

WESLEY WINDOW

MARCH 5, 2026

**WORSHIP
SERVICES**
MARCH 8, 2026

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

Scripture
John 4:5-42

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Scripture
John 4:5-42

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



In Defense of Long Meetings

I don't like meetings. Apparently, I'm not the only one. According to one poll, 93 percent of the workforce don't like meetings. Such experiences are described as "tedious," "unproductive" and "morale killers." And more than meetings, we really don't like LONG meetings. Elon Musk organizes his day in five-minute increments. If you are fortunate or unfortunate to get time with the man (depending, I suppose, on your view of him) you get five minutes, no more and sometimes less. And I still remember what Ann's grandfather once observed following a Sunday sermon - that "few souls are saved after 60 minutes." (No, I wasn't the preacher at the time!) Which sums it up: time is precious, and few people put on their resumes how many meetings they have attended.

Which is interesting because the gospel of John in the fourth chapter (the subject of the sermon Sunday), tells of the longest recorded conversation Jesus ever had. Apparently, it never would have occurred with Elon Musk. It lasts for thirty-seven verses. It's interesting that Jesus' longest recorded conversation happens with a total stranger. A Samaritan besides, an adversary of long-standing tradition (500 years!). It doesn't happen with one of his disciples or even his mother.

Jesus wasn't usually given to long conversations in the first place. In the eighth chapter of John when the crowd wanted him to say something, he instead scribbled in the dirt. Most of the time, rather than state his opinion, Jesus preferred to ask questions. Not this time. This time, under the glaring sun, sitting at a well, talking to a total stranger, breaking every social convention you could think of, Jesus engages in a conversation.

Why the long conversation? There are several considerations I suppose, but perhaps the most obvious is that sometimes things take time. Efficiency is not the model of the church - it is relationships that matter. And relationships are, well...complicated. They are also worth it. After all, we don't want an agreement with Jesus; we want a relationship. So did the woman at the well.

I'll see you Sunday,



OUR PRAYERS

Kara Alexander	Mike Fielder	Kelli Reville
Charlene Alexander	Archie Fisher	Charlie Rockwell
Jessica Anderson	Kimberly Floyd	Abby Roney
Savannah Anderson	Susan Gilbert	Carol Roof
Lisa Arnold	Dot Gleason	Dennis Scheyer
Betty Tanner	Debra Inghram	George Shealy
Brady	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Chuck Smith
Delaine Brown	Anne Jeffers	Amber South
Lorelai Chavis	Olivia King	Heather South
Kimberly D. Cliett	Pat Lee	Mowgli Stencil
Bonnie Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Donnie Strong
Jan Devereaux	Todd Lindley	Lessie Thomas
Cindy Dick	Angie Livingston	Catherine Usry
Mary Linda Doxzen	Hannah Lotz	Ruth Ann Waller
Gene Draisey	Audrey McGuire	Bill Waples
Dolores Eckles	Glenda Metts	Avery Wilkinson
Brian Ellefson	Aiden & Liam	Bonnie Wilson
Amy Eubanks	Moultan	Roger & Darlene
Sue Faircloth	Lori Morgan	Yancey
	Carol Morse	
	Alicia Reeves	
	Dierdre Reeves	

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

"Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord,
and whose hope the Lord is."
- Jeremiah 17:7

The Scriptures predict that a new day is coming. There will be a golden age of prosperity when all perplexing problems - religious, social or political - will find their complete solution. It will be a marvelous time for this mixed-up world. However, the Bible teaches that humans will not bring about this coming golden age. We alone cannot. The flaw in human nature is too great. Humans have no ability to repair this damaged planet. God is our only hope! His plans are already formed, and they are perfectly stated in the Scriptures.

All my hope and plans are laid at Your feet,
Lord Jesus. Amen.
- billygraham.org

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 EXTENDS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Melissa Donohue and family upon the loss of her mother, Judy Montenguise.

