

KINGDOM MANDATE

Love Without Limits

Sunday, April 21, 2024



WESLEY CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1109 South State Street | Little Rock, AR 72202



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CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE | (501) 374-7893

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

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#

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

12 PM - 5 PM

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Social Media Handles



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 8:00 AM

4th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE..... *O Love, How Deep, UMH #267*

WELCOME..... Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow

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

HYMN OF PRAISE.....*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, UMH # 384*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS.....

Offertory Song..... *You Can't Beat God's Giving, AAHH # 671*

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

SCRIPTURE READING..... Matthew 5:43-48..... Sister Jo Webber

HYMN OF PREPARATION..... *I Must Tell Jesus, UMH # 375*

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....

Invitational Song.....*Order My Steps, AAHH #333*

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

POSTLUDE..... *Blest Be The Tie That Binds, UMH #557*

MATTHEW 5:43-48 | CSB

Love Your Enemies

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, **Love your neighbor** and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48 | The Message Version

⁴³⁻⁴⁷ “You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

⁴⁸ “In a word, what I’m saying is, *Grow up*. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 10:45 In-Person

4th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE..... **Holy Ghost**
(By Bri Babineaux) Instrumentalist

WELCOME.....

JOYS AND CONCERNS | OPENING PRAYER.....

OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP..... **Holy Spirit**
(By Benita Jones) Performed by Wesley Chapel Praise Team

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS **Sister Renisha Ward**

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS..... **Sister Renisha Ward**

 Offeratory Song..... **A Little More Jesus**
(By Erica Campbell) Wesley Chapel Praise Team

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

SCRIPTURE READING..... **Matthew 5:43-48**..... **Sister Paulette Chappelle**

SONG OF PRAISE..... **More Grace**
(By Darrell Petties) Performed by Wesley Chapel Praise Team

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

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....
 Invitational Song..... **I Can Do All Things Through Christ**
(By #383 AAHH) Wesley Chapel Praise Team

CLOSING SONG..... **Let the Church Say Amen**
(by Andrae Crouch) Wesley Chapel Praise Team

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.

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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

APRIL MEMBER BIRTHDAY & CELEBRATIONS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WESLEY MEMBERS!!

2 Issac Dillon	14 Jeremy Carter	24 Shaborn Vail
5 Damaris Green	16 AdreAnne Walker	25 Mason Miller-Yow
4 Mark Summerville	21 Shawn Glenn	28 Kevin Ellis, III
9 James Igwe	22 Walter Kimbrough	29 Cameron Walton
9 Jalon Pitts	23 Shawna Gerard	29 Damon Goree
11 Terry Smith	23 Prentice O'Guinn, IV	29 Mycretia Watkins
11 Remily Washington	23 Almeta Ellis	30 Aniya Harris

If you don't see your name listed, email us at wesleychapellr@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.

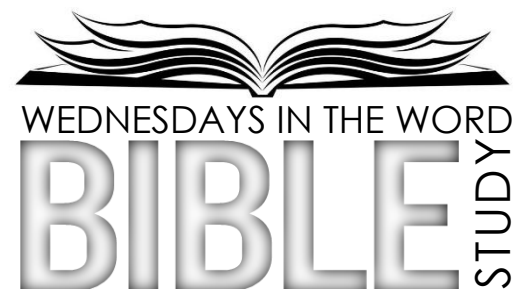
WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

Wednesdays @ 12PM & 6PM

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

6PM Bible Study | in the Fellowship Hall

Topic & Materials | Ch. 11: Power In The Name of Jesus, pg. 231-249
Understanding The Power of Purpose and of Prayer



