

WESLEY WINDOW

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 21:23-27

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Scripture

Matthew 21:23-32

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

What AI Can't Do

It doesn't matter where you go or what you do - you're going to bump into Artificial Intelligence. Some of it is helpful. AI can assist you to schedule your day. It can even prescribe a healthy meal. If you are a student, it can speed your research and even write your paper (I sure could have used that when I was in school!). Perhaps most importantly AI has accelerated science and augmented groundbreaking medicines for previously imponderable diseases. AI can also be annoying. Ever receive a robo-call that first sounds human until you realize it's not? Or even worse, call customer service hoping to speak to someone about an issue and never, ever get to an actual person because your chat bot is unable to comprehend or care about your actual issue. Infuriating! And then there is the doomsday scenario - "AI will destroy the world!" screams the headline.

As to the last statement, I'm not so sure. If the world is destroyed, I'm quite certain it is because stupidity, not intelligence, prevailed. Besides that, did you see where they have discovered the one thing AI cannot do? Win at Chess. How is that? This incalculable computer and it can't beat Chess? A game whose whole circumference spans just 64 spaces and 32 pieces. Turns out, AI is unable to anticipate all the possibilities that the mind can imagine within the dimensions of that game.

You know what else it means. AI of any sort cannot replace God. It might be a false god, and if it is, will lead to inevitable disappointment and demise. For the one characteristic of God is exactly what Jesus said: "all things are possible," and a computer can't equate infinity. When we worship God we enter a realm greater, larger and yes, better than anything we have yet experienced. That's not hyperbole; that's a promise. We've just got to try it.

I'll see you Sunday, *Ray*

GENERATION TO GENERATION: BUILDING STRONGER CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 4-7PM

Parents/grandparents of children, teens and young adults will gain insight into how today's generations communicate, process emotions and experience the world differently.

Tickets: \$10. Childcare available.
wesleyumc.net to register.

AGING WELL SEMINAR

September 26 9:30-11:30am

Healthy aging is about maintaining strength, independence & a positive quality of life. Learn more about healthy eating, sleep, socializing, mobility, fall prevention, health & spiritual wellness from our panel of professionals.

WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET/EVENTS
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

OUR PRAYERS

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

OUR DAILY BREAD

"Your body is the home of the Holy Spirit ..."
- 1 Corinthians 6:19

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God, just as God the Father and God the Son are also God. We speak of them as the Trinity. It's hard to explain the Trinity. Our minds can but dimly grasp these great spiritual facts, because we are finite and God is infinite. It may help to remember that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit have all existed from eternity. The work of creation was given to the Son and we are told that, "All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made." But when you read the second verse of the first chapter of Genesis, you will find that the Holy Spirit was also there, moving upon the face of His creation. In time, the Son of God came into the world as a man, to redeem the world which He had created. After His death on the cross, and His resurrection, He went back to the Father in heaven. During His earthly ministry His work and life were spent within a circumscribed area in Palestine. When He went back to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to exercise a worldwide ministry. Today the Holy Spirit illuminates the minds of people, makes us yearn for God, and takes spiritual truth and makes it understandable to us. All over the world the Holy Spirit is wooing people to Christ, and He lives in the hearts of believers and helps us each day. To be Spirit-filled Christians is to be the kind of Christians that God wants us to be.

The knowledge of Your Holy Spirit living in my heart gives me comfort and strength, Lord Jesus. Amen.

- billygraham.org

OUR PRESENCE - SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 Traditional	111	9:30 Modern	148
11:00 Traditional	248	11:00 Modern	140
Jr. Church	36	TOTAL	683

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	31,829
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,547,505
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,872,611

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

FAITH

In Motion

RUN, JOG OR WALK WITH US AT LADY A PARK

SATURDAYS AT 9AM starting October 3

wesleyumc.net for full schedule & RSVP

Sign Up to Be a

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER

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

leslie@wesleyumc.net

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES

SEPTEMBER FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP

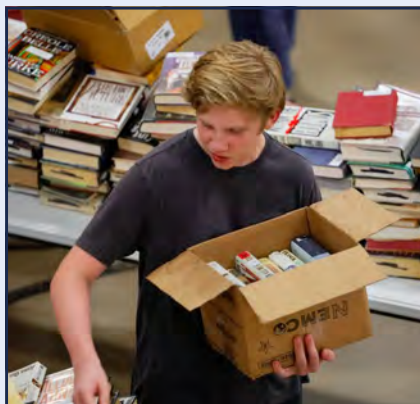
TISSUES

DOG & CAT FOOD

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

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

Serve Night for Wesley Students saw them sorting, packing and loading books to send to service members around the country. They sorted **4,580** books onto categorized tables in the gym and then into 436 boxes as part of the Operation Paperback. This national, non-profit organization collects gently-used books and sends them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. Since 1999, they have shipped over 2.9 million books to countries all over the world. Wesley participates in this venture thanks to member Dan Armstrong who coordinates our collection and packing efforts.



DONATE TO OPERATION PAPERBACK!

New or gently used hard cover & paperback books, shipping boxes and postage to send to our service members. Drop off at the Donation Station in the Biscuit Area.



CANDY DONATION

**FOR LOW SENSORY
FALL FESTIVAL**

Red Dye Free Candy
Small Prize Toys



**FOR EVENING
FALL FESTIVAL**

Multipacks of
various candy

**DROP OFF IN BINS OUTSIDE WORSHIP SPACES
OR AT THE DONATION STATION**

COMING SOON



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

NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
4:00p Generation Seminar
5:00p K-2nd Children's Choir
5:45p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
6:00p Wesley Students

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:00a Women's Bible Study
2:00p Thrive Communion Service
3:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00a Moms Group
2:00p Wesley Cares
6:30p Mahjong & Mingle
7:00p AA Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00a Faith in Motion

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.

LIKE TO PAINT?
ALWAYS WANTED TO INSTALL FLOORING?

Volunteer Opportunity!

We are looking for 5-6 people to help us repaint
& lay flooring in the old Student Ministry Room
as a part of our ongoing efforts to update the church.

October 8: Priming & painting
October 29: Begin laying the flooring

If you are interested in these opportunities,
email neil@wesleyumc.net

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.



RELIEF AND RECOVERY TRIP

Week of January 24, 2027

Wesley's Relief & Recover Team will return to Western North Carolina
to assist with storm recovery. All skill levels are welcome.

Contact Dan Armstrong at armstrongdw@gmail.com with questions.



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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