

“ Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself. ”

Human Relations Sunday

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Sunday, January 14, 2024



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1109 South State Street | Little Rock, AR 72202



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WEEKLY WORSHIP AND STUDY

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Online Worship & In-Person Worship

8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

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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Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

12 PM - 5 PM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 8:00 AM

Human Relations Sunday

PRELUDE..... *I Can Hear My Savior Calling, UMH #338*

WELCOME..... Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

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

HYMN OF PRAISE..... *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, UMH # 127*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Sister Keshira Watson

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS..... Sister Keshira Watson

Offertory Song..... Somebody's Knockin, AAHH #348

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

SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 3:1-10..... Sister Mable Donaldson

HYMN OF PREPARATION..... *Sister Cassandra Norman*

Special Guest Soloist

GUEST SPEAKER..... Rev. J. J. Whitney

Programs Coordinator at Hendrix College, Conway AR

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....

Invitational Song..... *Hush, Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name, AAHH #348*

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

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

I SAMUEL 3:1-10 | CSB

3 The boy Samuel served the Lord in Eli's presence. In those days the word of the Lord was rare and prophetic visions were not widespread.

2 One day Eli, whose eyesight was failing, was lying in his usual place. **3** Before the lamp of God had gone out, Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was located.

4 Then the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, "Here I am." **5** He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

6 Once again the Lord called, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"I didn't call, my son," he replied. "Go back and lie down."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, because the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. **8** Once again, for the third time, the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the boy. **9 He told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.**

10 The Lord came, stood there, and called as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel responded, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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.

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Click on the Connect Card below to fill in your information

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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

THE GOOD NEWS

Weekly Announcements

JANUARY MEMBER BIRTHDAY & CELEBRATIONS

Wishing blessings to those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of January.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WESLEY MEMBERS!!

1 Rev. C.J. Duvall	9 Krystal Ross	20 Candace Delk
1 Alvin Harris	9 Joanna Ward	20 Fred Galbreath
2 Justin Jones	10 Kevin Barnes	24 Phynaus Wilson
2 Marva Pruitt	10 Janisha Brown	25 Matthew Summerville, Jr.
4 Rufus Torrence	14 Claudia Watson	27 Patsy Jones
6 Tracy Spencer	17 Rodney Bridges	

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

BIRTHDAY TOKENS: We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sister Whitney Owens for her generous sponsorship of the birthday tokens for our members. Her kindness and support are truly appreciated by all. Thank you, Sister Owens, for adding joy to our members' birthday celebrations.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

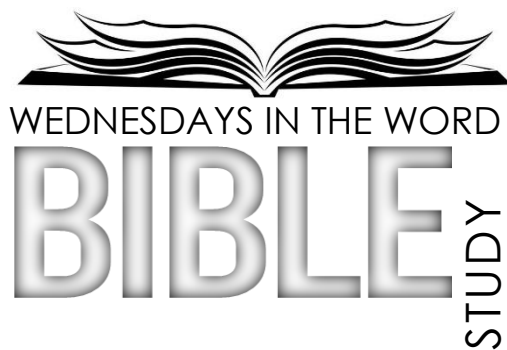
Begins: January 31, 2024

Ends: March 13, 2024

Wednesdays @ 12PM & 6PM

Noon Bible Study | Via Zoom [810 8194 7580](https://www.zoom.us/j/81081947580)

6PM Bible Study | in the Fellowship Hall



6 AM PRAYER CALL



Join us weekly, Monday through Friday praying over our joys & concerns:

Call In Number | (681) 999-0194

Access Code | 704980

...Pray without ceasing | Thessalonians 5:17

Four Types of Fasting

COMPLETE FAST

This fast calls for drinking only liquids, typically water with light juices as an option.

SELECTIVE FAST

This type of fast involves removing certain elements from your diet. One example of a selective fast is the Daniel Fast, during which you remove meat, processed sweets, and bread from your diet. You consume water and natural juice for fluids with fruits and vegetables for food.

PARTIAL FAST

This fast is sometimes called the Jewish Fast or Intermittent Fasting and involves abstaining from eating any type of food in the morning and afternoon. This can either correlate to specific times of the day, such as 6:00 am to 3:00 pm, or from sunup to sundown.

SOUL FAST

This fast is common for those who do not have much experience fasting food, who have health issues that prevent them from fasting food, or who wish to refocus certain areas of their life that are out of balance. For instance, someone might select to abstain from using social media or watching television for the duration of the fast, and then choose to carefully bring that element back into their life in an orderly fashion at the conclusion of the fast.

7 Basic Steps to Successful Fasting & Prayer

By Bill Bright

STEP 1: Set Your Objective

Why are you fasting?

STEP 2: Make Your Commitment

Pray about the kind of fast you should undertake.

STEP 3: Prepare Yourself Spiritually

The very foundation of fasting and prayer is repentance, forgiveness, and meditation on God's word.

STEP 4: Prepare Yourself Physically

Fasting requires reasonable precautions. Consult your physician first, especially if you take prescription medication or have any medical issues or concerns.

