WESLEY WINDOW

OCTOBER 26, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Traditional 8:30AM

Sanctuary Greg Porterfield

11_{AM}

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Scripture Matthew 22:34-46

> Modern 9:30am

Celebration Space Lindsey Solomon

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Watch live at www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available to view afterwards.



The Purpose of Scripture

When Jesus is asked by the Pharisees in Matthew 22, "What is the greatest commandment?," they were asking for a lot. They meant to catch Jesus, of course, create that "gotcha" moment everyone seems to enjoy these days. They weren't really looking for an answer; they were intending to lay a trap. It wasn't their best moment. They thought it would work; after all, with hundreds of choices and only one right answer, what were the odds that he would get it correct? (And just so you know the correct answer is 0.163%). To further complicate the question, not only did Jesus have to come up with the right answer, he had to address the question of the ultimate intent of scripture. Second Timothy, chapter three, says that all scripture is "God breathed," and provides instruction for every good work. However, scripture is far more than an instruction manual. Scripture is used for inspiration and devotion. It is used for quiet meditation. Did you see where the Diamondbacks pitcher read the Bible between innings this week - he said it helped him quiet his nerves and kept him focused. By the way, they won the game and therefore the series with the Phillies, which made him alright in my book. Many times, in moments of gravity when words are difficult to come by, I will sometimes refer to a Psalm. There are many uses for scripture. What is the primary purpose of scripture? For if you cannot answer that question, how can you know that which stands above and beyond all others? When Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, he is revealing not only the greatest verse but the highest purpose of scripture. It is the theme for the sermon Sunday.

I look forward to worshipping with you.









OUR PRAYERS

Alcohol/Drug Addiction **Nate Anderson Lisa Atchley Armed Forces Baker Family Danny Barton Patsy Battle Joanne Bazemore Beery Family Skylar Bernstein Gena Berry** Rose Mary Bishop Jim & Judy Bowman John & Darlynn **Bradley Pam Buckus** Tim & Cindy Bufford **Vickie Bufford Garry Burkhart Benjamin Butler Diana Butler Gilbert Caride Gloria Cawley** Frances Chandler **Cherland Family** Chris & Lisa Childs **Christy Family** Megan Clark **Kim Diane Cliett Marie Creasy Todd Davidson Audrey Dawe Ann Dockal Hannah Dodson** Walter & Linda Dodson **Katherine Dore Draper Family Raynetta Drinnon Nathan Duffie**

Amy Eubanks Bret Evans Gordon & Betty Fair Chris Feeney Jerry French Greg Gelinas Homer Gaither Dee Gebhard **Sue Haas Myrna Hackett** Sulli Hajek **Bob Hall Deborah Hall Mark Hall Kris Hardy** Jessi Hickey **Shaun Hickman Dave Hinner** Don & Betty Holck Joe Jackson Patricia Jameson **Jimmy & Patsy Johnson** Roger Johnson **Jerry & Teresa Kelly** Jeri Key Olivia King Taylor Laurson Wanda Lee **Linda Linder** Amy & Ava Litka Juliet Maddox **Allyson Malcom Jerry Dan Marshall** Michelle Mashak **Haley McPhail Tony Medina Jeffrey Mims** Miller & Margaret Mims **Bob Minton Family**

Earl Morgan **Daryl & Sharon Morse Jamie Moxley** Jane Moxley **Scott Noss** Frank & Peggy **Ondrea Jared Ondrea** Julie 0:Neal **Donna Palmer Rusty Palmer Debbie Parker Eunice Parker** Sam Passmore Lily Patterson **Gloria Prather David Radford Family Steve Samborne** Jim Sargent Johnny Seals **Lonnie Servais** Mike Shearer Stephen & Debra Shockley **Richard Shouse Jack Smith Gary Sonnedecker** William & Marietta **Bobby Strozier Family** Melissa Tobakos **Cynthia Trammell** Jackie Troupe **Waddell Family Debi West** Megan Williams **Bonnie Wilson Lauren Wilson**

Timothy Wirz

Wesley Extends Christian Sympathy to...

Jennifer Earlenbaugh Susie Miville

Laura Lowe and family upon the loss of her mother, Karen Yawn.

Bob Rhodes and family upon the loss of his mother, Jean Rhodes.

Tillie McDaniel and Ben McDaniel upon the loss of their brother/uncle, Charlie Luke.

The family of Susan Carle-Williams.

For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.

OUR GIFTS - OCTOBER 22, 2023

Operating
Received Through This Week:
Budgeted Through This Week:
\$ 30,031
1,728,364
2,156,257

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

Wait upon the Lord, be of good courage . . . - Psalm 27:14

Discouragement is nothing new. Many of the great Bible characters became discouraged. Moses in the Sinai desert; Elijah when he heard Jezebel was searching for him to take his life; and David when his son Absalom rebelled against him. It is as old as the history of man. There is often a cause for discouragement. It comes many times when we don't get our way, when things don't work out the way we want them to.

Discouragement is the opposite of faith. It is Satan's device to thwart the work of God in your life.

Discouragement blinds our eyes to the mercy of God and makes us perceive only the unfavorable circumstances. I have never met anyone who spent time in daily prayer, and in the study of the Word of God, and was strong in faith, who was ever discouraged for very long.

Lord, when I am discouraged, take away the blindness of my wavering faith. You are with me always.

