

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 27, 2015
EIGHTEENTH 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

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The Worship of God

Chapel

September 27, 2015

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

How Great Thou Artarr. Daniel Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and struggle to understand.

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

Let us worship the God of life and wisdom,

Whose words guide our lives and direct our paths.

† OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives.

Open us to your words of life, love, and truth. Help us to listen with holy

understanding. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts.

AMEN

† HYMN No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeHYMN TO JOY

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

ANTHEM

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's SakeFarrant/Hilton

Michaela Kelly, Brittany Griffin, Taylor Boone, Wesley McCleary-Small

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue. That we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, this day and evermore. Amen.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† 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. 463 (VERSES 1, 4, 5)

Lord, Speak to MeCANONBURY

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:19-21, 26; 3:8-10

SERMON

"Practical Divinity: Words"

Jared Stine

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Where Charity and Love PrevailST. PETER

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Largo from the Golden SonataHenry Purcell

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Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Michaela Kelly, Brittany Griffin, Taylor Boone, Wesley McCleary-Small, Choral Scholars; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Service Notes:

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

September 27, 2015

The Beginning 9:45

Gathering Music

Movements Rend Collective
Hold Us Together Matt Maher

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

First Lauren Daigle

Scripture

James 1:19-21, 26; 3:8-10

Message

Al Ward

Time of Reflection

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; 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!

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

September 27, 2015

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

How Great Thou Art arr. Daniel Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 89

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS/SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Christopher* and *Jordan* in your care?

We will.

After the baptism, the pastor asks the congregation:

Will you welcome our new brothers in Christ?

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

HYMN No. 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vv. 1 & 4) STUTTGART

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;

With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

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We rejoice in the baptisms of **Christopher Andrews Davis** and **Jordan Phillips Davis** born October 31, 2014, children of Preston and Dorsett Davis, and welcome them into the family of Christ. Grandparents are Jordan and Patti Clark of Atlanta, GA and Chris and Robbie Davis of Davidson, NC. Great grandparents are JoAnne Davis of Pleasant Garden, NC and Sterling Phillips of Burlington, NC.

"For I Am Called By Thy Name" was purchased by Anthem Angel Libby Atwell in honor of her beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth Garland Boger and Caroline Vance Boger.

"I Will Arise" was purchased by Nancy Shaw in loving memory of her husband, Robert Shaw.

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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 Lippe, Kevin von der Lippe.

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

ANTHEM

For I Am Called By Thy Name..... Crawford Gates

Chancel Choir

Thy words were found and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: For I am called by thy name, oh, Lord God of Hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16)

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Arisearr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Please stand as you are able.

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Dismissal..... Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

May the God of hope now fill us with all joy and peace. May God fill us with joy and peace.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Largo from the Golden Sonata..... Henry Purcell

Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Anne Carroll, Director of Music; Chancel Choir; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Georgia Howell and Samantha Mickey, Acolytes; Stuart Nunn, Crucifer; Gary Yates, Sound Engineer.

Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our loving mother and grandmother, Marcia Williams, on her birthday by John, Wendy, Davis and Patrick and Craig, Heidi, Ben and Abby.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Catherine Elizabeth Horney and Wylie Gibson Hutchison, and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Horney, Jr., Mr. Paul Maitland-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Scott-Wood and in loving memory of Mrs. Norma Loflin Horney, Mr. and Mrs. George Watts Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans Richards.

Our Sympathy to ~

Sherry Campbell and family in the death of her mother, Reba Paschall Clay, on September 18, 2015.

Thanks & Praise to ~

... to our church FAMILY for surrounding Wesley Memorial School whenever there is a need! Grateful appreciation to all UMW Circles for sponsoring a successful "Sundaes on Sunday" BBQ & ice cream luncheon to benefit WMS Scholarship Children. Applause also to: our Wesley 100 Men for food prep/set-up; parents, grandparents & WMS teachers who served; WMS children for their artwork decorations; and to EVERYONE who came to eat in support of this event.

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 next Sunday, October 4. We look forward to seeing you there, for some coffee, donuts, fellowship and worship!

Ways to CONNECT

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 11am worship. Please join the women as they prepare "Softly and Tenderly" by Mack Wilberg.

