

WESLEY WINDOW

MARCH 19, 2026

**WORSHIP
SERVICES**
MARCH 22, 2026

Traditional
8:30AM & 11:00AM
Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture
John 11:35

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space
Bishop Frank Beard

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

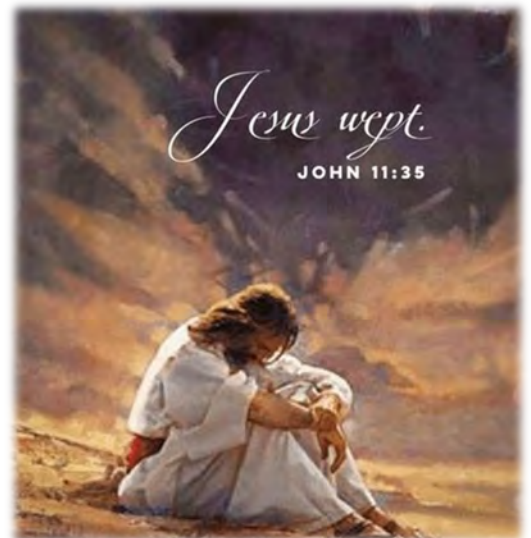
Jesus Wept

It is the shortest verse in all the Bible - two words. I remember my first encounter with it. Sitting next to a friend in Sunday School, the teacher giving us an assignment to return next week with a verse of the Bible memorized. "Any verse, you choose," he said. There are over 31,000 verses in Scripture. Which one to select? Immediately, we threw out long-winded verses that went on word after word. Then we discarded verses with genealogies, relatives of the faith of whom we had no clue. I suggested John 3:16; everyone knows that. My friend said no, someone else would likely pick it and then we would have to memorize another verse! I understood the logic. Much to my embarrassment, I tell you now, he said let's pick the shortest verse in the Bible. "Okay, which one is that and how many words are there?" He said "John 11:35. Two words: Jesus wept." (Just so you know, it is not actually the shortest verse in the Bible - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 also has two words; however, it is part of a larger sentence spanning an additional verse so on a technicality is eliminated). It is not one of my prouder moments.

I memorized a verse and did not give one thought to understanding. That is the danger of scripture. You can become so familiar with its words but be ignorant of its meaning. Remember what Annie Dillard once said, "On the whole, I do not find Christians are sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea of what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Ushers should issue life preserves and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews." The power we so casually invoke may just awaken.

I had no idea what I now know. That the shortest verse in the Bible is part of the scene where Jesus lost his dearest friend. It is part of the story of Jesus' greatest miracle. And in the narrative of the gospel of John, it signals abrupt change. No longer is Jesus' ministry described; instead, his destiny is revealed.

And all of this happens in two words. Who knew? Those two words say everything about Jesus. And when we employ them, they reveal quite a bit about us as well. It is the subject of the sermon Sunday.



OUR PRAYERS

Kara Alexander	Kimberly Floyd	Charlie Rockwell
Charlene Alexander	Susan Gilbert	Abby Roney
Lisa Arnold	Dot Gleason	Carol Roof
Debra Barnes	Tony & Deborah Hall	Clinton Roth
John Bradley	Debra Inghram	Margaret Rutledge
Betty Tanner	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Jesse & Boxley Schaffer
Brady	Pat Jameson	Dennis Scheyer
Delaine Brown	Anne Jeffers	Sandy Segrist
Lorelai Chavis	Lily Jeffers	George Shealy
Kimberly D. Cliett	Olivia King	Chuck Smith
Bonnie Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Amber South
Jan Devereaux	Todd Lindley	Heather South
Cindy Dick	Angie Livingston	Mowgli Stencil
Mary Linda Doxzen	Thom & Kay Lord	Donnie Strong
Gene Draisey	Audrey McGuire	Rosalie Terrell
Dolores Eckles	Glenda Metts	Lessie Thomas
Brian Ellefson	Aiden & Liam Moulton	Catherine Usry
Amy Eubanks	Carol Morse	Ruth Ann Waller
Sue Faircloth	Alicia Reeves	Bill Waples
Mike Fielder	Dierdre Reeves	Avery Wilkinson
Archie Fisher	Kelli Reville	Bonnie Wilson

OUR DAILY BREAD

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead..."

- Ephesians 1:18-20

Jesus told His disciples that the world would hate them. They would be "as sheep in the midst of wolves." They would be arrested, scourged and brought before governors and kings. Even their loved ones would persecute them. As the world hated and persecuted Him, so it would treat His servants. Thousands of Christians have learned the secret of contentment and joy in trial. Some of the happiest Christians have been lifelong sufferers. They have had every reason to sigh and complain, being denied so many privileges and pleasures that they see others enjoy, yet they have found greater cause for gratitude and joy than many who are prosperous, vigorous and strong. In all ages, Christians have found it possible to maintain the spirit of joy in the hour of trial. In circumstances that would have felled most men, they have so completely risen above them that they actually have used the circumstances to serve and glorify Christ.