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

6AM MORNING PRAYER CALL

Weekly Prayer Calendar

DAY	SCRIPTURE	LEADERS
Mon., April 22, 2024	Matthew 5:43-44	Mother Laverne Paige
<p>Devotional Thought: Loving our enemies is often one of the most challenging commands of Jesus. It goes against our natural inclinations and societal norms. However, when we love our enemies, we display the radical love of God that transcends human understanding. It's an opportunity to reflect the grace and mercy we have received from God onto others, even those who may not treat us well.</p>		
Tues., April 23, 2024	Luke 6:27-28	Sister Renisha Ward
<p>Devotional Thought: Loving our enemies does not mean merely tolerating them but actively seeking their well-being. Jesus challenges us to respond to hate with love, to curses with blessings, and to mistreatment with prayers. This radical approach is a powerful testimony to the transformative power of God's love in our lives.</p>		
Wed., April 24, 2024	Romans 12:20-21	Brother Stanley Giles
<p>Devotional Thought: Responding to evil with kindness and goodness is a powerful way to disarm hostility and break the cycle of hate. By showing love to our enemies through practical actions, we exemplify Christ's transformative love that has the power to soften even the hardest hearts.</p>		
Thur., April 25, 2024	Luke 6:35	Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow
<p>Devotional Thought: Loving our enemies is a high calling that sets us apart as children of God. When we extend kindness and generosity to those who oppose us, we reflect the character of our Heavenly Father, who shows kindness even to the ungrateful and wicked. Our ultimate reward is not in the response we receive from others, but in the approval of our loving Father.</p>		
Fri., April 26, 2024	1 John 4:20	Min. Arlo Washington
<p>Devotional Thought: Our ability to love our enemies is a direct reflection of our love for God. To truly love God is to love others, including those who may be hard to love. Let us be known not by our animosity towards those who wrong us, but by our unwavering love that mirrors the love of our Heavenly Father.</p>		

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Sunday
MAY 26, 2024
8AM & 10:45AM Worship

CONGRATULATIONS

2024 GRADUATES!

You did it!

Let us celebrate this amazing accomplishment!

If you are graduating this year, send us your name, graduating educational institution, plans after graduation, and a headshot to be featured in our

Graduation Sunday Bulletin to

wesleychapelr@gmail.com.

For more information, contact us at
wesleychapelr@gmail.com.

**The deadline for all submissions is
Sunday, May 5, 2024.**



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The Ronald McDonald House Ministry



The Red Apron
Providing Meals That Heal

Families staying at the Ronald McDonald House are often far from the comforts of home, including freshly prepared meals. This ministry allows families to share a meal together without the stress of cooking or the expense of dining out. It's truly a ministry of compassion and love.

To participate, please contact Sister Tonisha Davis. To contribute, please mark your envelope Ronald McDonald House Ministry.

Ministry Opportunities

April 27	Wesley Chapel UMC United Women of Faith
June 22	Wesley Chapel UMC Mighty Men of Wesley
August 24	Duncan UMC
October 26	Wesley Chapel UMC OPEN
December 28	Wesley Chapel UMC OPEN



For more information, please contact Sister Tonisha Davis at tonishat1213@gmail.com.

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 student 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!



