

WESLEY WINDOW

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

The Temptations of Jesus

We sometimes misunderstand the temptations of Jesus as recorded in scripture (Matthew 4:1-11). It is sometimes approximated to Wyatt Earp at the OK Corral. Adversaries face each other and only one walks out alive. That, however, is not what happened. When the skirmish between the devil and Jesus had concluded, the devil walked away, only to rear his head at another inopportune time. And Jesus was not looking for a fight. It was the Spirit of God that sent him to the encounter. Wait...what? If it was not an epic battle, what lessons are we to learn?

In general, we misunderstand resistance and testing and therefore experience it as adversarial. In fact, it is revelatory. A good teacher does not give you a test hoping that you fail; rather they seek to understand what you know of the subject at hand. Athletics tell you if you want to get stronger, there is no substitute for lifting weights or running up a hill. When Jesus faced Satan, the scene had already long been set. The fallen nature of humankind goes all the way back to Genesis. Jesus didn't go looking for evil - it was right there from the start. Interestingly, he did not defeat it so much as contend with it. Remember at this point, Jesus had not employed his teachings or even recruited the first disciple.

What the temptations tell us is that the Son of God has arrived. It cares not what force Jesus will face for those who believe the victory is assured no matter the adversary. Following Jesus does not promise ease, a placid life with no foreboding on the horizon. What it does promise is that whatever we face, we will overcome it,

This the first Sunday on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. All that he would face is still unknown; what is certain is that he will prevail. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

**GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
BED** 
A BENEFIT BEDDING DRIVE
DONATE DURING FEBRUARY
NEW TWIN & QUEEN
BLANKETS & COMFORTERS
PLACE IN BINS IN BISCUIT AREA

Wesley will hold a
**CHARGE CONFERENCE/
CHURCH COUNCIL**
meeting to adopt the 2026
budget and approve salary
for the anticipated
new associate pastor.
Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 5PM

OUR PRAYERS

Kara Alexander	Sue Faircloth	Emily Newton
Charlene Alexander	Mike Fielder	Alicia Reeves
Jessica Anderson	Archie Fisher	Dierdre Reeves
Savannah Anderson	Kimberly Floyd	Kelli Reville
Lisa Arnold	Susan Gilbert	Charlie Rockwell
Betty Tanner Brady	Dot Gleason	Abby Roney
John Bradley	Don Hammett	Carol Roof
Delaine Brown	Debra Inghram	Dennis Scheyer
Kimberly D. Cliett	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	George Shealy
Bonnie Devereaux	Jen Jetter	Chuck Smith
Jan Devereaux	Olivia King	Amber South
Cindy Dick	Pat Lee	Heather South
Gene Draisey	Wanda Lee	Mowgli Stencil
Dolores Eckles	Todd Lindley	Donnie Strong
Mia Edwards	Angie Livingston	Lessie Thomas
Brian Ellefson	Hannah Lotz	Ruth Ann Waller
Amy Eubanks	Audrey McGuire	Bill Waples
Lauren Fackler	Glenda Metts	Bonnie Wilson
	Aiden & Liam	Avery Wilkinson
	Moultan	Tucker, Cindy & John
	Lori Morgan	
	Carol Morse	

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him.
- Psalm 28:7

This verse depicts a beautiful scene of joy that fills the heart when one relies on God. In the journey of life, we often face various challenges and difficulties. At such times, we need a power that surpasses our own abilities, a power that can only come from God. God is our strong support and a firm shield, protecting us from all evil and allowing us to dwell in safety under His care. When we experience God's help and protection, our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy. This joy is not merely superficial emotions but deep gratitude and praise that wells up from within our hearts for God. May we entrust everything to God, and rely on His strength. In His love, we will find true joy, not only because He is our helper but also because He is our sole Savior, deserving of our reliance and praise.

Almighty God, Grant us unwavering faith and protect us from all evil forces, so that we can live peacefully and joyfully under Your care and protection. May we genuinely rely on You every day, live out Your words, and express heartfelt gratitude and praise to You, recognizing You as our eternal source of strength and shelter. Amen.

- hearthymn.com

Would you consider serving once or twice a month in our Access Ministry as a Buddy? Buddies support one child during Sunday School so they can feel safe, included and engaged. No experience is necessary - we'll train and support you. Email lauren@wesleyumc.net for more information.



WESLEY EXTENDS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Dorthe Peloquin and family upon the loss of her husband, Wayne Peloquin.

For this family, Lord, hear our prayers.

WESLEY HUGS

Wesley's Adaptive Service has been a blessing to families who are more comfortable with a shorter, simpler worship experience. Thanks to all who work to make this time meaningful and safe for everyone who attends.