Forgive my ungrateful heart.

- billygraham.org

Caregivers: Have You Received Your HUGS?

HUGS is a monthly Wesley Cares newsletter just for caregivers' information, encouragement and loving support. It's free and can be delivered to your home in its yellow envelope, or you can pick it up by the main office, outside the Conference Room door or on the Reception Desk in the Narthex. If you'd like to add your name (or a friend's name) to our subscription list, or help with writing, editing or distribution, contact our Director of Care at hillary@wesleyumc.net or 706/869-0888.

Baptized October 22

Amelia Jo Wallace
Born 1/29/2023
Daughter of Christopher & Hanna Wallace

Nolan James Perry Born 6/22/2023 Son of Lane & Savanna Perry

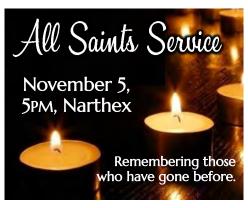


OCTOBER: GRITS, FEMININE PRODUCTS & BLADDER PADS

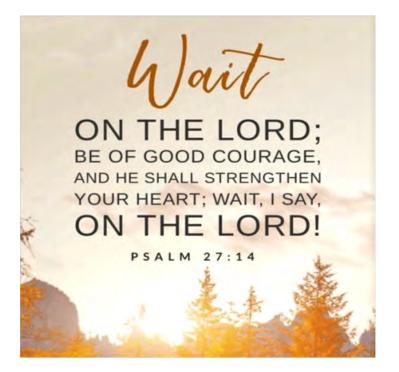
If you can donate <u>any</u> non-perishable foods and household staples, please place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.









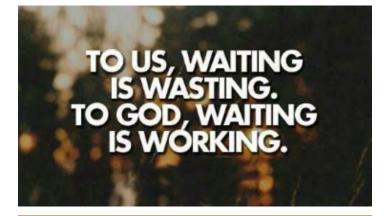


Wesley Cares Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 10AM, Conference Room

This is the outreach ministry of giving to congregation members who are homebound or limited in activities. Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.

Thanks to all who donated, volunteered, shopped and prayed for the Fall Yard Sale! With your help we made more than \$34,000 for missions! We look forward to doing it again in spring 2024 on March 16!



TUTORS NEEDED

If you have a few hours a week to spare and enjoy elementary age kids, consider sharing the love of Christ with students who need learning support. Contact Kathy Manz, 706-394-3719, or rmanz@bellsouth.net to volunteer.

VETERAN PHOTOS NEEDED

We will honor members who are veterans with special music and a video presentation on Sunday, November 12. If you have not submitted a photo of yourself in years past, please bring one to the church office or email it to michelle@wesleyumc.net by November 5.



THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday - 29th

8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Modern Worship 11:00a Modern Worship 11:00a Traditional Worship 5:00p Fall Festival 6:00p Wesley Students 6:00p Divorce Care 6:00p Grief Support

Monday - 30th

7:00p Scout Troop 615 7:00p Wesley Foundation

Tuesday - 31st HALLOWEEN

8:00a Men in Mission 10:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Scout Troop 1615

Wednesday - 1st ALL SAINTS DAY

10:00a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Friendsgiving Supper 6:00p Discover Wesley` 6:00p Pastor's Bible Study 6:00p New Testament Study 6:00p Knit One, Crochet Two 6:00p Confirmation 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Celebration Choir

Thursday - 2nd

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood 9:15a Mom's Group 10:00a Wesley Cares 6:00p Pickleball

Friday - 3rd

5:00p Dinosaur Parents Night Out

YOU "DONUT" WANT TO MISS MOMS' GROUP



CHILDCARE PROVIDED.



NOW HIRING!

Special Needs Ministry Coordinator

The primary work of the coordinator is to create a clear path for people with special needs and their families to fully engage into the life of the church. We want to welcome new families who wouldn't otherwise have a safe and welcoming place to worship, thus fulfilling our mission to make disciples. The coordinator will lead the Special Needs Committee, incorporate a buddy program into our existing ministries, work with Special Needs Parent Support Group, and create new initiatives to further our mission.

Visit wesleyumc.net for a full job description and send resume to lindsey@wesleyumc.net by October 31.

CHILDREN GRADES 1-5

are invited to join the choir & orchestra for our musical celebration of the birth of Christ.

RING OUT, YE BELLS!

December 10, 11AM, in the Sanctuary

Rehearsals:

Nov. 15 6:00-6:30 in the adult choir room Nov. 29 6:00-6:30 in the adult choir room Dec. 6 6:30-7:30 Dress Rehearsal with orchestra

Contact jeff@wesleyumc.net for information.

Scan code to sign up.







| Luke Amerson | Modern Music Director |
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| | Senior Adult Outreach |
| | Worship Administrator |
| | Custodian |
| | Preschool Director |
| | Evangelism/Program Secretary |
| | Finance Director |
| | Student Ministries Coordinator |
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| | Facilities Manager |
| | Associate Pastor |
| | Interim Assistant Music Director |
| | Pianist |
| | Family Ministry Director |
| Grea Porterfield ext 201 | Senior Pastor |
| Makayla Rittwage | Student Discipleship Coordinator |
| | Assistant Family Ministry Director |
| Kallay Slagnar avt 202 | Missions Assistant |
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