

SHORELINES

The official newsletter of Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear LWMC Family and Friends,

As we step into this new season, my heart is full of gratitude for the ways God is at work in the church and the community. This fall promises to be an exciting time of renewal and growth, not only in our personal discipleship but in the life of our church family. We are seeing new faces, new ministries taking shape, and a deepening hunger for God's Word. These are signs of the Holy Spirit moving in powerful ways, and I believe even greater things are ahead.

Discipleship is not simply about programs or classes; it is about lives being transformed as we walk with Jesus together. Each gathering for worship, each small group or study conversation, and each act of service is shaping us into the people God has called us to be. I encourage you to lean into this season with open hearts and expectant faith, ready to grow and ready to be used by God.

May this fall be marked by joy, transformation, and a renewed sense of revival as we continue to follow Christ together.

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6)

In Christ,
Pastor Chris Eason

DISCIPLESHIP



A Season of Growth: Discipleship Vows in the Global Methodist Church

The Global Methodist Church has one clear mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. This calling is deeply rooted in our Wesleyan heritage, and it comes to life in the promises we make as disciples.

When individuals join the church, whether through confirmation, profession of faith, or transfer of membership, they are asked powerful questions that serve as discipleship vows. These include commitments to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Taken together, these promises remind us that following Jesus is not a solo journey but a shared covenant of faithfulness.

But discipleship is more than words spoken at the altar. The Global Methodist Church emphasizes Accountable Discipleship—a rhythm of life that includes prayer, Scripture reading, worship, the Lord's Supper, and acts of mercy such as feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and sharing our faith. Small groups, patterned after John Wesley's class and band meetings, provide the space for us to grow in grace and hold one another lovingly accountable.

These discipleship vows invite us to take our faith seriously, to lean on one another, and to allow the Holy Spirit to shape us into the likeness of Christ. They are not just promises we make once; they are lifelong commitments to live as God's people in the world.

As we step into a new season, may we remember our vows, encourage one another, and joyfully live into the mission of the church: to spread scriptural holiness to every corner of our community and beyond.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry is back!! We just had our kickoff and are looking for an exciting year!! Our tiny disciples are making a huge impact on our world. This is a great opportunity for them to invite friends to church!! We can always use more nursery helpers, teachers, and assistants. Please reach out to Pastor Chris to find out how you can be involved.



On Sunday afternoons our children
gather for

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Starting back after summer break: Our children of all ages have the opportunity to gather for their FUN classes and choir practice every Sunday afternoon.





Calendar

Sept 14 - Choir Practice

Sept 21 - Choir Practice

Sept 28 - Choir Practice

Oct 5 - Choir Practice

Oct 12 - HOMECOMING - Sing in worship at 11:00 service (No choir practice)

Oct 19 - Community event for Jon David Furlow (No choir practice)

Oct 26 - Choir Practice

Nov 2 - Choir Practice

Nov 9 - Sing in worship at 9:00 and 11:00 service (No choir practice)

Nov 16 - Choir Practice

Nov 23 - Choir Practice

Nov 30 - Thanksgiving Break - No Choir Practice

Dec 7 - Christmas Musical

Dec 14 - Sing in worship at 9:00 and 11:00 service (No choir practice)

Dec 21 - Christmas Break - No Choir Practice

Dec 28 - Christmas Break - No Choir Practice

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth ministry isn't just a program — it's a vital part of the church's mission. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and investing in them now helps build a strong, faith-filled future for the church. It gives young people a safe space to grow spiritually, ask honest questions, and form lasting, Christ-centered relationships. Through teaching, mentorship, and service, they learn how to live out their faith in everyday life. When we support youth ministry, we're not just impacting students — we're shaping families, schools, and communities with the love of Christ. Let's keep praying for and investing in our youth because they're not just the future of the church; they are the church today. When Christ transforms one young life, the impact goes far beyond that individual. Families are touched, schools are influenced, and communities begin to change. Youth ministry is a spark that can ignite spiritual renewal far beyond the church walls.



