

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.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

Can I Get a Witness?

You may recognize the phrase; it originated in the African American church in the 19th 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, 1PM 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	Bill Dunn	Andrea LePine
Itala Azzarelli	Edwards Family	Todd Lindley
Scott & Ashley Ball	Shannon Egan	Hannah Lotz
Gena Berry	Amy Eubanks	Clarence Malcom
Jeannie Boerger	Martie Ewist	Audra Melon
John Bradley	Lauren Fackler	Carol Morse
Delaine Brown	Ada Fauber	Jane Moxley
Paula Brown	Elton Fauber	Elliot Mumper
Browning Family	Irene Faucher	Tom Norris
John Burnette	Archie Fisher	Melinda Porter
Diana Butler	Dot Gleason	Gloria Prather
Melissa Campos	Jeff Harris Sr.	Alicia Reeves
Diane Cawood	Tom Harrell	Kelli Reville
Francis Chandler	Ross Harrison	Charlie Rockwell
Sandi Clark	Meagin Hilbert	Abby Roney
Steve Clark	Don & Betty Holck	Sorrells Family
Kimberly D. Cliett	Ashley Holder	Amber South
Cook Family	Margaret Horsely	Heather South
Kerry Deering	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Mowgli Stencil
Bonnie Devereaux	Jetter Family	Allison Thompson
Jan Devereaux	Kendinger Family	Jimmy Vaughn
Phoebe Dinkins	Olivia King	Ruth Ann Waller
	Kristen Laursen	Debbie Weisz
	Pat Lee	Bonnie Wilson
	Wanda Lee	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
11:00 Traditional	210	11:00 Modern	134
11:00 Jr. Church	35	TOTAL	603

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	70,142
• 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 any 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



**WESLEY
BLOOD
DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
9AM-12:30PM**

Give blood, save lives.



Shepherd Community
Blood Center



THE BIBLE YEAR

The New Testament

Discussion Group
Sundays, 6pm
Conference Room

SEPTEMBER 14-20

September 14: **Matthew 26**
September 15: **Matthew 27-28**
September 16: **Mark 1-3**
September 17: **Mark 4-5**
September 18: **Mark 6**
September 19: **Mark 7-8**
September 20: **Mark 9-10:45**

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




DINOSAUR PLAY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 9AM-12:30PM
DINO CRAFTS, BIBLE & GAMES

3 YEARS-5TH GRADE
REGISTER EARLY
\$25 PER CHILD




3rd Grade BIBLE PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 14 IN WORSHIP

kate@wesleyumc.net
to register your child



Women's Ministry RISE & SHINE

September 27 9am-12pm

Women of all ages welcome!
We will focus on different types of prayer as we enjoy breakfast & fellowship.
Childcare available upon request.
Cost: \$10
wesleyumc.net to register

FOUNDATIONS

For new visitors & current members - explore the foundations of our faith & how to grow from there!

SEPTEMBER 21, SEPTEMBER 28 & OCTOBER 5

9:30AM CONFERENCE ROOM

SCAN TO REGISTER OR VISIT WESLEYUMC.NET

lindsey@wesleyumc.net




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





women's bible study

Wednesdays @ 10am

Studying 1, 2 & 3 John
"Abide" by Jen Wilkins

Purchase book from Amazon or Lifeway
email lindsey@wesleyumc.net

Maintenance Building Groundbreaking

September 21, 2025
10:40am in the Memorial Garden

From wreckage to renewal. Hurricane Helene destroyed our BBQ pit, but God is turning the loss into new opportunities for ministry. Join us as we break ground on a building that will help us share Christ's love through several different missions.



COLLEGE CONNECTION

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

HELP US PREPARE OUR FIRST MAILING!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 4:30PM



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-2nd Children's Chor
6:00p 3rd-5th 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

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*

FAITH
THAT
WORKS
LESSONS
FROM JAMES



3rd-12th Grade ACOLYTE TRAINING

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

Contact Summer Rhodes at
sdbeckman@hotmail.com.

SENIOR ADULT Luncheon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12PM \$8 BRING A SIDE DISH

Administrator Scott Johnson will
speak about the present & future
of Columbia County.

helen@wesleyumc.net to sign up



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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
6-6:40AM

Join us for a delicious breakfast,
fellowship and a message from
Bishop Frank Beard.

Let us know you're coming!
Email aaron@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
Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager
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.

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WESLEY YARD SALE



October 4
7am-12pm

Visit www.wesleyumc.net
for volunteer details and
more!

DROP-OFFS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17!

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. \$20
tickets available at drop-offs
beginning September 17.