

# The Heart beat

A monthly newsletter of  
**Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**

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## May I Share My Excitement?

A few words can't adequately convey my excitement, but I want to try. Thanks for taking the time to read these words.

I am watching so many exciting things in the life of our church family. Growing numbers in worship is bringing renewed enthusiasm to our services. I'm grateful for the crowds at our three Sunday morning worship services and our Wednesday Vesper service. Our Children's and Student's Ministries are busy changing your lives that will impact the world for years to come. I see much evidence that people are seeking spiritual growth.

The month of September will be a strong statement about our yearning to truly be the Body of Christ in the world. By being the hands and feet of Christ, we are living as the physical presence of Jesus animated by his Spirit. September is our "**Month of Compassion.**" We will have many opportunities to spend time together in ways that change the world.

- **The Compassion Experience** (September 6-9) will draw thousands of people to our campus who will have an interactive experience of learning compassion.
- Join us for **Rise Against Hunger** on Sunday afternoon, September 15, in our Dining Hall as we pack 36,000 meals that will feed the hungry. This is a world-changing event that is fun for the whole family.

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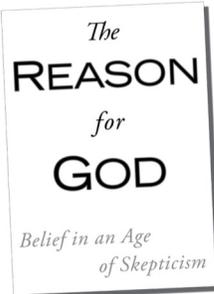
**New Teaching Series this Fall:**  
**THE REASON FOR GOD**

September 15:  
**Isn't the Bible A Myth?**

September 22:  
**Exclusive Inclusivity**

September 29:  
**Isn't Christianity All About Rules**

October 6:  
**Why Is There Suffering and Evil?**



*Perfect for inviting a friend!*

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- Our Senior Adult Council will host the **High Point Seniors' AND Families Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease** (September 7).
- Through our **Blood Drive** (September 8), you will be able to give the gift of life.

In September, we will begin our *RISE to the Mission* Stewardship Program that will give all of us the opportunity to find the joy of giving to the work of Christ in our world. Our Wednesday meals and Bible studies will begin on September 11. You can read about these events and more throughout this issue of The Heartbeat.

This is only a small sampling of the Spirit-directed things that are going on in the life of our church family. It is wonderful to be part of a congregation that is truly finding the joy of changing the world. As we transform lives, the world is transformed.

With Confidence in Christ,

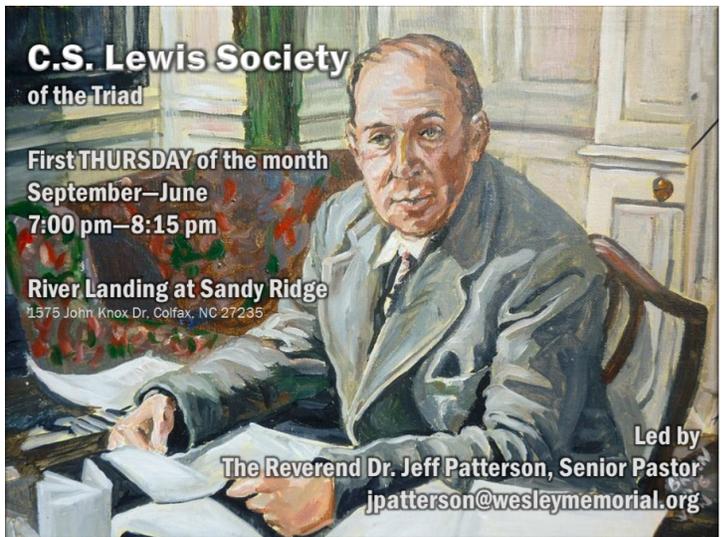
**Pastor Jeff**



**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@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:creddick@wesleymemorial.org)



**C.S. Lewis Society**  
of the Triad

First THURSDAY of the month  
September—June  
7:00 pm—8:15 pm

River Landing at Sandy Ridge  
1375 John Knox Dr. Colfax, NC 27235

Led by  
The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
[jpatterson@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:jpatterson@wesleymemorial.org)



**EXPERIENCE ANOTHER WORLD**  
Without Leaving Yours

**THE COMPASSION EXPERIENCE**

Advocating all lives from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name

## September is: MONTH OF COMPASSION

September 6-9: <b>Compassion Experience (Circle Lot)</b> sponsored by <b>Compassion International</b>	September 7: <b>Alzheimer's Walk</b>	September 8: <b>Blood Drive</b>	September 15: <b>Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging 2pm</b> (Kona Ice also included!)	September 22: <b>Crop Walk @ Rockers Stadium</b>
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## Soul of the Community Dinner 9.27

Macedonia Family Resource Center celebrated 20 years of baseball this year! Macedonia is a lot more than baseball. Macedonia is a family resource center offering programs for all ages. When asking people in the community what comes to mind when they think about the center they say, *“Macedonia is a place where I feel safe and know that the people at the center care.”* What better way to know that we are making a difference in High Point!

