

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hope



Sunday, December 3, 2023



WESLEY CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

| 1109 South State Street | Little Rock, AR 72202



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Request Prayer | Report Illness or Hospitalization | Report The Death of a Loved One
Schedule Baby Dedication | Request Pastoral Visit

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND STUDY

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM Online Worship

10:45 AM In-Person Worship

Sunday School

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Zoom: (681) 999-0194

and enter access code: 704980#

Men's Sunday School

Where: <https://bluejeans.com/972375751> ([map](#))

Join BlueJeans Meeting:

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(ID: 831493370)

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday
12 PM - 5 PM

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Social Media Handles



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 8:00 AM

1ST Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE..... *There Is A Balm In Gilead, UMH #741*

WELCOME.....

JOYS AND CONCERNS/OPENING PRAYER.....

HYMN OF PRAISE..... *The First Noel, UMH #245*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE..... Brother Frank & Sister Florence Smith

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

THE RECOGNITION OF DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.....

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS.....

Offertory Song..... O Come, O Come Emmanuel, UMH #211

The Dedication of the Gifts: The Doxology..... *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

SCRIPTURE READING..... Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26 Sister Courtney Donner

HYMN OF PREPARATION..... *Come By Here, Kum Ba Ya, AAHH #438*

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE..... Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....

Invitational Song.....

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.....

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary

SENDING FORTH..... Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

POSTLUDE..... *Let the Church Say Amen*

MATTHEW 9:18-19, 23-26 | CSB

¹⁸ As he was telling them these things, suddenly one of the leaders came and knelt down before him, saying, “My daughter just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ So Jesus and his disciples got up and followed him.

²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house, he saw the flute players and a crowd lamenting loudly. ²⁴ “Leave,” he said, “because the girl is not dead but asleep.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ Then news of this spread throughout that whole area.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY



Reader 1:

In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Reader 2:

In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come" (Mark 13:35).

Congregation:

We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader 1:

We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 10:45 In-Person

1ST Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE.....**Savior**
(by Tye Tribbett) Instrumentalist

WELCOME.....Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

JOYS AND CONCERNS | OPENING PRAYER.....Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....**Now Behold the Lamb**
(by Kirk Franklin) Performed by Wesley Chapel Praise Team

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....The Owens Family

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

THE RECOGNITION OF DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.....

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS.....

 Offering Song..... **Healed**
(by Donald Lawrence) Wesley Chapel Praise Team

 The Dedication of the Gifts: The Doxology.....**Thank You Lord**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26.....

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... **God Is Working**
(by Deon Kipping) Performed by Wesley Chapel Praise Team

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.....Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....

 Invitational Song..... **He's Able**
(by Deitrick Haddon feat. Darwin Hobbs) Performed by Wesley Chapel Praise Team

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.....

The Blood That Jesus Shed For Me (Traditional)
 You Are My Strength

CLOSING SONG.....**Let the Church Say Amen**

SENDING FORTH.....Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

WAYS TO GIVE:

In order to make giving to Wesley Chapel as convenient as possible, we have developed a variety of ways:

- **EASYTITHE**

Easy Tithe allows you to deduct directly from your bank account once or recurring donation to the General Budget (regular tithes and offerings), Capital, Scholarship or Other—(please specify) using your Visa or MasterCard, or American Express Card.

[Online Giving](#)

- **CASHAPP**

Cash App provides you mobile giving access at [\\$WesleyChapelLR](#). On the second line please place your first & last name, and which area you would like to give.

- **MAIL-IN GIVING**

If you are looking to mail in your gifts this week, please send them to:

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

Attention: Finance Committee

1109 South State Street

Little Rock, AR 72202

WHAT YOUR TITHES SUPPORT

Your tithes and offerings ensure that the church is able to continue to reach out to our community, and around the world, with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your gifts empower Wesley Chapel UMC to fulfill God's vision of transforming lives by Christian Discipleship.

Wesley Chapel Connect Card

Click on the Connect Card below to fill in your information

Connect

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Your age Group:
 Under 20 20s 30s 40s 50+

Children:

_____ Age: _____
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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Today's Date: _____
Visit: 1st 2nd 3rd

How did you hear about us?
 Website Facebook/Twitter Friend
Other: _____

So in Christ we, though many,
form one body, and each member
belongs to all the others. -ROM. 12:5

FRONT

What's next?

