

WESLEY WINDOW

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

Off the Field

Anyone who knows me knows I love sports. All kinds. There is something about athletic competition that, when done well, brings out the best in us. And when I mean sports I mean every nuance, not just wins and losses. For instance, I was fascinated by the recently published professional quarterback rankings. Just so you know, Atlanta was ranked last. You must have an actual quarterback to rank one. Alas, that is a subject for another day.

It was the ranking of Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalon Hurts that drew the most scrutiny. Some people ranked him elite, others very good. Why the disparity? Turns out that people who ranked Hurts higher accounted for more than his performance on the field. How is that? I mean, when ranking athletic prowess, what matters more than yards per carry, completion percentage or most of all, touchdowns? Not so fast, said analysts, something else must be considered. And what would that be?

It was pointed out that Hurts had just given over \$600,000 so that a local Philadelphia high school could have air conditioning. It wasn't the first time he had done something like this for his community. And to some evaluators, what you do off the field matters - a lot.

I think I understand the point. This Sunday, we will be giving Bibles to our upper elementary school children who have not yet received the scriptures from us. It is a good thing for a church to do. And, by itself, it is not enough. For in giving the Bible, we are also charged with providing spiritual support. That is what best describes what it is that we believe.

I'll see you Sunday, 

**BRING YOUR
BIBLE TO
CHURCH**

**THIS WEEK &
EVERY WEEK!**

**ELEMENTARY
BIBLE PRESENTATION**

**SEPTEMBER 20
at all services**

**BRING YOUR BIBLES
& CELEBRATE
WITH OUR KIDS!**



OUR PRAYERS

Charlene Alexander	Jan Devereaux	Kelli Reville
John Amarello	Cindy Dick	Charlie Rockwell
Itala Azzarelli	Walter Dodson	Abby Roney
Wilson Barr	Gene Draisey	Dennis Scheyer
Heather Beale	Amy Eubanks	George Sealey
Philip & Lois Beery	Mike Fielder	James See
John Bock	Archie Fisher	Chuck Smith
Lora Bohannon	Brenda Goodwin	George Snowden
John & Darlyn Bradley	Jim Griswell	Donnie Strong
Delaine Brown	Beth Guerreri	Anna Teague
Donnie Burch	Tonya Hambrick	Lessie Thomas
Gilbert Caride	Mildred Hammer	Caleb Townley
Francis Chandler	Thomas Hodges	Catherine Usry
Penn Clark	Linda Hughes	Ruth Ann Waller
Kimberly D. Cliett	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Terry Waller
Liz Day	Nancy Leonard	Cindy Wilkes
Jane DeLoach	Marcia Myers	Jona Willis
Bonnie Devereaux	Roger Plessner	Billy Wilson
	Debbie	Bonnie Wilson
	Poffenbarger	Josephine Workosky
	Alicia Reeves	
	Dierdre Reeves	

OUR DAILY BREAD

*"For here have we no continuing city,
but we seek one to come."
- Hebrews 13:14*

One of the basic desires of the soul is to live on and on. Self-preservation is the first law of nature. People may grow tired of aches and pains and the decrepitude of old age, but they do not grow tired of life itself. God has arranged to satisfy this yearning of the soul to live forever, and the desire to be free from pain and sickness and trouble. People are little creatures with big capacities, finite beings with infinite desires, deserving nothing but demanding all. God made people with this huge capacity and desire in order that He might come in and completely satisfy that desire. God made the human heart so big that only He can fill it. He made it demand so much that only He can supply that demand...Jesus Christ is the only one who holds the keys of death. In His death and resurrection He took the sting out of death, and now God offers eternal life to every person who puts his trust and faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, when I come to the end of this earthly life,
You will be there to guide me to my heavenly home.
Thank You, my loving Father. Amen.

- billygraham.org

OUR PRESENCE - SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 Traditional	105	9:30 Modern	132
11:00 Traditional	230	11:00 Modern	106
Jr. Church	23	TOTAL	596

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	22,661
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,515,676
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,823,332

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Tim Troutman, Alan Troutman, Rebecca Maher and family upon the loss of his wife/their mother, Christina.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday,
September 19, at 2PM in the Sanctuary,
with visitation beginning at 12:30PM.

Becky Smith and family upon the loss
of her father, Glenn Smith.

For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.



