



# The WESLEY WINDOW

“Wesley Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”

**AUGUST 1, 2018**

**Worship Services**

**August 5, 2018**

**Traditional**

8:30

Greg Porterfield

9:30

Greg Porterfield

11:00

David Blackwood

**Contemporary**

9:30

David Blackwood

11:05

Greg Porterfield

**Wesley West**

10:30

Adam Hilderbrandt

## The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round

Some of you know that as the year began our Church Council voted to complete several projects. Thanks to prior year surpluses and current generosity, we are completing an addition to the children's wing and refurbishing the former Children's Home Building on Eighth Street so it can be used for college ministry. These two projects are now close to completion, and we hope to have an Open House soon so you can see all the work that was done.

A third initiative we were hoping to address was to purchase a 14-passenger church bus to take around town and on long distance trips. However, just as we were preparing to purchase this item, the air conditioning unit went out in the Celebration Space, requiring us to address this need immediately. Unfortunately the cost of the unit, \$50,000, was what we had budgeted for the bus, leaving this project on hold.

I had been thinking and praying about how to address this project when last week, as some of you may have noticed, a bus arrived in our parking lot. After several days of investigation involving the Sheriff's Department, it turns out the bus had been stolen from Gainesville, Florida, and had been left here. Next time I pray about needing a bus, I'm going to have to stipulate that I would like the vehicle to come with clean title.

At any rate, that bus didn't work out for us, meaning we could still use one. Perhaps you can help. Over the next few weeks I want to encourage you to respond to our Wheels for Wesley campaign so that our church can purchase a bus. The need is evident - our other bus is 15 years old, and we would like a new vehicle to safely take groups out of town. If you would like to help with this project, make checks out to Wesley marked "Bus," and hopefully we will have a new bus in a few weeks.

Otherwise I will just keep praying; no telling what might show up next time.

See you Sunday,



@WUMCEvans



Wesley  
is a Congregation of  
the North Georgia Conference,  
United Methodist Church

Project 460 School Supply Drive

# Pack the Backpacks!

Sunday, August 5,

8:30am-12:30pm, in the Gym



## Our Prayers

Armed Forces	Terry Holder	Susan Rice
David Alexander	Ronnie & Angie Hopkins	Liz Schleicher
Pat Azbell	Gaylord Hunt	Noah Schmitz
George Bailey	Mimi Hunter	Nancy Schneider
James Banks	Mary Catherine Hydrick	Christine Scott
Andrea Baxley	Marina Johnson	Adam Showers
Nate Bell	Jerry Kasha	Joey Simpson
Helen Bentley	Miki Kay Kern	Jenzy Sioco
Mayson Bissell	Betty Kizer	Bobbie Smith
Jane Bonner	David Koch	Grady Smith
Ralph Briese	Carol Leggio	Herb Smith
Layla Bridges	Bob Leicht, Sr.	Jimmy Smith
Judy Brown	Leslie Lopez	Sammy Smith
Sandy Bryant	Jack Lyner	Christa Stephens
Esther Castillo	John Malcolm	Jessie Stewart
Nazarene Cato	Gayle McGee	Mac Story
Joyce Churchville	Joel McKinney, Sr.	Don Thornhill
Mike Cook	Bob Michael	Keith Tucker
Harvey & Ann Dockal	Mont Miller	Robert Uecker
Linda Dodson	John Minor	Ron Watford
Gordon & Betty Fair	Mae Mitchell	Rev. Condie Watters
Bill Farkas	Mark Moats	Nia Wattsh
Sam & Barbara Frantom	Robert Moates	Ron & Cindy Whitaker
David Fry	Glynn & JoAn Moore	Wilcauskas Family
Don & Bonnie Gibbs	Collin Morgan	Evalyn Wilkinson
Joan Gilliland	Robyn Morris	Ian Williams
Curtis Grubbs	Scot Noss	Mary Williams
Al Hall	Conor O'Neil	Carol Willis
Tanner Hayword	Geraldine Peavy	Kevin Wirick
Debbie Harrison	Max Proctor	Gary Woodrow
Emily Henderson	Lea Rice	Chris Wylie
Jimmy Herman		

## Our Weekly Bread

*"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."  
Romans 12:18*

Like so many things that are important, this is easier said than done. Since we are human, it is a natural reaction to want to retaliate verbally when we feel someone has hurt or criticized us or someone close to us. But when our focus is on peace and not righting a wrong, Paul tells us we are choosing the God-approved path. The quick retort may satisfy us momentarily, as does scratching a bug bite. But just as with a bite, it only spreads the poison.

