

*There was a rugged coastline where shipwrecks were common. So a small group of townspeople set up a rescue station by the shore.*

*The building was just a shack with one boat. But they kept watch day and night.*

*They also went out in search of shipwrecked people. If they found survivors, they brought them back to the station and cared for them until they recovered.*

*Over time, others in the town came forward to help. They gave money, time, and effort to support the work.*

*They expanded the station, built new facilities, and purchased new boats. They also decorated the station beautifully with elegant furniture. Before long, it became a popular spot for social gatherings in town.*

*No one was really going out to search for shipwrecks and survivors anymore.*

*Then one day, a large shipwreck brought boatloads of half-drowned people. The beautiful clubhouse quickly became messy with mud.*

*The committee then built a shower house outside. Everyone rescued from a shipwreck now had to be cleaned there before coming inside. By now, most people at the station wanted to stop the messy life-saving work. It disrupted their social gatherings.*

*A few insisted they must continue, for saving lives was their true purpose.*

*They were then told to start their own station to continue the rescue work.*

*So they did.*

*But as the years passed, the new station repeated the same story. It became more of a social club than a rescue outpost.*

*Another life-saving station was found....*

*and then another.*

*But the cycle just repeated.*

*Today, the coastline is lined with exclusive social clubs.*

*Shipwrecks still happen often in those waters. But most of the people are too comfortable in their seats to get out and help them.*

On Sunday night, September 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll be having an ice cream social and will be discussing the vision God has for our church and how we can continue to help those shipwrecked and drowning. Be in prayer and bring your thoughts for how we, as a church, can follow where God is leading and be the church He is calling us to be.

Watching God work,  
Trae

Sunday's Message:  
"This Is A Bible"

2 Timothy 3:16 & 2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

## September Events

### Wednesday, September 10th

5pm.....Youth

6pm.....Brown Bag Bible Study, Man Church, Children's Choir

7pm.....Choir Practice

### Sunday, September 14th

9:00am....Coffee and Donuts in Holy Grounds

9:30am.....Sunday School

10:30am.....Worship Service

4pm.....Choir Practice

5pm.....Prayer Ministry

### Tuesday, September 16th

8:30am-10am.....Food Pantry



## Prayer List

We have a new Prayer Ministry starting up and we'd love for you to be a part of it! We'll meet for prayer every Sunday at 5pm in the Good News Sunday School class. There are prayer cards available for you to fill out and put in the prayer box in the foyer. They will be prayed over at our meeting every Sunday and will be held close to our hearts. Praying for others is an important part of our ministry as the body of Christ. Please incorporate this list as a part of your personal prayer life.

### Prayer Requests for August 31st

Brenda Pearce

### Prayer Requests for August 24th

Don McCain

Lacey Wyatt

Dawn Pettigrew

Reed Crosby

Chris Hill

### Prayer Requests for August 17th

Friends of our Food Pantry guests

We want to say a very big "thank you" for all of the calls, visits, texts, cards, flowers, meals, gift cards, and other thoughtful gifts during Chris's lengthy hospital stay. We have truly felt all of your prayers over the past weeks. Just knowing that our church family was thinking and praying for us helped us get through this extremely difficult time. Thank you so much for loving our family. We would appreciate your ongoing prayers as Chris continues to recover at home. He is looking forward to getting back to church as soon as he can.

Much love,  
Chris, Tricia, Connor & Ryan Thistle

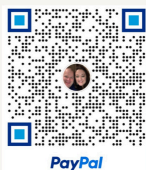


### *Florist Contact Info:*

*Rachel Davis*  
*419-6868*

*Arrangements are \$50 to be paid before the Sunday needed.*

*Cash, check or digital options below!*



### **Flower List**

August 10 - The Coons

August 17 - The

Walker/Heyer/Herndon family

August 24 - Open

August 31 - Madie Morton



EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 5 PM IN THE GOOD NEWS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

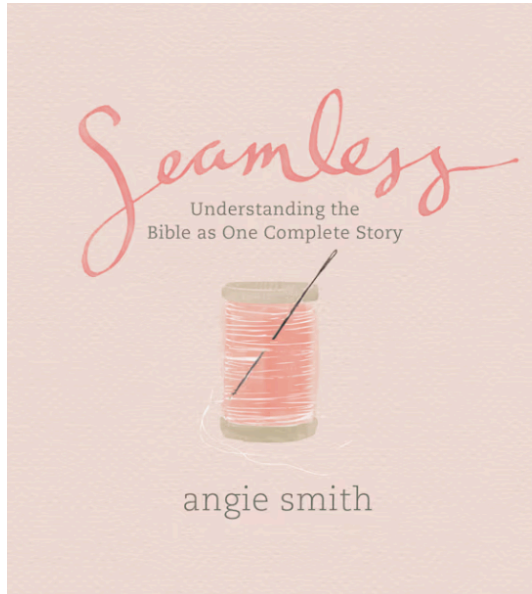
# WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

WOW MEAL @ 5PM  
BIBLE STUDIES @ 6PM  
YOUTH AND CHILDREN @ 6PM

WOW Meal  
9/17/25 - Pork Loin and sides  
plus dessert !

