# WESLEY WINDOW

#### **SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

## WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

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

Scripture Luke 15:1-10

Modern 9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space Lindsey Solomon

> Scripture James 3:1-12

Watch live at www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available to view afterwards.



#### Can I Get a Witness?

You may recognize the phrase; it originated in the African American church in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and is still in use today. The phrase is a rhetorical device injected by the speaker to provoke response and participation from the audience (i.e. congregation). To be honest, I don't use that phrase much in my preaching - the only response I am accustomed to receiving is snoring. Still, the phrase, "Can I get a witness?," reminds me that worship is never an experience that should be confined only to a certain hour on a certain day of the week. The influence of worship might begin in a particular form, but true worship is expressed in a multiplicity of ways, in settings both near and far.

I say that to let you know we have expanded our witness here at Wesley or actually reestablished it. Some of you may not know that over the pandemic we lost the music that played three times a day from the bell tower. It was during the pandemic, and we were dealing with so much we never really thought about it, until the other day someone asked in a meeting (I'll never tell them your name, Larry Lynn, oops!), "Whatever happened to the music from the bell tower?" And thanks to the efforts of Jeff Wickell (in charge of all things sound) the bell tower is operational once more. The sound projects around our community, and you can hear them at 9AM, IPM and 6PM. It's a nice witness to make; drive by the church some morning or afternoon and enjoy its sound.

Of course, that is not the only witness we make at Wesley. This Sunday in all our worship services we will be giving away the gift of scripture to children in our church. Twenty-four children will be receiving their Bibles, and it will mean much more to everyone if you are here to stand with them in this important moment of their faith. After all - that is what a church is for. "Can I get a witness?"

Next Sunday we will observe the groundbreaking (10:30AM behind the Memorial Garden) for our building that will allow us to fabricate wheelchair ramps and rehab automobiles that we later give away. These ministries touch thousands of lives; it is the tangible expression of what we profess. Can I get a witness?

I look forward to worshipping with you Sunday,



### **OUR PRAYERS**

Charlene Alexander Itala Azzarelli Scott & Ashley Ball **Gena Berry** Jeannie Boerger John Bradley **Delaine Brown** Paula Brown **Browning Family** John Burnette Diana Butler Melissa Campos Diane Cawood Francis Chandler Sandi Clark **Steve Clark** Kimberly D. Cliett C. Eddy Ivey Jr. **Cook Family Kerry Deering Bonnie** Devereaux Jan Devereaux **Phoebe Dinkins** 

Bill Dunn **Edwards Family** Shannon Egan **Amy Eubanks Martie Ewist** Lauren Fackler Ada Fauber **Elton Fauber** Irene Faucher Archie Fisher **Dot Gleason** Jeff Harris Sr. Tom Harrell **Ross Harrison Meagin Hilbert** Don & Betty Holck Sorrells Family **Ashlev Holder** Margaret Horsely Heather South Jetter Family Kendinger Family Jimmy Vaughn Olivia King Kristen Laursen Pat Lee Wanda Lee

Andrea LePine **Todd Lindley** Hannah Lotz Clarence Malcom Audra Melon **Carol Morse** Jane Moxley **Elliot Mumper Tom Norris** Melinda Porter Gloria Prather Alicia Reeves Kelli Reville Charlie Rockwell **Abby Roney Amber South** Mowali Stencel **Allison Thompson Ruth Ann Waller** Debbie Weisz **Bonnie Wilson Wilson Family** 

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** Galatians

Wednesday Nights at 6pm in Room 23 Led by Pastor Greg. Join this study at any time.