## Our Gifts

July 22, 2018

### 2018 Operating:

- This Week \$ 30,314
- Received Through This Week: \$ 1,305,582
- Budgeted Through This Week: \$ 1,485,909

### Building Campaign - (T3):

- This Week: \$ 535
- Received Through This Week: \$ 32,988

## Our Presence

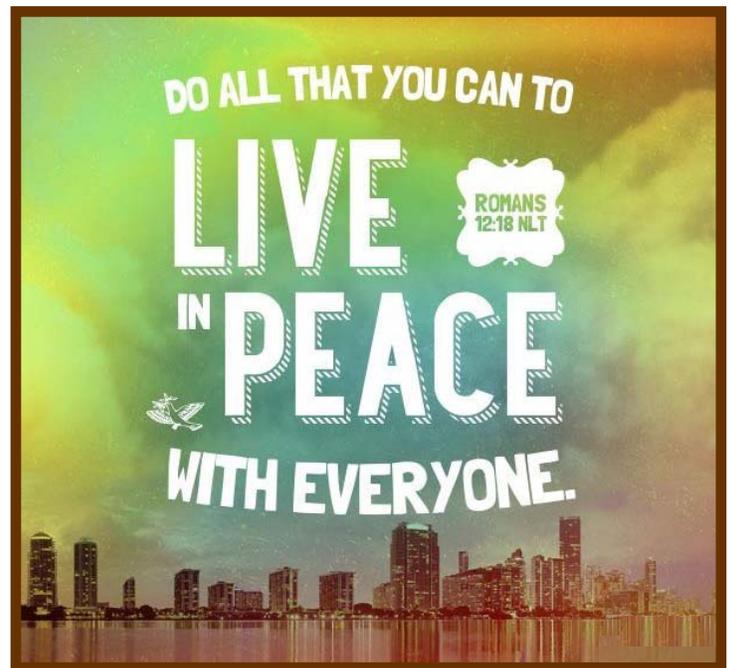
July 22, 2018

Worship	957	Adult Sunday School	188
Children	104	Wesley West Kidz	26
Wesley Students	56		



**JULY**  
Twin Sheets/  
Comforters  
Place donations in the  
Restart bin in the biscuit area.

Use PUSHPAY for your tithes, offerings and special gifts. Text "wesleyumc" to 77977 for a link to our giving page. Pushpay accepts credit cards and bank account gifts.



### New Acolyte Training

Training will be Sunday, August 12, in the sanctuary after the 11am service and is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and up. If you would like your child to be an acolyte, contact Joy Quinn at [jquinn82@comcast.net](mailto:jquinn82@comcast.net).

### Wesley Hugs

Many thanks to Steven Bridges and Sewn Rite for donating time to repair the upholstery in the bus!

### Wesley Extends Christian Sympathy to...

Ross Meschke and family in the loss of his father, Karl Meschke.

Billie Drake and family upon the loss of her husband, Joseph Drake.

*For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.*



2018

# YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Every book in the Bible has its focus on Jesus (the messiah, the coming One, son of David, suffering servant, the way truth and life, first born of the dead, the ruler of kings on earth). There have been many representatives for God. Angels, prophets and even the 'heavens' that declare the glory of God have been His agents.

"But none compare with the 'Son'. Hebrews lists the 'Son's' credentials in the first four verses. The rest of Hebrews tells us what they mean to us, what is our benefit from them.

1. One is "making purification for sins" (1:3). Pause to think about that. Isaiah 59:2 tells us "Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God." What a blessing to have our sins forgiven and our hearts made pure! That comes only through Jesus.

2. Hebrews 2:14-15 addresses a fear and uncertainty that have always plagued mankind - death. In Christ we can have freedom from the power of the devil and death. The devil is destroyed as a power in our lives. Can we believe that and live in that reality?

We have a merciful and mighty Intermediator to help and deliver in our temptations. Jesus has conquered Satan by His own death. It is the devil who had the power of death. In Christ we are to be delivered from the fear of his bondage and the consequence of his deception. When he threatens us and torments us, waving his pistol in our face, it is a sham. His pistol has no bullets. We allow ourselves to be robbed of blessing and power by someone whose gun is fake.

3. We have a pattern, a guarantee and a hope - all in Him. He had "to be made like" us in order that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest "tempted as we are" yet without sin". In His life He offered up "prayers and supplication" and He was heard. We are invited to also, and we will be heard. As our guarantor He bound Himself to us to see that, in us, the stipulations of the covenant are preformed. Wow. Hebrews 6:17: to show convincingly to us (the heirs) God's unchangeable character, He guaranteed it with an oath, again, so we are encouraged to hold fast to the hope He provides in heaven.

4. A new covenant - Hebrews 8:10-12. The old covenant was as hard to meet as the stones they were written on. The New Covenant is fully accessible. It is put in our minds and written on our hearts. As we listen to the Spirit abiding within we will find our "conscience purified from dead works to serve the living God." Hebrews 9:14.

5. The Power of an endless life: The Holy Spirit has been given to every believer to be his life. He dwells in him, not as a separate Being in one part of his nature, but as his very life. He is the Divine power by which Christ's life is maintained and strengthened in us. As a believer yields, waits and obeys the Spirit's promptings, God works in him everything that is pleasing in His sight. "... according to the power at works in us." Ephesians 3:20. Jesus is the power of an endless life.