Macedonia Family Resource Center (MFRC) is a Christian-based facility serving the needs of all ages by providing over 25 programs. Two major issues currently plague our city—violence and hunger. MFRC is addressing both.

We have hosted “Community Violence and Our Children,” in association with the HP Police Department, HPU and Family Services. We host a monthly community dinner where we discuss ways to create a safer living environment.

Our food pantry is open to families who may receive food monthly or our senior population who can receive food anytime. We also have one of the nicest vegetable gardens in the city. We welcome a visit anytime. Our **“Soul of the Community Dinner”** will be held in our church on **Friday, September 27** to benefit MFRC. Please come and support YOUR center!

Thank you for believing in Macedonia!

*Charles Surles*

Chairperson MFRC



**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



**Compassion**  
**Sunday**  
**September 8**  
 Jeff & Tammy sharing stories from Peru  
 Compassion Int'l:  
 Child Sponsorship



**RED CROSS**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
 Sunday  
**September 8**  
 8:30 am–1:30 pm; Dining Hall  
 make an appointment on-line  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
 sponsor code: wesley



**September 15, 2:00 –5:00 pm**  
**Dining Hall**  
**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**  
 food • community • sustainability

Rise Against Hunger Sign-up (required):  
[events.riseagainsthunger.org/WesleyHighPoint2019](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/WesleyHighPoint2019)



**Friday, September 27**  
**4:00—7:00 pm**  
 Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
 1225 Chestnut Drive  
 benefitting the  
  
**MacedoniaCenter.org**

**\$10.00**  
**Menu**  
 Barbeque Chicken  
 Collards & Pinto Beans  
 Potato Salad  
 Rolls, Desserts, Tea



**ENDING HUNGER**  
**ONE STEP AT A TIME**  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

**Sunday, September 22, 2:00 pm (sign in)**  
**High Point Rockers Ballpark**  
 to register: [www.crophungerwalk.org/highpointnc/](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/highpointnc/)



**Pastor Melissa**

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## Wounds of Compassion

Divorce unexpected. Death of closest friend. Loss of Job. Stomach growling. Delinquency bill. Eviction notice. “I regret to inform you...” letter. Clothes that no longer fit. Pain stuffed down and ignored. Sobs in the quiet of the night. Frustration and helplessness overwhelming.

Into the midst of the pain – Immanuel “God with us.” God is with us in the midst of our suffering, failures, struggles, and mistakes. Jesus Christ is COMPASSION embodied.

Holding out nail scarred hands and a wounded side, Jesus sees us in the midst of our doubts and says, ‘touch me’. Touch my suffering, my pain, my blood shed for you. You are not alone. I am with you. Forever.

“Compassion” comes from the Latin origins of com “with, together” + pati” to suffer”. The root of compassion is found in the sharing of suffering or affliction with another.

At times we find ourselves struggling to offer compassion to another person. Because let’s admit it, compassion is not easy. It is personal, vulnerable, risky.

We have the opportunity here at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church to share the compassion of Jesus Christ with others in several different ways during the month of September:

- **The Compassion Experience** – September 6-9 in the front parking lot, in the span of 20 minutes engage in an interactive journey through the true lives of children living in developing countries, as you walk through an exhibit space. To volunteer at or register to attend the experience, go to:

**[www.compassionexperience.com](http://www.compassionexperience.com)**

- **Alzheimer’s Walk** – Saturday, September 7 at Wesley Memorial. You may walk inside the Dining Hall or outdoors on the campus sidewalks. Purchase baked goods, and enjoy a free hot dog lunch. Registration begins 9:00 am. Walk begins at 10:15 am. Donations go to help end Alzheimers.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – Sunday, September 8 8:30 am-1:30 pm in the Dining Hall. Make your appointment online at **[www.redcrossblooddrive.org](http://www.redcrossblooddrive.org)** with the sponsor code: **Wesley** or call Glenda Miller at **336.870.4513**
- **Rise Against Hunger** – Sunday, September 15, 2:00-5:00 pm. Pack meals for individuals in developing countries in the Dining Hall.
- **CROP Hunger Walk** – Sunday, September 22 at High Point Rockers Ballpark. Raise money to provide food and water around the world to those in need. Registration starts at 2:00 pm and the walk starts at 3:00 pm.