Lord Jesus, keep us ever mindful of the need to rejoice in You constantly; to go beyond the circumstance, no matter how desperate, and to see You as our hope and joy. Amen.

- billygraham.org

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

The altar flowers March 15 were placed in loving memory of **Art Turner** by his wife, Denny.

The altar flowers March 22 will be placed in loving memory of **Bob Newton** by his wife, Emily.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light

so that you can understand THE CONFIDENT HOPE he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

FAITH
In Motion



Run with us at Evans Towne Center Park on Saturdays at 8:30am.



OUR PRESENCE - MARCH 15

8:30 Traditional	114	9:30 Modern	114
11:00 Traditional	285	11:00 Modern	123
Jr. Church	29	TOTAL	665

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	40,458
• Received Through This Week:	\$	480,392
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	542,072

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES MARCH FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**CANNED FRUIT
LOTION
DOG & CAT FOOD**

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

Palm
Sunday
March 29, 2026
8:30am | 9:30am | 11:00am

Mourning
THURSDAY
REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE
April 2, 2026
7:00-8:00pm
SANCTUARY

Good
Friday
April 3, 2026
7:00-8:00pm
SANCTUARY

MORE FUN BASKETS UP FOR BID!

Easter Basket
SILENT AUCTION
THROUGH MARCH 29
BISCUIT AREA



Easter Egg Hunt
March 29 12:30 PM
Meet the Easter Bunny
Hot Dog Lunch
Age-Specific Hunts



FUN & GAMES!



TEE TIME!



STUDENT SWAG!



EAT MOR CHIKEN!



ADAPTIVE easter
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2pm

Join us for a shortened, sensory friendly Easter worship service designed to be welcoming and accessible for all. Come as you are. Worship in the way that works for you!

ASL Interpreter Available

EGG HUNT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OPEN HUNT FORMAT
NO WHISTLE, NO COUNTDOWNS
CAREGIVERS WELCOME TO ASSIST
ACCESSIBLE EGG PLACEMENT
LOW-PRESSURE, COME-AND-GO FEEL




Congratulations to our Wesley Boys Basketball Team for winning their bracket!



FOUNDATIONS


For new visitors & current members - explore the foundations of our faith & how to grow from there!

APRIL 19, APRIL 26, MAY 3
9:30AM CONFERENCE ROOM

leslie@wesleyumc.net



Would you consider serving once or twice a month in our Access Ministry as a Buddy? Buddies support one child during Sunday School so they can feel safe, included and engaged. No experience is necessary - we'll train and support you. Email lauren@wesleyumc.net for more information.



WESLEY ACCESS MINISTRY

COMING UP AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Easter Basket Silent Auction

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
12:00p Last Yard Sale Drop-Off
5:30p K-2nd Children's Chor
6:00p 3rd-5th Children's Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

10:00a Women's Bible Study
2:00p Communion Service at Thrive
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p Wesley Ringers
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:15a Moms Group
6:00p Autism Support Group
7:00p AA Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

5:00p Yard Sale Pre-Sale

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

7:00a Yard Sale
8:30a Faith in Motion Run Club
9:30a Kidz Leader Coffee Chat
1:00p Yard Sale After-Sale

WESLEY YARD SALE



March 28
7am-12pm

LAST DROP-OFF:
SUNDAY, March 22, 12-6pm

Friday Pre-Sale

March 27, 5-7pm. \$20 tickets available while supplies last in the church office.

After Sales

March 28, 1-3pm. Get \$10 tickets during regular sale. Cash only.

March 29, 10am. Everything is free!

Help Us Clean Up

March 29, 12pm-until. Hours worked count toward the next sale.

Register Now!
Rainforest Falls
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
JUNE 1-5
www.wesleyumc.net/wesley-kidz

SUMMER SCHEDULE

1-5 JUNE	RAINFOREST FALLS VBS PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:30AM-12:30PM
16-18 JUNE	DINO/SCIENCE CAMP PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:00AM-1:00PM
23-25 JUNE	ART/SUPERHERO CAMP PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:00AM-1:00PM
7-9 JULY	SUMMERTIME FUN CAMP PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:00AM-1:00PM
13-17 JULY	GROW DAY CAMP ELEMENTARY 9:00AM-5:30PM

www.wesleyumc.net/summer

2026-2027 Registration is Now Open

PlayCare | Pre-K | Kindergarten

Visit the preschool office for a registration packet & information!

www.wesleyumc.net/wesley-preschool



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary
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
Justin Smith.....Custodian
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Family Pastor
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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