## Donate to the Mechanics Ministry

Wesley Mechanics Ministry accepts donated vehicles and gives them to people without transportation.

A group of church mechanics volunteer their time to work on these vehicles and make them safe to drive. The Ministry still requires funds to pay for parts and such to make these repairs.



We have been challenged to raise \$5,000 for the Mechanics Ministry, and an anonymous donor will match these donations. That's \$10,000 to help us transform people's lives by giving them a way to get to work, school, doctor's appointments, etc. If you can help, send your donation to the church marked for the Mechanics Ministry.

## You Are Challenged to a Pillow Fight!

Accept the challenge and collect pillows for ReStart Augusta! From Sunday, August 12-Sunday, August 26, your class or group can place donations in the "PILLOW PEN" in the biscuit area.



The group with the highest percentage of donations wins! Individual donations are appreciated too! These pillows will be delivered with beds to those who do not have bed and can't afford to purchase one. New pillows only! Standard size is preferred.

Contact Daryl Morse at 706-829-3719 with questions.

## Giving of Yourself to Others

"Wesley Cares" - the outreach ministry of giving to congregational family members who are homebound or who have limited capabilities of being involved will meet Thursday, August 9, 10am, in room 25. For information, contact Tami Bernhardt, june2792@aol.com.



## Columbia County Cares Food Collection

August: Peanut Butter & Jelly

Place donations in the Mission Cart in the Gathering Space.



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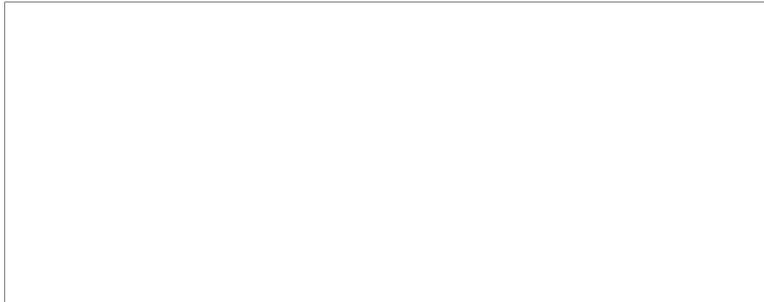
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**WESLEY'S MEMBERS ARE ITS MINISTERS.  
 THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO ASSIST THEM ARE:**

- Ryan Abel.....Contemporary Music
- Ellen Ashe ext 208.....Secretary
- Evan Ashe.....Custodian
- Nathaniel Bell.....Custodian
- Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
- David Blackwood ext 223.....Associate Pastor
- Ray Burnette ext 226.....Food Services
- Joanne Cirincione ext 211.....Adult Education Director
- Wes Daniels.....Recreation Director
- Kami DeRosier ext. 210.....Children's Director
- Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism Assistant/Program Secretary
- Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
- Elynn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
- Susan Gilbert ext 220.....Pastor of Care
- Mark Haddon.....Contemporary Music
- Dee Harden.....Custodian
- Adam Hilderbrandt ext 205.....Associate Pastor
- Elaine Maxwell.....Pianist
- Eve Mooney ext 224.....Hospitality Director
- Nicole Muns ext 224.....Connections Director
- Heather Peacock ext. 225.....Music Ministries Assistant
- Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
- Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
- Vicki Starcher ext 212.....Preschool Director
- Aaron Talbot ext 213.....Student Ministries Director
- Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information,  
 please see our website, [www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net).  
 The church office receives mail at [office@wesleyumc.net](mailto:office@wesleyumc.net).



# This Week at Wesley

**Sunday - 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30a Backpack Packing Event
- 8:30a Worship and Sunday School
- 9:30a Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship and Sunday School
- 10:30a Wesley West Worship
- 6:00p Wesley Students Pool Party  
at Woodbridge
- 6:30p Kidz Volunteer Celebration

**Monday - 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00a Preschool office opens
- 1:00p Line Dance

**Tuesday - 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00a Men in Mission
- 10:00a Battle Plan Study

**Wednesday - 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00a Steadfast Love Study
- 12:30p Window Folders
- 6:00p Faith Notes Rehearsal
- 7:00p Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Wesley West Band Practice

**Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00a Wesley Cares Meeting
- 1:00p Pickleball
- 6:30p Praise Band Practice

**Friday - 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Students
- Kick-Off Weekend

**KICK-OFF WEEKEND**  
 Register - [www.wesleyumc.net/age-groups/students](http://www.wesleyumc.net/age-groups/students)  
**August 10-12**



**Sunday, August 12**

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO COME  
 WORSHIP + CARE + CONNECT

*Find a worship service that fits your schedule and style.*

*Find a ministry that is meaningful and fulfilling.*

*Find a small group that offers friendship and support.*

# CONFIRMATION

claiming your faith as your own

**Sundays, August 19 - December 2**

**Main Campus: 9:30 & 11:00am**

**Wesley West: 9:30am**

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

Confirmation Service: Sunday, December 2  
 Register at [www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)