## LADIES BOOK CLUB

With Anna Garner



- THE STUDY COVERS MAJOR EVENTS FROM THE BIBLE, TYING THEM TOGETHER INTO THE GREATER STORY OF SCRIPTURE. IT REALLY HELPS UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE AS ONE COMPLETE STORY AND REPLACES SOME INSECURITY OR UNEASINESS ABOUT BIBLE STUDY WITH MUCH MORE CLARITY AND CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE.

## BIBLE STUDY



JOIN DALE DOBBS AS HE LEADS  
A BIBLE STUDY ON  
REVELATIONS! YOU WON'T  
WANT TO MISS THIS

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**THE MAN CHURCH**  
BE A MAN...FOLLOW JESUS

"THE MAN CHURCH" IS A PROGRAM COMPRISED OF FIELD-TESTED SOLUTIONS FOR CHALLENGING AND EQUIPPING MEN TO BECOME THE PEOPLE GOD CREATED THEM TO BE. JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM AS WE ENGAGE IN SOME HEARTY CONVERSATION DISCUSSING BEING STRONG, CHRISTIAN MEN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

## A collection of various household items and furniture, including a lamp, a table, a bicycle, a mannequin, a sewing machine, a record player, a birdcage, a suitcase, a clock, a vase, and a sign that says "SALE GARAGE SALE".

A festive birthday banner with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in colorful, circular letters on a blue background with white paint splatters. The letters are arranged in two rows: "HAPPY" on top and "BIRTHDAY" on the bottom. Each letter is inside a circle of a different color (blue, pink, yellow, green, pink, blue, yellow, pink, blue, green). The background is a vibrant blue with white paint splatters scattered around the letters.

9/18 - Wentris Alford  
9/19 - Blake Austin  
9/22- Connor Thistle  
9/23 - Linda Austin  
9/24 - Rosemary Comer  
9/24- Hayley Kryzkowski  
9/25 - Blake Tedford  
9/28 - Cornelius Sutton  
9/29 - Judy Counce  
9/30 - Paige Baker





# WESLEY YOUTH

**WESLEY YOUTH**

**SEPTEMBER**

**SUNDAYS**

**7<sup>th</sup> Youth 4:00-6:00**  
CLC

**14<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class 4:00-5:00**  
Library

**21<sup>st</sup> Youth 4:00-6:00**  
CLC

**28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class 4:00-5:00**  
Library

**WOW WEDNESDAYS**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 Dinner**  
**6:00 Devotion & Games**



**Children's**  
Choir  
**Wednesdays**  
**6pm-6:30pm**

**CHILDREN'S RETREAT**  
OCT 4-5 | \$110





Registration is still open for  
Children's Retreat at Camp Lake  
Stephens!

This is a great event for churches  
still looking for a meaningful retreat  
for your children's ministry!

From small group discussions,  
athletic field games, lake activities  
to classic camp fun and engaging  
worship sessions with our speaker  
Trae Wyatt!

Secure your group's place today!

Registration link in bio!

[camplakestephens.com/childrens-retreat](https://camplakestephens.com/childrens-retreat)



As you all know, Wesley has filled and donated many, many Shoe Boxes over the years.  
This is a list of what to collect to go in our shoebox for 1st and 2nd Sundays.  
This list will be for two consecutive weeks:

September 7th and 14th, all types of **school supplies**.  
Pencils, sharpeners, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, coloring books, picture books, small tablets, (notebook paper and spiral notebooks will not fit in the shoebox very well)  
Solar calculators, if you buy regular calculators, be sure to include batteries.

September 21st and 28th list to include is as follows,  
Toothbrushes, wash clothes, combs, hairbrushes, rubber bands(ponytail type),  
Socks, sunglasses, flashlights (must include batteries)  
toy jewelry for little girls.

Tip: do not send toothpaste, liquids, food or aerosol cans.  
Now! Let's all work together to see how many shoebox we can fill!