"[The Adaptive Service] was so good. [Our son] felt so comfortable. We felt so loved.

"Today's service was beautiful as always. Reverend Greg's words touched our hearts. Thank you, Lauren, and everyone at Wesley!"

The next Adaptive Service will be March 1, 2PM.



OUR PRESENCE - FEBRUARY 15

8:30 Traditional	105	9:30 Modern	80
11:00 Traditional	290	11:00 Modern	80
Jr. Church	21	TOTAL	743

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	30,728
• Received Through This Week:	\$	294,546
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	344,955

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES FEBRUARY FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**CRACKERS
TOOTHBRUSHES
TOOTH PASTE
DOG & CAT FOOD**

Last week our Women's Ministry hosted a Galentine's celebration for our Wesley gals. Who needs roses and chocolates when you're in a group of friendly, supportive sisters in Christ? Look for more fun events in the future!



Wesley Students spent Valentine's weekend spreading the love of God to the residents of Murphy-Harpst, a facility in Cedartown that provides residential care for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma or severe behavioral challenges. Our group, which was the largest to volunteer in the home's history, worked on campus repairs and threw a party for the 80 residents.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

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FAITH • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP

Monday, February 23, 6:00-6:40am

Join us for a delicious breakfast, message and fellowship.

EMAIL AARON@WESLEYUMC.NET IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

WESLEY 101

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT WESLEY CHURCH & HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
12:15PM, CONNECT ROOM

Leslie@wesleyumc.net

Easter Basket Silent Auction

March 15-29



Fill a basket with goodies and help fund scholarships for Wesley Kidz Summer Camps and Ambassadors. Ideas: Date Night, Game Night, Spa Day, Chocolate, Coffee/Tea, Car Care, Beach Day, Movie Night, etc.

Baskets due by March 11

WESLEY YARD SALE

March 28
7am-12pm

All proceeds support missions!

www.wesleyumc.net for details!

Drop Off Dates:

March 11, 3-6pm
March 14, 1-3pm
March 15, 3-6pm
March 18, 3-6pm
March 22, 12-6pm

Scan for volunteer & shopping opportunities



Easter Egg Hunt

March 29 12:30 PM

CANDY COLLECTION
Donation bins in Narthex and Biscuit Area

COMING UP AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30a Traditional Worship
 9:30a Modern Worship
 11:00a Modern Worship
 11:00a Traditional Worship
 11:00a Junior Church
 3:00p SPR Committee
 4:00p Finance Committee
 5:00p Charge Conference/
 Church Council
 5:30p K-2nd Children's Chor
 6:00p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
 6:00p Wesley Students
 6:30p Ambassadors

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 6:00A MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:00a Women's Bible Study
 6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
 6:00p Wesley Ringers
 7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:15a Moms Group
 2:00p Communion at Thrive
 6:00p Special Needs Support
 7:00p AA Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30a Kidz Leader Coffee Chat

MINIONS

PARENT NIGHT OUT MARCH 6 5:30-8:30PM

CRAFTS, GAMES, BIBLE & SCIENCE LESSONS

WESLEYUMC.NET TO REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 27



Can You Build a Box?

“The Box” will soon be making a comeback in worship during the children's moment! But first we need an actual box to hand out to a child each Sunday. We're looking for a woodworker to make a nice box or two - could that be you?

Email jeff@wesleyumc.net if you can help.



Save the Date!
 Rainforest Falls
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
 JUNE 1-5

www.wesleyumc.net/wesley-kidz

WESLEY KIDZ LEADERS!

JOIN US FOR CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP.

COFFEE CHAT

4TH SATURDAYS
 @ 9:30AM

LUNCH BUNCH

2ND TUESDAYS
 @ 12PM

Email carol@wesleyumc.net for more information.

FAITH 5K RUN SATURDAY
In Motion

FEBRUARY 21 AT WESLEY
 STARTING AT 8:45AM
 FUN RUN AT 9:30AM
 PANCAKES AT 10:00AM

Proceeds support Columbia County Cares.

AMBASSADORS

February 22	6:30pm	Program
March 20-22		Camp Glisson
March 29	12pm	Service Project
April 26	6:30pm	Program
May 3	6:30pm	Party

3RD-5TH GRADES. BRING YOUR BIBLE.

REGISTER TO RECEIVE PROGRAM EMAILS.



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
 Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
 Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director
 Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary
 Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
 Leslie England ext 214.....Connections Director
 Lauren Fackler.....Access Ministry Coordinator
 Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director
 Elynn 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
 Justin Smith.....Custodian
 Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Family Pastor
 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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