

# WESLEY WINDOW

AUGUST 14, 2025

## WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 17, 2025

Traditional  
8:30 & 11:00AM  
Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

Scripture  
Luke 12:49-56

Modern  
9:30 & 11:00AM  
Celebration Space  
Bishop Frank Beard

Watch live at  
[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available  
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

## Family Matters

This Sunday we will share in the sacrament of baptism with two families of our congregation. It will be a special moment, and your presence is an important part of this sacred rite. There is something about the baptism of a child that reminds us all of the promise of God we are born for. When we are baptized it is not that it is just about us, but it is also about the family of faith that surrounds and is to nurture us in Christian life. It is a beautiful moment and also an important responsibility.

And as I mention family, it is probably important to note that Jesus thinks of family a bit differently than we sometimes do. When we think of family, we tend to confine the term to genetics. Jesus, well, not so much. Remember, the scene of Jesus' first miracle in Canaan of Galilee? (John 2). Jesus' mother comes up to him to ask a favor, and Jesus responds by calling her not mom or even by name (Mary) but instead says, "Woman." If I had done that to my momma...well, safe to say I'd still be wearing the slap of the back of her hand. Then there is the time in Mark 3 when Jesus is told that his family is waiting for him outside and rebuffs the observation by saying, "This is my family," pointedly not looking at his own siblings. Huh? Or when Jesus tells a family amid mourning that they should leave their family behind. (Luke 14). And perhaps most striking of all in this Sunday's lesson, Luke 12:49-55, Jesus says he has come to tear relationships apart. Wow, I've never preached that on Mother's Day and don't believe I ever will.

What is Jesus saying? It is not that he is an agitator, but following him can be disruptive. There is more to life than what we take for granted and without purpose, nothing we have amounts to all that much.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday,

P.S. We have had great attendance in all our worship times, and this Sunday, Bishop Beard will return to preach in Modern services. while I preach in Traditional. Welcome back, Bishop!

## OUR PRAYERS

Itala Azzarelli	Shannon Egan	Carol Morse
Jeannie Boerger	Amy Eubanks	Jane Moxley
John Bradley	Elton Fauber	Elliot Mumper
Nick Bravo	Irene Faucher	Jan Nelson
Delaine Brown	Dot Gleason	Judy Orosz
Paula Brown	Jeff Harris Sr.	Kline Petty
Browning Family	Meagin Hilbert	Melinda Porter
Bobby Buffkin	Don & Betty Holck	Gloria Prather
John Burnette	Ashley Holder	Alicia Reeves
Melissa Campos	Margaret Horsely	Kelli Reville
Diane Cawood	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Charlie Rockwell
Steve Clark	Jetter Family	Abby Roney
Francis Chandler	Kendinger Family	Sorrells Family
Kimberly D. Cliett	Olivia King	Amber South
Kaitlyn Cobbs	Kristen Laursen	Heather South
Cook Family	Pat Lee	Mowgli Stencil
Kerry Deering	Wanda Lee	Allison Thompson
Bonnie	Todd Lindley	Jimmy Vaughn
Devereaux	Barbara &	Ruth Ann Waller
Jan Devereaux	Megan Loneker	Debbie Weisz
Phoebe Dinkins	Hannah Lotz	Bonnie Wilson
Bill Dunn	Clarence Malcom	Wilson Family
Edwards Family	Audra Melon	

## THE BIBLE YEAR

It's not too late to join!  
New Testament begins  
August 31! Get the  
reading schedule here  
each week or use The  
Bible Year by Macrey R.  
Devega. Discussion  
group meets on  
Sundays, 6-7PM.

### AUGUST 17-23

August 17: Obadiah  
August 18: Jonah 1-2  
August 19: Jonah 3-4  
August 20: Micah 1-4  
August 21: Micah 5-7  
August 22: Nahum 1-3  
August 23: Habakkuk 1-3

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Placed on August 10 in memory of

**Lee Rosenthal**

by Debbe, Shawn & Jason Rosenthal.

**Tommy Martin**

by his family.

## OUR PRESENCE - AUGUST 10

8:30 Traditional	132	9:30 Modern	149
11:00 Traditional	280	11:00 Modern	156
11:00 Jr. Church	34	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>751</b>

## OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	45,329
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,324,000
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,540,308

## OUR WEEKLY BREAD

For by grace are ye saved . . .  
- Ephesians 2:8

### THE UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD

"Grace," according to the dictionary, is the unmerited favor of God toward mankind. The word "grace" is used over 170 times in the New Testament alone. Grace is not bought. It is a free gift of almighty God to needy mankind. When we picture Jesus Christ dying on the cross, we see the free gift of God's grace in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. We sing with the songwriter, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see." Our human minds, with its philosophy of an equal return for favors done, can hardly comprehend the full meaning of this grace of God. But when we catch, by the inspiration of God, its full meaning, we will leave the limits of human reasoning and revel in the spiritual riches of divine truth and privilege. Yes, the grace of God is a reality. Thousands have tried, tested, and proved that it is more than a cold creed, a docile doctrine, or a tedious theory. The grace of God has been tested in the crucible of human experience, and has been found to be more than an equal for the problems and sins of humanity.