May you experience the COMPASSION of Christ in your life today.

In Christ,

*Pastor Melissa Lowe*

Psalm 116:5 “The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.”

## Greetings to the Wesley Memorial family,

As I come upon my two month anniversary here at Wesley, all I can say is “Wow!”. My family and I have received a tremendously warm welcome and for that I am most grateful. The Spirit has been at work in all of our worship experiences and we have seen consistent attendance growth across the board. Additionally, we are currently spearheading outreach endeavors that will help heighten Wesley Memorial’s visibility in the Triad while we also welcome new guests.

### How can you help with evangelism moving forward? I’m glad you asked!

- **5-5-5 Rule** - Every Sunday you attend one of our worship services, consider implementing the **5-5-5 Rule**: Take **five minutes** to speak to **five new people** who are **within five (ish) feet** of you. Can you imagine the outreach impact we would have if we would all do this? Church research has shown that a guest needs to be greeted at least seven times before they feel truly welcome. Just think how the 5-5-5 Rule could change our shared ministry!
- **Slap a Sticker** - Wesley Memorial now has free stickers and car magnets available. Pick up a few in the Narthex or Bridge Cafe this Sunday and slap them on your car. Not only will this easy gesture help provide free advertising for our church, it will also make you a better driver! (*author’s note: this may or may not be true*)
- **Welcome to Wesley 101** - Do you have a friend, family member or co-worker looking for a church home? Over 80% of first-time guests attend a church because they were invited by a friend. Our **next upcoming Wesley 101 new member classes will be November 10 and 17 at 11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. All interested persons can RSVP to me or call/email me with any questions.
- **Invite friends to “The Reason For God” sermon series** - Much of ministry is built upon meeting the felt needs in people’s lives and one massive need in our world today is skepticism. Many in our society have legitimate questions: “Why am I here? Why is there evil in the world? Isn’t Christianity all about rules?” Starting September 15, this upcoming sermon series will help address these heartfelt concerns while also encouraging you in your faith.



Pastor Clark

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Evangelism

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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](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org)

Christ in Us!



**Debbie Foust**

Director of  
Children's Ministries  
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## Fall Sunday School

The 3 and 4 year old's will begin their new Sunday School classes actively involved in learning wonderful Bible stories and getting to know each other. During the Fall they will focus on *Loving God and Loving Neighbor*.

During September, our kindergarten through 5th grade classes will embark on a journey to discover what it means to live from God's "enough". We will "Step into the Shoes" of Pastor Tom and his family living in Uganda.

## Bible Sunday

### Sunday, September 22

During the 11:00 am traditional service we will present Bibles to the rising third grade class. These Bibles are a gift from the Covington and Millis families and have been given to 3rd graders since 1922 in memory of J. Edward Millis, Jr. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone in the lives of our third graders.

## Quest Bible Study

### Saturday, September 28

Third graders are encouraged to participate in Quest Bible retreat where they will learn about their Bible, how it came to be and how to use it as well as the wonderful treasures that are inside. If you would like more information, contact Debbie Foust or Kim Suda at: [ksuda@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:ksuda@wesleymemorial.org)



**Compassion**  
Addressing the needs of the most vulnerable

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NO PLANE TICKET?  
NO PROBLEM!**

**CHANGE THE STORY**  
THE COMPASSION EXPERIENCE

CHANGE THE STORY is an opportunity to step into the life of an impoverished child. This immersive experience will move you to *be the change* for a child who lives in desperate poverty!

**Reserve your spot today at**  
[compassionexperience.com](http://compassionexperience.com)

Wesley Memorial UMC

Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9
11 – 7 p.m.	10 – 6 p.m.	9:40 – 5:30 p.m.	11 – 7 p.m.



