

WESLEY WINDOW

AUGUST 27, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 30, 2026

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 16:21-28

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Scripture

Matthew 16:21-28

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



WESLEY
CHURCH

The Sneaker Recession

While listening to the radio, I heard news that we are in a recession - sneaker recession. I did not know. To be certain, it has come to my attention that the economic value of many different items have come under pressure. Go to the grocery and the price of hamburger is what I remembering paying for steak not that long ago. My utility bill is not all that much different than what my mortgage used to be. What is going on? It's that way with everything. However, I was unaware of volatility in the sneaker industry. Partly that's my fault. I buy one pair of sneakers a year and wear them until the tread is gone. This year I didn't even do that. I was cleaning out one of my sons' closet and found a pair hardly worn that he apparently didn't like. And since we wear the same size shoe, they've been mine ever since. So, I didn't know about the sneaker crisis.

The news I was listening to reported that there are several factors that have contributed to the decline. The cost of commodities, oversupply, global trade wars and changing consumer tastes are all to blame, apparently. However, it was the very last line of the report that got my attention. The newscaster said, "Consumers have decided they don't need another pair of sneakers in their closet." Huh? You buy a shoe for your closet rather than your foot?

No wonder there is a problem. When we no longer know the purpose of a product, irrelevancy cannot be far behind. And it doesn't matter what it is.

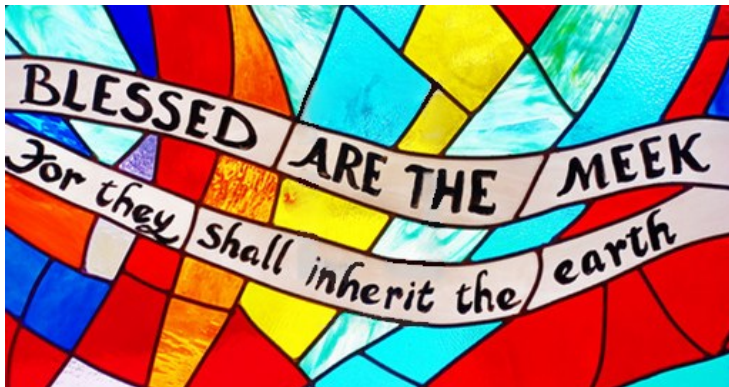
Take our faith for instance. The purpose of our faith is not to use it as an insurance policy - keeping it tucked on a shelf until something happens. What good is that? Our faith best used is a daily presence, guiding and informing every aspect of our life. Faith and its development is not an ancillary activity. It is necessary to live in a world like ours for it provides purpose and helps as we navigate challenges. Our faith is the reason for what we do here. And if it isn't, either it or we are irrelevant.

I'll see you Sunday,



OUR PRAYERS

Charlene Alexander	Cindy Dick	Charlie Rockwell
John Amarello	Walter Dodson	Abby Roney
Itala Azzarelli	Gene Draisey	Dennis Scheyer
Wilson Barr	Amy Eubanks	George Sealey
Heather Beale	Mike Fielder	Simons Family
Leslie Beecher	Archie Fisher	Chuck Smith
Philip & Lois Beery	Megan Fumo	Georgia Snowden
Geena Beyersdorfer	Garisto Family	Donnie Strong
John Bradley	Brenda Goodwin	Anna Teague
Judy Brannan	Jim Griswell	Lessie Thomas
Delaine Brown	Mildred Hammer	Caleb Townley
Gilbert Caride	George Harley	Christina Troutman
Tammy & Sarah Carpenter	Joanie Hollis	Catherine Usry
Penn Clark	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Ruth Ann Waller
Kimberly D. Cliett	Angie Livingston	Terry Waller
Liz Day	Allen Morris	Annaliese Wilson
Bonnie Devereaux	Marcia Myers	Bonnie Wilson
Jan Devereaux	Roger Plessner	Wilson Family
	Debbie Poffenbarger	Josephine Workosky
	Alicia Reeves	
	Dierdre Reeves	
	Kelli Reville	



SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS NEEDED

The Wesley Transportation Ministry needs additional volunteers to help drive church members to church and home on the first Sunday of the month.

Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.

Mom's Group

Thursdays, 9-11am • Connect Room

Childcare Provided • Fellowship • Book Studies
Bible Study • Playdates • Lunch Bunch

Questions? Contact mrs.karenschaffer@gmail.com

OUR DAILY BREAD

*"Just as you used to be slaves to all kinds of sin, so now you must let yourselves be slaves to all that is right and holy."
- Romans 6:19*

We have heard the modern expression, "Don't fight it - it's bigger than both of us." Those who are meek do not fight back at life. They learn the secret of surrender, or yielding to God. He then fights for us! Instead of filling your mind with resentments, abusing your body by sinful diversion and damaging your soul by willfulness, humbly give all over to God. Your conflicts will disappear and your inner tensions will vanish into thin air. Then your life will begin to count for something. You will have the feeling of belonging to life. Boredom will melt away, and you will become vibrant with hope and expectation. Because you are meekly yielded, you will begin to "inherit the earth" of good things, which God holds in store for all who trust Him with their all.

