# The Church With The Warm Heart

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### "Passionate Worship"

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:1-2)

In spiritually passionate communities, there's a palpable, noticeable, distinguishable, observable AIR of expectancy as people gather for worship. Musicians, ushers, greeters, and other hosts arrive early; and with care and eagerness they prepare together, encouraging one another. They genuinely delight in one another's presence, and they give attention to the SMALLEST of details to make the service go well for worshipers.

The gathering congregation, even when it includes many first-time visitors, never feels like a crowd of strangers. There's a unifying anticipation, a gracious and welcoming texture to the way people speak, act, and prepare. The pastor, music leaders, and worshipers expect something important to take place, and they're eager to be part of it.

They EXPECT God to speak to them while they experience God's presence, forgiveness, hope, or direction. Singing together, joining voices in prayer, listening to the Word, confessing sins, celebrating the sacraments, they intermingle their lives with each other, and they connect to God.

EXPECTANCY pervades the congregation, the active passion to serve God and to love one another. You can feel it. Authentic, engaging, life-changing worship derives from the experience of God's presence, the desire of worshipers for God's Word, and the changed heart people deliberately seek when they encounter Christ in the presence of other Christians. An hour of Passionate Worship changes all the other hours of the week.

A Challenge for today: Learn to prepare your own heart before watching or listening to the worship service. Rather than looking for performance, search actively for what God desires to say to you through the music, prayers, Scripture, sermon, sacrament, and fellowship. And listen to the sermon to discover that Passionate Worship is not just vertical but it is multi-directional.

# **FENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates. www.wesleyumcchicago.org

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR AUGUST: "Passionate Worship"

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Scripture for the month:

 $^1$ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  $^2$  Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.  $^3$  Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:1-3

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-10

see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise

Psalms 105:1-11

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

"It's About Time"

Pastor Leverette Bryant First Timothy Baptist Church, Chicago, IL

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

Stay curled up and cozy at home while helping your community, by supporting...

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Stay-at-Home

Ladies,
Look for your invitation in the mail soon! Tea A FUNDRAISER

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FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Place: Your house!

Cost: Your gracious donation

Benefit: Knowing you've helped others

in need

### **Morning Scripture**

**Exodus 3:1-10 (NKJV)** 

And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE				
Morning Worship (8/2/20)	73 (views)			
Worship Call "	29 (callers)			
Sunday School "	11 (callers)			
Prayer Group	5 (callers)			
Bible Study	6 (views/calls)			
UMM Meeting	7 (viewers)			
TOTAL	131			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their <sup>[a]</sup>sorrows.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

# Psalm of Praise Psalm 105:1-11

### (R) They who wait for the LORD shall re-new their strength.

<sup>1</sup> Oh, give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

### <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

<sup>3</sup> Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

# <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek the LORD's presence continually!

- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,
  - <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones!

### (R) They who wait for the LORD shall re-new their strength.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is our God, whose judgments *are* in all the earth.

# <sup>8</sup> The LORD is mindful of his everlasting covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand generations,

- <sup>9</sup> the covenant made with Abraham, his promise sworn to Isaac,
- <sup>10</sup> and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel *as* an everlasting covenant, saying,
- <sup>11</sup> "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

### (R) They who wait for the LORD shall re-new their strength.

#### **PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- Multiple ways to worship! Our worship services are now available online! Go to:
   www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap SUNDAY SERMON. The videos are also available on
   other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC
   Chicago), and will be posted on our Facebook page each Sunday afternoon
   (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the Weekly
   Worship Conference Call at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- Do you have the *GivePlus+* app? Electronic giving just got easier!! Vanco's *GivePlus+* app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the *GivePlus+* app, (click for *Apple*, or *Google*) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message! Simply send a text to our <u>DEDICATED</u> text number, 1-833-595-0705, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- UMW Stay-at-Home Tea Fundraiser What a challenging summer! Never more than for the children and youth displaced from valuable summer camps and other support programs. Saturday, August 29, 2020 Wesley's UMW unit invites you to curl up in your favorite chair and relax with a soothing cup of tea! We will be sending invitations to tea with a complementary tea bag and a return envelope for a donation. Your gift will help the UMW continue on-going support of programs such as Kids Above All (previously known as ChildServ) and other programs serving women, children and youth that struggle to maintain services during the COVID crisis.
- 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive Wesley has kicked off our 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive! We are asking each member of the church to prayerfully sign a pledge, committing to one of two sacrificial giving program tiers for the first 6 months of the year: Contractor @ \$750; Bricklayer @ \$500, either of which may be submitted in installments or a single payment. Our faith-raising goal is \$60,000.

