

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude Our God Reigns **CH 372**

Announcements

Graduate Recognition

Greeting

***Call to Worship** He Is Here/All Praise **CH 220/221**

***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading** **Sadie Reeves**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory **GRP 45**

***Affirmation of Faith:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from which, he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Prayer List

Brenda and Pat Jones, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Louise Rhodes, Jane Reynolds, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Jeff Thomas and family, Ray Stone, Elliette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Sarah Hethcox, Janice Snyder, Dustin Bentley, Rachel Hobson, Kent Clifton, Jackie Vigiani, Brett Kelley, Ashley Williamson, Fisher Camp, Johnny Jones, Anthony Grogan, Alton Williams, Carol Cram, Lynn Shaw, Huey Cannon, Lyndall Jones, Faye Thompson, Susan Vick, Judy Demeers, Zindel Wilkins, Joe Morton, Mark Henderson, Shirley Mooney, Debbie McGhee, Irene Beasley, Dillon Pody and Edna Varner.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Rededicating Ourselves to Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1-8

“Nothing would turn the nation back to God so surely and so quickly as a Church that prayed and prevailed. The world will never believe in a religion in which there is no supernatural power. A rationalized faith, a socialized Church, and a moralized Gospel may gain applause, but they awaken no conviction and win no converts.” Samuel Chadwick, The Path of Prayer, 71.

When the Apostle Paul urged Timothy, and us, to “pray for all men” and civil authorities, he and the Church faced an oppressive environment in which the Church faced persecution at the hands of a tyrannical government. Paul’s call to prayer included a unified front where the Church could gather “lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.” The features of prayer served two purposes.

Rather than seeking remedy from hostile government, earnest petitions and intercessory prayer should be offered to “one mediator between God and men, the

man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.” The purpose was so the church could “lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.” The desire was to create an environment conducive to advancing the Gospel because rather than focusing upon political concessions and employing protests and resistance to oppressive authorities, the goal was to fulfill God’s desire for “all men to be saved.” Transformed hearts secured for the Kingdom of Heaven would result in transformed values and attitudes focusing upon the well-being of all men, especially their salvation.

The tragedy today in the American Political scene, in the scramble to impose political agendas on others and deepening the divide between partisans, the principles enshrined in *The Preamble to the Constitution* are forgotten or ignored. The principles of justice, tranquility, common defense, general welfare, and securing “the Blessings of Liberty,” do not balance in the acrimonious rhetoric designed to demean and slander opponents. Such approach only serves to deepen and widen the political divide and thereby allowing honest evaluations and formulation of policy best serving the American public.

While we head for the Nation’s 250th Anniversary, remember we were not yet a hundred years old when the ominous threat of civil war threatened to rip the Nation apart. Rising to address the 1858 Republican Convention, Presidential Candidate Abraham Lincoln, citing the words of Jesus, warned, “A nation divided against itself cannot stand.”

On this day, May 17, 2026, the National Day of Rededication, we are called upon to celebrate and rededicate ourselves to civil principles upon which this nation was founded, to recognize and give thanks to God’s providential care preserving the nation for 250 years, to a rededication to the principles of His Kingdom undergirding this nation, and especially, to prayer. Let us rededicate ourselves to prayer, laying our divisions as sacrifices on the altar, and join hearts and minds as we pray for God’s providence to continue to preserve us, for His wisdom and counsel to prevail upon our leaders nationally, state, and local, and that His peace will provide the means and opportunity for the Church to fulfill its mission to evangelize and disciple all people.

Prayer is the greatest of all forces, because it honors God and brings Him into active aid.

E.M. Bounds, *Purpose in Prayer*, 47.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.

No Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Mark Ledbetter will be out of town this evening through the 19th.

Men's Club will be meeting at ACME Sandwich Shop Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

the ribs will be available to pick up at the church.

The Women in Christian Service group will be providing baked goods and other items to purchase that same morning to eat with your ribs!

Add your name to list if you haven't placed your order yet!

In celebration of our bell being set up at the church and due to the history of the forming of our church, we will be ringing the bell at 8:45 p.m. on Aldersgate Sunday, May 24th. Please join us in this historical moment.

We would like to thank the Conn family for helping us store, restore and place the bell as a monument in the church yard.



MEMORIAL DAY



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in honor of Memorial Day.



We would like to welcome Les and Brenda Thompson to
our church family.



Celebrating 75 years!

May 31st

Guest speaker: Bishop Carolyn Moore

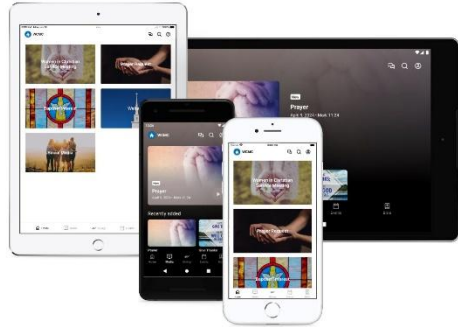
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Connecting Congregation and Community with Jesus Christ!



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