



# The WESLEY WINDOW

*“Wesley Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”*

**July 28, 2010**

The deadline for submitting information to the Window is Friday.

Please check our website for current Wesley info.  
wesleyumc.net

**Worship Services**

**August 1, 2010**

**Traditional**

8:30 am  
Greg Porterfield

9:30 am  
Greg Porterfield

11:00 am  
Chris Laskey

**Contemporary**

9:30 am  
Chris Laskey

11:00 am  
Greg Porterfield

## Sinning More or Less

I suppose it's an argument as old as Adam and Eve: Are there different degrees of sin? In an attempt to assist the legal system in the administration of justice, Dr. Michael Welner, a professor at New York University, examined a variety of illegal acts. To each ill-fated behavior he assigned a category: cruel, atrocious, heinous or depraved. By assigning sins in such a way he hoped he would be helping the judicial system in making "the fine fit the crime."

While not unsympathetic to the task, I do have a theological response to Dr. Welner's project: Good luck with that. You see the problem with sin is that it is not something easily weighed. Those scales that lady justice holds in her hands don't contain sins, but rather random transgressions. We may try to keep the scales "even" but we will never solve the problem. A theological understanding of sin says that sin is not heavy at all, which is why we are all capable of it. Sin is relational, not really a matter of size but of distance, that is the space between you and God.

And that is important to remember. When we sin, or commit a transgression our instinctive reaction is to make amends. Depending on how we judge the degree of our error the more work we put to "making things right." The problem is that once something is said or done try as hard as you might you just can't take it back. Retracing your steps is not the solution to sin. To resolve sin, a new path is required and that is to God. Don't be discouraged, that path to God is well worn with other pilgrims that have learned before it is only God who can solve our most imponderable problems. The Apostle Paul said, "All of us have sinned and fallen short." The good news is once we realize this we have already taken the first and most important step back to God, the only hope of our salvation.

See you Sunday!



Love to sing but hate auditions? ME TOO! See the article inside to help the music ministry.

Drama, Drama, Drama! Need a little of the right kind in your life? See the article inside to find out where to get it!



Wesley  
is a Congregation of  
the North Georgia Conference,  
United Methodist Church

# July 18, 2010

## 2010 Operating:

- This Week: \$ 25,071
- Received Through This Week: \$ 1,065,384
- Budgeted Through This Week: \$ 1,055,373

## Building Campaign - Transforming Tomorrow Today (T3)\*:

- This Week: \$ 4,595
- Received Through This Week (includes 2009): \$ 431,459
- Pledged Through This Week: \$ 600,235

\*September 2009 began our new building campaign, Transforming Tomorrow Today (T3), which runs through December 2012.

Please contact the church office with questions.

	9:30	11:00	Total
Adult Sunday School	121	65	186
Children's Sunday School	101	80	181
Nursery	28	24	52
	<u>8:30</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
			<u>Total</u>
Traditional	81	224	245
Contemporary		101	95
			746

## Love to sing but hate auditions? Me Too!

Why get nervous and stressed out about doing something as fun as singing for God and your church? I am currently torn between a couple of options for our Christmas Musical this year (and I'm already looking at Easter) and before I pick it, I'd like to know which of Wesley's wonderful singers is perfectly suited for the solos, duets, or small ensembles included in the program. If you have never sung a solo or even a small group in a musical but think it might be fun, I would love to get to know your voice. On August 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00pm in the choir room we will have "non-auditions." **Here's how it works.** Pick anything you want to sing...a hymn, a song off the radio, anything you would like! Sign up on the "non-audition" list on the choir room door. **If** you have sheet music please **try** to bring it in any time before the 8<sup>th</sup> so Janice Schantz (our accompanist) can have a look at it. If you want, you can sing to a CD or just sing without accompaniment. Come on in and let's have a good time singing without the pressure of an audition. See you soon!

## Youth Ministry Needs

You have a chance to serve and make a difference in the lives of our youth by filling one of our volunteer needs. Below is just a partial list of areas that need adults to serve:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade 9:30 Sunday morning leader
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday night devotion leader
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday night game leader

If you can fulfill one of our needs, contact Patty at 706-869-0888 or [patty@wesleyumc.net](mailto:patty@wesleyumc.net).

