

Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Traditional Worship in the Chapel
8:30 am

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
8:45 am & 9:45 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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The Worship of God

Chapel

September 20, 2015

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude Gabriel Pierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities
and violence continues around the world—

causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

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Therefore, we will not fear.

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You invite us to draw near to you,

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As we come together before you,

enable us to lay aside all that shakes around us and swirls within us

and to be fully open to you,

that we may be changed and made new through your love. Amen.

† HYMN No. 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:1-4

SERMON

“Practical Divinity: In Trying Times”

Al Ward

HYMN No. 534

Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Hear My Words Stephen Paulus

Men’s Choir

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be: Hear my cry, my King my God. I will make my prayer to Thee. With the morning light O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring, Prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art Holy O my God, Thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the attendance notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

Service Notes:

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† **DOXOLOGY No. 94**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

† **HYMN No. 398 (VERSES 1, 3, 4, 5)**

Jesus Calls Us..... GALILEE

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paeon..... Antony le Fleming

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Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Men’s Choir; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

September 20, 2015

The Beginning 9:45

Gathering Music

Your Love Never Fails Newsboys
Mighty to Save Hillsong

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Be Still My Soul FINLANDIA

Scripture

James 1:1-4

Message

"Practical Divinity: In Trying Times" Al Ward

Time of Reflection

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jay Butler, Director of Student Ministries (8:45); Jared Stine, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care (9:45); Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

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Horizon

Horizon Worship Services include The Gathering at 8:45 am and The Beginning at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Both services meet in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

This Is The Day.....Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

This is the day the Lord has made, now let us give to the Lord what is his own. With solemn prayer, approach the throne; with meekness hear the Gospel word. Our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise!

Please stand as you are able.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

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PRAYER

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Of Might, We Praise Thy Name.....arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Chancel Choir

God of might, we praise Thy Name, Lord of all we bow before Thee; Heaven and earth extol Thy Fame, Men and Angels all adore Thee. As Thou art, Thou e'er wilt be Unto all eternity. Cherubim and Seraphim Praise Thy name with joy increasing, Prophets and Apostles join angelic choirs in hymns unceasing, All the martyrs with one accord Add their praise to the living Lord. Look upon Thy children here who, to Thee their love professing, And in Jesus' name alone, Ask of Thee a Father's blessing, As our Lord, whom we adore, hear our praise forevermore. All Thy Church in every land lifts its voice in adoration Unto Thee, O God of love, For Thy work of man's salvation; Thou art King of life and love In Thy heavenly realms above. Amen.

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Be Still, My Soul.....FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace To You All.....Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

Peace to you all, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paean.....Antony le Fleming

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Usher for the month of September: Chris Dudley, Warren Lackey, Britt Lytle, Jobie Redmond, Jr., J.J. Smith, Bruce von der Lipper. Kevin von der Lippe.

Greeters for September: Noman Andrews, Bob Bass, Evelyn Davis.

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Our Sympathy to ~

Bobby Shaw in the death of her brother, Curtis Cox, on September 2, 2015.

Pat Grayson and family in the death of her mother, Charlotte Wagner, on September 10, 2015.

The family of Millie McLaughlin in her death on September 12, 2015.

Thanks & Praise to ~

... to Janie Bass, Judy Marsh and Ann Linthicum for serving the Bereavement Reception for the family and friends of Pat Williard.

... to Carol Hutchins and her team for providing and serving the Bereavement Meal for the family and friends of Pat Williard.

... to Suzie Farabow, Pat Neal and Ann Linthicum for serving the Bereavement Reception for the family and friends of Charlotte Wagner.

... to Bettye Packer and her team for providing and serving the Bereavement Meal for the family and friends of Charlotte Wagner.

... to Carolyn Steed and Judy Needham for assisting with the 3rd grade Bible presentation.

... to the Covington and Millis families for making this special day possible through the gift of the Bibles for over 90 years.

... to Betsey Clinard for doing the beautiful calligraphy on the name plate in each Bible.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE STARTS OCTOBER 4

The 8:45 service will be moving to 8:30. This will allow for more flexibility and fellowship between the two services. The praise team and worship leadership will have more time to transition between services, people exiting the early service will have more time to get to Sunday School. This new time will take effect on Sunday, October 4. We look forward to seeing you there, for some coffee, donuts, fellowship and worship!

Ways to CONNECT

ATTENTION STUDENTS: TONIGHT IS OUR MYF FIELD DAY

Tonight from 6-8 pm, we are having a field day at the Church! We're going to take advantage of the last few weeks of warmer weather and having a night of outdoor games. We will be playing 9-Square In The Air, Cornhole, Spikeball, and we will be unveiling our brand new Gaga Ball Pit that evening! Bring a friend because you won't want to miss this fun!

SPECIAL WOMEN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS & LUNCHEONS PLANNED

The Women's Choir will rehearse on Monday, October 12 and 19 from 12:30-1:00 pm in the Choir Room. After rehearsals the ladies will share lunch together at a local restaurant. On October 25, the Women's Choir will sing for the 8:30 am Chapel service and 11 am worship. Please join the women as they prepare "Softly and Tenderly" by Mack Wilberg.

NEED A CHRISTIAN FRIEND TO LISTEN AND WALK WITH YOU?

Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Ways to GROW



DR. MICKEY EFIRD STUDY STARTS TOMORROW

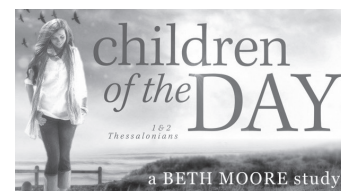
The early Church has much to teach us about faith and growth, and Dr. Efird is very excited about teaching on this subject. Join us Monday evenings from 6:45-8:15 pm September 21 through October 12. No registration is necessary; bring a friend!

