

March 2010

Wesley Way Window

“Working as God’s living water, winning a world for Jesus Christ”

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Church hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. If you need to get in touch with the pastor, Rev. Greg Meadows after hours or on the weekend call 770-851-8305 or e-mail greg@wesleyway.org.



As Seen From the Meadows

It is hard to believe the season of Lent is here and it is almost Easter. Sharing in this season with you is a great experience. Having the opportunity to see this season from your eyes and to allow you to experience it through my interpretation is very refreshing. Our observance of on Ash Wednesday on Sunday, February 21 brought together 152 people. Many shared with me that it was the first time to ever experience an Ash Wednesday Service. We will continue to be reminded each week, by the ashes on the altar table that we are dust and to dust we shall return. This is meant to focus our attention on our need for God’s saving grace. The symbolism of the Lent Cross each week brings to mind both the birth of Christ and Christ’s death for my sin. Each week we will share a Prayer of Confession that seeks to make us aware of our sinfulness and our need for God’s salvation. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation. We reflect on who we are as human beings and see our need for salvation. We then prepare to experience the death and resurrection of Christ.

Traveling together on our journey to the cross and empty tomb we will experience wonderful worship. On Sunday, March 21st, our Youth group will lead us in our time of worship. You will not want to miss this opportunity to share worship with our youth. Palm Sunday, March 28th, our choir will lead us in one worship service at 10:30am as they share with us “There Stands a Cross”. Make plans now to be here for this moving musical of Easter. Following Palm Sunday is Holy Week and this is considered the week before the resurrection of Christ. To celebrate Holy Week we will share in two services. On Thursday, April 1st at 7:00pm we will worship together in an observance of Maundy Thursday and on Friday, April 2nd at 7:30pm we will come together for Good Friday. All of these services will be a blessing to our Lenten season. On Easter Sunday we will have a 7:00am Sunrise service led by our Sweet Sunday Praise Band. This will be our first service for the day. Also on Easter Sunday we will have Sunday school for all ages, at 9:30am, and our traditional 10:30am Worship service. I encourage everyone to read through the Holy Week information and make time to come and be part of the celebration of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection.

Every month I share with you our current membership and average worship attendance. It is important that we are aware of these two ministry areas. As of February 22, 2010 we have 531 members. Our average worship attendance has been 281 for Sundays, January 31, 2010 – February 21, 2010. Always remember these numbers represent people. People we love and care about. Let’s try and encourage each other in our worship attendance. If someone is missing give them a call, email or card. We need to be in ministry to and for each other. If you don’t know how to contact them or feel uncomfortable doing so, let me know. I will help you and we can contact them together.

This month I want to close by sharing with you some concerns that have come my way. There seems to be a buzz that our church is losing its friendly, family atmosphere. I want to share with you that this is not what I hear from the people who visit us weekly. One of the first things I hear is “Oh the people here are wonderful. They are so nice and friendly.” As our congregation grows each one of us will have to make more of an effort to get to know each other. One thing I will try and do is get the new members mailing address out so that members can send our new members a welcoming card and invitation to Sunday school, UMM, UMW, or other ministry teams. Something else that does help is to remember to wear our nametags. I realize this is the last thing many of us would think we need at church but when a congregation grows nametags help us to remember each others names. It also lets the visitor know who to come to with questions. One more thought on this is what I suggested on Sunday, February 21st; during the season of Lent take on learning the names of those with whom you worship. We still have a friendly, family atmosphere it is just different than it once was and as we grow it will continue to change. As long as we are a congregation that seeks God’s grace and shares God’s love it will show to the rest of the world.

Yours in Christ,

Greg



Palm Sunday - March 28th

The children will be bringing in the palm branches during the processional hymn.

We will also be having our Annual Eggstravaganza following worship. A big thank you to the UMM who will cook and serve a hot dog lunch. The Easter egg

hunt, with our resident Easter bunny will follow! Bring your Easter basket and cameras.

Many donations are needed to make this event a success. Please stop by the bulletin board across from the nursery and take a donation egg or two. Items are due back by Sunday March 21st. Please put items in baskets under the bulletin board or in the finance office.