## Our Weekly Bread

Read I Timothy 2: 1-8

Signs everywhere, television ads all the time – voting season sometimes wears me out! No matter what the outcome of an election, Paul's letter to Timothy reminds us of something very important – we need to pray for our leaders. Even if you did not vote for the person or care for the person, as our leader they still need our prayers. Often times, we do not even know who all of our leaders are. How many of them (federal, state and local) do you know and recognize by name? List them, and if you do not know them, find out who they are. Once you know who they are, how will you plan to pray for them regularly? Prayer definitely changes things – let's help change our government for the good by praying for those we entrust as our leaders.

*PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, we lift up President Obama, Governor Perdue, Mayor Copenhaver, Columbia County Commissioners, judges and all other government leaders to you. Give all of them wisdom to understand the needs, not wants, of those they serve, and courage to do what is right and just. Most of all, Father, guide them that they might do your will. Through all that they do may You alone be glorified! AMEN.*

Armed Forces	Heather & Jason Eckstein	Laurie Michaud
People Facing Economic Difficulties	Bill Fagan	Margie Mitchell
	Wendy Flanigan	Landry Mulholland
Dan Armstrong	Janet Foster	Lisa Murray
Leon Armstrong	Peggy Frawley	Maria Noble
Judy Barger	Chad Fulgham	Frances Normand
Dorothy Beach	Carol Fulford	Scot Noss
Hunter Bernhardt	Teny Gibbs	John Olschon
Brad Bolton	Teretha Graham	Katie Osborne
Joseph Boswell	Irving Green	Kathryn Ownby
Bradshaw Family	Hugh Greene	Laurie Parkhurst
Beth Brigdon	Ashley Griffis	Claire Pond
Rick Brooks	John Hardy	Ron Price
Carolyn Brown	Annette Harloam	Billy Reynolds
Timothy Carroll	Marron Harper	Andrea Riley
Renee Ramsey Carlton	Emily Harris	Bill Schleicher
William Chandler	Catherine Anne Harrison	Ruth Sciple
Bobby Childs	Sam Haygood	Gin Sellers
Melissa Clark	Kim Henson	Loree Simmons
Sean Clark	Cheree Holcombe	Herb Smith
Ed Clary	Brooklyn Holt	Teri Staulcup
Tracy Cleveland	Kim Hynes	Adam Stead
Nancy Clower	Jake Ivey	Jessie Stewart
Candace Cordell	Tim Jannick	Samantha Stough
Peggy Costello	Kevin Kaiser	Bryce Sturton
Emily Coughlin	Donna Kauffman	Emma Taylor
George Cross	Sam Keepers	Lawson Templeton
Mallory Crowe	Freddie Knight	Dawn Titter
Tom Daves	Myrtle Krepps	Haley Van Pelt
Anna Lou Davis	Carol Laskey	Cindy & Ron Whitaker
Chris Davis	Wendy Liner	Monica Williams
Deborah Dietschler	Dorothy Maierle	Ruth Wilson
Opal Dillard	Linda Malkiewicz	
George Disk	Chris Marty	
Judith Dolce	David Maxwell	
Glenn Dorough	Andrew McBride	
Kerri Eaves	George McManus	

### Drama, Drama, Drama!

#### Need a little of the right kind in your life?

You are in the right place! Debra Chance needs actors. If you are interested in participating in the drama portion of the Christmas musical please e-mail Debra Chance at [rdchance4@aol.com](mailto:rdchance4@aol.com). Let her know if you are comfortable learning lines or not and how old you are. There are lots of opportunities available but we really need to know that we have 3 specific parts covered. **We need two fathers of young children and the grandfather.** These parts have lines. Please e-mail Debra before August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks a bunch.

#### Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Want to grow deeper in your faith? Want to learn what it means to be a Christian? Then sign up for Confirmation Classes.

Confirmation Classes are for current 7th and 8th Graders. Classes begin September 12 and end November 14. Classes meet during the 9:30 or 11:00 Sunday school hour (you choose). For more information and a Confirmation registration form contact Patty at [patty@wesleyumc.net](mailto:patty@wesleyumc.net) or (706) 869-0888.



#### Back to School Supplies

Wesley invites you to participate in our Back-to-School Drive. We have partnered with the social workers of Columbia County again in an effort to provide backpacks filled with needed school supplies for low-income children in our community. Donation containers will be located in the Gathering Space of the church.

