

# WESLEY WINDOW

JULY 31, 2025

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**AUGUST 3, 2025**

### **PROMOTION SUNDAY BACKPACK BLESSING**

#### Traditional

**8:30 & 11:00AM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

#### Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

#### Modern

**9:30 & 11:00AM**

Celebration Space  
Lindsey Solomon

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

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available  
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

## **Beginning Again**

It is hard to believe as temperatures soar outside that Monday marks the beginning of another academic year. Lights in many homes will be ablaze long before sun-up as families get ready to send their children to class. Though the first day of school is obviously about the students and their teachers, it involves everyone. Families set the calendars, make carpool schedules, and plan for afterschool events. Even those of us who no longer have children at home find it is wise to add 15 minutes to most trips, as traffic is more congested. Sunday afternoon trips to the grocery can be like an ad hoc parent meeting as you purchase lunch and other supplies from the store. It seems when the bell rings, it rings for everyone.

And because it does, we made plans at Wesley as well. This Sunday, August 3, is Promotion Sunday, and we'll be blessing backpacks. All students and teachers are encouraged to worship at any of our services as we begin the year with both blessing and prayer. Between services check out our photo backdrop (thank you, Candace Jackson) so you can take a picture of your child for the first day of school. Is there any better way to begin a school year? For rising middle school students and parents, we want to invite you to stay after 11AM worship for lunch, as grillmaster aka Aaron Talbot has prepared barbeque. This will be an informative time as well as an opportunity for students to meet friends as we anticipate another great year of student ministry. I encourage you to attend.

Then next Sunday, August 10, Student Ministry begins in earnest with our fall kick-off - check the website for more information. The first day of preschool is August 18; did you know we have almost 200 children enrolled in our preschool program? On September 7, we begin our children's choir program on Sunday evenings, led by Molly Furse, church member and choral director at Stallings Island Middle School. In addition, fall will feature our Ambassador program led by Kate Morris for older children on Sunday evenings as well. It's going to be a busy academic year.

This Sunday the sermon text is on the foolish farmer, Luke 12:13-21, you probably recall. Perhaps what you do not recall is that the parable is immediately preceded by one of the most controversial phrases ever spoken. Can you guess what it is? More about that on Sunday.

## OUR PRAYERS

Itala Azzarelli	Dot Gleason	Carol Morse
Patsy Battle	Jeff Harris Sr.	Jane Moxley
Jeannie Boerger	Ann Henley	Elliot Mumper
John Bradley	Meagin Hilbert	Judy Orosz
Nick Bravo	Don & Betty Holck	Melinda Porter
Shirley Broome	Ashley Holder	Gloria Prather
Delaine Brown	Margaret Horsely	Alicia Reeves
Browning Family	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Kelli Reville
John Burnette	Jetter Family	Charlie Rockwell
Steve Clark	Kendinger Family	Abby Roney
Francis Chandler	Olivia King	Janet Shearer
Kimberly D. Cliett	Shirley Kofoed	Sorrells Family
Kaitlyn Cobbs	Susan LaFrance	Amber South
Kerry Deering	Kristen Laursen	Heather South
Bonnie	Pat Lee	Allison Thompson
Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Jimmy Vaughn
Jan Devereaux	Todd Lindley	Ruth Ann Waller
Phoebe Dinkins	Barbara &	Debbie Weist
Edwards Family	Megan Loneker	Avery Wilkinson
Shannon Egan	Hannah Lotz	Bonnie Wilson
Amy Eubanks	Clarence Malcom	Wilson Family
Elton Fauber	Audra Melon	
Irene Faucher	Ash Miller	

## OUR WEEKLY BREAD

You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him.  
- Hebrews 11:6

**Faith pleases God more than anything else.**  
The Christian life is dependent upon faith. We stand on faith; we live on faith. Faith is loved and honored by God more than any other single thing. The Bible teaches that faith is the only approach that we have to God. No one has sins forgiven, no one goes to heaven, no one has assurance of peace and happiness, until you has faith in Jesus Christ. You may be saying, "God, I believe you are a great person, but I do not believe your Word; I do not believe what you say." In order to please God, you must believe Him. Perhaps your faith is small and weak. It does not matter how big your faith is, but rather, where your faith is. Is it in Christ, the Son of God, who died on the cross for your sins?

Lord Jesus, may my faith in You and Your abundant promises be ever increasing each day.  
- billygraham.org



## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Placed on August 3 in memory of  
**Peggy Whitehead**  
by her family.