STEP 5: Put Yourself on a Schedule

For maximum spiritual benefit, set aside ample time to be alone with the Lord. Listen for His leading. The more time you spend with Him, the more meaningful your fast will be. Remember fasting without prayer is just a diet.

STEP 6: End Your Fast Gradually

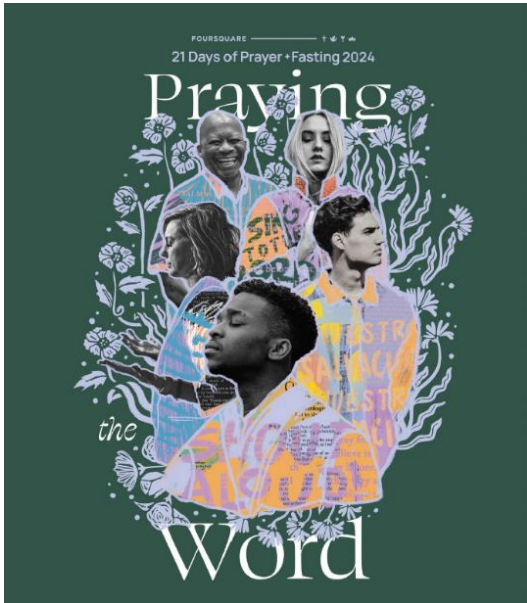
Particularly, if doing a complete fast, begin eating gradually. Do not eat solid foods immediately after your fast. Try several smaller meals or snacks each day.

STEP 7: Expect Results

If you sincerely humble yourself before the Lord, repent, pray, and seek God's face; if you consistently meditate on His Word, you will experience fresh, new spiritual insights and answers to your prayers.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING 2024

FOURSQUARE GUIDED SERIES



Join us beginning Monday, January 8 -28th in this guided season of prayer and fasting.

Prayer & Fasting Activities:

- **Morning Prayer at 6 AM** (Conference Call)
- **Evening Prayer at 9 PM** (Conference Call)
- **Prayer In The Sanctuary @ 6 PM**
Wednesdays: January 10th, 17th and 24th
- **Fasting** (As the Lord leads You)

Conference Call Information

Call In #: 681-999-0194 | Access Code: 704980



For the daily prayer information and Daniel fast food list, click the link below.

Daily Prayer Booklet: [Click Here](#)

Daniel Fast Food List: [Click Here](#)

JANUARY MISSION PROJECT | SCHOLARSHIP FUND

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR SCHOLARS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY. OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$5,000 TO SUPPORT 5 STUDENTS

Ways to Give |

Donate to the following categories of the WC Scholarship Fund in your offering:

- **Dollars for Scholars** \$36.66
- **Dr. Charles & Mable Donaldson Fund** \$136.66
- **Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow Family Endowment** \$136.66

With your support, we will be able to provide scholarship support for our students.

Wesley Chapel 2024 -2025 Dollars for Scholars Application

Now Accepting Applications!

Deadline: Friday, February 1, 2024

[Click Here to Apply](#)

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Sunday, January 14, 2024



8AM Guest Speaker: Rev. J. J. Whitney

Programs Coordinator at Hendrix College, Conway AR

WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY?

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday set aside to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. A special offering taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. **We are asking each member of Wesley Chapel UMC to give \$7 in support of this mission.**

THE 2024 ATTORNEY JOHN W. WALKER ESSAY CONTEST



The John Walker Essay Scholarship Contest is presented by Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church to provide an opportunity for students to scholarly reflect on the impacts of education and social justice. Winners are based on the highest scores in the following categories: content, structure, language, and grammar/mechanics.

Please ensure the proper categories are selected:

Grades K-5 100 Word Essay	Grades 9-12 1000 Word Essay
Grades: 6-8 500 Word Essay	College Students 1000 Word Essay

Essay Topic: "John W. Walker: Pioneering Legal Advocacy in the Civil Rights Movement"

Explore the life and achievements of John W. Walker, a prominent civil rights attorney. Examine his role in shaping legal strategies for social change, his impact on the civil rights movement, and his lasting legacy in the fight for equality. Analyze the significance of his work within the context of Black history and the ongoing pursuit of justice and equality in American society. Additionally, interview members of the church and community who knew him to gain insights into his personal impact and the broader community context of his work.

Prizes: 1st PLACE \$250 | 2nd PLACE \$100 | 3rd PLACE \$50

Deadline: January 28, 2024

Submit essays to: wesleychapellr@gmail.com

Enter Now

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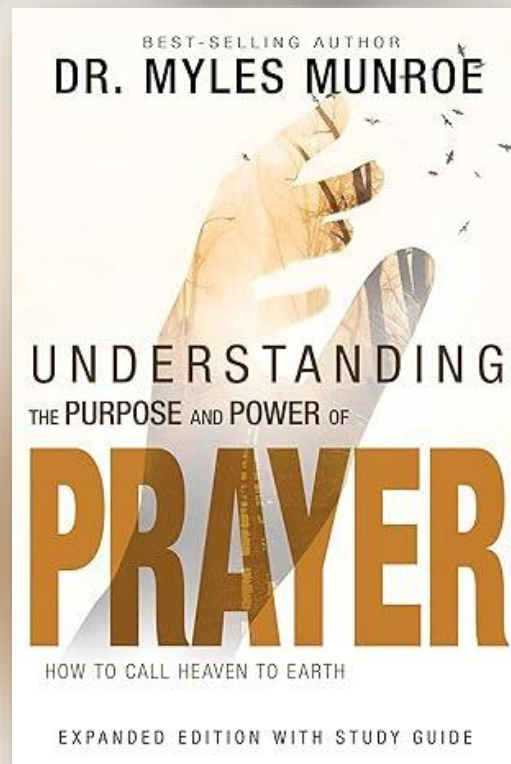
BIBLE