Book bags	Jump drives
Notebook Paper	Construction Paper
Dividers	Graph paper
Erasers	Protractor
Pencil pouches	Compass
Pencil boxes	Pencil sharpener
Composition Notebook	Crayons
Kleenex	Pencils
Hand sanitizer	Pens
Book covers	Markers
Highlighters	Colored Pencils
Index cards	Scissors
Rulers	Glue
Plastic pocket folders	Glue Sticks
Pocket folders with brads	Spiral Notebooks
3 ring binders	



**There's Gotta  
Be A Better Way!  
There is. God's Way.**

## FAITH@HOME

#### Workshop Series for Parents

- Sunday Aug. 15, offered @ 9:30 or 11:00 in Rm. 28. Faith@Home for Elementary Kids with Wade Bennett
- Sunday Aug. 22, offered @ 9:30 or 11:00 in Rm. 28. Faith@Home for Teens with Curtiss Gibbs

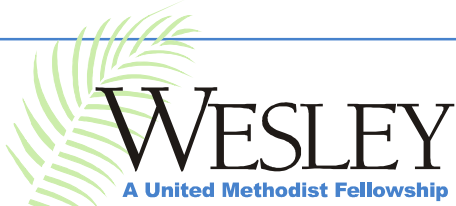
*Come and learn the Deuteronomy 6 approach for putting Christ in the center of our busy homes and becoming spiritual guides for those we love most.*

#### Recreation Ministries Meeting

The Recreation Ministries of Wesley will have an open recreation meeting Wednesday, August 4, in the Believers Conference room at 7:00 pm. Any person or groups that have ideas or concerns about recreation are asked to attend. If you need further information, please contact Mike Feaster at the Church.

#### Financial Peace University

The Dave Ramsey, financial series will be offered at Wesley on Mondays from 6:30pm till 8:30pm beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>. This 15 week study is designed to transform how you think about and handle your finances to be more in line with the Biblical model of God's way. To register, contact Phillip Alexander, the facilitator of the study, at 706-267-3353. This is a free course but there are material fees.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WESLEY'S MEMBERS ARE ITS MINISTERS.  
 THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO ASSIST THEM ARE:

## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

### Sunday – 1st

8:15a Sunday School  
 8:30a Worship  
 9:30a Worship & Sunday School  
 11:00a Worship & Sunday School  
 2:00p Venture Crew 615  
 6:00p Beth Moore  
 6:00p Youth

### Monday – 2nd

9:00a Arthritis Exercise Class  
 9:00a Upward Basketball Camp  
 10:00a Yoga (all levels)  
 10:30a Brittany's Friends  
 6:00p League Volleyball  
 6:30p Boy Scout Troop 615

### Tuesday – 3rd

7:00a Men in Mission  
 9:00a Upward Basketball Camp  
 10:00a Route 56  
 6:00p Faith Care Clinic  
 6:00p League Volleyball

### Wednesday – 4th

9:00a Arthritis Exercise Class  
 9:00a Upward Basketball Camp  
 10:00a Yoga (all levels)  
 1:00p Window Folders  
 6:30p Handbell Practice  
 7:00p Basketball  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00p Recreation Meeting  
 11:00p Basketball

### Thursday – 5th

9:00a Upward Basketball Camp  
 6:00p Basketball  
 7:00p Yoga (beginners)  
 7:30p Youth in Gym

### Friday – 6th

9:00a Upward Basketball Camp  
 10:00a Yoga (all levels)  
 10:00a Wesley Playgroup  
 6:00p League Volleyball

### Saturday – 7th

9:00a Tee Ball  
 2:00p Volleyball

### Brittany's Friends / Quilting Bees

Big Wesley hugs to all our workers who either worked at home and/or came to the meetings and worked. We have made 400 animals to go with our Wesley mission teams. The latest are 200 animals that are heading to Africa the first part of August. One hundred animals were sent to both Haiti and Honduras. Several of our prayer quilts have been given out recently. Special hugs go to Glenda Mallard and Dorothy Jones for making some beautiful quilts.

A big thank you goes to Warren Baptist Church for their donation of fabric. Big Wesley hugs go to Mary Bock for her donation of fabric. We will be sharing some of our fabric with 1st United Methodist, Milledgeville.

Our August meetings will be Monday, August 2, 16 and 30, at 10:30am in room 25. We will continue to stuff animals and work on quilts and backpacks. Questions, call Ann Myers, (706) 863-8134.

Welcome New Members  
 Mike and Stephanie Fogarty,  
 Felicity, Madison and Megan