Fall 2025 Youth Calendar

Sunday Night 5pm-6:30pm

- SEPT 7- KICKOFF
- SEPT 14- YOUTH MEETING
- SEPT 21- YOUTH MEETING
- SEPT 28- YOUTH MEETING
- OCT 5- YOUTH MEETING
- OCT 12- NO YOUTH-HOMECOMING
- OCT 19- JON DAVID FUNDRAISER
- OCT 26- MAZECRAZE OUTING
- NOV 2- YOUTH MEETING
- NOV 9- YOUTH MEETING
- NOV 16- YOUTH MEETING
- NOV 23- NO YOUTH-THANKSGIVING SERVICE
- NOV 30- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTING
- DEC 7- CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
- DEC 14- CHRISTMAS BREAK UNTIL JAN





1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

PRAY

WITHOUT CEASING

**I AM NO LONGER MY OWN, BUT THINE.
PUT ME TO WHAT THOU WILT, RANK ME WITH WHOM
THOU WILT.**

**PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING.
LET ME BE EMPLOYED BY THEE OR LAID ASIDE FOR THEE,
EXALTED FOR THEE OR BROUGHT LOW FOR THEE.**

**LET ME BE FULL, LET ME BE EMPTY.
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.**

**I FREELY AND HEARTILY YIELD ALL THINGS
TO THY PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.**

**AND NOW, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED GOD,
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
THOU ART MINE, AND I AM THINE. SO BE IT.
AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH,
LET IT BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN. AMEN.**



Prayer Ministry

**The prayer ministry meets every Tuesday
morning at 9:30 am in church. All are
welcome to attend**

Missions & OUTREACH

Service Project Opportunities:

Sept 19th & 20th-ramp in Hallsboro area

October 3rd & 4th-ramp in Whiteville

November 7th & 8th-ramp south of Whiteville

We continue to collect school supplies for Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary school through October and always need individual food items for Back Pack Buddies! See the announcement board for the list of needed items. Contact Ann Clarke with any questions.

The Vow of Service: Mission-minded Christians! (adapt or condense as you see fit)

When we join the body of Christ, we make a vow—a promise before God and others. In the Wesleyan tradition, those vows include upholding the whole church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Service is lived out in so many ways for the glory of God as we share His love with everyone around us!

Matthew 5:14-16 reads: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that[fn] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

John Wesley taught that "If we pray but never serve, our light is hidden. If we serve but never pray, our light flickers. But when we do both, the world sees Jesus." Service is our witness. It is the living gospel in action. You can serve in so many ways! Reach out to us to help you find your area of service for our Lord and Savior!

John Wesley gave us this famous rule:

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

That is a vow of service lived out daily.



CONNECTING HEARTS

FOR JON DAVID

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST



**Please join us in helping with Jon David's journey
as we come together in Faith, Food, and Music!!**

Spaghetti plates will be served 3:00-5:30 pm. You are welcome to pick up "To-Go" plates or sit and eat. At 6:00 pm we will all join together to have a special time of worship music provided by Willing Heart and members of Port City Collective.

100% of Donations will go to Jon David

Donations of cash or checks accepted. Checks may be written to Justin Furlow

506 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Waccamaw, NC

HIGHLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Methodist Women

A letter from the Methodist Women on their ministry.

Lake Waccamaw Methodist Women typically meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30. All women are encouraged to attend and participate in the fellowship as well as the prayer life, missions, outreach, and service projects. Our meetings are very casual and may consist of a salad meal, an ice cream social, making crafts, or games. At most meetings, we have a guest speaker who shares information of interest to the group. Although the women contribute donations each month, our largest fundraiser is our famous annual bake sale, always held on the Saturday before Easter. Over the years our group has purchased many items that you will see around the church. To mention a few: the benches in the Narthex, the weather rugs at each door, the shrubbery across the front of the church, the sidewalk, books for the library, and whiteboards. Last year we refurbished the bathrooms by painting and purchasing a new mirror. We also purchased a stove for the parsonage as well as porch railings. We support mission trips that church members have taken to Rotifunk, as well as preparing layette kits for El Salvador. A regular budget item is Methodist Home for Children. We supply the Upper Room Devotional book. Each month snacks are taken to Hospice by the group. The women furnish flowers placed on the altar during Worship services. We remember those who are sick or need a smile with cards. We prepare meals when there is a death in our church family. At Christmas, we exchange ornaments, and the person whose ornament we receive is our prayer partner for the year. We address other needs as they arise. Please consider joining us as we continue to look for ways to serve.

YOU ARE WELCOME
HERE!!



A photograph of the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church building, a modern brick and white structure with a steeple, set against a blue sky with scattered clouds. The church is surrounded by trees and a lawn.

OCT

12

11:00

LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

Homecoming

WE WILL HAVE A COMBINED WORSHIP AT 11:00
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