Brother Alijah McClelland

Kindergarten | First Place Winner



Brother Jadyn Boston

9th Grade | First Place Winner



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

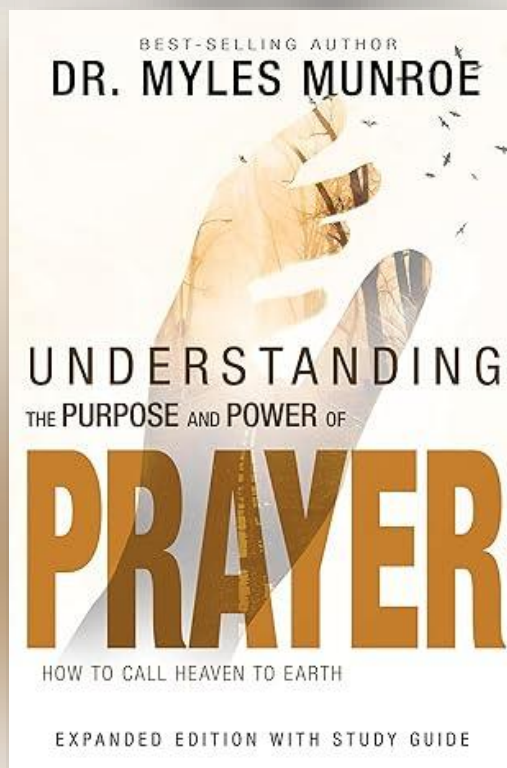
BIBLE

STUDY

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6PM | IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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MISSION PROJECT | SCHOLARSHIP FUND

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR SCHOLARS

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 \$9,437.00
- Dr. Charles & Mable Donaldson Fund \$833.33
- Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow Family Endowment \$883.33

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

April 16 Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday @ 12:00 PM | In the Fellowship Hall

May 6 Trustee's Meeting

(Every First Saturday of the Month)

10:00 AM | In the Fellowship Hall



WC Leadership

Leadership Retreat Postponed

9AM – 1:30PM | Location: TBA

RSVP: wesleychapellr@gmail.com



HVAC BILL HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL!!!

Wesley Chapel UMC does not owe anyone but God. Our air conditioning/heating unit has been fixed. The bill of \$28,000 has been paid in full. We are thankful for God's grace, and our members continued blessings to seeing this work to completion!



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!"

SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School 2024

June 3rd – 7th, 2024 | 5:30pm -8:30pm

More Information Forth Coming

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April 23 – May 3, 2024

The United Methodist General Conference

Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina

For More Information: [Click Here](#)

June 19-21, 2024

Annual Conference 2024

Hot Springs, Arkansas

For More Information: [Click Here](#)



United
Women
in Faith

Of



WESLEY CHAPEL
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2024 Officers of the United Women of Faith Leadership Team

Jo Webber, President

Jean Eason, Vice President

Donna Young, 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

Ruby Fleming, Historian

Claudia Watson, Chairperson, Standing Rules Committee

Committee On Nominations

Carolyn Galbreath, Chairperson on Nominations

Pasty O'Guinn, Member

Gloria Owens, Member

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 5th at 3:00pm.

If there are ladies who want to know more about United Women in Faith, please join us for this fun and informative event.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday, May 10th at Pulaski Heights UMC 4823 Woodlawn, LR.

Registration 9:30 | Celebration at 10:00 am.

The theme is "What Does the Lord Require of You? Please make plans to attend.

For information about Wesley Chapel UMC's United Women In Faith, you may contact the UWIF's President, Jo Webber at jwebber63wesley@aol.com.



Children & Youth ACTIVITIES

Wesley Chapel would like to thank the families and children who participated in the Children's Resurrection Program! Shout out to the children!! You all did an amazing job!!





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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 Jawan Wright

Brother Byron & Sister Kianna Wesson

& Baby Wesson

*Brother Anthony & Sister Tabitha Braxton (Sister
Paulette Chappelle's Son & Daughter-in-Love)*

Pastor Ronnie Miller-Yow's Nephew

*Brother Michael Williams, Sr. (Father to Sister
Miesha) and Sister Cynthia Davis' Children*

Sister Giles' supervisor and supervisor's brothers

Sister Donna Young

Brother Mason Miller-Yow

Brother Arlo Washington

Brother William Gerrard

Sister Emily Miles

Sister Taronda Anderson

(Mother of Ashlee & Racquel Anderson)

Brother Elton Toston

(Uncle of First Lady Shantella Miller-Yow)

Brother Curtis Jones

(Father of Sister Debony Washington)

Brother Robert Donaldson

(Brother of Brother Charles Donaldson)

*Sister 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

Law Enforcement Officers and Community

Joe T. Robinson High School Students & Faculty

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

Sister Brenda Walton and Walton Family in the passing of her mother, Sister Pauline Norris