

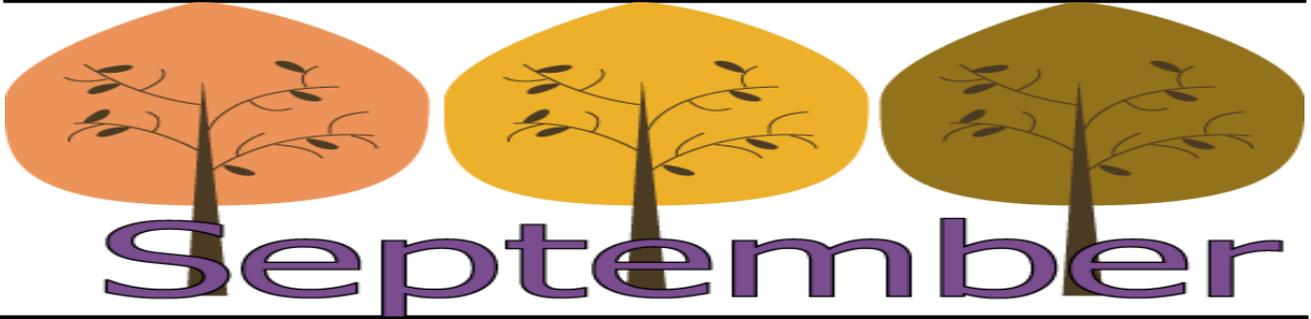
Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church

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Reverend Denise Watkins, Pastor

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Dear Friends,

When my family and I visited Florida last week, we went to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach. What an experience that was. The Marinelife Center is basically a hospital for sea turtles. Injured sea turtles are brought to this Marinelife Center and cared for until they have recovered from their particular injury such as getting hit by a boat propeller, eating fishing line, or being hooked by a fisherman. The tiny hatchlings, the babies, are also there, who did not make it to the ocean after they hatched. They are kept at the Marinelife Center until they are strong enough to be released into the ocean.

There is a two part mission to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center: Recovery and release of the sea turtles; and Education on the conservation and protection of the Sea Turtles. It all started over thirty years ago when one woman, Eleanor Fletcher, noticed that many of the sea turtle hatchlings did not make it to the ocean but got stranded in other directions.

Here at Walmsley, we are committed to this community and making sure that our children and youth get on the right path for life. We believe that this church and the life of faith makes a difference in our lives. We believe it makes a difference in the life of this community.

As we begin this Fall season of the church, we are reaching out to the community and inviting in people in two new significant ways. First we are starting a new Cub Scout troop for elementary school age children, both boys and girls. We will keep you updated on the details as this new ministry begins to take shape.

Secondly for our youth, we will be gathering every second Saturday of the month in the back Youth building from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm for a time of fellowship, devotion, and fun. Then on the second Sunday of each month, our youth will be serving as leaders in the Worship service. There are even already service projects for the youth on the calendar! And don't forget the 4th Sunday Kickball games and lunch.

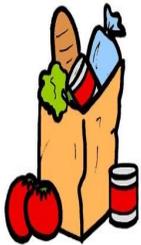
The Way of Jesus is the Way of healing and recovery and renewal. In the early days of the church, the church was viewed as a type of hospital for the hearts and the lives of the people. It does serve that purpose but it is so much more than that. The Church is a Means of Grace that Christ uses to redeem, renew, and bless the community and the world. We are in this ministry together to make a difference, here and now, in the life of this community.

Blessings to you. See you at church.

Pastor Denise Watkins



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Grocery Ministry & Clothes Closet

Tuesday September 11th, 10a-12p



COAT DRIVE!

Collecting coats, hats, scarfs & gloves for the Clothes Closet to prepare for the winter!



Bluegrass/Gospel Jam

Saturday September 22nd, 5p

Finance & Admin Council

Meetings Sunday Sept. 16th

Finance 12p; Admin 12:30p



Sponsored by the WMM & Ignite Youth

**Saturday
September 8th**

Yard Sale begins @ 8a; \$10 to rent a table (contact Matt Thore or Church Office to reserve)

Car Wash begins @ 10a

Bake Sale- Calling all BAKERS to donate baked goods!

All proceeds will go to Anne & Bob Moseley's medical mission trip to Honduras!

5th Sunday Celebration feat.



