

February 28, 2021

We are now well into the season of Lent - I made the comment on Sunday that it is strange to find ourselves here when it feels as though the Lenten season of 2020 never ended! While I firmly believe that God in no way caused the COVID 19 pandemic, I do take comfort in the fact that God works **everything** towards good. The arc of history, the universe and creation all bend towards God's justice (which is always redemptive and never retributive, but I'll save expounding upon that for a sermon sometime!).

I find myself looking back at the experience of the last year, the bridge from Lent to Lent as a time of purification. I set some unhealthy practices down, and I picked some new ones up. I hope that you will take the opportunity that we are presented with in this season of preparation to do the same. I myself am fasting from things that I use to fill my time or distract myself from being fully present in the moment. Social media is one thing that I find myself using as a distraction - a way to avoid present difficulties or inconveniences.

I would invite you to do the same - remove something from your life that serves as a distraction and repurpose that time sitting in the presence of the one who works all things towards good.

Greg

*The Chancel Flowers are given by  
Don and Judy Davidson in  
memory of our parents,  
Miriam and Charles Kent &  
Jean and Don Davidson.*

#### GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Carolyn Wilkes** by Rubye Screws

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Rev. Mike McAfee** by Linell & David Pringle

In memory of **Jim Dryman** by Linell & David Pringle

In memory of **Gerry Espiritu** by Susan & Tommy Hudson

In memory of **Eddie Copeland** by Danette Copeland

In memory of **Beth Johnson** by Beverly Schlitzkus

In memory of **Julia Holland** by Linell & David Pringle

In memory of **Ralph Hammond** by Wednesday Women's Bible Study; Linell & David Pringle; Diana & Gary Orr; Mary & Gene Stewart, Lynn & Wes Ezzell; Barbara & Elmer Ross, Traci Huckaby, Jon & Sharon Beck

#### WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

In a recent sermon, Pastor J talked about the tradition of "giving up something" for Lent. March is Wynnton's month to donate food to fill the pantry at the Network, and a great opportunity to act on Pastor J's challenge. Grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed have been placed in the church. Among the suggested items are canned meat, vegetable, beans, tomato products, fruit, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, rice, and soup. Please take one and fill it with your donations and then return it to the church. There will also be a drive by drop off of your donations on Saturday, March 13th between 10:00 and 12:00. Volunteers will be available under the portico to unload your food donations. Your generosity will fulfill the ministry of the Network to help those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your support.

A Disciple Leaf will be placed on the Endowment Tree of Life in memory of our dear friend, Jean Adams, by Neita & John Denny.

### LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Dorothy & Mike Johnson on the death of his sister, Beth Johnson, of Newnan, GA on February 16, 2021.

### JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, the Chancel choir will sing "Jesus Full of Grace", an anthem based on a hymn by Charles Wesley, "O Jesus Full of Grace and Truth". The music in this anthem is as beautiful as the text is reverent. It develops slowly, restrained at first, then brings the singer and the listener to a great response to God's grace; a life of holiness.

"Jesus Full of Grace" by Nicole Elsey and Robert Sterling  
"Precious Jesus, more full of grace than I of sin, open your arms and take me in. Great Redeemer, free me from my own selfish will, and love this faithless sinner still. Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You. Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through. May Your perfect will be all I pursue. Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

Patient Shepherd, You know the way to bring me back. Restore in me the faith I lack. Gentle Healer, please make my broken places whole, my fallen spirit to console. Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You. Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through. May Your perfect will be all I pursue. Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

The ruins of my soul repair. Please, make my heart Your house of prayer. Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You. Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through. May Your perfect will be all I pursue. Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You. Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You."

Romans 5:21  
But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Jennefer Spell	Kathy Draughon
John and Saunders Richey	Norma Meadows
Brad Trim	Carolyn McCollum
Glenn Killough	Teagan Gregory
Matthew Allen	Eric Sears
Anne Turner	Dorothy Robinson
Calleen Gregory	Nancy Abernathy
	Will Rucker

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Julia Holland  
Alyssa & Dom Edwards & family  
Renee & Glen Summerlin & family  
Sandy Dryman & family  
Jerry Adams & family  
Nancy Hammond & family

### Flower Delivery

Vicki & Glenn Martin

### BASEMENT NEWS



Youth will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! Please wear masks. Temperatures will be taken at the door.

### Wynnton UMC College Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2021 College Scholarship. The scholarship is for members of Wynnton pursuing any field of study at an accredited school of higher learning. Applications along with guidelines for the scholarship are now available in the church office. All applications must be received in the church office no later than May 2, 2021. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, February 28

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Sunday School - Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. The Link - Fellowship Hall  
Rev. Greg Harrison
- 5:30 p.m. Basement - Youth

#### Tuesday, March 2

- 9:45- 12:15p.m. Open Door Circles - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Quiltling Group - Alpha Building
- 6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, March 3

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Zoom Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Service
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Zoom Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Feb. 26-28,  
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258

### READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

**February 28:** Matthew 8:1-13, Exodus 39-40,  
Proverbs 18

**March 1:** Matthew 8:14-34, Leviticus 1-2, Proverbs 19

**March 2:** Matthew 9:1-17, Leviticus 3-4, Proverbs 20

**March 3:** Matthew 9:18-38, Leviticus 5-6, Proverbs 21

**March 4:** Matthew 10:1-25, Leviticus 7-8, Proverbs 22

**March 5:** Matthew 10:26-42, Leviticus 9-10,  
Proverbs 23

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 28 Jim Culpepper, Amy Moxley
- 2 Lynn Christenson
- 3 Andrew Hubbard, Ellie Martin, Collin McCann, David Pringle
- 4 Cynthia Kelley, Margie Spurlin, Larry White
- 5 Nathan Baker, Judy Peek, Martha Sherman
- 6 J.T. Taylor

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

#### 2-21-21

General Fund.....	10,817.11
Endowment Fund.....	1,062.50
Music.....	25.00
Pastor's Emergency Fund.....	500.00
Other Income.....	190.50
Pine Eden.....	250.00
Wynnton Arts Academy.....	260.00

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

*An Inevitable Secret*  
Mark 4:21-34  
Rev. J Grantham