Easter Sunday

The Children's Choir will be singing during Children's Time.

Vacation Bible School - Galactic Blast

Will be June 7th - 10th, from 9am until 12noon. Spread the word! All children are welcome! Many volunteers will be needed. Please consider giving your time for the children this week.

Thank You

A special thanks to those who attended our planning meeting. Many short and long term plans were made.

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The UMM will hold their monthly meeting Saturday, March 6th at 8:30am at the church.
 Chris Anderson



Our Early Registration will end March 31st. That will be the last day to register your child for the next school year to get a \$25 discount off the registration fee! After that date registration will be ongoing until we are filled.

Be sure to get your child registered soon so their spot is guaranteed. We are offering 2, 3, 4, & 5 day classes from 9:00am-12:30pm. We will have classes available for 2, 3 & 4 year olds.

Our classes offer the following.:

- ◆ Our teachers use Saxon curriculum
- ◆ Learning activities are created to be fun
- ◆ Our students perform on stage during the year
- ◆ Our students participate in foreign language, Chapel & Bible Study
- ◆ Music and art are utilized daily in the classroom
- ◆ Gymnastics taught during school hours (add'l fee)
- ◆ Computers
- ◆ Our teachers are dedicated to your children

If you'd like to make an appointment to see our school or if you have any questions give Ms. Nadia a call at the church 770-898-3023 (mornings), home 770-957-2494 or email her at: nadia@wesleyway.org.

Thanks,
 Nadia Bobo
 Preschool Director - The School at Wesley Way

Wesley Ramblers

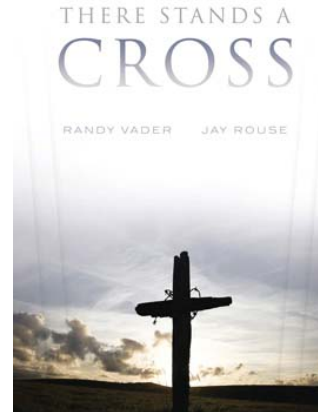
Wesley Way Ramblers is a group of older members and visitors meeting together for Christian fellowship, food and fun. We meet at various times depending on our plans for the day, it may be the IMAX, some gardens, the rodeo or just to a new place to eat. Whatever we are doing you are welcome to join us. Watch the bulletins for the latest happenings.

Thursday, March 11th - We will be going by church van to Madison and then on to Blue Willow for lunch.

Sunday, March 14th at 6:00pm - Dinner at the Lighthouse Fish Restaurant.

Friday, March 26th at 6:30pm - Game night at the Brassell's.

For more information on any of our dates contact Betty Brown at 770-914-6702.



*The Chancel Choir will present
 "There Stands a Cross"
 On Palm Sunday Morning
 March 28, 2010
 at 10:30am*

*Please plan to attend and join us
 in this remembrance of Christ's
 journey to the cross
 and the joy of His resurrection*

Financial Summary

Month	Contributions Received	Total
January	\$38,986.21	\$38,986.21
February	\$37,795.18	\$76,781.39
Needed for 2 month full ministry:		\$99,508.00
Mortgage Balance:		\$888,365.02

Servant Schedule

March 7, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Brenda Craig, Leigh Brannon and Pam Buckner
 Side Door—Jack Brassell and Miriam Brassell
 Ushers: Mike Craig (TL), John Webb, Steve Collins and Mark Howington
 Liturgist: Mike Barr
 Cookie Delivery: Barb and Bob Jessop; Janet Smith

March 14, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Sharon Anderson, Clyde Gaddy and Steve Bednarz
 Side Door—David Brassell and Betty Moore
 Ushers: Frank Bailey, Jr. (TL), Tim Godwin, Tony Baird and Jack Brassell
 Liturgist: Jason Forster
 Cookie Delivery: David and Shawn Anderson; David and Helga Brassell

March 21, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Shirley Hotch, Julie Davies and Arch McGarity
 Side Door—Leon Going and Kathy Going
 Ushers: Jim Braswell (TL), Chris Anderson, John Uessler and Nelson Fonville
 Liturgist: Tommy Thompson
 Cookie Delivery: Steve and Phyllis Abbott; Kathy and Leon Going