BAPTIZED SEPTEMBER 13

Oliver Douglas Popplewell

Born December 13, 2025
Son of Tyler & Michelle Popplewell
Grandson of Doug & DeNina Popplewell

**FOR HERE WE HAVE NO LASTING
CITY, BUT WE ARE SEEKING THE
CITY WHICH IS TO COME.
HEBREWS 13:14**

ALTAR FLOWERS

on September 13 were placed in memory of

Sharon Lovett

on her birthday by her sister Jamie Fleming.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES SEPTEMBER FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
TISSUES
DOG & CAT FOOD**

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

Now You Know Where to Go

Drop off all your donations in one place - the Donation Station by the restrooms in the Biscuit Area. Right now we appreciate your generous support for:

ReStart Augusta: New twin & queen bedding

Books for Soldiers: Gently used books to send to our military

Columbia County Cares: Non-perishable food & personal care items. Varies by month.

Candy: Our Fall Festival is fast approaching! Bags of candy for the kids!



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: BUILDING STRONGER CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 4-7PM

Dr. Chow will explore how to build stronger relationships across generations. Parents of young children, teens & young adults & grandparents will gain practical insight into how today's generations communicate, process emotions and experience the world differently.

TWO SESSIONS

Parenting Across Generations:
Understanding Kids,
Teens & Young Adults

Tickets: \$10
Childcare
Available

From Conflict to Connection:
Practical Tools for Parenting
through Hard Conversations



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



COMING SOON



NEW WESLEY T-SHIRTS!
PRE-ORDER ONLY!
WATCH FOR ORDER FORMS!

OPERATION PAPERBACK

Accepts new or gently used books, shipping boxes and postage to send to our service members. Drop off in Biscuit Area year-round.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY MAHJONG & MINGLE

OCTOBER 1 | 6:30PM - 8PM
Student Ministry Room

Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship as we play mahjong!
Everyone is welcome & teaching will be available!



Scan code
to RSVP



3rd-12th Grade ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, September 27
12-12:30pm in the Sanctuary

Contact Summer Rhodes at
sdbeckman@hotmail.com.

Three Reasons To Bring Your Bible to Church

It's easy to attend church without carrying a physical Bible. You can listen to the pastor read scripture or see them on a screen. With so much convenience, it might seem unnecessary to bring your own Bible. But doing so can deepen your worship experience.

You Can Engage Directly With the Sermon

Following along in your Bible as the pastor preaches reinforces the authority of the Word and clarifies the broader context of the verses. By turning the pages and reading the words, you participate in the sermon, not just passively receive it, and enjoy a deeper level of focus throughout the service. It minimizes distractions and centers your attention on the scripture at hand.

You Can Personalize Your Study of Scripture

Record your spiritual journey. You can underline verses that speak to you, make margin notes and date insights received during a sermon which turn your Bible into a personal testament of God's faithfulness in your life. Flipping through its pages reminds you of past lessons and answered prayers. In times of trial, these notes and highlights can offer guidance and encouragement.

You Can Become More Familiar With God's Word

Consistently using your Bible will improve your ability to navigate its books and chapters. Regularly finding passages during sermons builds familiarity with the order and structure of both Testaments, which equips you to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). When you're more confident in exploring scripture on your own, it becomes easier to apply its wisdom to your daily life.

Carrying your Bible to church is an act of worship and commitment to spiritual growth. It allows you to engage more deeply with the sermon, document your faith and become more acquainted with God's Word.

- thekjvstore.com

NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Bible Presentations
Books for Soldiers Packing
 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
 7:00p Augusta Concert Band

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 7:00p AA Meeting
 7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
 8:00a Men in Mission
 7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
 10:00a Women's Bible Study
 6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
 6:00p Handbell Choir
 7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
 9:00a Moms Group
 6:00p Special Needs Support
 7:00p AA Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
 9:30a Aging Well Seminar



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.



The Five Means of Grace

EXPERIENCE
 GOD'S
 LOVE THE
 WESLEYAN
 WAY

 **BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

Four spaces are available in this spiritual formation group which meets monthly on first Tuesdays at 10:30am. Contact Mary Carolyn Thigpen, 706-829-3076 or marycarolyn1@comcast.net. Through open discussion of questions provoked by our reading, this group focuses on changes we can make to live a more Christ-like life in our broken world.



Sign Up to Be a

— SUNDAY MORNING —
VOLUNTEER

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

leslie@wesleyumc.net

WESLEY YARD SALE



October 17
7am-12pm

Volunteers needed!
wesleyumc.net for info.

Drop Off Dates:

Wednesday, September 30: 3-6pm
 Sunday, October 4: 3-6pm
 Wednesday, October 7: 3-6pm
 Sunday, October 11: 12-6pm

Friday Pre-Sale

Shop early on Friday,
 October 16, 5-7pm. \$20
 tickets available at drop-
 offs and in church office.

Furniture Pick-Ups

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



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
 Rick Massengale.....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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