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Kaylin Horvath	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Eboni Hudson-Layne	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Charles Woolery, Sr.	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Clarence Sanders	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Johnee Hooks	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Leslie Stokes	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Rodney Westerfield	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Bradshaw	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
Lucille Sanders	August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Hart	August 26 <sup>th</sup>
April Crockett	August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Hubbard	August 26 <sup>th</sup>
Mildred Echols	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odis Franklin	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Wormsby	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	B.J. Curtis	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Monee Spearmon	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Faye Smith	August 30 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Kokuma	August 21st	James Moss	August 31 <sup>st</sup>

### **PRAYER LIST**

### Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>				
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)			
*Lucille Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)			
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)			
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)			
*Eric Geralds (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)			
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)			

GENERAL				
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk	Belinda Starks		
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	Katherine Thompson		
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew	Shatarah Ridley		
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew	David Williams		
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon	Owen McPherson		
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson	James Williams		
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	James Taylor		
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	James Curtis		
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom	The Baker Family		
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols	Anna Young		
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum	Dorothy Williams		
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard	Lois Tucker		
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith	Katherine Evans		
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders	Carl Frazier		
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt	Robert A. Watkins		
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs	Aaron Thomas, Jr.		
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden	Michael Miller		
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families	Gregory Simms	Angel Acosta		
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*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders	Tammy Pompeo		
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	Brittany Porter	Sharon Cruikshank		
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Vinelle Myrie		
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks			
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	Kathy Jenkins			
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson			
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson			
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Jerry Simmons			
*Ena Davis (1)	Rochelle Johnson			
Alexandria Ward	The Ford & Robinson Families			
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu			
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton			
Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	Aiden Combs			

# GOOD FATS

Replace saturated fats with unsaturated fats as part of a healthy eating pattern. Unsaturated fats can help lower bad cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and they provide essential nutrients your body needs. Here are four easy and delicious ways to get more of the good fats.



# GO FISH

Eat at least 8 ounces of non-fried fish each week, which may be divided over two 3.5 to 4-oz. servings. Choose fatty or oily fish like albacore tuna, herring, lake trout, mackerel, sardines and salmon to get essential omega 3 fatty acids.



Munch on a small handful (about 1 oz.) of unsalted nuts and seeds for good fats, energy, protein and fiber. Good choices include almonds, hazelnuts, peanuts, pistachios, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and walnuts.





# 6 ADD AVOCADO

Snack, cook and bake with avocado to add healthy fats, fiber and essential vitamins and minerals.

# **O** | CHECK THE OILS

Use cooking and dressing oils that are lower in saturated fat. Good choices include avocado, canola, corn, grapeseed, olive, peanut, safflower, sesame, soybean and sunflower oils.



## **Social Commentary**

### When Will Black Lives Matter to Us All?

by John Fountain



Maybe you've never stood in a church, witnessing little Black children barely tall enough to peer into a small casket file by to pay their last respects to a murdered playmate. Or maybe you've never heard the blood-curdling shriek of a grandmother overcome by grief over an innocent child gunned down while selling candy or jumping rope, or struck in the head by a stray bullet while watching cartoons — brain matter and blood covering the floor where Stevie Perry, 10, had been sitting (2001).

Maybe you've never smelled the scent of gunfire, sweat and fear mixed in one suffocating cloud. Never experienced that moment of silence after the chaos and terror of another shooting on the block before the eruption of screams and sirens. Never had to cower as a child in a bathtub in fear of a bullet penetrating the walls. Maybe you've not grown weary of seeing teddy bear street memorials, of the ever-growing list of names of African Americans gunned down by another African American. You couldn't know the tragic stories of Rashonda Flowers, 6 months (1990), Dantrell Davis, 7 (1992), Tyesa Cherry, 16 (1992), Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, 12 (1994), Frances Colon, 16 (2013), and many more recent young and innocent victims of this city's legacy of gun violence. Because if you did, then you might understand how some Black folk find it hard to reconcile how so many of us can scream "Black lives matter" when it is clear as day that to the young Black men terrorizing Black communities Black lives don't matter.