**Steven Nelson**

Director of  
Student Ministries  
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## September Events

- Confirmation Parents' Meeting  
**Wednesday, September 4, 5:30 -6:30 pm**
- Boys' Ball & Bible Resumes  
**Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 -7:00 pm**
- Wednesday Morning HS Girls Life Group  
**Wednesday, September 11, 7:00-8:00 am**
- MERGE and MS Life Groups  
**Wednesday, September 11, 6:30-8:00 pm**
- Sunday Night Live  
**Sunday, September 15, 5:30- 7:30 pm**

Contact Steven Nelson or Kim Suda for details



**Boys' Ball & Bible**

**Summer 2019**



**YAM Session**



**6th Grade Lock-in**



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**Susan Kelley**

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Associate Director  
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We are so proud of our WMS staff !  
Voted the **“Best Preschool  
of the Southern Triad”**



**We celebrated  
the end of our  
summer camp  
program with  
water fun day!**

Our school year began August 26! Please pray for our staff, children, and families throughout the school year. We are blessed with serving God through loving and teaching His littlest children. Our hope is that our days together will bring the children and families closer to God, each other, and the church.

**Children’s CROP WALK**  
**Our First Mission Opportunity**



We will have our very own Crop walk for hunger to help our little ones understand and start early the concept of helping others. On **Friday, September 20, 10 am**, we will walk on the Wesley Memorial campus. You are invited to come out and help hold hands, walk with us, and enjoy being with the children. Please call JoAnn or Susan if you would like to join us.



**Wesley Handbell Choir** will have their first rehearsal on September 4 from 4:15-5 in the children's bell room. This handbell choir is for children grades 3-5.

**Chancel Bells** resume their regular schedule of rehearsals on September 12. They will ring for worship on September 29 at 11. We welcome new ringers Shawn Burchette and Patti Wood.



**Anne Carroll**

Director of  
Traditional Music  
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acarroll@wesleymemorial.org

**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.



You will not want to miss the **Hymn Festival on September 15** titled Heritage. We will celebrate the many ways God has blessed us as a congregation with readings and hymn singing accompanied by trumpets and organ.

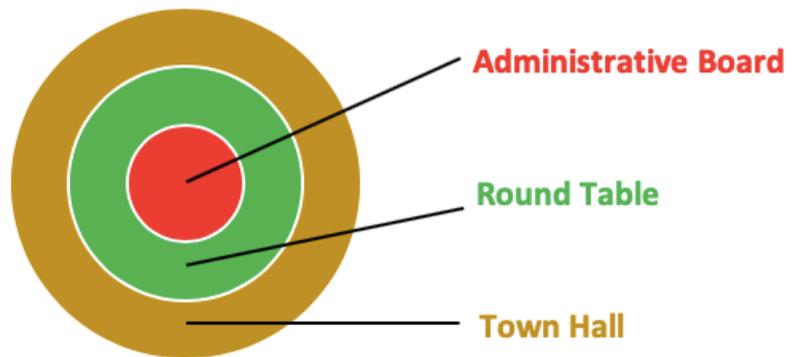
**Save the Date**  
Sunday, December 8 at 11: 00 am

Please join us for  
**ADVENT LESSONS CAROLS** with  
Scripture,  
Choir and  
Orchestra

## Simplified Structure: WHAT? WHY? HOW?

### WHAT?

As we live into our strategic plan, Wesley Memorial Church is implementing a simplified structure for administrative processes. This will entail a new **Administrative Board** which will restructure and consolidate the Administrative teams: Staff-Parish Relationship (SPR), Finance, and Trustees/Facilities team. The new Administrative Board will be comprised of thirteen members: nine church members, the



lay leader(s), the senior pastor, and the director of administration. The new Administrative Board will perform the responsibilities of the current Administrative teams. The new Administrative Board will fill different roles to accomplish all functions currently divided between the multiple Administrative teams. The new Administrative Board will have a more integrated, holistic approach to decision-making. The Administrative Board will meet as a body once a month.

The **Round Table** will consist of the new Administrative Board and all Ministry Team chairs. It will meet once a month and will be a time of sharing about church ministries and events.

The **Town Hall** will be an open meeting consisting of the Administrative Board, Ministry Teams, and the congregation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these regular congregational meetings. The Town Hall will be a time of sharing about church ministries, events, and the vision of Wesley Memorial Church.

