



RR = Restrooms

Contemporary Worship is located on the ground floor of the Life Center. Access is by stair or by ground-level entrance as marked above.
Traditional Worship is in the Celebration Space.

Wesley United Methodist Church began as a vision about 15 years ago. Through the Church Development Office of the North Georgia Conference, a church was planted in Evans, GA where on Palm Sunday 1989, approximately 100 people gathered to discuss the idea. Leading the singing was Mark Sargent, later appointed "founding pastor". Mark served Wesley from January 7, 1990 to June 15, 1997.

At the time of the first gathering, there was no office, no land, no staff, no building, no place to worship, nothing but faith. It was literally a "from scratch" endeavor, but God's hand has always been upon Wesley Church. Wesley held its first worship service January 7, 1990 with 237 people in attendance. The constituting service was held on March 18, 1990 with over 330 "charter" members.

In July 1990, the congregation purchased 21.5 acres of land on North Belair Road. The congregation hosted various activities on the site, but its regular worship took place in Lakeside Middle School. In May 1994, the congregation broke ground on Wesley's first building phase. On December 3, 1995 Wesley celebrated its first worship service at 825 North Belair Road.

Wesley's second senior pastor, Glenn Ethridge, came from Blue Ridge UMC. Glenn served Wesley from June 16, 1997 to June 24, 2004. Randy Monk, coming from Georgia Power, served Wesley beginning June 18, 1998, as program developer. Randy became Wesley's first associate pastor and served until June 21, 2001.

From its inception, Wesley has been a purpose driven, permission giving, entrepreneurial church. The purpose of Wesley Church has always been to make disciples of Jesus Christ by living the great commandments and great commission. When someone has an idea of how Wesley can fulfill that mission, that person has permission to begin a new ministry. Wesley encourages the creation of new ministries, because we believe that God's Holy Spirit is at work when people are allowed to answer God's call.

As Wesley continued to experience remarkable growth, the church began to pray about the next phase of Wesley's building. At a called Church Conference on May 9, 2001, the Church Council recommended a plan to double Wesley's facilities. During this time, Wesley added two associate pastors. Adam Roberts was appointed Wesley's second associate pastor. Bob Gillespie came to Wesley from St. Marks UMC in Augusta, August 2001.

The new facility opened August 2002, with expanded education, music and office facilities. In addition, a gymnasium was added to continue the effort to reach non-members.

Wesley's third senior pastor, Greg Porterfield, came from LaGrange UMC on June 25, 2004. Our third associate pastor Mac Enfinger came to Wesley June 2005. God will begin the next great work of grace at Wesley United Methodist Church with the start of the phase three building.