The Finneys

Sunday September 30th

10a Potluck Brunch

10:30 Worship

ignite YOUTH

Ignite Youth will begin meeting for Youth Group on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4-5:30p, starting THIS month!

Sept. 8th

Oct. 13th

Nov. 10th

Dec. 8th

Bring your children to join the music and fun during Children's Choir at 9:45am every Sunday!

Children's Choirs

Because we were made to praise!

September Birthdays

- 2- John Campbell
- 6- Doug Stewart
- 8- Jennifer Luck
- 9- Dot Moyers
- 9- Jane Mackey
- 11- Lisa Stephens
- 16- Jerry Smith
- 20- Jackie Matze
- 21- Nancy Fallen
- 22- Joyce Shagena
- 25- Joyce Shelton
- 25- Sterling Burton
- 27- Shandra Jaspers
- 29- Herbert Arthur

Sunday Morning Greeters

September

2- Jackie Matze

9- Anne Moseley

16- Gloria & Jerry Holmes

23- Ruby Garrett

Sunday Morning

Readers for

September

2- Bonnie Heretick

9- Gage Thore

16- Gloria Lambert

23- Shaun Cox

1st Week in October Birthdays

- 3- Jerry Holmes
- 6- Cliff Thore

September Anniversaries

- 3- Tammy & Kenny Luck
- 14- Doris & Jack Nelson
- 20- Christine n& Cliff Williams
- 24- Nancy & Dennis Parker



Sign up in the Narthex if you'd be interesting in joining a Youth Praise Team to sing, play an instrument, dance, work A/V, or any other aspect. See Victoria Myers with questions or for more details!

Sunday September 23rd

Kickball!

Every 4th Sunday after Worship
Lunch provided!

Some of you may remember Dr. Nancy Fallen. She was a former member of our church and is the mother of Margaret Fallen. Nancy will quietly celebrate her 100th birthday on September 21st! Wouldn't it would be wonderful to flood her with birthday cards from her former church family? If you would like to send a birthday card, her address is as follows:

**Dr. Nancy Fallen
5823-A Willow Oaks Drive
Richmond, VA 23225**



Save the Dates!

10/9 - Grocery Ministry/Clothes Closet, 10a

10/11 - Josephine Day Cir. Mtg, 10:30a

10/13- Ignite Youth Group, 4:30a

10/14 - Charge Conference, 2p

10/26 & 27 - Lantern Fest

10/28 - Kickball



A Birthday Poem

*Many happy returns of the day of your birth,
May sunshine and gladness be given,
And with the dear Father prepare here on earth,
for a beautiful birthday in heaven.*

Submitted by Gee Gee Whetstone



We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to the Moseley Mission Fund. We have raised \$1,410 so far and will continue to strive to reach our goal of \$5,000. Once we reach the amount needed for the trip, we will be sending the remainder to Friends of Barnabas to help purchase the much needed medical supplies that we will use in November. We can't wait to share our trip with you once we return!
Bob & Anne

In preparation for Charge Conference and the 2019 Budget, we will need each committee chair to submit a budget request for their committee to the Church Office NO LATER THAN SEPT. 10TH. If you wish it to remain the same, please still let the Office know! If a request is not made, your budget line is at risk of being diminished or cut!



Committee Chairs:

- Children & Youth Protection– Gloria Holmes
- Visioning– Rose Henshaw
- Nurturing/Education Ministries– Rose Henshaw
- Outreach– Rose Henshaw/Gloria Lambert

- Witnessing– Wayne Bruce
- Worship– Christine Price
- Staff/Parish Relations- Gloria Lambert
- Trustees– Jerry Holmes
- Finance– Ryan Thore

If you have questions please contact the Church Office.

Cook's Corner



If you'd like to share a recipe, please submit it to the church office.

Homemade Peach Ice Cream

- 4 cups ripe peaches, mashed or puréed
- 1-1/4 cups sugar, divided
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 pint whipping cream, unwhipped
- 4 tsp vanilla
- 2 cans condensed milk
- 1-1.2 quarts milk

1. Combine peaches and 1/2 cup sugar and set aside; stir frequently to help form syrup in the peaches.
2. Combine eggs, cream, 3/4 cup sugar and vanilla in bowl and mix thoroughly with an electric mixer. Pour this mixture in the freezer can;
3. Add condensed milk and fruit. Stir well and add milk to the fill line on the freezer can. Stir and freeze. Do not fill the freezer more than 2/3 full.

