

WESLEY CHAPEL NEWS



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

January 2017

Light

The first time the universe heard the uttered words of God, it was not His voice calling out for there to be joy, peace, or even love. The voice of the Sovereign, the Divine, gloriously uttered these words first: Let there be light! (Genesis 1:3)

God always begins by turning the lights on. Life requires light. Faith requires light. Why? Because we live in dark times. Some argue that we live in the darkest hour—darkened by sin, immorality, moral relativism, spiritual apathy, cultural decadence and a host of other ills.

In the midst of darkness, a prophetic, everlasting truth is revealed in words spoken by our Savior: “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16, NIV)

Who You Are

In the Old Testament, God revealed who He was. Jacob asked His name. Moses asked His name. He declared Himself to be Yahweh, the I Am. But in the New Testament, through grace, God reveals who we are in Him.

As the body of Christ, who are we? This query goes way beyond addressing only the issue of identity. Are we just another institution in society? Are we another religious faith narrative competing in the marketplace of ideas? Are we feel-good machinery for the spiritually impaired? Are we an antiquated conduit for a set of irrelevant values no longer applicable in the world of Facebook, iPads, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube?

How this generation responds will determine whether or not, in our time, light will overcome darkness.

God’s Word already declares what He intends His bride to be, and we must embrace the following with clarity, conviction and courage:

- We are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14)
- We are a city on a hill. (Matthew 5:14)
- We are people of the word. (1 Kings 8:56)
- We are salt and light. (Matthew 5:13-16)
- We are disciples, witnesses, and Christ followers. (Matthew 28:16-20)
- We are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. (Ephesians 4:11)
- We are the redeemed of the Lord. (Psalm 107:2)
- We are the sheep of His pasture. (Psalm 100:3)
- We are forgiven, free and favored. (Luke 23:24)
- We are called and chosen. (1 Peter 2:9)
- We are warriors and worshippers. (Psalm 144:1)
- We are world changers and history makers. (Mark 16:15)
- We are the Church of Jesus Christ, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against us! (Matthew 16:18)

“And now let's get to work. God is with us. Amen.”

Bishop Sue
Hauptert-Johnson

Fifth Annual Winter Ball

Sunday, January 8

4pm-6pm

Wesley Chapel hosts six UMC churches to join our fabulous 3rd-5th graders to play ball stations managed by our fabulous youth.

Special devotion guest :
Rev. Dr. Terry Walton,
Atlanta Marietta District
Superintendent and his
puppetry skills

One Service at 11am on New Year's Day



Winter Whites Missions Lunch
Sunday, January 15
after 11am service in the gym
One new pack of underwear and/or socks gets
you a great lunch prepared by Chef Ed to
support MUST Ministries' clothes closets

Youth News

We will find out what our WCYouth theme verse for 2017 will be on 1/8!!!

January 1 Happy New Year!!! We will have 1 service at 11 am. No Sunday School or UMYF.

January 8 Sunday School at 10 am in the WCGym.
 Please note time change: We will help with the Children's Ministry Winter Ball from 4-6 p.m. in the WCGym. Wear a WCYouth or Mission trip shirt please!! We will have a short UMYF from 6-7 p.m. Stay and find out the WCYouth theme verse for 2017 and for our "new year talk" from Marcie. Bubble wrap may or may not be involved.

January 15 Sunday School at 10 am in the WCGym
 We will stay after church today for Winter Whites Missions Lunch – we will have lunch and remember to bring new undies or socks for those in need at MUST. Praise Band will meet at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 Monday 1/16 is a holiday so we will have an evening activity. We will either have a FISH Night or go somewhere fun! Watch the FB page for details!

