



# The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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## From the Pastor

### Stewarding God’s Resources and Doing God’s Word

During the summer, we have spent time learning more about some of the women of the Bible. It has been a great way for us to look at the Bible more in depth, but also to see what God accomplishes through sometimes unexpected, and often overlooked or even forgotten followers. Now, as summer winds down and we move toward Fall, we will also shift our focus from these characters of the Bible, to actually put into practice in our lives some of the important teachings of the Bible.

At the end of August, our worship focus will turn to stewardship and how we handle the resources with which God has blessed us. Then, beginning in mid-September, we will spend five weeks in the book of James. While we proclaim and believe as Christians that we are saved by grace through faith, James reminds us that faith is something lived—it has bearing on how we conduct our lives, and our lives should reflect the faith we hold.

Sometimes we need a reminder that being a disciple of Christ means far more than simply affirming certain precepts. It means stewarding our resources in a way that honors God, and it means taking action in our lives in service to the living God. Indeed, following Christ’s teaching will often ask more of us than we are readily willing to give, or take us to places we are reluctant to go. But we have before us the greatest example of what it means to be a child of God, and we can do nothing less than to seek always to follow in Christ’s own footsteps, wherever that may take us!

I hope you will take time to encourage friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to join us on this journey of discipleship. I look forward to seeing you all in worship!

In Faith,

*Pastor Clair*



We are blessed to have received 4 new members into our fellowship at Wesley Memorial during the month of July.

**Pat Woolsey** came by transfer from St. Johns UMC in Nashville, **Nell Williams** was previously a member at East Lake UMC and **Kathy and Richard Mansfield, Sr.** came by transfer from another denomination. We extend a warm Wesley welcome to them.



**Bold Women of the Bible**—The six-week sermon series on Bold Women of the Bible continues this week as we take a closer look at Ruth and Naomi (Ruth). Through this series, we will take an in depth look at seven important female figures in the Old Testament. You don’t want to miss this opportunity to learn more about Eve, Sarah, Deborah, Huldah, Ruth and Naomi, and Esther!

Members of the congregation are invited to *“Art for the Heart 2.0”*, a live art auction and silent auction to benefit **Bethlehem Center’s Read to Lead Academy**, on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30pm at BMW of Chattanooga, 6806 East Brainerd Road. Tickets can be purchased on their website at [www.thebeth.org](http://www.thebeth.org).

Mark your Calendars! On Sunday, September 9, we will celebrate **Grandparents’ Day!** Invite your grandparents, your grandchildren, and all the family for this special worship service followed by a potluck lunch in the gym. This will be lots of fun for the whole family!



The Jones Class is sponsoring a Taco Salad Bar and Ice Cream Lunch in the gym, immediately following the worship Service on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations will go to Camp Lookout and other mission projects.

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**Prayer Concerns**

**CURRENT CONCERNS:** Steaven Rogers, Sr., Shellie Thorne (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), Sara Feeley, Hope Atchley, Marsha Lee, Paul Strickland, Becky Sullivan (Friend of Pam Varnell)

**ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Don & Ann Anderson, Dot & Gene Arnold, Dennis Billings, Don Bowers (Father of D. J. (Valorie) Bowers), Betty Brickman, Nancy Broom, Steve Brothers, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Pete Bryant Steve & Susan Cox, Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Hazel Garner, Bonnie & Will Hagaman (Mother and Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Patsy Herren (Daughter of Steve Brothers), Sid Hodges (Brother-in-law of Margaret Ellington), Chris Holder (Brother-in-law of Jackie Ernst), Freda C. Johnson (Sister-in-law of Bonnie Colquitt), Eleanor Jones, Becky & Harold Kailo and Judy Arp (Friends of Karen Mansfield) Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Susan & Ken Levi, Lydia Lloyd, Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Susie Magnuson (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Kathy Mansfield, Rev. Ben Matherly, Mike McAfee, David Minnick (Father of Kelsey Shaver), Jon Moeller (Brother-in-law of Pastor Clair and Ken), Nikki Murdock, Dot Pate, , Judy Phillips (Friend of the Blabons), Chuck Poole (Friend of Hendrixsons), Randy Starnes, Tom Steffner, Floy Strickland, Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks (Friend of Pam Varnell)

**MILITARY:** MC/MM Scott Gamble – US Navy (Goose Creek, SC)

**ASSISTED LIVING and NURSING HOMES:** Betty Brown – Standifer Place (Room 321), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr – Lifecare Of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), Becky Teague – Southern Oaks (Room 210)

**Attendance & Offerings for  
July 2018**

OFFERINGS (For Month of July) \$ 24,842.65

Sunday School (Average) 35  
Morning Worship (Average) 60

*Sympathy*

*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Hazel Garner and family at the loss of her son Alan Garner.*

**IN MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF  
August 2018**

**USHERS/GREETERS**

Dick Blabon, Jane Newman  
Karen Mansfield & Sonia Pagan  
David Smith

**LAY LEADER:**

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:**

08/05 Connie & Naomi Hay  
08/12 David Smith  
08/19 Tom Steffner  
08/26 Jerri & CD Hilliard

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Suzanne Rogers & Marcia Brown

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

08/05 – 08/19 – 08/26 The Church  
08/12 Brenda Fields

**AUDIO-VIDEO:**

Dan Coleman & Kip Smith

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

07 Trevor Wheeler            27 Erica Mayforth  
08 Bonnie Colquitt        29 Valorie Bowers  
12 Connie Hay                Woody Butler  
15 Mary Jo McAfee         Jason Ford  
    Kip Smith                 Janice  
23 Marsha Lee                Westmoreland  
26 Mel Wilhite                30 Suzanne Burnett