Start

- I dedicated my life to Christ for the first time.
- I re-dedicated my life to Christ.

Next Step

- I'm interested in getting baptized.
- I'm interested in joining a small group.
- I would like to talk to a pastor.

Get Involved

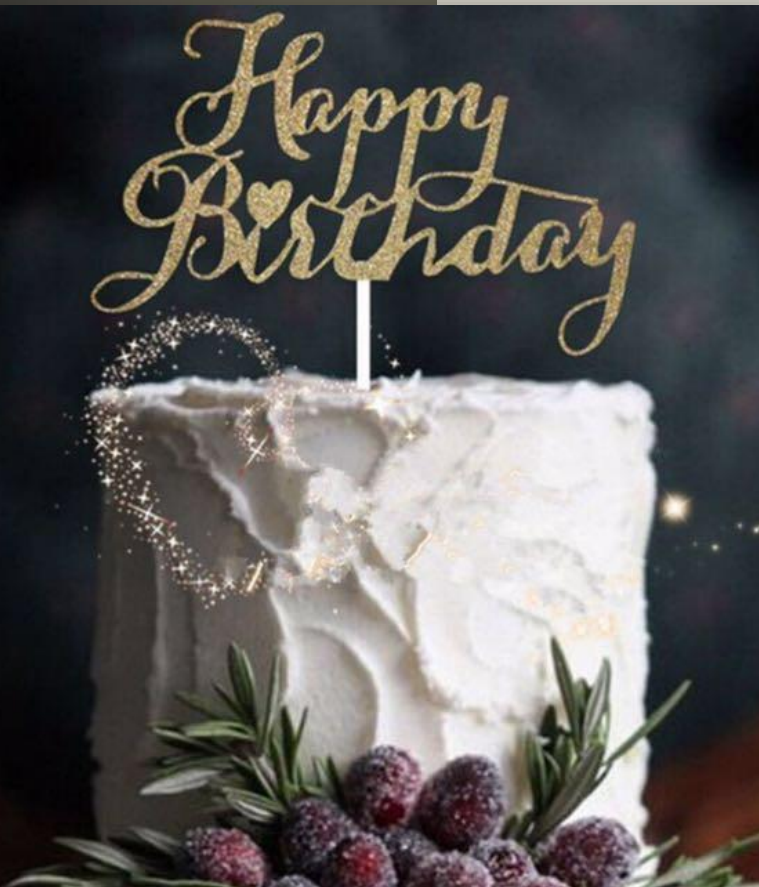
- I want to become a member.
- I want to volunteer for a ministry.
- I would like to be contacted by a Leader.

Prayer Requests/Questions:

BACK

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WESLEY CHAPEL MEMBERS!



<i>Otis Tyler</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Alfred Flowers</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Joanna Igwe</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Ruby Fleming</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Joyce Gunnels</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Alicia Brooks</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Nashon Armant</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Chima Igwe</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Ernest Peoples, III</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Jo Webber</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Leon Adams</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Betty Russell</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Raymond Steverson</i>	<i>24</i>

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month. Wishing you celebratory blessings all month!

If you don't see your name for birthdays listed, just email us at wesleychapel@gmail.com so we can update our records and we'll add you to the next bulletin.



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Habitat
for Humanity®
of Central Arkansas

Apostle's Build



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church partnered with Habitat for Humanity and other local United Methodist churches in Little Rock to build a Habitat Home. **Our Apostles Build** is the collaboration between The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas and seven Central Arkansas United Methodist Churches.

St. James United Methodist Church
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
Asbury United Methodist Church
Highland Valley United Methodist Church

On Friday, December 1, 2023, the home was presented to Rosie and Charles, the new homeowners of this collaborative construction! Our congregation gave a contribution of \$3000 towards building this new home in the midtown community.