January 22 Sunday School at 10 am in the WCGym
 Ladies Painting Party!! 1:30 to 3:30 in the WCGym. Ladies 6th grade and up!! Come paint a sparkly, fun snowman or some heart art for Valentines Day!! \$18.00 per Painter. Registration forms available from Marcie !!
 UMYF 5-7 p.m. in the WCGym

January 29 Sunday School at 10 am in the WCGym
 UMYF 5-7 p.m. in the WCGym – Souper Bowl Sunday prep

February 5 Souper Bowl Sunday!!! We will set up during Sunday School hour then attend 11 a.m. Worship. No UMYF tonight so you can enjoy the Super Bowl with family and friends!
 Watch the WC Youth FB and Instagram pages for the latest info!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan 7	Kathy Rodenroth
Jan 8	Shawn Lambousis
Jan 14	Larry Posey
Jan 16	Marcella Butler
Jan 17	Josh McLaurin
Jan 18	Debbie Hood
	Sheila Pollina
Jan 23	Robert Brock
Jan 24	Logan Barney
	Meredith Barney
Jan 25	Shirley Kalb
Jan 29	Tom Fitzpatrick
Jan 30	Chloe Reed



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE



Join the Facebook Bible Study where we read one chapter each weekday and comment. Genesis 1 starts on January 2nd. For more information, contact Dawn Anderson, DeDe Reilly, or call the church office.

Upcoming Sermons

January 1 "Gather Us In"
 Isaiah 60:106

January 8 "A Right Beginning"
 Matthew 3:13-17

January 15 "Let There Be Light!"
 Genesis 1:1-5

January 22 "I Am The Light!"
 John 8:12

January 29 ""You Are The Light!"
 Matthew 5:14-16

Wesley Chapel Academy

Wesley Chapel's Children's Ministry announces the launch of a new community outreach program, Wesley Chapel Academy. Wesley Chapel Academy will be held on Friday evenings 6-7:30pm in The Great Room and is offered to students in 1st through 5th grades.

Students will explore and experience survival skills such as basic housekeeping, basic tools, sewing, etiquette, money management, cooking basics, etc., in a safe setting taught by caring, Christians.

Wesley Chapel Academy's first course, Basic Housekeeping, will be held on Friday, January 27 at 6pm in The Great Room.

There will be no charge to attend Wesley Chapel Academy, but reservations for classes are required by registering on Event Bright by the Wednesday prior.

Other spring Academy classes scheduled are:

Cooking Basics
Friday, March 3

Basic Sewing
Friday, April 21

Basic Tools
Friday, May 19

For more info contact
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USHERS Needed

VOLUNTEER TODAY

For 11am service and 8:45am service. Please contact Ann Holley or the church office for more information.



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY
JANUARY 8
7:30AM



Yoga classes are offered to anyone interested on Tuesday mornings 10:30am—11:45am in the Christian Education Building. The only requirement is you must be able to get up and down from the floor. Contact Peggy Baldwin for more information at 770-971-9592 or 678-687-0961.

Pastor's Bible Study

Begin in the new year with a plan for intentional discipleship by attending a Sunday school class or joining Pastor Jimmy's Bible Study:

"Distinctively Wesleyan"

Sunday @ 6pm beginning January 15 through February 19 or
Wednesday @ 7pm beginning January 18 through February 22

Dear Wesley Chapel,

They say it takes a village to raise a child. I believe it takes a church family to support someone who has lost a loved one! The outpouring of love from Wesley Chapel for me and my family in the death of my mother, Betty Fricks, has been tremendous. On her last morning, Rev. Jimmy Hood answered my call to come see my mother at her request. He was there to hold her hand and lend his support, prayers and comfort then and throughout the preparations for her funeral and our last good-byes. Members of the church came to visitation, to the funeral, brought food for the reception, set up, cleaned, and gave us spiritual and physical support and comfort. The Heritage Club and We Care Committee as always do such a wonderful job to make family and friends welcome and cared for. Carole Carreker provided beautiful music and DeDe Reilly made sure everything went smoothly. Your cards, calls, donations and love continue to help lift the burden of grief and sustain us during this time.

Thank you and I love you seems so inadequate to express my feelings for all you have given to me and my family, but know that it comes from my heart.

~ Elaine Separk

Human Relations Day

January 15, 2017 the United Methodist Church will receive gifts for Human Relations Day to support the Community Developers Program and community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation program, General Board of Church and Society.

Prayerfully consider how you will respond on Sunday, January 15th.



**Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study will begin in January.
Watch the bulletin for details.**

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