SOUL FOOD STARTS OCT. 7 FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS

Do you need a little pick-me-up during the week? Starting on Wednesday, October 7, we are starting a weekly devotional time in the Soul Café entitled Soul Food. It is open for middle and high schoolers. It lasts from 6:30-7:30, and provides a way to relax and enjoy some time during the week with friends and leaders. For more information, please contact Mary Cullen Bills at 906-4913 or Kellie Hall at 708-6432. We hope to see you there!

Ways to GROW

NEW BIBLE EXPLORERS AND CROSSTRAINER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Our Sunday afternoon programs for Kindergarteners through 2nd grade, "Bible Explorers," will begin Sunday, October 11 from 4:45-6:00 pm. This weekly Christ-centered program helps children grow as whole persons and learn to make Christ Lord in every aspect of life. Come have fun with your friends while learning God's Word in fun and exciting ways.

New this year for 3rd-5th graders, "CrossTrainer, Equipping Children to Change the World". CrossTrainer will help children build lifelong relationships and grow spiritually as followers of Jesus through interactive, hands-on learning experiences. The weekly program begins Sunday, October 11 from 4:45-6:00 pm.

Registration information and brochures are available on the Elementary hall or you can contact Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust dfoust@wesleymemorial.org.

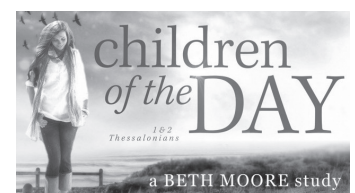


JOIN DR. MICKEY EFIRD FOR A NEW STUDY

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!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE WOMEN OF WESLEY STUDY

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).



Ways to SERVE

MEANINGFUL AND FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

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.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENT MINISTRIES AS A PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEER IN OCTOBER

Pumpkins will be delivered on Saturday, October 10. Please come and help us unload a full truck load on the front lawn. This year's Pumpkin Patch will run from October 11-31; 12 noon-7 pm on the front corner lot. We need lots of volunteers to help us make this a great event. If you are willing to come out, meet new folks from our community, and support our student ministries, contact Melissa Coley at 812-4806 or email mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.



DO YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THE BEREAVEMENT RECEPTION TEAM?

Volunteers are needed for this special ministry that helps families during a most difficult time. Please contact Ann Linthicum at 882-4044 or Cindy Dominick at 812-4814 to volunteer.

Ways to GIVE

WILL YOU BRING US YOUR BUTTONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECTS AT WARD STREET CHURCH?

There is now a new use for your old buttons (and new ones too). We will use them at the Ward Street church for Sunday School projects. These buttons will be transformed into jewelry and different art work! You will find donation boxes throughout the church during October. Contact Verno Biaett at vbiaett@msn.com or Debbie Foust at 812-4804.



HELP US FILL THE BACKPACKS WITH FOOD FOR KIDS AT FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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.

WESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL'S ANNUAL COOKIE DOUGH SALE FUNDRAISER 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!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DONORS NEEDED NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The FAITH Circle is hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive here at Wesley Memorial next Sunday from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Dining Hall. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "WesleyMemorial UMC" or contact Kellie Hall @ 708-6432 to schedule an appointment to donate. Eat well and drink plenty of fluids. Photo ID required! Every pint can help save up to 3 Lives!



ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

TODAY

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.

CALENDAR: September 27 - October 4, 2015

Sunday, September 27, 2015

- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Choir, 4:00 pm, River Landing
- CROP Hunger Walk, 4:00 pm, First Baptist Downtown High Point
- Student Ministries, 5:30 pm, Underground

Monday, September 28, 2015

- Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- WMS Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8:00 pm, North Main Location
- Dr. Efrid Study, 6:45 pm, Dining Hall
- Adult Education Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

- Women of Wesley (WOW) Bible Study, 9:30 am, Underground

Wednesday, September 30, 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: Pork Tenderloin, Potato Salad, Carrots, 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.)
- The Desert Religions Study, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Choir Room

Thursday, October 1, 2015

- Adult Handbell Choir, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, October 3, 2015

- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 4, 2015

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship 8:30 and 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Dining 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
- Children's Ministry Team, 4:00 pm, Children's Gathering Area
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Underground
- 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 20, 2015
All Worship Services: 403
(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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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.*