



The WESLEY WINDOW

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

DECEMBER 5, 2018

Worship Services

December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Traditional

8:30

Greg Porterfield

9:30

David Blackwood

11:00

Greg Porterfield

Contemporary

9:30

Greg Porterfield

11:05

David Blackwood

Wesley West

10:30

Adam Hilderbrandt

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Perfectly Imperfect

Perhaps like me you are in the midst of Christmas décor. Each year I find the task challenging, though you would think after all this time I would have it down pat – I don't. Nothing quite brings Christmas cheer to your heart like stringing lights that had worked perfectly well when laying on the floor as you tested them and now once hung on the tree remain stubbornly unlit. I have long held that the best premarital counseling in the world is to have a couple see if they can stand a Christmas tree up straight without losing their cool with one another. If they can make it through that exercise, they make it through anything. So I was heartened when I read the advice of party planner Bronson Van Wyck. Van Wyck is an event planner who has decorated the famous Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center and has been used by both Presidents Bush and Obama to make sure the White House was beautifully appointed for Christmas. Van Wyck says the mistake many of us make when planning for the holidays is to want everything to be perfect. Matching plate and stemware and so and so on. The trouble with perfect, he says, is that it isn't real. Nobody really lives like this, and it feels more like a showroom rather than your home and do you want that?

So in this season strive for a authenticity and jettison the need to be perfect. After all, the point of all our efforts this season is to arrive at the manger. Hardly anyone's idea of the perfect first Christmas setting except for – God.

See you Sunday,



PANCAKES with SANTA

Saturday, December 8, 9-11 am
Celebration Space

Bring Your Camera for PICTURES with Santa!

Join Us for

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 9, 4 pm

Share God's love with our house-bound members!

Meet in rooms 22-24

Bring flashlights and goodies to share!



Our Prayers

Alcohol/Drug Addiction	Wayne Gray	Geraldine Peavy
Armed Forces	Mike Graybeal	Jim Quarles
Dan Armstrong	John Hayes	Susan Rice
Lynn Arnett	Jan Hemphill	Tommy Robinson
Lorelei Jo Barry	Emily Henderson	Marjorie Sandarg
Andrea Baxley	Sylvia Herry	Vicky Saylor
Margie Bennett	Mary Catherine	Debbie Saxon
Helen Bentley	Hydrick	Liz Schleicher
The Bertram Family	Sara Irwin	Noah Schmitz
Mayson Bissell	Cindy Johnson	Nancy Schneider
Jane Bonner	Hudson Jones	Linda Schuster
James Bourgeois	Shawn Kelley family	Dorothy Scott
Cliff Bowers	John Kennedy	Shaffer Family
Vance & Nan Bowman	Jimmy Knight	Randy Showers
Brannen Family	Susan Kuzia	family
Ralph Briese	Ann Levings	Bill Smith
Bill Brown	Avery Grace Lloyd	Herb Smith
Lisa Bryant	Richard Lupold	Mike Smith
Sandy Bryant	Jack Lyner	Larry & Bonnie Starkey
Kenny Caldwell	McCray Family	Ashley Starnes
Vaughn Callaway	Betty McGlaufflin	Freddie Story
family	Joel McKinney, Sr.	Evelyn Tabb
Glen & Kristi Cannon	Ron McLamb	Don & Ann Thornhill
Joyce Churchville	Laura McMann	Robert Uecker
Cornwall Family	Bob Michael	Ron Watford
Wayne Crofton	Charles Michaels	Rev. Condie Watters
Charles Demmons &	Mont Miller	Ron & Cindy Whitaker
family	Ellen Minchew	Ian Williams
Joe Driggers	Mark Moats	Mary Williams
Margaret Dunstan	Robert Moates	Carol Willis
Bill Farkas	Glynn & JoAn Moore	Jane Wilson
Barbara Frantom	Scot Noss	Larry Youmans
Bobbie Gibbs	Mike O'Rourke	
James Grates Family	Jackie Parken	
Buford & Vallie Gray	Charlotte Parrish	