### WHY?

- More accountability and transparency to the congregation (through the Town Hall meetings)
- Increased collaboration between leadership and congregation (through Round Table and Town Hall meetings)
- Provide opportunities for more individuals to be involved in Wesley Memorial (through short-term action groups)
- Streamlined decision making process enables better management of time, energy, and resources

### HOW will the new Administrative Board and Ministry Teams be formed?

A key component of this simplified structure will be in moving toward a “gift” based ministry. The Leadership and Nominations Team will receive applications for people wishing to serve on any team, rather than recruiting church members for ministry roles.

Applications will be made available through the website, front desk, and entrances to worship services in early September and received by October 1, 2019.

**Note: The roles, functions, and schedules of Ministry Teams may not change, other than being part of the application process.**

**Childcare Available**

To reserve a space for your child(ren):  
skelley@wesleymemorial.org

**All Congregation TOWN HALL meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 pm in the Dining Hall**  
**TOPIC: Simplified Structure**

**Everyone's  
Invited!**



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 2000 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items.

You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Contact:

**Karen Sumner, 336.883.8721**

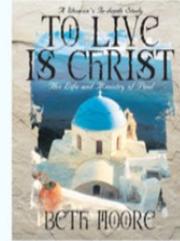
**Linda Dale, 336.884.5121**

wednesday night  
**DINNER**



**Resumes Wednesday, September 11**

**5:45 pm—6:45 pm in the Dining Hall**



**TO LIVE  
IS CHRIST**  
BETH MOORE



**W.O.W. (Women Of Wesley) Bible Study**

Tuesdays 9:15 am – 11:15 am in the Underground (starts September 10)

Visit our Facebook group at "W.O.W. - Women of Wesley, Bible Study" for details

**Childcare available for Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

to reserve a space for your child(ren):

**skelley@wesleymemorial.org**

**HYMN FESTIVAL**

*Heritage:* with the Chancel Choir, Organ & Trumpets

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**11 o'clock Worship in the Sanctuary**



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A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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**VESPERS**

Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 pm in the Chapel

a midweek service of  
Holy Communion and Healing Prayer

**Beginning Wednesday, September 11**

**VESPERS will begin at 5:30 pm**

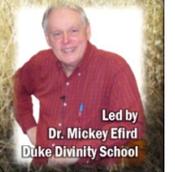
**Monday Night  
Bible Study**

*the  
Gospel of John*

Monday Evenings

September 23 - October 14

6:45 pm - 8:45 pm, Dining Hall



Led by  
Dr. Mickey Efrid  
Duke Divinity School

**Childcare available for Monday Night Bible Study**

to reserve a space for your child(ren):

**skelley@wesleymemorial.org**

**NEW – Men's Bible Study**

**Philippians**

**Starts September 11 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Led by Rev. Clark Chilton**

**QUESTIONS?**

Email: [mbankscochrane@gmail.com](mailto:mbankscochrane@gmail.com)

Childcare available on Wednesdays for  
Vespers and evening Bible studies.

to reserve a space for your child(ren):

**skelley@wesleymemorial.org**

**Student Ministries Fall Retreat**

**Friday, September 27—Sunday, September 29**

Amazing island get away experience

Positive interaction with strong Christian leaders

Hanging out with 1000+ students

Gospel centered teaching & solid worship

**REGISTER TODAY**

**[www.wesleymemorial.org/students](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/students)**



# United Methodist Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

UMW Board will meet Monday, Sept 9, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by Circle #6 on Sunday, Sept 8, 8:30am to 1:30pm. To schedule an appointment call Glenda Miller 336.870.4513 or Susan Sumpter 336.848.4128.

WNCC UMW 46th Annual Celebration, Sept 13-15 at Lake Junaluska. Theme is "Grace, Grit and Gratitude", keynote speakers are National Office Executive Christi Campos and Belinda Forbes, a missionary serving Nicaragua.

**Needed:** Your recipes for a Southeastern Jurisdiction Legacy cookbook. Each UMW conference is asked to submit 15-25 recipes by Oct 20. Send yours to Julia Willis (jawillis1@aol.com). The cookbook should be available at the April 2020 SEJ meeting in Mobile, Al.

### September Circle Meetings:

**Circle #6** - Monday, Sept 9, 7 pm, details TBA

**Circle #8** - TBA

**Circle #9** - Tuesday, Sept 17, 10:30 am, Dining Hall

**Angel Tree** and **Friendship Circles** will not meet.

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**Deadline**  
**Thursday, September 19**  
**5:00 pm**  
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