Note: other fruits may be used or fruit may be omitted. Peaches which are soft and over-ripe give the best flavor. This ice cream stays creamy in the freezer.



We had a great time becoming heroes and discovering our strength in God at VBS 2018!



2018 CHARGE CONFERENCE

WBUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 2-5P.

THIS YEAR IT WILL BE HELD AT CENTRAL UMC.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!



Hymn Story: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Article written by Mark Beggs

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!*

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) was a prolific hymn writer of the 18th century. Coming from a musical family, he left a lasting legacy of congregational song.

The youngest of 18 children, Charles possessed prodigious talents that soon blossomed. Little did he know that "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," would rise to become one of the most popular and consistently vocalized Christian songs.

Writing hymn texts that are solidly based on the scriptures gives them an appeal across denominational lines. It is estimated that during his lifetime, Wesley penned more than 9,000 poems of a spiritual nature, 6,000 of which are hymns. His writings were passionate and well-crafted, conveying the true essence of Christian teaching.

Wesley married Sara Gwynne in 1749. She was a constant companion to him on his evangelical journeys. Only five of their eight children survived infancy. Charles Wesley Jr. (1757-1834) and Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) were musical like their father, and his daughter Sarah (1759-1828) was gifted in spiritual poetry.

A substantial number of his writings were completed while riding on horseback to his evangelical meetings. What really set Charles apart from other hymn writers was his effective use of scriptural allusion, providing a spiritual roadmap whereby individuals could imagine a Christ-centered life.

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Hymn Story: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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Scholars suggest that he was able to compose about 10 lines of verse daily for 50 years. Charles' brother John sometimes served as editor to his hymns. John's typical response was, "some were good, some were mediocre, and some were exceptional;." John can also be credited with improving the singability of Charles' hymns.

Both John and Charles were instrumental in changing the spiritual environment of Britain during the 18th century. In doing so, they formed the bedrock of what Methodism has become worldwide. Their unwavering devotion to expressing Christian spirituality through hymns has impacted individuals across all denominational lines. "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" was first published in a collection of hymns entitled *Hymns for those that Seek, and those that Have, Redemption in the Blood of Christ* (1747). The incipit (opening line) was a play on the opening line of John Dryden's (1631-1700) poem "Fairest Isle, All Isles Excelling" set to music by Henry Purcell (1659-1695) in the generation before Charles Wesley was born.

The tunes BEECHER or HYFRYDOL typically accompany the text in most hymnals. The hymn is written around a progression of thoughts: (1) our prayers for the Holy Spirit, (2) praying for the return of our Lord through the second coming, and (3) prayers for the finalization of his new creation.

In comparing hymn stanzas across several denominations, very minor variances did occur, mainly in single word changes. However, in the *Hymnal 1982* (Episcopal) stanza two is omitted. The original stanza expressed the Wesleyan concept of the "second rest." When Charles referred to this in his hymns, it specifically applies to the "second birth," "second blessing," "second gift." All of these are directed toward achieving full "sanctification" or "Christian perfection." This is an important theological tenet of Methodist preaching from the very beginning.

There is no better way of describing the culmination of adhering to the biblical teachings of Christ, than in stanza four of this hymn. Wesley's phrase, "change from glory into glory" is almost a direct quotation from 2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV). Wesley describes that day in heaven when "we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise."

We are fortunate to be the recipients of the poetic genius of Charles Wesley. He influences Methodism more than any other hymn writer. Upon hearing of Charles' death, an elderly Londoner asked, "Who will write poetry for us now?" What better way to be thought of, than by your poetic and spiritual impact on congregational song?

Borrowed from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-love-divine-all-loves-excelling>

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Every Sunday: 9:45a, Sunday School/ Children's Choir	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4	5 Every Wednesday: 10:30a, Bible Study 6p Choir Rehearsal	6 Every Thursday: 8p, NA	7	8 8a, Yard Sale 10a, Car Wash/ Bake Sale 4p, Youth Group
9	10	11 10a, Grocery Ministry/ Clothes Closet	12	13 10:30a, Josephine Day Circle Mtg	14	15
16 12p, Finance Mtg 12:30p, Admin Council Mtg	17	18	19	20	21	22 5p, Music Jam
23 12p Kickball	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10a, 5th Sunday Celebration, Special Guests The Finneys						