6am
PRAYER
Call

MONDAY - FRIDAY

(681) 999-0194

ACCESS CODE | 704980

...Pray without ceasing / Thessalonians 5:17

6AM MORNING PRAYER CALL

Weekly Prayer Calendar

DAY	SCRIPTURE	LEADERS
Mon. Dec. 4, 2023	Exodus 1:8-21	Mother Laverne Paige
Tue. Nov. Dec. 5, 2023	Matthew 8:18-27	Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow
Wed., Dec. 6, 2023	John 14:1-11	Brother Stanley Giles
Thurs., Dec. 7, 2023	John 19:1-11	Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow
Fri., Dec. 8, 2023	Daniel 6:1-15	Min. Arlo Washington

Wednesdays IN THE WORD

BIBLE STUDY

Wesley Family & Friends,

We have concluded our “Choosing Forgiveness” bible study series with Nancy DeMoss. We will resume our next bible study lessons in January 2024. Be on the look out for upcoming announcements.

During this holiday season, we would like to encourage you to personally connect and spend time in the Word and with the Lord.



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BASKETS *of* LOVE

Donors
Thank You!
For Being a Big Blessing

WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO FEEDING 100 FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING. BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, WE WERE ABLE TO REACH OUR GOAL OF FEEDING 50 FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

SONIA BROWN

WILLIAM BROWN

PAULETTE CHAPPELLE

KIMBERLY DAVIS-HALL

EVAN DANIELS

CHARLES & MABLE DONALDSON

RANDY DOUGLAS

ALFRED FLOWERS

JOHN FLUKER

WILLIE HARDEN

CORTEZ HENDERSON

OLA IGWA

BONNIE JONES

RODRICK & SHARON JONES

ROSALYN MIDDLETON

RONNIE MILLER-YOW

SHANTELLA MILLER-YOW

TIFFANY O'GUINN

LAVERNE PAIGE

DORIS PARKER

JENNIFER PITTS

KRYSTAL ROSS

SHARON SANDERS

FRANK & FLORENCE SMITH

LULA SMITH

DIANA STRONG

DONNA TAYLOR

BYRON WESSON

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DONNA YOUNG

BLESSING 100 FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING THROUGH THE GIFT OF GIVING

OUR GOAL: \$3,000 WE RAISED \$3,600.00



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THE JEAN FLUKER MEMORIAL Holiday Project

Blessing families this holiday season with a meal, toys, or a gift.



WAYS TO GIVE:

1. DONATE A FOOD BASKET (OR \$60)
2. TOYS FOR THE ANGEL TREE
3. FLUKER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND



Your generous contribution will help provide a nutritious basket of food to families in need during the holiday season. Together, let's ensure everyone has a warm and nourishing meal.



Join us in making a child's Christmas extra special by purchasing a gift and placing it under our Angel Tree. Your thoughtful present will bring joy and put smiles on the faces of deserving children.



Your contribution to the Jean Fluker Memorial Endowment Fund will help ensure a lasting impact in the lives of individuals and families. Your contribution supports future Christmas projects for years to come.

ACCEPTING GIFTS NOW – SUN. DECEMBER 17TH

*Drop off new, unwrapped toys, gift cards, teen gifts,
food baskets at Wesley Chapel UMC.
(Please no play guns, weapons, or knives)*

We greatly appreciate your generosity in helping make a difference this Christmas season. Together, we can bring joy, hope, and love to those who need it the most!



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WESLEY CHAPEL UMC
CELEBRATES

Years Of Ministry

GIVING OVER

170 YEARS OF MINISTRY

GIVE AN
ANNIVERSARY
GIFT TODAY

\$170+ ADULTS

\$17+ STUDENTS

\$1.70+ CHILDREN

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING REPAIRS
IN THE SANCTUARY

ANNIVERSARY GIVING CAMPAIGN ENDS
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

IN HONOR OF OUR CHURCH'S RICH LEGACY,
WE ARE ASKING OUR MEMBERS TO GIVE IN
ANNIVERSARY GIFT OF \$170 AND ABOVE.

THIS CAN BE EASILY DONE THROUGH A ONE
TIME GIFT OR A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TO
COMPLETE A TOTAL OF \$170 OR MORE.

IN MEMO: 170TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT

*Thank You
for your continued support!*



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SUNDAY
DECEMBER

17th

Celebrating Our

170TH CHURCH

Anniversary

WORSHIP SERVICES | 8AM & 10:45AM



8AM GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Kenneth R. Martin
Greater Archview Baptist Church



10:45 AM GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Earl Graham
*Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
North Little Rock, AR*



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Poinsettias for Christmas

As we decorate the alter this holiday season, we invite you to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special.