March 28, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Tom Jones, Pat Spieks and Chris Anderson
 Side Door—Bob Jenkin and Edie Coppolino
 Ushers: Kim Alley (TL), Steve Bednarz, Mark Maycock and Doug Foreback
 Liturgist: Cindy Jones
 Cookie Delivery: Tom and Cindy Jones; Rob and Lisa Beall



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| 3-1 Jean Bateman | 3-15 Shawn Anderson |
| 3-1 Nancy Hammonds | 3-15 Barbara Updike |
| 3-1 Jane Orendorff | 3-15 Ashley Thompson |
| 3-2 Jason Brooks | 3-15 Nnamdi Akanno |
| 3-3 Caroline Vandebos | 3-16 Pixie Collins |
| 3-4 Judi Edmondson | 3-16 Justin Wilkerson |
| 3-4 Tara Powell | 3-19 Tanner Bailey |
| 3-5 Dave Honkanen | 3-21 MarcAndrew Osborne |
| 3-6 Eleanor Breck | 3-21 Kimberly Osborne |
| 3-6 Molly Lunsford | 3-21 Bruce Bouts |
| 3-6 Will Vandebos | 3-21 Brooke Anderson |
| 3-7 Zachary Fowler | 3-22 Belinda Privin |
| 3-8 Cara Pangburn | 3-22 Thomas Braswell |
| 3-8 Ava Sims | 3-24 Tom Hammonds |
| 3-9 Danny Lowe | 3-24 Sandy McGarity |
| 3-10 Chris Dugan | 3-24 Timothy Leeth |
| 3-10 Caroline Clemens | 3-25 Ashley Bednardz |
| 3-10 Katherine Clemens | 3-25 Jessica Jenkins |
| 3-11 Ella Sims | 3-26 Cindy Bednarz |
| 3-11 Emma Sims | 3-26 April Knight |
| 3-12 Karen Kiel | 3-27 Mike Craig |
| 3-12 Rachel Ward | 3-27 Stephen Bednarz |
| 3-12 Audrey Underwood | 3-27 Brian Morris |
| 3-13 Bethany Iddings | 3-27 Wayne Radford |
| 3-13 Alexandra Parrish | 3-30 Will Myers |
| 3-14 Ken Buckner | 3-31 Jeremy Jenkins |
| 3-14 Zackery Godwin | |

Stewardship Report



February 7, 2010

Attendance 8:30 – 20
 10:30 – 187
 7:30pm – 60

Total Attendance 267
 Regular 8,482.00
 Building 170.00
 Communion 84.00
 MYF 115.00
Total 8,851.00

February 14, 2010

Attendance 8:30 – 52
 10:30 – 216

Total Attendance 268
 Regular 5,756.25
 Building 290.00
 MYF NLB 150.00
 UMCOR 30.00
 Sunday School Books 34.00
 Benevolence Fund 5.00
Total 6,166.25

February 21, 2010

Attendance 8:30 – 50
 10:30 – 217

Total Attendance 267
 Regular 7,765.47
 Building 83.00
 UMCOR 10.00
 MYF NLB 40.00
 Benevolence Fund 5.00
Total 7,903.47

February 28, 2010

Attendance 8:30 – 48
 10:30 – 237

Total Attendance 285
 Regular 8,468.00
 Building 160.00
 Building Principal 70.00
 Benevolence Fund 80.00
 Homeless Offering 164.00
 UMCOR 10.00
 MYF 200.00
 MYF NLB 340.00
 Sunday School Books 11.00
Total 9,503.00



March 7, 2010

Crib Room – Diana DePew
 Toddler Room – Pam Buckner
 4 to 5 yrs – John and Erin Uessler
 1st and 2nd – Lisa and Dwayne Radford

March 14, 2010

Crib Room – Stephanie Gordon
 Toddler Room – Lisa Wilson
 4 to 5 yrs – Carrie Spainhour and Carol Braswell
 1st and 2nd – Gabe and Michelle Criere

