

WESLEY WINDOW

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

**NOVEMBER 16, 2025
STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

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

Scripture
Luke 21:5-19

**Children's Choir
sings at 11:00AM**

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

Scripture
Matthew 4:19-22

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

The Question I Get Asked

As a preacher, I get asked a lot of questions. Visitors commonly ask, "Where are the restrooms?" At Wesley, people say to me, "Is there a secret recipe for the cheese biscuits?" (Answer: There's not, but the more cheese and butter you add to the dough, the better.) Sometimes people ask me, "So do United Methodists dunk or sprinkle at baptism?" (Answer: Both, and if you want to see for yourself, come to Student Baptism Night on Sunday at 6PM in the Celebration Space.) However, the question I suppose I am consistently asked the most is, "How do I get closer to God?"

It's a good question; however, the problem is in the question itself, for it begins with "I." Why do we sometimes feel distant from God? After all, the Psalm says, "The whole earth is filled with God's glory" (Psalm 72:19). God has not moved; the problem is us. The answer to the dilemma is as it has always been. If you want more faith, you must act more faithfully. There is no substitute for this formula, and it has stood the test of time. For when we serve God, we simultaneously draw closer to God. How could we not?

And at Wesley, that is just what we're doing. Did you know this week we delivered 1,877 lbs. of food to Columbia County Cares for families in need, and almost 900 the week before? So that's more than 2,700 lbs. in less than two weeks!

And that's not all. This year in our Christmas Store outreach to Lamar Milledge Elementary School, we received gift requests for 307 different children through school teachers and social workers. This is by far the largest number we have ever received. And, as of this writing, after just one Sunday, 220 of those requests have already been chosen by us at Wesley. Wow, this is the best response we have ever had to this need!

When you are thinking of others and serving God, don't you feel in that moment a connection to what God is doing? For it is you who is making it possible.

I'll see you Sunday,

YOUR AWESOME FAITHFULNESS
2,700 lbs. of Food Donated **220 Gifts for Children**

OUR PRAYERS

Charlene	Amy Eubanks	Sierra Mims
Alexander	Lauren Fackler	Carol Morse
Amelia Anderson	Irene Faucher	Gloria Prather
Melinda	Archie Fisher	Alicia Reeves
Armstrong	Susan Gilbert	Maria Reichel
John Bradley	Dot Gleason	Kelli Reville
Delaine Brown	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Charlie Rockwell
Lisa Clayton	Olivia King	Abby Roney
Kimberly D. Cliett	Kristen Laursen	Amber South
Bonnie	Pat Lee	Heather South
Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Mowgli Stencil
Jan Devereaux	Todd Lindley	Ruth Ann Waller
Phoebe Dinkins	Angie Livingston	Bonnie Wilson
Gene Draisey	Hannah Lotz	
Brian Ellefson	Clarence Malcom	

OUR PRESENCE - NOVEMBER 9

8:30 Traditional	89	9:30 Modern	126
11:00 Traditional	315	11:00 Modern	114
11:00 Jr. Church	27	TOTAL	671

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	66,000
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,860,687
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,166,058

**GOD LOVES a
CHEERFUL
GIVER**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

ON STEWARDSHIP

God loveth a cheerful giver.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7

The greatest blessing of giving is not on the financial side of the ledger but on the spiritual side. You receive a sense of being honest with God. You receive a consciousness that you are in partnership with God - that you are doing something constructive - that you are working with Him to reach the world for Jesus Christ. You are also enabled to hold on to this world's goods loosely because the eternal values are always in view. How do you give? Is it liberally and cheerfully? Or is it sparingly and grudgingly? If you have been giving God the leftovers of your substance and your life, you have been missing the true joy and blessing of Christian giving and living.

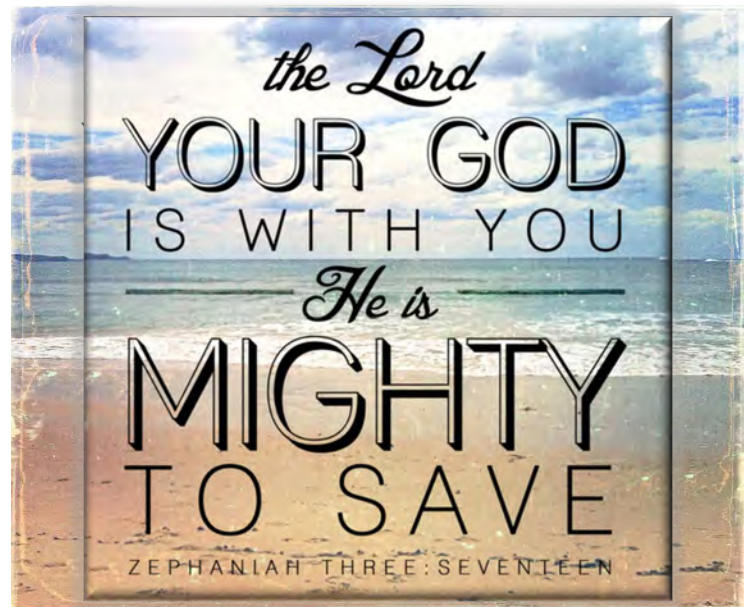
Forgive me, almighty God, for so often giving You the leftovers. In my heart I know I can never outgive You.
- billygraham.org