Ourselves victims of systemic racism, some Black folk like me understand well the complex web of socioeconomic, educational, environmental and political oppression we have endured for 401 years. We are aware that murder is mostly intraracial: Whites kill whites. Blacks kill blacks. We are also well aware that there are those who errantly and maliciously point to the murder of Blacks by Blacks to excuse the slaying of Blacks by white police officers, to falsely accuse Black folk of being inherently violent. But what could be more violent and evil than the enslavement, lynching, rape, murder and oppression of a race of people for centuries?

That brand of hate known as American racism — administered through American institutions and by racist police — must cease. So must the hate and violence inflicted upon innocent Black children and Black neighborhoods by a relatively small group of young Black men who are just as brutal. We have no beef with the Black Lives Matter movement. But dead is dead.

So maybe you can understand how some of us believe that Black lives won't matter until we fervently march collectively and find solutions on both fronts, and Black lives matter to us all.

### **Little Known Black History Fact**

William 'Bill' G. Mays

By D. L. Chandler



The late **William "Bill" G. Mays** was a pioneering Indiana businessman who applied his resources to bring prominence to not only his holdings but other entities across the state. Among his many accomplishments, Mays was the first African-American chairman of the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, cementing his designation as one of the state's most successful businessmen.

Mays was born December 4, 1945 in Evansville, Indiana. Graduating at the top of his class, Mays entered Indiana University and followed the footsteps of his chemical professor father en route to earning a degree in chemistry in 1970. He earned his MBA from the school in 1973.

Combining his interests in science and business, Mays worked for several prominent chemical companies throughout the '70's while amassing leadership experience. In 1980, using a bank loan and savings, he began the Mays Chemical Company earning \$2.2 million in sales in his first year. As the company grew, May absorbed smaller chemical companies into his own brand before expanding nationally.

In the '90's, Mays revived the state's oldest Black newspaper, *The Indianapolis Recorder*, which is also the fourth-oldest newspaper in the nation. Mays lent his advice and mentorship to other aspiring business owners and became the first Black person elected to the Indiana Hoosier Lottery Commission.

In 1996, Mays carried the Olympic Torch during its stop as part of its national tour before concluding in Los Angeles for the Summer Games.

Mays died on December 4, 2014.

Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

# **AUGUST 2020**

+ Event occurs after worship service
\* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails regularly for schedule changes.

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9 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259#  Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	10	11	LifeLine Screenings Remote Bible Study 11 am 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	Remote Prayer Group 11 am Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	14	15
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### **SAVE** these **Conference Call Numbers**

Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service 1.425.436.6348 Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

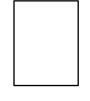
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1.312.626.6799 Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

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Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call: 1.605.475.4000

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## Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

This year we will celebrate Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary! We are so very grateful for the years of service to this community, yet we know there is still much left to be done.

We've kicked-off our **66**<sup>th</sup> **Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, "Building for the Future." Program details will be shared periodically via email. Please prayerfully consider participating in this sacrificial giving program. These special gifts can be given in a single payment or in installments over several months. We need your sober commitment to support our church and serve the Lord through this ministry!

### 2020 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan) Week of August 9th - August 15th

### August 9

Ezra 8:21-9:15 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 Psalm 31:1-8 Proverbs 21:1-2

### August 10

Ezra 10:1-44 1 Corinthians 6:1-20 Psalm 31:9-18 Proverbs 21:3

#### August 11

Nehemiah 1:1-3:14 1 Corinthians 7:1-24 Psalm 31:19-24 Proverbs 21:4

### 2020 Vision: "The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

### August 15

Nehemiah 9:22-10:39 1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13 Psalm 34:1-10 Proverbs 21:13

### August 12

Nehemiah 3:15-5:13 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 Psalm 32:1-11 Proverbs 21:5-7

### August 13

Nehemiah 5:14-7:73 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Psalm 33:1-11 Proverbs 21:8-10

#### August 14

Nehemiah 7:73-9:21 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 Psalm 33:12-22 Proverbs 21:11-12