



LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

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Lay Leader Message by Amy Sessions:

One of my favorite contemporary Christian music songs is "Evidence" by Josh Baldwin.

The chorus goes,
"I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life."

He sings of seeing the evidence of God's goodness in every aspect of his life, from the cross to the empty grave to the sins that have been rolled away.

So I ask you this question: where have you seen God's goodness in your life lately - at home, at work, in our community, and even at church? I can definitely say that in the past three months I've seen God's goodness working through the lives of the people of our church. I've seen it in people stepping forward to fill roles that are vacant, in people from our congregation stepping out of their comfort zone to give a powerful message about what God has laid upon their heart and in giving testimonies of God's faithfulness in their lives, and I've seen it in Sunday School classes being remodeled. All of this didn't happen by itself. The Holy Spirit plants the seed and workers show up. From a child coming forward to publicly profess Christ as her Savior through the outward sign of Baptism, to the Bible study continuing with a new brave and fearless leader, to youth and leaders traveling to Surge to witness God and learn more with other youth and leaders of the area in God's great outdoors, to Sunday School classes filling up, as well as pews and chairs during worship, I've seen the evidence of God's goodness all over our lives!

God's goodness is evident with the rising of the sun and the beauty of nature. In almost everywhere you look, you can see the evidence of His goodness. My prayer for you is that you can have eyes to see and to recognize and then to Praise the Lord! Those in our church that are stepping up and stepping out, I see you! God sees you! God is smiling because of your response to His faithfulness.

God is good because He loves us and wants what's best for us. His goodness is demonstrated through His actions toward us. We see evidence of God's goodness every day. For me, it's in nature with the rising of the sun each morning, in the rain falling from the sky, in the flowers blooming, and in the sun setting every evening.

I close with this verse from Psalm 126:3: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Church, may we live as people filled with JOY for what the Lord has and is doing for us!

Love and many blessing for you and our church!



Please consider signing up for church and Sunday School nursery-our church is growing and the babies are too! See **Patty Hobbs** if you can serve in this way.

Updates on Global Methodist Church NC Provisional Annual Conference (GMCNCPAC)

The first GMCNCPAC will convene on October 5-7, 2023 in Fayetteville.

- Oct 5th: Clergy Conference
- Oct 6th: Convening Conference
- Oct. 7th: Ordination Service

Please visit the GMCNCPAC website at <https://gmcncpac.org/>

for additional details

Our GMC District:

We are the Elizabethtown District now. We changed due to the number of churches who have joined GMC. Matt Seals, District Presiding Elder
Rev. Matt Thorley, Local Presiding Elder for LWMC, Shiloh, Riegelwood, and Elizabethtown.

*Our next Waccamaw Circle meeting is Sept. 18th at 7 pm. LWMC will be hosting and all are invited.

Bible Study

Join Bible study on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We are studying the book of Judges: God's redeeming grace and unending mercy. Anyone can join in at any time. See Wendi Rhodes with questions.

What's Happening at LWMC

*The work continues! The Partnership Sunday School joined together to paint and update the K-2 classroom and the back wall in the Library/Wesley classroom. We appreciate all the volunteer time and energy to brighten the church. Please "brighten" our Sunday School classes with your presence as we learn, grow, and love God together!

*A big THANK YOU to all who supported Hallsboro/ Artesia Elementary school with your donations of school supplies. The Principal, Dr. Hill, and all the staff were very appreciative. Please keep our teachers, students, administrators, staff, and families in your prayers.

***September 6 at 6:30 pm**: Handbell choir will resume! All are invited to join us. See Mary Barrett

***September 9**: Fifty-Plus will be going to Cape Fear Winery at 10:00 am for lunch and fellowship. Please sign the sign-up sheet outside the pastor's office on the bulletin board. We will leave the church at 10:00 am.*

September 14: Methodist Women will meet at 6:30 pm. Our project will be to make Chrismons for Christmas. You are invited to join in this fellowship and make some memories.

September 17: Round-Up Sunday will begin at 4:00 pm with games, fellowship and fun. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will be served. PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND....OR TWO!

Sunday, September 24 at 5pm-YOUTH RESUMES!

Mark your calendars! Bring your kids. Bring their friends. Pick up the kids in the neighborhood.

The more, the merrier!

Kids Following Christ (K - Grade 2), Book It! (Grades 3 - 5) and Youth (Middle school and high school students) will start anew on **Sunday, September 24 at 5pm**. We are also excited to share tentative plans for the new Little Lambs group (Ages 2 - 4)! Let's feed all these sheep on **Sunday evening** for the week ahead!

Please mark your calendar for **Homecoming 2023** on **Sunday, October 8, Please help us to spread the word and invite others!**

Mission Opportunities

- ⇒ The next Red Bird Mission Trip will be **October 15-20** and then **December 2-7th, 2023**. We will be working in the community on home repairs, working in the food ministry, and in the community store. See Jeff and Ann Clarke or email missionaryfriends@gmail.com
- ⇒ Christmas Outreach Opportunities: Please prayerfully consider helping with one of our Christmas ministries including the Shoe Boxes and the Angel Trees. If you know of a potential mission outreach project or need, please let us know! We are here to support our community as God's hands and feet.
- ⇒ Back Pack Buddies will continue for this school year. Last year, there were 27 children who received a backpack of food for the weekend to ensure they had something to eat.



If you know of needs in our community, please reach out to Amy Sessions, Elizabeth Ehlers, or Jeff & Ann Clarke



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SURGE 2023: God at Work!

In August, our youth attended Surge 2023 at Fort Caswell. The theme was **Rediscover Jesus**. Our youth heard several messages on fear, worry and anxiety. Many teens deal with these daily. God works bad situations for good. God doesn't give you a spirit of fear but a spirit of power. And God is always calling people in your lives that lead you to Christ.



Youth & Leaders attending Surge 2023

Danica and Natalee Kern, Myleigh Moore, Lakyn Wilson, Will McDuffie, Kelsie Clewis, Sara Sessions, Ashley Carter Everette, Tristin Sanders, Johnston Honeycutt, Jeana and Aubrey McDuffie and Tabitha, Chris and Maggie Kern.



Thank you to the congregation for the continued support of our Youth.



“Surge was located at Fort Caswell. It was a beautiful setting. Surge allowed me to enjoy time away to relax and take in God’s wonderful creation. Everybody needs peace and Jesus time!” Sara Sessions



We are already looking forward to Surge 2024!!