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

*The Lord thy God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love.
He will rejoice over you with singing.*
- Zephaniah 3:17

The world's millions could come down to the beach and reach out their hands to be filled with sea water. They could each take as much as they wanted, as much as they needed - and still the ocean would remain unchanged. Its might and power would be the same, the life in its unfathomable depths would continue unaltered, although it had supplied the needs of every single person standing with outstretched hands along its shores. So it is with God. He can be everywhere at once, heeding the prayers of all who call out in the name of Christ; performing the mighty miracles that keep the stars in their places, and the plants bursting up through the earth, and the fish swimming in the sea. There is no limit to God. There is no limit to His wisdom. There is no limit to His power. There is no limit to His love. There is no limit to His mercy.

Almighty God, how glorious are my thoughts of You,
for You are everywhere - loving and caring
for the minutest details of our lives!
- billygraham.org



COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES NOVEMBER FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



SELF-RISING FLOUR (<5-LB BAG)
CANNED SOUPS/VEGETABLES
INSTANT GRITS/OATMEAL
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
SUGAR (2-LB BAG)
TEA BAGS

THIS WEEK:
1,877 LBS!

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

Books for Soldiers
 1,442 books shipped Oct/Nov 2025!
 8,250 books shipped to date!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations and packing!

Donate books in the Biscuit Area.
 To volunteer, email Dan Armstrong at armstrongdw@gmail.com.



OPERATION PAPERBACK

THE BIBLE YEAR
The New Testament

Discussion Group Sundays, 6pm, Conference Room

NOVEMBER 16-22

November 16: **2 Corinthians 4-7**
 November 17: **2 Corinthians 8-10**
 November 18: **2 Corinthians 11-13**
 November 19: **Galatians 1-2**
 November 20: **Galatians 3-4**
 November 21: **Galatians 5-6**
 November 22: **Ephesians 1-2**

Scan code or search Wesley the Bible Year to join our Facebook group.



THIS WEEK IN MODERN WORSHIP

BISHOP FRANK BEARD
 MATTHEW 4:19-22

Jesus Can Catch Fish Anywhere



 **AMBASSADORS**

16 Nov 6:30pm 13 Dec Serve
 23 Nov Mission 14 Dec 6:30pm
 7 Dec 6:30pm 21 Dec Mission

3RD-5TH GRADE

REGISTER TO RECEIVE PROGRAM EMAILS.



Spark a Little Magic This Season

Family Advent THEATER HOUSE

This fun kit lets your family "stage" four Advent stories on the Sundays leading up to Christmas! You'll get instructions and supplies to build your theater, stand-up characters to pair with each story and playbook scripts to help you bring the Christmas story to life!

SCAN TO ORDER!




'Tis Almost the Season!

DECORATE THE CHURCH
 November 22

JOIN US AT 9AM AS WE PREPARE FOR THE ADVENT SEASON



FAMILY Gingerbread BASH
 A sweet celebration of Jesus' birth
 9 & 10:30AM SEATINGS
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

TO REGISTER SCAN CODE OR VISIT WESLEYUMC.NET



SOMETHING PRETTY FOR YOUR TREE

WESLEY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

 ellyn@wesleyumc.net to order

CHRISTMAS STORE
 Collecting through December 7

VISIT A CHRISTMAS STORE TABLE TO PICK UP A GIFT INFORMATION CARD FOR A LAMAR MILLEDGE STUDENT



THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Confirmation Class
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
5:30p K-2nd Children's Chor
6:00p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
6:00p Wesley Students
Baptism Night
6:00p Bible Year Group
6:30p Ambassadors

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00a Women's Bible Study
12:00p Mid-Week Prayer
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:15a Mom's Group
12:00p Senior Adult Luncheon
7:00p AA Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00a Advent Decorating

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monday, December 8, 6:00-6:40am

Join us for a delicious breakfast,
fellowship and a message.



LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING
EMAIL AARON@WESLEYUMC.NET

M I D W E E K PRAYER

Church Closed
November 26

WEDNESDAYS, 12-1PM
in the Sanctuary & Narthex

Come. Pray in this holy space.
Spend intentional time hearing the
whisper of the Holy Spirit as you
give over your concerns to the Lord.

WESLEY
CHURCH

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
COST: \$65 (REGISTRATION CLOSING JAN. 10)

CONTACT DAN AT ARMSTRONGDW@GMAIL.COM WITH QUESTIONS



moms group

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

JOIN US FOR
Fellowship
Bible & Book Studies
Playdates
Lunch Bunch

Thursdays
9:15 - 11:15am
Connect Room
Childcare Provided

email lindsey@wesleyumc.net
with questions

SENIOR ADULT Luncheon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
12PM \$13 CATERED MEAL

Music by our own
Luke Amerson & Friends

helen@wesleyumc.net to register.



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director
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Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
Leslie England ext 214.....Connections Director
Lauren Fackler.....Special Needs Ministry Coordinator
Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager
Greg Hatfield.....Hospital Pastor
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
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