drawers and closets for the
Bazaar or to move, please be on the lookout for
past UMW yearbooks. The Historical Room would
like to have them especially for the years 2003-
2013.

**THE BAZAAR IS COMING! Saturday, November 16,
8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Vendors, Bake Sale, General Store, Silent Auction
and Cafe. Plan to attend and bring a friend, FREE
ADMISSION.

We'd love to have your gently used items for the
Silent Auction and General Store.

Storage is now available downstairs in C106.

Please box all you can and label for the Bazaar. Call
the church and tell them you are coming. Ask them
to unlock the door for you. NO clothing or large TVs.

Calling all cooks for the Bazaar Bake Sale. Des-
serts, casseroles, canned goods, soup and bread,
it's all needed to make the Bake Sale a success.
You don't have to be a member of UMW to contrib-
ute. Call Glenda Miller for details 336.869.7529.

Circle Meetings in October:

Angel Tree - Wednesday, October 23, 5:45 pm, Small
Dining Room

Friendship - Monday, October 14, 11:30 am, Small
Dining Room, "Meet Clark Chilton"

Circle #6 - Monday, October 14, 7 pm at the home of
Lucille Duncan, 606 Huntington Drive, Program TBA

Circle #8 - Thursday Oct 3, and Thursday Oct 24,
YWCA, 155 Westwood, 10 am, making pottery
bowls for The Feast of Caring.

Circle #9 - Tuesday, October 15, 10:30 am, Dining
Hall

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