*Lord, this day help me to come to a more full  
and abundant awareness of Your bountiful grace.*

*Stimulate me to serve You.*

*- billygraham.org*

**FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN  
SAVED THROUGH FAITH,  
& THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES;  
IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.**

EPHESIANS 2:8

## COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES AUGUST FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**PANCAKE MIX, BABY FOOD,  
SMALL BOTTLES OF  
DISHWASHING LIQUID  
DOG & CAT FOOD**

If you can donate any non-perishable  
foods and household staples, place them  
in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.



# Crazy, Splashing, Funnel Caking Fun at STUDENT KICK-OFF



## VOLUNTEER KICK OFF TAILGATE



SCAN TO RSVP OR  
VISIT [WESLEYUMC.NET](http://WESLEYUMC.NET)

AUGUST 27, 6-7:30PM

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS AND BRING  
YOUR FAVORITE TAILGATE DISH AS WE  
CHEER OUR VOLUNTEERS AND HELP  
EVERYONE FIND THEIR PLACE  
TO SERVE ON THE WESLEY TEAM!



## women's bible study

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10

No registration required.  
Newcomers welcome.



*The* **BIBLE YEAR**  
*The New Testament*

Discussion Group Sundays at 6pm  
in the Conference Room

Join our Facebook Group:

Scan code  
or search  
"Wesley the  
Bible Year."

## ADAPTIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 7 AT 2PM

OCTOBER 5 AT 2PM

NOVEMBER 2 AT 2PM

ALL PEOPLE DESERVE TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.  
THIS IS A SHORTENED, LOW SENSORY SERVICE DESIGNED  
FOR ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF AGE, BACKGROUND,  
PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, OR EMOTIONAL ABILITY.

[WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET/SPECIAL-NEEDS-MINISTRY](http://WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET/SPECIAL-NEEDS-MINISTRY)

## rise & shine women's breakfast gathering

SEPTEMBER 27, 9AM  
CELEBRATION SPACE

Visit [wesleyumc.net/women](http://wesleyumc.net/women)  
to register.





## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30a Traditional Worship  
9:30a Modern Worship  
11:00a Modern Worship  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
6:00p Bible Year Group  
6:00p Wesley Students  
6:30 Ambassadors

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

6:00p AA Meeting  
7:00p Scout Troop 615

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00a Men in Mission  
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00p Celebration Choir

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:15a Mom's Group  
6:00p AA Meeting



## 3rd-12th Grade ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, September 14  
12-12:30pm in the Sanctuary

Contact Summer Rhodes at  
sdbeckman@hotmail.com.

Training up leaders to serve in the community

## AMBASSADORS

3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
BEGINS AUGUST 17

We will meet on scheduled Sundays from 6:30-7:30pm for Bible study, mission activities, and training. Register to receive information about activities and retreats.

SCAN HERE!

AMBASSADORS  
3RD-5TH GRADE

Join us for  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

REHEARSALS BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 5:30-6pm  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade 6-6:30pm

Email  
molly.e.furse@gmail.com

Together, we thrive - don't do life alone.

## moms group

JOIN US FOR  
Fellowship  
Bible & Book Studies  
Playdates  
Lunch Bunch

STARTS AUGUST 21  
Thursdays  
9:15 - 11:00am  
Connect Room  
Childcare Provided

email lindsey@wesleyumc.net  
with questions

## SENIOR ADULT SUPPER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 5PM

Old MacDonald's Fish Camp

[helen@wesleyumc.net](mailto:helen@wesleyumc.net) to register.

Wesley Kids

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

AUGUST 31

No Jr. Church (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
8:30am - Nursery  
9:30am - Nursery & PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
11:00am - Nursery, PreK & Kindergarten

LUNCH & LEARN

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

SEPTEMBER 14  
12:15pm, Student Ministry Room

Join us to learn how to be prepared for a natural disaster or other emergency.  
Hosted by the Care Ministry

REGISTER

## WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....	Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell.....	Senior Adult Outreach
Laura Croft ext 210.....	Preschool Director
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....	Evangelism/Program Secretary
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....	Finance Director
Leslie England.....	Connections Director
Lauren Fackler.....	Special Needs Ministry Coordinator
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....	Student Ministries Coordinator
Jose Gonzales.....	Custodian
Mark Haddon ext 206.....	Facilities Manager
Holly Jordan.....	Students Intern
Willey Lee.....	Music Associate
Kate Morris ext 211.....	Family Ministry Director
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....	Senior Pastor
Makayla Rittwage ext 205.....	Student Discipleship Coordinator
Carol Shikle ext 211.....	Assistant Family Ministry Director
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....	Missions Assistant
Justin Smith.....	Custodian
Lindsey Solomon ext 223.....	Associate Pastor
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....	Pastor of Student Ministries
Jeff Wickell ext 225.....	Music Ministries Director
Hillary Williamson ext 220.....	Care Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit [wesleyumc.net](http://wesleyumc.net).

825 North Belair Road    Evans, GA 30809    706.869.0888

[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)  
office@wesleyumc.net

@WUMCEVANS