Also, we will have a Dollar Box.  
Some may not be able to shop but can help with the cost of postage, since the postage on every box is \$10.00.

I would love for every person who is a member or not at Wesley to get involved and help our kids with this project.

A time will be announced later of the date that we will get together to pack our boxes.  
I hope this will be so much fun and interesting to see what each of us brings. Then we will choose by ages, what to put in each box.

Be sure to watch our newsletter next week!

Thank you,  
Judy Counce, Shoe Box Coordinator

# WAYS TO SERVE



Proverbs 29:18 says “If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.” (MSG)

Join us Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm for a homemade ice cream social as we gather to envision where God is leading us in ministry, worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship! Be in prayer in the coming weeks and come willing to share your thoughts and ideas that night as we seek our next steps in following where God is leading our church.

## FOOD PANTRY

### OFFERING COUNTERS

9/7/25 - Pat Pearce and Blake Hill  
9/14/25 - Bill Austin & Trish Thistle  
9/21/25 - Rachel Davis & David Hutson  
9/28/25 - Martha Clay & Brenda Pearce

### TRUSTEES

9/7/25 - Keith Garner  
9/14/25 - WT Taylor  
9/21/25 - Dewaine Card  
9/28/25 - Leo Hamm

## COMMUNITY TAILGATE

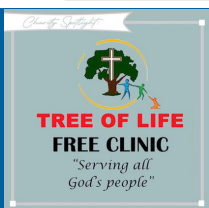


Community Tailgate  
Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-6:30pm

Wesley Church will be setting up a tent at the Community Tailgate and would love for you to come help promote our church and support our Golden Wave! Bring your chairs and sit with us as we reach out and connect with this wonderful community we live in!

9/2/25 - Pam Shields, Wentris Alford, Martha Webb, Errol Tootle, Bob Walker  
9/9/25 - Ruth Dobbs, Errol Tootle, Wentris Alford  
9/16/25 - Pat Pearce, Wentris Alford, Errol Tootle  
9/23/25 - Errol Tootle, Wentris Alford, Pam Shields

For the month of September, our Food Pantry will be collecting SALTINE CRACKERS so be sure and drop off some this month in the Food Pantry bin in the foyer!

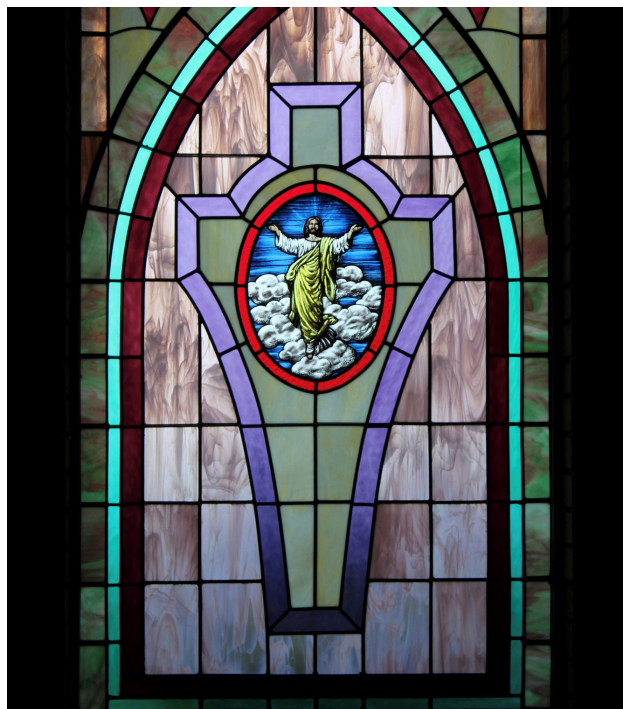


Saturday, September 20th @ 8:30 am  
Wednesday, October 1 @ 4:30 pm



# WESLEY CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation



## FOR THE RECORD

### **Attendance (In - Person)**

Morning Worship....87 in person

### **Stewardship**

2025 Operating Budget.....\$261,816\*

YTD Budget Receipts.....\$169,225.01

Needed Weekly.....\$5035.68

Weekly Budget Receipts.....\$6127

\*Budget will be adjusted to account for line of credit payment\*



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## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jim McClurkan - Senior Pastor

Rev. Trae Wyatt - Associate Pastor

Rev. Chip Frazier - Associate Pastor

Linda Austin - Director of Music Ministries

Debbie Clark - Financial Secretary

Martha Webb - Pianist

Sandi & Doug Haire - Custodians

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To Believe. To Belong. To Become  
Christ-Like Through Discipleship.