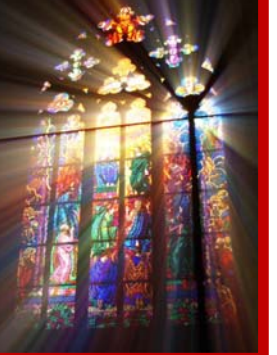
Our Weekly Bread

"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is focused on You because He trusts in You"
Isaiah 26:3

Inner peace begins with a relationship with God, and it continues as we focus on His strength and allow Him to fill us. We can exchange our weakness for His strength in any area of life. Personalize Isaiah 26:3 with your own name in it: "God will keep me in perfect peace as my mind focuses on Him and trusts Him."

Inner peace hinges on your trust in God. If inner peace is eluding you these days and anxiety is spilling over in your life, choose to trust God. You can choose to put your hand in His and draw from His patience and wisdom as you take each step. He will guide you through the maze of life if you ask Him. Choosing to trust God with those blind corners in your life will take you down the road to inner peace. Choosing not to trust Him will take you down the road to stress and worry. Inner peace is there for the choosing.

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Our Gifts

November 25, 2018

2018 Operating:

- This Week \$ 40,045
- Received Through This Week: \$ 2,082,045
- Budgeted Through This Week: \$ 2,418,225

Building Campaign - (T3):

- This Week: \$ 765
- Received Through This Week: \$ 58,354

Our Presence

November 18, 2018

Worship	1009	Adult Sunday School	136
Children	111	Wesley West Kidz	42
Wesley Students	80		

Columbia County Cares Food Collection

December: Pork & Beans

Place donations in the Mission Cart in the Gathering Space.

Wesley Hugs

I am so thankful for my Wesley family. I wanted to express gratitude for Pastor Greg's visit to us in the hospital, Carol Shikle's delicious meal that she brought on behalf of Wesley's meal ministry, and for the rosebud place in honor of Ruby's birth. With love,
Kelly Brown & family

Thank you so much for the flowers so beautifully arranged by our Flower Ministry. I was very touched by your gift. It certainly brightened my day. Much love and blessings,

Susette Beach

Thanks to all of you who are a part of Wesley's Prayer Ministry who have been so kind to pray for me and send cards. The procedures I had were scary - thankfully I felt closer to Christ in both instances. Your prayers also helped the healing process. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas and the very best in 2019.

Sara Irwin

2018 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Job: "You've God it Bad? (God is Sovereign)"

We have heard multiple times: 'There is none righteous, not one.' We have come to believe it. Perhaps, by not considering another aspect. The book of Job gives us that alternative. Job had some rough times in his life - boils, a wife who didn't support him, friends who tried to cut him down to size. Through it all we learn the character of Job. A big lesson is we can live a godly, righteous life. From the beginning God calls Job in 1:8, 'blameless and upright'. At the end, 42:7-9 'and the Lord accepted Job's prayer'. God commends Job. We are reluctant to claim righteousness for ourselves and wisely so. But is there room for us to say, "I have lived in integrity the best I knew. I have lived a righteous life before God?"

Read again Job 23:1-12. A lot of Job's spiritual battle is found in these verses. In verses 10-12 we have a remarkable recounting of his life from his side. And God affirms it. The Psalmists in 7:8 and 18:20 ask God to deal with them according to their righteousness. Again, they are not rebuked.

We cannot earn our way to heaven. We get that. What we miss is God's imperative to live holy, righteous lives. What he calls us to, He will assist us to fulfill. To Abraham: 'Walk before me and be blameless.' (Genesis 17:1). In Romans 8:4: God sent his son that the '... righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us...' In II Corinthians 7:1, God's invitation is before us, '... let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.'

Jesus boiled it down to Deuteronomy 6:5: '... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your might.' Leviticus 19:18: '... and your neighbor as yourself.' That is righteous living. Job did; we can too by God's grace and power.

