



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Worship Like No One is Watching”

September 24, 2023

Have you ever given much thought to what it means to worship? We come to church every Sunday morning and gather to sing. We spend time listening to the Word of God, we recite our beliefs and we hear a message. But is Sunday morning the only time we worship?

Here’s the thing: Worship is not only meant for a service at church. We can worship anytime and anywhere. It is our greatest joy to worship God in all we do. We worship God when we read the scripture in church each week, but we can also worship by reading the Bible at home each day. We worship in church when we sing praises to His name, but we can do the same on the way to work each and every day.

Worship is not limited to a time or place; we get the opportunity to worship no matter where we are. This series we have been working through is called “Live Out Loud.” We can live out loud for God through our passions and our opportunities. Every passion we have influences the opportunities we have to serve God. Each of those can also be a time of worship!

So often we hear that the church needs us to give ten percent of who we are, and we call that a tithe. But if we are only giving ten percent of ourselves to God, then we are missing out on precious time of worship with Him!

God wants more than just a little bit of our time. God wants to be with us every moment of the day. Our role as Christians is to strive to worship Him in everything we do. Pray when you go to work. That is worship. Listen and pray for those you run into at work or at the grocery store. That is worship.

Here’s the thing: Worship can comprise everything we do if we choose to do it for God. Jesus set the example we all strive for, and that was the example that God is to be our focus no matter what we are doing. It does not matter what the world thinks of you, worship like no one else is watching. Because the only one who matters is God, and He has always had His eye on you.

By His Grace,

Will

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Terry Bohler** by Dorothy & Mike Johnson

In memory of **Chuck Danner** by Dorothy & Mike Johnson

In memory of **Lomax Jones** by Linda Jones

In memory of **Scott Dubose** by Linda Jones

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Dorothy Batastini in the death of her husband, Joe, of Columbus, Ga on September 17, 2023.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Bobbie Edmondson** by Linda Jones

In honor of **Jean Mullins** by Linda Jones

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of my father, David Frank Bruce and in honor of my granddaughter, Catherine Ward for their birthdays, Oct. 1st by Shirley Moon.

IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study has begun! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 1:1-11. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday night to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 95 kids! Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, scooby-snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have two available dates: Oct. 29, & Nov. 5 for Chancel Flowers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Brenda in the church office.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Romans 8:31-32

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

As we continue our "live-out loud" sermon series, I am reminded that God knows us, called us, redeemed us and will glorify us. Therefore, He must be for us; for all of us who are in Christ by faith. What a profound and amazing thought it is that God, our Creator, is for us! Sunday's Chancel Choir anthem "If God Be for Us" by Joseph Martin, powerfully illustrates the message of Romans 8:31-32. God offers comfort and promises to care for us. The text encourages us to turn from self-reliance, to God reliance; "God's mighty arm will save us, release your doubt and fear."

"If God Be for Us" by Joseph Martin

If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our refuge, God is our strength! God is love, and from our sin redeems us, God's mercy shall never end. God alone is our foundation. God alone is our salvation. I am persuaded if God be for us, who can be against us.

If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our splendor, God is our light! God will shine the glory all around us. Then, why should we fear the night? God alone is our sustainer. God alone is our defender. I am persuaded if God be for us who can be against us.

The Lord of life is with us. The Lord is ever near. God's mighty arm will save us, release your doubt and fear. What pow'r could ever take us? We're safe in His embrace. No word can sound against us, for we are saved by grace.

If God be for us, who can be against us? God is a Rock in a weary land! God is strong and by His pow'r defends us. He shelters us in His hand. God alone is our Creator. God alone is our sustainer. I am persuaded if God be for us, who can be against us? If God be for us, who can be against us? Amen!

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.



- **Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement**
- **211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!**
- **Youth CORE Group Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ**
- **Prayer Breakfast & Jesus 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey**
- **Fall Retreat will be Nov. 17 & 18**
- **Fall/Winter Calendar is now available**
- **Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010**
- **Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010**

Adopt-a-Student

We would love to invite you to join us in providing a connectional opportunity for some of our non-local college students. Many of our College Students desire a community connection. Some examples could be a home cooked meal, a place to wash and dry clothes or just someone to contact in case a local emergency with their car may arise. This is a powerful way to provide connection for a group of students who are on our campus weekly. For more information please contact Pastor Jason. If interested use the QR code or click on it to support this ministry by Sept. 7th.



COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS September 24, 2023

Sojourners

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Minor Prophets Reading

Week 3

Last week we started reading the book of Amos. Now, these chapters we read this week focus on the topic of judgement. This is a focus of a lot of the Old Testament, and while that can get difficult to read through it is still relevant to us now. The Israelites in the Old Testament reflect us. Just like they made mistakes, so do we. The point here is that there is still more we can do to move forward in connection with God Almighty. The point is not to scare us into behaving, but rather to make clear just how seriously God takes this. God takes it seriously, so shouldn't we take it seriously as well?

-Will

9/24- Amos 2
9/25- Amos 3
9/26- Amos 4
9/27- Amos 5
9/28- Amos 6
9/29- Amos 7
9/30- Amos 8

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

There are still opportunities in the month of September to serve at Wynnton Arts Academy.

September 22 is Arts Day at the school. Gloria Toelle and John Bray have volunteered to display some of their paintings along with the students. If anyone else is interested in joining them, please call Shirley Richey @706-332-6890.

On September 29, students will be treated to sundaes. Donations of toppings are needed. Begin now to place toppings such as sprinkles, chocolate chips, M&Ms, etc. in the bin in the Ministry Center.

The school is well-supplied in school uniforms and school supplies. The teachers do need boxes of tissue and bandaids for their classrooms. These items may also be placed in the donation bin.

Shirley will take all donations to the school.

Thank you for supporting our connections with Wynnton Arts Academy. Call/text Shirley @706-332-6890 with your questions.

MEAL TRAIN

Thank you to all of you who have been part of the Meal Train. The Hart Family is still having difficulties, and are in and out of the hospital now. Moving forward, the family still needs aid but they have requested that it be through gift cards for restaurants, grocery stores, or anywhere else that could be useful instead of meals. We appreciate any help you could give to them during this difficult time. Thank you.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of October. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Come and participate in game day every first Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building!

We will be going to Roosevelt's Little White House in October. More information to come. To sign up to go, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or by phone 304-439-4202 OR you can sign up on the bulletin board in the Grimes' hallway.

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 27 Bill Pope
- 28 Kaye Hill, Jeffrey Therrien
- 29 Jennifer McDaniel

OUR STEWARDSHIP

9-17-23	
General Fund.....	10,071.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	250.00
Endowment.....	100.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	400.00
Sunday School.....	36.00
Missions	50.00
Loose Offerings.....	55.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

9-17-23	
8:30 a.m. Service	41
Modern Service	21
11:00 a.m. Service	92
Sunday School.....	71

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
Home of Beth Hendrickson
Come join us!

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD
September 24:**

Team 2: Scott McCranie, Harold Hill, Mike Wolfe

WELCOMER

9:30-11:15 a.m. Mary Nell Blasingame

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Worship Like No One is Watching
Psalm 96

Dr. Jason Wade – 8:30 a.m.
Rev. Will Walley – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Tina Martinez
Michelle Foote	Robert Garrard
Kaye Hill	Mailyn McConnell
Lynn Christenson	Scott Mims
Kay Hart	Tom Stafford
Jarrold Hart	Sabrina Hart

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

The Spell Family
The Danner Family
The Batastini Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting - Library
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Groups - Basement
6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Alpha Building
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, September 26

5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Wednesday, September 27

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Friday, September 29

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.

Flower Delivery

Betty Woodruff and Shirley Richey

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Sept. 22 - 24
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039



For the Shoeboxes in September, we are collecting individually packaged toothbrushes and size Medium and Large youth t-shirts.

Help us reach our goal of packing 180 boxes!

So far, we have:

- Hairbrushes: 57 of 90 needed
- Large combs: 68 of 90 needed
- Socks: 67 pairs of 180 needed
- Toothbrushes: 90 of 180 needed
- Washcloths: 126 of 180 needed
- T-shirts: 102 of 180 needed
- Deodorant: 57 of 180 needed
- Cars/Trucks: 15 of 30 needed
- Jump Ropes: 8 of 30 needed

We reached our goal with crayons, paper, pencils, and sharpeners. Thank you to all who have been contributing! We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, Michaela and Pam will purchase items for you.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

Membership Card and Updates:

Please help us update our information by using this QR code or click the image. This is just another simple way to help us update your membership status. You can also pick up a card from the church office!



We're looking for volunteers for the Modern Worship Service. If you play an instrument or sing, feel free to join us at our practices every Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the Ministry Center.



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer to serve in the Modern service.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

All of the staff have new email addresses which are as follows:

- jwade@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- wwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
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- bwilson@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- tdorminey@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- dboensel@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- modernworship@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- mderbypreschool@gmail.com

Please check your spam or junk folder in your email to ensure that you haven't received something from the church.