## THE BIBLE YEAR

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

### AUGUST 3-9

**August 3:** Ezekiel 22-26  
**August 4:** Ezekiel 27-32  
**August 5:** Exekiel 33-37  
**August 6:** Ezekiel 38-42  
**August 7:** Ezekiel 43-48  
**August 8:** Danile 1-3  
**August 9:** Daniel 4-6

## WESLEY EXTENDS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Rick Donaldson and family on the loss of his father, John Donaldson.

Karen Mitchell and family on the loss of her father, Jamie Moxley.

*For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.*

## OUR PRESENCE - JULY 27

8:30 Traditional	92	9:30 Modern	116
11:00 Traditional	258	11:00 Modern	144
11:00 Jr. Church	25	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>635</b>

## OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	32,441
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,235,448
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,444,038

## COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES AUGUST FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



## PANCAKE MIX, BABY FOOD, SMALL BOTTLES OF DISHWASHING LIQUID

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



## Students Spend Fun Hot Day at Carowinds

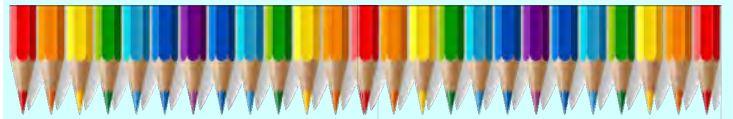


## COLLEGE CONNECTION

### COLLEGE STUDENTS!

**Sign up for Wesley's College Connection Ministry!**  
All we need is your birthdate and mailing information sent to [michelle@wesleyumc.net](mailto:michelle@wesleyumc.net) by Monday, September 9. Regardless if you stay at home and attend a local college, go off to a campus or enlist in the military, College Connection would like to send you special goodies throughout the school year.  
If you have participated in the past, please update your information again this year.

*Parents - if you would like to help with this ministry, email Elaine Griswell at [elainegriswell@yahoo.com](mailto:elainegriswell@yahoo.com). (We meet four times a year on Tuesdays at 4:30).*



### A BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Lord, bless each of the 180 days that will shape the 2025-2026 school year.

Let every morning begin with peace,  
and every afternoon end in safety.

May these halls be filled with laughter,  
and every classroom glow with kindness.

Let friendships take root and grow strong,  
and may harmony guide every heart.

Grant that each day brings new discoveries -  
moments of wonder, sparks of imagination  
and the joy of learning something new.

May teachers be patient and inspired,  
students curious and brave, and all who enter  
these walls be met with love and respect.

Lord, bless this school, its people, and the journey ahead.





## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**

**PROMOTION SUNDAY  
BACKPACK BLESSING**

8:30a Traditional Worship  
9:30a Modern Worship  
11:00a Modern Worship  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
12:00p Student/Parent Lunch  
6:00p Bible Year Group

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6**

10:00a Women's Bible Study  
2:00p Building Committee  
7:00p Celebration Choir

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

10:00a Wesley Cares  
6:00p AA Meeting



**WESTERN NC  
RELIEF & RECOVERY TRIP**

Help restore what was lost—both in structure and spirit—during Hurricane Helene. Join us for a mission trip to Western NC.

**JANUARY 27-31, 2026**

REGISTER AT [WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET/MISSIONS](http://WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET/MISSIONS)  
COST: \$65 (REGISTRATION CLOSES JAN. 10)  
CONTACT DAN AT [ARMSTRONGDW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ARMSTRONGDW@GMAIL.COM) WITH QUESTIONS




**BLESSING OF THE  
BACKPACKS**

**BRING YOUR BACKPACK  
TO WORSHIP  
FOR A SPECIAL  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
BLESSING!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 ALL AGES ALL SERVICES**



**POP!**  
BACK INTO  
**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL!**

**PROMOTION  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 3**




**WESLEY RINGERS**

Need 2-3 people to join us in handbell choir. Ability to read music and understand basic rhythms is a must. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Rehearsals begin September 3. If you would like to join us, contact Sue McManus at [jasule75@yahoo.com](mailto:jasule75@yahoo.com).



Accepts new or gently used books, shipping boxes and postage to send to soldiers overseas. Drop off in Biscuit Area year-round.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**9:30 KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**  
**9:30 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE TEACHER**  
**11:00 PRE K TEACHER**  
**9:30 AND 11:00 GREETERS**  
**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**



**CONTACT CAROL@WESLEYUMC.NET**



**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).

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