STILL TIME TO JOIN US FOR THE "THE DESERT RELIGIONS" STUDY

If there's one topic some Christians are worried but unsure how to learn more about, it's Islam. And what about the other religion birthed in that same region, Judaism? How does Christ want us to interact with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors? What do they believe? Should we be frightened, upset, or angry? The Desert Religions study will be taught by Rev. Erin Beall Wednesday nights through October 14 at 6:30 pm (after Wednesday night supper) in the Media Center. RSVP by contacting Erin Beall (ebeall@wesleymemorial.org). This class requires no book.

WOMEN OF WESLEY STUDY STARTS TUESDAYS SEPTEMBER 22

All Women of Wesley (WOW) are invited to come Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am beginning September 22 for 9 weeks of Bible Study and fellowship. We will be doing an in depth study of I and II Thessalonians based on Beth Moore's book *Children of the Day*. The book costs \$16 and is available at the Front Desk. If you have questions call Susan Meisky (259-5402) or Barbara Coughlin (884-1335).



Sundaes on Sunday

BBQ Lunch
& Ice Cream

Adults: \$10

Kids: \$5
(10 and under)

TODAY

11 am - 1:30 pm
in the Dining Hall



This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women to benefit the Wesley Memorial School Scholarship Fund. Meal includes: BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips & Ice Cream Sundaes.

Ways to GIVE

HELP US FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR KIDS AT FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY



Wesley Memorial is once again providing "backpacks" of food for Fairview students on the weekend and holidays. Items needed: Individual pop-top Spaghetti's, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and Meatballs, and Kraft Mac and Cheese easy cups. We can no longer accept peanut butter items and we have plenty of raisins! Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

OUR ANNUAL WMS COOKIE DOUGH SALE IS NOW UNDERWAY

Orders will be taken through September 30. Cookie dough is pre-mixed and comes in refrigerator tubs. It keeps fresh for 2 months, ready for your holiday baking. Proceeds will be used for scholarship needs, new classroom learning tools & technology. Call 884-4232 to order by phone. Delivery on Wednesday, October 21. We'll call to remind you. Scrumptious flavors include: Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Raisin, Old-Fashioned Sugar, M & M, Lemon Drop, White Choc Macadamia Nut, German Choc, and Maple Pecan Swirl. BIG THANKS for supporting your Wesley Memorial School!

ONLINE GIVING IS QUICK & CONVENIENT

Visit www.wesleymemorial.org, where online giving is available 24/7! Click the link on the left side bar. (First-time users: look for, "Need a log-in?" under the blue box. You will be emailed a password to log-in.



Ways to SERVE

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL AND FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

The Comfort Pillow Ministry may be the place for you. If you can cut material, stuff pillow shells, hand stitch on side, and/or sew on a sewing machine, you are needed! Enjoy gathering periodically as we work together at my house or work at your own home at your own pace. Anyone is welcome to make these little pillows that bring comfort to Hospice patients and church members who have had surgery. Unity groups, church circles, and children's Sunday school classes are welcome to participate. Call Susan Ravenel at 336-883-4999.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, September 27
(Registration 3 pm, Walk 4 pm)

First Baptist Church
on Main Street in High Point

It's time to break out the t-shirts and walking shoes for High Point's 34th annual CROP Hunger Walk!

Two route options:

1 mile fun walk and 3.4 mile walk (3.4 miles is the average distance women and girls have to walk for water in the developing world).

The funds raised from the Crop Walk will benefit Open Door Ministries and international ministries of Church World Service.

Click the Crop Walk banner at www.wesleymemorial.org to register or stop by a registration table at worship services.

CALENDAR: September 20 - 27, 2015

Sunday, September 20, 2015

- Men's Choir Rehearsal, 7:50 am, Chapel
- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Wesley 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- BBQ & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser, 11:00 am, Dining Hall
- Youth Handbells, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- MYF Field Day, 5:30 pm, Underground

Monday, September 21, 2015

- Staff Parish Relations Team, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Dr. Efrid Study, 6:45 pm, Dining Hall
- Worship Team Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

- Women of Wesley (WOW) Bible Study, 9:30 am, Underground
- WMS Board Meeting, 5:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Bible Study Lunch, 12:00 pm, Dining Hall
(Cost is \$5 for the soup-and-sandwich combo. Call the church office by 4:30 pm on Monday to make a reservation.)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Wesley Handbell Choir (3-5 grades), 4:15 pm, D204
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(Menu: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread and Dessert. Call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation. Cost is \$6-adults, \$3 ages 14-18, and free for those under 14.)
- Confirmation Info Meeting, 6:00 pm, Underground
- The Desert Religions Study, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Choir Room
- Nominations Team, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Thursday, September 24, 2015

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Adult Handbell Choir, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, September 26, 2015

- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 27, 2015

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship 8:45 and 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Choir, 4:00 pm, River Landing
- CROP Hunger Walk, 4:00 pm, First Baptist Downtown High Point
- Student Ministries, 5:30 pm, Underground

WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you so much for joining us today in worship. If this is your first time worshipping with us, **please help yourself to a blue Wesley Memorial reusable tote bag as our gift to you.** Inside you will find information about our church. We also invite you to take our First Time Visitor Survey found on the homepage of our website. We hope you will return to worship with us again!

Our faithfulness in attendance

September 13, 2015

All Worship Services: 395

(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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Anne Carroll, Director of Music Ministries

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Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries

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In the event of an emergency, you simply need to call the main number, 884-2204.

*You will then **choose option 1.** It is available 24/7 and will connect you with a pastor.*