STUDY

Every Wednesday, January 31 - March 13, 2024

@ NOON ON ZOOM | 81081947580
6PM | IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO FUEL YOUR DREAMS



Virtual Event Opportunity

For United Methodist students attending one of the UMC's 11 Black College Fund HBCUs. January 23 - 6PM Central - Zoom

Each year, The United Methodist Church provides millions of dollars worth of scholarships—some of which are reserved for students attending HBCUs. And you may also be eligible to receive general scholarships too. Join this virtual event to learn more and how to apply. By registering, you will be entered to win a \$500 scholarship provided to one student among those attending this virtual event.

Register by January 19 to be entered for a \$1,000 scholarship.



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WC Leadership Weekend

Saturday, January 28th Leadership Retreat
9AM – 1:30PM | Location: TBA

Sunday, January 29th Installation of Officers
8AM & 10:45 AM Worship Celebration



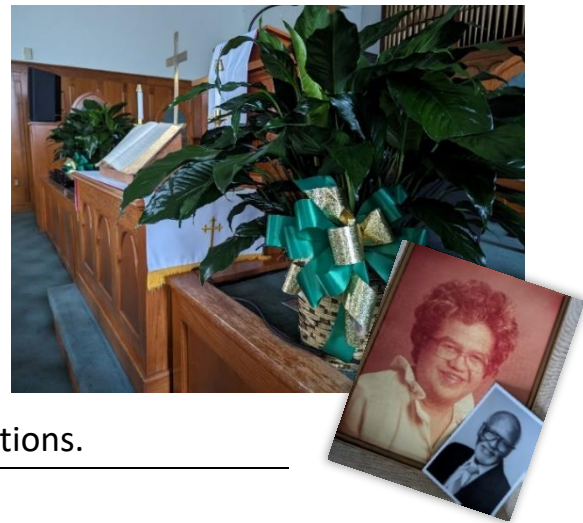
MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Join the Wesley Chapel Sanctuary Choir as we continue to enhance our music ministry! We welcome new members for choir rehearsals every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. No experience is necessary as we will provide training.

For more details, please contact Sister Laleata May or Sister Toni Hayman. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord together!"

ALTAR PLANTS

We are delighted to announce that today's Altar Plants have been generously donated in memory of Brother RT and Sister Evelyn Jackson. Both devoted many years of service to our church, with Brother Jackson contributing to the finance committee and music ministry and Sister Jackson serving on the church beautification committee. This gift is made possible by friends of Brother and Sister Jackson.



Let us continue to keep their legacy alive in our hearts and actions.



Dear Church Family,

We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful Christmas bonuses. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated, and we are truly grateful to God for each one of you. We also want to extend our thanks to the Staff Parish Relations committee for their kindness and consideration.

Your continued support and generosity are a tremendous blessing to us, and we are truly grateful. May God continue to pour out blessings on blessings upon each and every one of you.

*With love and gratitude,
The Pastor and Staff*

Check out this article posted by the Global Ministries Higher Education and Ministry of our very own Minister in Training!

PHILANDER SMITH UNIVERSITY STUDENT KESHIRA WATSON FULFILLS LIFELONG MINISTRY ASPIRATION

January 3, 2024



“As soon as she heard about the college at the institute, she decided there was no other school for her—even though she’d never even seen the campus.”

No one ever had to guess what Keshira Watson wanted to do for a living. From the time she was in 2nd grade, she just knew.

“I’ve always known that I was called to ministry,” said Keshira, 22, a student at Philander Smith University in Little Rock, Ark., a historically black United Methodist school founded in 1877. “I’ve known since I was 7 years old. It was just a gut feeling.

“I used to watch my youth pastor and all of the ministers, and I was just in love with what they did, and I always wanted to be just like them.”

[Click here](#) to read the full article



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Congratulations

2024 Officers of the United Women of Faith Leadership Team

Jo Webber, President

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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





Children & Youth ANNOUNCEMENTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS

For More Info, Contact:

Sister Damaris Green | delkdamaris@gmail.com

The Wesley Chapel Children and Youth Ministries need volunteers to help with Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sunday School. We hope to recruit enough volunteers to rotate Bible Study and Sunday School teachers every other week, enhance our support for youth activities, and build a sustainable children and youth department for the future.



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

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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

Sister Berdina Nickerson

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 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

Prayers for the United Methodist Church

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

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

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