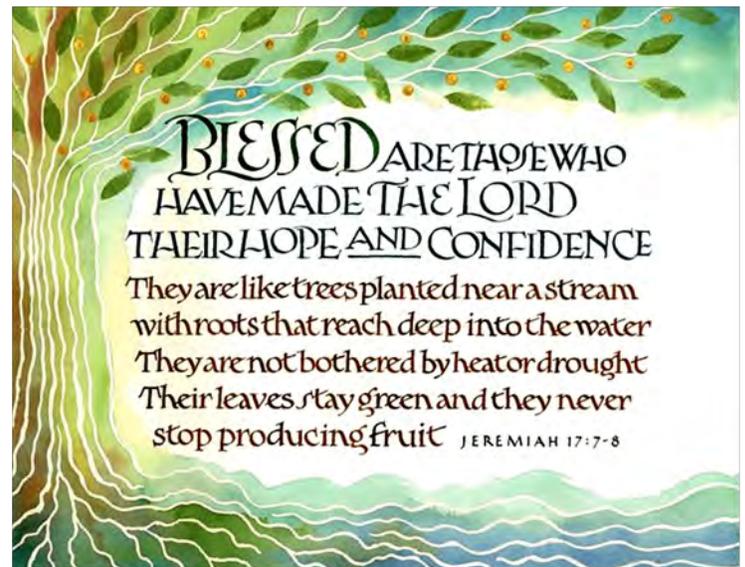
For this family, Lord, hear our prayers.

New Bible Study

The Me, My Spouse and God (MSG) adult Sunday School class would like to invite you to join us for a new Bible study entitled "The Art of Marriage."



Begins Sunday, March 8.
9:30am, Room 26.



OUR PRESENCE - MARCH 1

8:30 Traditional	108	9:30 Modern	96
11:00 Traditional	263	11:00 Modern	111
Jr. Church	22	Adaptive	30
		TOTAL	630

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	44,097
• Received Through This Week:	\$	367,421
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	443,513

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.



Easter Basket
SILENT AUCTION
BEGINS
MARCH 15
BISCUIT AREA

WESLEY 101

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT WESLEY CHURCH & HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8
12:15PM, CONNECT ROOM** Leslie@wesleyumc.net



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



FAITH In Motion
Join us at Evans Towne Center Park to run on Saturdays at 9am.



OPERATION PAPERBACK
Accepts new or gently used books, shipping boxes and postage to send to soldiers overseas. Drop off in Biscuit Area year-round.




AUGUSTA AUTISM & DISABILITY SUPPORT GROUP
Join us to share experiences with other parents & caregivers who are raising children with special needs.
**2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS
WESLEY UMC - ROOM 26**
Contact Lee Schel for information or to arrange childcare, augustaautismanddisability@gmail.com.

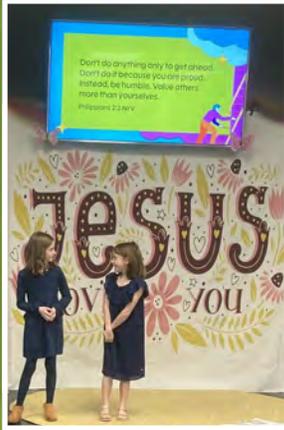
**NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 12
6PM**



Wesley Kidz

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Love others more than yourself. Proverbs 11:2 NIV

JESUS
LOVE YOU




Wesley Kidz
SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

www.wesleyumc.net/summer

COMING UP AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Forward!

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
12:15p Wesley 101
3:00p Wesley Students
Special Serve Day
5:30p K-2nd Children's Chor
6:00p 3rd-5th Children's Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

8:00a Men in Mission
12:00p Kidz Lunch Bunch
5:00p Faith Care Clinic
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Auction Baskets Due
10:00a Women's Bible Study
3:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p Wesley Ringers
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:15a Moms Group
2:00p Brandon Wilde
Communion Service
6:00p Special Needs Support
7:00p AA Meeting

WESLEY YARD SALE



March 28
7am-12pm

Volunteers needed!
Scan code or visit
wesleyumc.net for
information.

Drop Off Dates:

Wednesday, March 11: 3-6pm
Saturday, March 14: 1-3pm
Sunday, March 15: 3-6pm
Wednesday, March 18: 3-6pm
Sunday, March 22: 12-6pm



Furniture Pick-Ups

Service offered only for those without trucks to move
furniture. Text Sam @ 706-495-7337 to schedule.

CANDY DONATION

Low Sensory Egg Hunt:

- Red Dye Free Candy
- Small Prize Toys

Easter Egg Hunt

- Multi-packs
of various candy

**ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF
IN THE BINS OUTSIDE OF WORSHIP SPACES.**

Register Now!

Rainforest Falls
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
JUNE 1-5

www.wesleyumc.net/wesley-kidz



Easter Basket Silent Auction

March 15-29



Fill a basket with goodies and help fund scholarships
for Wesley Kidz Summer Camps and Ambassadors.
Ideas: Date Night, Game Night, Spa Day, Chocolate,
Coffee/Tea, Car Care, Beach Day, Movie Night, etc.

Baskets due by March 11



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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