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Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting

Susanna Wesley Circle will meet Tuesday, December 18, 11:30am, for our Christmas lunch at the home of Joyce Cook, 3540 National Court in West Lake. The bus will leave Wesley at 11am. Please bring a dish to share. We will be wrapping gifts for our Christmas family. RSVP to Joyce Cook, 706-373-1183, or Lurla Mayne, 706-840-1594.

Support for Wesley Foster Families

Learn about how you can volunteer and support the UMC Children's Home ministry to support foster families within Wesley. Lunch will be provided at a meeting Sunday, December 16, 12:30-1:30pm, in room 25. Contact Hillary Williamson at 706-832-0426 or hillarysw@yahoo.com with questions.

Ladies' Paint Party

Join the ladies of Me, My Spouse, and God to paint with Truth Be Told on December 21, 6-9pm, in room 25. We will be painting a lovely ornament with Bible verses. No artistic talent required. Our instructor Joni will take us step-by-step through the process while sharing about the Truth Be Told ministry. Cost is \$35, and preregistration is required at truthbetoldart.com. Contact Hillary Williamson, 706-832-0426, with any questions.

Servers/Coordinator Needed

In the new year the 9:30 Traditional Service is in need of additional Communion Servers as well as a new Coordinator to schedule the servers each month. Please contact Joy Quinn at jquinn82@comcast.net if you are willing to serve in this way.





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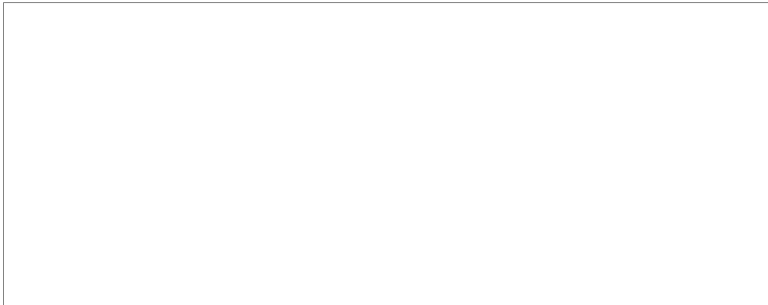
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**WESLEY'S MEMBERS ARE ITS MINISTERS.
 THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO ASSIST THEM ARE:**

- Ryan Abel.....Contemporary Music
- Ellen Ashe ext 208.....Secretary
- 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
- Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
- 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. 206.....Office Manager
- Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
- Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
- Vicki Starcher ext 212.....Preschool Director
- Aaron Talbott 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.
 The church office receives mail at office@wesleyumc.net.



This Week at Wesley

Sunday - 9th

- 8:30a Worship and Sunday School
- 9:30a Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship and Sunday School
- 10:30a Wesley West Worship
- 10:30a WW Confirmation Service
- 4:00p Christmas Caroling
- 5:00p Wesley Choir
- 6:00p Wesley Students

Monday - 10th

- 10:30a Brittany's Friends
- 1:00p Line Dance

Tuesday - 11th

- 7:00a Men in Mission
- 10:00a MomCore Study
- 6:30p Praise Band Practice

Wednesday - 12th

- 12:30p Window Folders
- 5:45p Faith Notes Rehearsal
- 6:00p Celebration Choir
- 7:00p Wesley West Band Practice

Thursday - 13th

- 9:15a Mom's Group
- 1:00p Pickleball



Christmas Eve

AT WESLEY

<p>11:00am Traditional Family Service Sanctuary</p>	<p>4:00pm Acoustic Communion Candlelight Service Celebration Space</p>	<p>4:00 & 6:00pm Traditional Communion Candlelight Service Sanctuary</p>
<p>11:00pm Lessons & Carols Sanctuary</p>		

Upcoming Senior Adult Opportunities

Jabez S. Hardin Performing Arts Theater Concert

December 10: Celtic Angels Christmas

Senior Lunch

Thursday, December 20, 12pm.
 Bring a side dish and a donation for the main course.
 We will enjoy Christmas music from
 the Greenbrier Elementary Chorus.

Contact Helen, 706-306-5761 or
helen@wesleyumc.net for reservations.