March 21, 2010

Crib Room – Steve and Alyson Fowler
 Toddler Room – Christina Pike
 4 to 5 yrs – William and Jamie Lyons
 1st and 2nd – David and Helga Brassell

March 28, 2010

Crib Room – Eleanor Breck
 Toddler Room – Lydia Meadows
 4 to 5 yrs – Dody Morris
 1st and 2nd – Kurt and Cathy Steckman



Communications Team Info

Jayne Clepper - Guide

Interested in how Wesley Way UMC presents itself outwardly to the world and inwardly to our members? Come check out the happenings on the Communications Team! Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th, at 6:30pm in the Finance Office. We'll have a "Special" dessert and everyone is invited! Just let me know if you think you might attend so we'll have enough chairs & dessert! ejclepper@bell-south.net

Be sure to apply for "members' only" access to the church website! Directions are on the bottom left corner of the website front page at <http://www.wesleyway.org/>



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UMW News

Thanks to the many ladies who have done UMCOR Health Kits. These will be an important part of relief in Haiti. Thanks also for the 12 baby blankets and prayer shawls sent to the District UMW for distribution after the National Assembly. They were dedicated on February 21st at Hampton UMC and were made by Kathy Thompson, Sonia Forster, Sonia's Mother, Marilyn Knopps and Jean Bouts.

Upcoming Events:

The UMW will sponsor **Wednesday Night Supper** on March 10th. The menu will be ham or pork loin, potato casserole, green bean casserole and assorted deserts.

Haven House Loose Change Sunday will be on March 21st and will be collected by the Martha Anderson Circle.

Lenten Day Apart will be on March 21st at Morrow First. Registration and refreshments will be at 2:30pm and program will be at 3:00pm. Speaker will be North Georgia Conference President Deloris Carhee.

Circle Meetings:

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 9th at 11am at Dogwood Forest. For more information contact Mary Poore at 404-402-7833.

Martha Anderson Circle will meet on Thursday, March 11th at 7pm at the church. For more information contact Jean Bouts at 770-957-6645.

Wesley Women Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 16th at 7pm. For more information contact Yvonne Baldwin at 770-898-5458.

Friendship Circle (formerly the MOM's Circle) will meet on Thursday, March 18th at 6:30pm at Bethany Iddings house. For more information contact Bethany Iddings at 770-898-5949.



Wednesday, March 3rd:

6:15-7:30 Confirmation
 6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study

Thursday, March 4th:

7:00 River of Life Meeting in the Library

Sunday, March 7th:

12:00 Youth Leadership Team Meeting at Gail's house
 3:00-5:00 Someday Salvation Practice
 5:00-7:00 MYF - Love Out Loud
 Sr. High: Rebekah and Amanda Jr. High: Chris Forster

Wednesday, March 10th:

6:15-7:30 Confirmation
 6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study

Sunday, March 14th:

12:00 Adult Leadership Team Meeting at the Church
 3:00-5:00 Someday Salvation Practice
 5:00-7:00 MYF - Love Risks
 Sr. High: Mitch and Alex Jr. High: Ryan and Chris

Wednesday, March 17th:

6:15-7:30 Confirmation
 6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study

Saturday, March 20th:

10:00-12:00 Youth Sunday practice
 Out to lunch at American Pie (Cost \$8)

Sunday, March 21st - Youth Sunday:

3:00-5:00 Someday Salvation Practice
 5:00-7:00 MYF - Love Serves
 Sr. High: Matt Clemens
 Jr. High: Natalie Ross



Church Sextons for March

7th Tony Rogers
 14th John and Patty Nicolella
 21st Ross Iddings
 28th Mike Barr



Altar Flowers for March

7th By Tom and Cindy Jones in Honor of their 12th Wedding Anniversary
 14th By Godwin's and Thompson's in Honor of Zac's 15th Birthday and Ashley's 18th Birthday
 21st By Arch McGarity in Honor of Sandy's 61st Birthday
 28th By Chris and Amanda Anderson in Honor of their 11th Wedding Anniversary and in Honor of Amber and Brooke's Birthday's

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