Let me yield to You this day, Father, all my innermost thoughts. I cannot hide from You. Amen.

- billygraham.org

WESLEY EXTENDS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Margie Hamilton and family upon the loss of her husband, Rick Hamilton. A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, August 28, at 1PM in the Sanctuary with visitation beginning at 12PM.

For this family, Lord, hear our prayers.

OUR PRESENCE - AUGUST 23

8:30 Traditional	113	9:30 Modern	152
11:00 Traditional	249	11:00 Modern	148
Jr. Church	32	TOTAL	694

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	41,141
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,404,461
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,675,494

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES AUGUST FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**SALT & PEPPER
SHAMPOO
DOG & CAT FOOD**

If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.

Fun at the Volunteer Tailgate Party

The Pastor's Ring Toss began innocently enough...



"I'll throw the bag at him!"



"Oooh! Let me! Let me!"



"Can I just play my game in peace?"



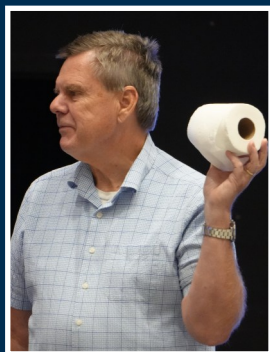
Until the Senior Pastor goes rogue...



<Praying for everyone's souls. With Oreos on our faces.>

...and tries to steal the other pastors' rings.

Crime doesn't pay! He still loses...



...but Ellyn helps him make a clean getaway!

Ms. Beckye can't believe the audacity!

And Leslie just needs some law & order around here!



COLLEGE CONNECTION

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Send college students/military enlistees' names, addresses & birthdays to michelle@wesleyumc.net by September 8 so they can receive special mailings during the year.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Discover practical & spiritual tools to cope with grief.

**September 20 | October 18 | November 15
December 20 2-3:30pm**

Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.



Sign Up to Be a

— SUNDAY MORNING —
VOLUNTEER

SERVE AS A GOLF CART DRIVER, WORSHIP GREETER OR COFFEE BAR ATTENDANT!

leslie@wesleyumc.net

NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
5:00p K-2nd Children's Choir
5:45p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
6:00p Wesley Students

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

6:00p Made for Goodness
Bible Study
7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00a Men in Mission
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00a Women's Bible Study
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00a Moms Group
2:00p Wesley Cares
7:00p AA Meeting

AGING WELL

SEMINAR

September 26
9:30am-11:30am

Healthy aging is about more than growing older - it's about maintaining strength, independence and a positive quality of life. Learn more from our panel of medical professionals, clinical social workers & clergy.

www.wesleyumc.net/events

Topics Covered:

- ✓ Healthy Eating
- ✓ Importance of Sleep
- ✓ Importance of Socializing
- ✓ Mobility/Fall Prevention
- ✓ Mental Wellness
- ✓ Spiritual Wellness

Scan code or visit website to RSVP



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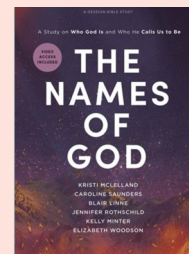
— September 13-14 —

2-DAY PROFESSIONALLY GUIDED FISHING TRIP

Santee-Cooper Lakes in SC
Open to All Ages

Come for fun, fellowship, food & fantastic fishing led by Bishop Beard & Melissa!

The Wednesday Ladies Bible study will begin on September 9, 10AM, for an 8-week study of **The Names of God**. Primary author Kristi McClelland along with five other prominent women Bible study leaders will guide us to discover who God is and who He calls us to be. Books can be purchased from Amazon.



FAITH CARE CLINIC NEEDS INTAKE HELP

Volunteers needed to check patients in & perform other tasks on the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30-9PM. Contact Greg Greenawalt, 484-919-2780.

SEASONAL SINGERS JOIN US FOR

Let the Stable Still Astonish
A Musical Offering

REHEARSALS BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 16, 7PM

PERFORMANCE
DECEMBER 13

JEFF@WESLEYUMC.NET FOR INFORMATION



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
Neil Brooks ext 223.....Associate Pastor
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary
Katy Duncan ext 211.....Children's Ministries Director
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
Leslie England ext 214.....Connections Director
Lauren Fackler.....Access Ministry Coordinator
Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager
Greg Hatfield.....Hospital Pastor
Joel Haywood.....Organist/Pianist
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
Makayla Rittwage ext 205.....Student Discipleship Coordinator
Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Family Pastor
Tim Taylor.....Custodian
Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director
Hillary Williamson ext 220.....Care Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit wesleyumc.net.

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ELEMENTARY BIBLE PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 20
at all services

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THIS OCCASION WITH OUR KIDS!

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