

WESLEY WINDOW

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
THREE SERVICES
ONLY!**

Traditional
8:30 & 11:00AM
Sanctuary
Aaron Talbott

Scripture
Matthew 18:15-20

Modern
9:30AM
Celebration Space
Neil Brooks

Scripture
Romans 13:8-14

**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,
FOR LABOR DAY**

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

Labor Day Weekend

This weekend marks the cultural conclusion of summer. Though summer doesn't end officially for another three weeks, September 22, for the most part our lives have returned to routine. Roads are busier, yellow buses are back and after-school activities keep families running. It's a lot. Amidst all the activity, one thing your church can do is to keep you centered.

With that in mind, September is the time when we emphasize scripture. On September 9, our Women's Bible Study begins a new season, looking at The Names of God. This group meets at 10AM and provides a time of study and fellowship. The following week on September 16, I will begin my Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6PM. This year, we will be looking at the parables of Jesus. Too often we think of the parables as simple stories with some easy moral as their point. Not so. We forget that the subject of a parable is nothing less than the disclosure of the kingdom of God. We will be looking at all the 34 parables recorded in the gospels, and I want to invite you to join me.

Finally, on Sunday, September 20, we will be celebrating Bible Sunday. On that morning and in all services we will be presenting the gift of scripture to older elementary children who do not have their own Bible. Additionally, we want you to bring your Bible to church - your favorite one. Maybe it's the Bible you've had that was first given to you. Maybe it's a family Bible that recorded important dates, or maybe it's just the one you most often turn to. Remember, the Bible is a gift of God, written for us. We will be celebrating scripture on September 20, so be sure to be present for that day.

As we conclude the summer months, I want to thank you for all your faithfulness at Wesley. We enjoyed camps, vacation bible school (wait until you hear about next year's VBS!), mission trips and work around the church. The new Ministry building behind our church is expected to be completed in October, and if you haven't noticed, we've repainted and put new flooring in much of our building. It all looks great! In the coming weeks, we are going to be making space for a small dining room and assembly area for groups of about 50-100. New cabinets, painting and flooring will make it a welcoming space.

As we observe this Labor Day weekend I wanted to share a favorite verse by Robert Frost.

"Only where love and need are one - And the work is play for mortal stakes - Is the deed ever really done - For heaven and the futures sakes."

I'll see you Sunday,
Greg

OUR PRAYERS

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

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

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.

OUR DAILY BREAD

*"But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips."
- Colossians 3:8*

Life is a lot like football. You have a goal, a playbook, and a team, but penalties can cost you yards or even the whole game. Spiritually, God has a playbook for your life, and there are "penalties" that can hold you back from the blessings He's called you to.

1. **Holding.** It slows the offense and costs yardage. Spiritually, "holding" is clinging to sins, bad habits or past hurts. If you hold on, you can't advance spiritually. God wants you to release what's keeping you tied down so He can move the chains forward in your life.

2. **Unsportsmanlike conduct.** Yelling at officials or fans can hurt the team. In life, anger, rage, malice and slander are spiritual unsportsmanlike conduct. Impulsive words and actions can destroy relationships, hinder your testimony and make you ineffective in your calling. Keep your spirit in check - play the game with integrity and love.

3. **Facemask.** Grabbing a facemask in football can cause injury and penalties. In life, being two-faced or dishonest is just as damaging. People are watching you at work, at home, in church. If your faith is real, it shows consistently, in public and behind closed doors. Authenticity honors God and strengthens your witness.

4. **Out of Bounds.** Stepping out of bounds costs yards, even if the play looks good. Stepping out of God's boundaries - hurting others, harboring unforgiveness or compromising with sin halts your progress. You may feel like you're moving forward, but until you make it right, you can't advance. Repent, restore and stay in bounds with God's Word.

When you follow the Spirit's playbook, avoiding penalties, God moves you forward. You gain spiritual yards, score victories in relationships, and run into the end zone of His blessings.

Lord, help me to let go of what holds me back. Rid me of anger, malice, and all ungodly habits. Help me to be authentic, to stay in Your boundaries, and to feed my spirit with Your Word daily. Teach me to play the game of life with integrity so I can advance for Your glory. Amen.

-jentezenfranklin.org

HAPPY LABOR DAY

My soul finds rest in God alone...

PSALM 62:1

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.

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

Tickets: \$10
 Childcare Available



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER OR VISIT WESLEYUMC.NET



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.



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



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



SENIOR ADULT

Events

LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
 12PM \$8 BRING A SIDE DISH

OUTING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
 THE ENOPIAN THEATER PRODUCTION OF "DAVID"

HELEN@WESLEYUMC.NET TO SIGN UP.

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

MARIO BROS.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

SEPTEMBER 18
 5:30-8:30PM

1 YEAR TO 5TH GRADE

wesleyumc.net to register




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



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.



NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

COLLEGE CONNECTION
NAMES DUE

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00a Moms Group
7:00p AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PATRIOT DAY

FISH WITH THE BISH

— September 14-15 —

2-DAY PROFESSIONALLY
GUIDED FISHING TRIP

Santee-Cooper Lakes in SC
Open to All Ages



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO



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

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



ELEMENTARY BIBLE PRESENTATION



SEPTEMBER 20
at all services

BRING YOUR BIBLES & CELEBRATE
THIS OCCASION WITH OUR KIDS!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT 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
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
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