All dedications will be included in the Christmas celebration bulletin.

\$20

[Click Here Dedicate Your Poinsettias Today](#)

For Dedications

Donors	In Honor of	In Memory of
Bro. Charles & Sis. Mable Donaldson (8)	Andrea and Kevin Barnes Carol Blow Reta Young	Tressie and Ezekiel Noel CL and Doris Borders Mary Ratliffe Tollerson Jones Barry & Kenneth Middleton
Sister Essie Middleton *(3)	Mrs. Mable & Dr. Charles Donaldson	Kenneth Middleton Barry Middleton
Sister Sandra Brown *(5)		Fred W. & Luella M. Jackson Mrs. Ercell Ish Mr. & Mrs. RT Jackson Mr. John Walker, Sr. Mrs. Jewell Williams
Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow (5)	Lady Shantella Miller-Yow Mason Miller-Yow Paulea Miller Donis Parker Bishop Floyd & Lady JoAnn Yow	

*Request Pickup



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United
Women
in Faith

Of



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Congratulations

2024 Officers of the United Women of Faith Leadership Team

Jo Webber, President

Joyce Gunnels, Vice President

Jacqueline Ross Brown, Secretary

Laverne Paige, Treasurer

Faye Walker, Spiritual Growth

Florence Smith, Membership Nurture and Outreach

Mable Donaldson, Education and Interpretation

Sondra Boone-Stokes, Social Action

Donna Young, Secretary for Program Resources

Carolyn Galbreath, Chairperson on Nominations

Claudia Watson, Member At Large

Ruby Fleming, Advisor

HONORING THE 1ST FIRST Family



Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow Family Endowment Scholarship Fund

In honor of Pastor and Mrs. Ronnie Miller-Yow and Family, an Endowment Scholarship has been set up at the Arkansas Methodist Foundation.

If you would like to contribute to this Endowment, please indicate on your envelope that your contribution is for the Miller-Yow scholarship.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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Children & Youth ACTIVITIES

******CHILDREN'S CHOIR******
Will meet immediately
following worship.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Every Sunday @ 9:00 AM
In the Parsonage



CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY'S @ 6:00 PM
In the Parsonage





Greetings Wesley Chapel UMC Members & Guest,

It's that time where we are updating our records. We are looking to update addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, anniversaries and more.

To do this you can simply send an email to wesleychapellr@gmail.com or give us a call the church office at (501) 374-7893 Monday-Thursday | 11AM-5PM.

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SIGN-UP WITH WESLEY REMIND TODAY!

You can download the Remind Application by **clicking the icon below:**



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Once you have downloaded the *Remind* App, you will be able to connect with Wesley Chapel to receive special church notifications.

To Connect:

Text: **@cgf229k to 81010** or Click the link below:

<https://www.remind.com/join/cgf229k>

For more information or assistance, please contact:

Minister Renisha Ward, (601) 502-7412

Sis. Sharon Sanders, (559) 313-4131

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brother Curtis Jones
(father of Sister Debony Washington)

Sister Andrea Barnes

Brother Robert Donaldson

(Brother of Charles Donaldson)

Sis. Yasmine McClelland who was in a car accident

Sister Mary Baynes

Sister Berdina Nickerson

Sister Joanna Ward

Brother Frank Sanchez

Sister Ruby Fleming

Brother Robert & Sister Sharon Richardson Collins

Brother Leon Adams

Brother Ernest & Sister Juanita Peoples

Brother Phillip Yow

Sister Edna Ricks

Sister Debra Elerson

Brother Alan Jackson, Sr.

(brother of Sister Sandra Brown)

Sister Eugenia Moses

Sister Eddyce Lofton

Brother John Fluker

Sister Donna Taylor

Sister Carolyn Galbreath

Prayers for the United Methodist Church

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

Sister Gloria White Owens and the McLenton Family in the loss of her sister, Sister Bessie Faye McLenton

Sister Christin Butler in the passing of her husband, Brother Darren Butler

Sister Paulette Chappelle and the Chriesman-Turner Family in the passing of her uncle

Sister Cynthia Burroughs and the Burroughs family in the passing of her uncle

Walker Family in the passing of our former member, Sister Gloria Walker

Brother Frank Bateman in the passing of his mother, Sister Pauline Novak