## **OUR PRESENCE - SEPTEMBER 7**

8:30 Traditional 84 9:30 Modern 140 210 11:00 Traditional 11:00 Modern 134 TOTAL 11:00 Jr. Church 35 603

#### **OUR GIFTS**

70.142 Operating: \$ \$ \$ Received Through This Week: 1491,253 • Budgeted Through This Week: 1.732.846

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES AUGUST FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION**



**CANNED SOUP, TISSUES, DISINFECTING WIPES** Dog & Cat Food

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

## **OUR WEEKLY BREAD**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...we will not fear. -Psalm 46: 1,2

September 11. Do you remember where you were? For many of us, it was business as usual that morning. Some of us were tuned in to our TVs, and lighthearted morning shows changed suddenly to an unimaginable scene of terror. Is this really happening right now? Some were driving to work, and what came over the radio sounded like a movie trailer. This must be a mistake. Others got a call with a frightened voice on the other end of the line. And many wondered, What's happening? Are we safe? Is everything going to be okay?

Yet even today when we ask ourselves, "What is happening? Are we safe? Is it going to be okay?," here's something to know: God was there in the chaos, and He is with us in this moment. God's heart breaks for His precious children, but He is never surprised by our struggles. He goes before us and can be trusted with every detail. God is our safe place today and for all eternity.

On this 24th anniversary of 9/11, we honor the memory of those who lost their lives, and we give thanks for those who had the courage to serve in the face of danger. While Patriot Day (9/11) is recognized as the official day of remembrance for this tragic event, we know that any day is a good day to lift those most impacted up in prayer.

Dear Loving Father, We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11. We lift up those who are still affected - victims' families, police officers, firemen, first responders, and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe You desire to redeem Your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of those dark days. Surround us with Your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all of life's circumstances, and instill in us the courage to answer Your call. Amen. - Paige DeRuyscher, Dayspring.com

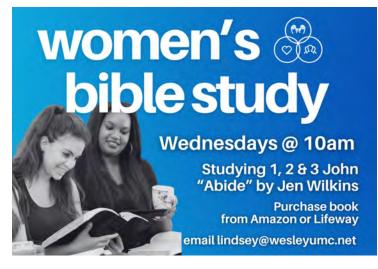






















## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

8:30a Traditional Worship 9:00a Blood Drive 9:30a Modern Worship 11:00a Modern Worship 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:00p Acolyte Training 12:15p Lunch & Learn 5:30p K-2<sup>nd</sup> Children's Chor 6:00p 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir 6:00p Wesley Students 6:00p Bible Year Group 6:30p Ambassadors

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

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

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

8:00a Men in Mission 4:30p College Connection 7:00p Scout Troop 1615

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

10:00a Women's Bible Study 3:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off 6:00p Pastor's Bible Study 7:00p Celebration Choir

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** 1:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off







#### Drop Off Dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 17: 3-6pm Saturday, Sept. 20: 1-3pm Sunday, Sept. 21: 3-6pm Wednesday, Sept. 24: 3-6pm Sunday, Sept. 28: 12-6pm

#### Furniture Pick-Ups

Begin September 17 only for those without trucks to move furniture. To schedule, text Sam @ 706-495-7337.

#### Friday Pre-Sale

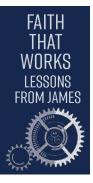
Shop early on Friday, October 3, 5-7pm. S20 tickets available at drop-offs beginning September 17.

### THIS WEEK IN MODERN WORSHIP

#### **Taming the Tongue**

Words matter. How we speak - to others and about others - reveals the state of our hearts.

"No one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison." James 3:1-12

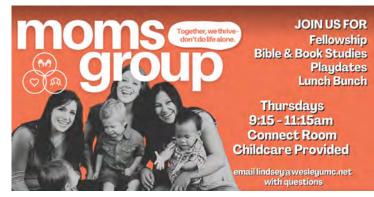




## 3rd-12th Grade & ACOLYTE TRAINING

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

Contact Summer Rhodes at sdbeckman@hotmail.com.





## WESLEY

Luke Amerson ext 207	Modern Music Director
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	Student Ministries Coordinator
	Custodian
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Willey Lee	Music Associate
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Makayla Rittwage ext 205	Student Discipleship Coordinator
	Assistant Family Ministry Director
Kelley Sleeper ext 202	Missions Assistant
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