

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Intimacy With God”

January 28, 2024

How many people do you really know? I mean people that you would have no problem saying that you know them inside and out. People that you have truly lived life together and spent time in the trenches with them. For a lot of us, there would only be a few people that truly know us that well. There are different levels that we allow people in to know only certain details about our lives, but there are those few that know it all, and through thick and thin, they have walked with us every step of the way.

Being in an intimate relationship truly means that we have to let down our guards and be vulnerable to those we allow into our inner circle. We have to be willing to give back as much as we are receiving and to assure them that their deepest secrets are just as protected as the ones we have shared. The world is definitely a hard place to find those people we can call true friends or even family. It means that we are willing to sacrifice who we are for the ability to create a relationship connection that is personal and intimate.

I say all this today because that is exactly what God was willing to do for us. I know that we probably don’t realize it, but God was willing to strip Himself down and become for us the greatest friend that we could ever have in the form of Jesus. Jesus represents the fullness of God’s intention of intimacy. Throughout the Old Testament we see a God that was separated from His creation because of the sin that was in the world. However, God desired a more intimate connection.

From the creation of the world in Genesis, God desired a relationship with us, and the introduction of sin caused a disconnect that we could not overcome on our own. God knew that something had to be done to restore that relationship, and that plan came in the form of Jesus. Jesus is the full life example of God’s desire for an intimate relationship with us. Through the life and ministry of Christ, we are able to see the fullness of God’s plan and the desire to show us His unconditional agape love. God was willing to take the first step to restore the relationship, and now it is our choice to take the next step.

So as we continue in our Awaken series, I pray that you will step into this opportunity to be more intimate with your relationship with God. I pray that we will all understand that God still has a desire to be an “Audience of One” with us on a daily basis. God has not moved away from us but continues to wait patiently for us to come home like the good Father that He has always been. I continue to pray that we will be able to open our eyes and fully see that God has such a desire to use the people of Wynnton to make an enormous impact on our community here. However, before we can make our impact on the community, we have to make sure to restore our intimate relationship with God. May we always seek His face and lean on His grace as we are AWAKENED to His vision for this place.

In His grip, Jason

The Chancel Flowers are given anonymously in thanksgiving for Reverends Will and Michaela Walley, for their service to our Lord through Wynnton Church, and for the new opportunities for ministry that God has planned for them.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Oz White** by Carolyn Cartledge; Betty Woodruff; Cindy & Randy Autry

In memory of **Ralph Hammond** by Beth & Larry Hendrickson

CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have a couple of openings to beautify our sanctuary. If you would like to put flowers in the church, please call Brenda in the office. Here are available dates: Feb. 11 & 25. If you would like to partner with someone to cut the cost, we would be happy to publish both in the Newsletter.

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace is an amazing opportunity that we have to minister to children in our area. Last semester, we served 103 children from Wynnton Arts Academy on a weekly basis. In January, we will be once again gearing up to serve the children in our area with weekly backpacks of food. Please help us by contributing. We are always in need of fruit cups, individually packaged snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, scooby-snacks, pudding cups, etc.), individually packaged breakfasts (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contributions so that we can purchase these items. There will be a box under the giving tree during the month of January, or you can drop the items off in the Ministry Center's ministry bins. If you have any questions, please let Michaela Walley know.

LOVE OFFERING

If you would like to contribute to a love offering as we bid farewell Rev. Will and Rev. Michaela Walley, please send it to the church and earmark it, "Will and Michaela Love Offering." We wish them blessings as they pursue the next steps in their careers. We will present the gift to Will and Michaela on Sunday, January 28th.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024

5:30 p.m. Pot luck Dinner
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday's anthem, "The Power and the Glory" by Joyce Eilers, joyfully speaks to the power of salvation through personal conversion. Joyce Eilers was recognized as one of the top choral composers in the United States. Her legacy includes hundreds of choral compositions and a best-selling method book for teaching sight-singing. The depth of her Christian faith and her commitment to God is evidenced by the jubilation and beauty of her choral compositions. We revel in the opportunity to share this testimony in song with Wynnton. This composition allows each of us to feel the joy of being redeemed by God's grace through the atonement of sins. It is our continued prayer that the lyrics and music combined will reach the hearts of the singer and the listener, and together with God's grace, share hope, light, and peace all held up by faith.

"The Power and the Glory" by Joyce Eilers
*I was a sinner I was slippin' away, when the Lord laid His hand on me. "Come to the water and be born again, and my love will set you free."
Power! He is the power, and the glory! I will give Him the glory! Hallelujah, Oh Lord, and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today. He knows the worries in a troubled mind and the hurt in a grievin' heart. He'll take your burden if you only believe, you can have a brand-new start. Power! He is the power, and the glory! I will give Him the glory! Hallelujah, Oh Lord, and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is a gift from God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

Watch this space for new opportunities to serve the students at Wynnton Arts Academy!!

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS January 28, 2024



Joyful Noise

***ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!**

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!
- Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Youth Committee Meeting 4pm January 28th
- In February, we are starting a series called “True Love Waits” that’s designed to teach our youth about God’s love and how we can model that in our relationships. We will hold a commitment service on February 25th from 5-7 pm in the Basement.



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 February. 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.

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Bryant Giang
Adam Walker

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.

IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend; it’s still not too late to join us! We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week our reading will be from Mark 6:30-52. 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 the 28th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

-Will

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 3



This week we will be finishing our reading through Joshua. The readings for this week seem very methodical, and almost exclusively on the distribution of land for those among God’s people. While at first glance it may be easy to dismiss it as simply historically, these verses open up something important that relates to us as well. God took the time to ensure everyone was cared for, each and every family individually. God took the time to make sure they all had an allotment of land. God also gave His people, and those foreigners that lived among them as well, a place of refuge if they committed a mistake. God gave them grace. These verses help remind us the care God goes into for each and every one of us. God takes care of us. -Will

- Jan 28 Josh 18:11–28
- Jan 29 Josh 19:1–31
- Jan 30 Josh 19:32–20:9
- Jan 31 Josh 21
- Feb 1 Josh 22
- Feb 2 Josh 23
- Feb 3 Josh 24



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.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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| Sue Rogers | Lexy McRae |
| Aubrey Walker | Jennefer Spell |
| David Woolbright | Frank Feagle |
| Pam Feagle | Richard Holmes |
| Betty Garrett | Shelley Montgomery |
| Jeanine Cotton | Robert Garrard |
| Michelle Foote | Sabrina Hart |
| Kaye Hill | Bob Lowery |
| Lynn Christenson | Beverly McDaniel |
| Virginia Bonner | Jennifer Ramey |
| Jaleen Welch | Abraham Cook |

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
 Family of Frances Grell
 Family of Frederick Woodruff

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD
 January 28, 2024**

Team 6: John Taylor, Chuck McDaniel

OUR STEWARDSHIP

1-21-24	
General Fund	23,926.00
Music	50.00
Missions.....	50.00
Loose Offerings	80.00
Other Income	195.00
Sunday School	34.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 28 | Margaret Ellen Alexander |
| 31 | Sue Pope |
| 1 | Don Davidson |
| 2 | Steve Croft |

OUR ATTENDANCE

1-21-24	
8:30 a.m.	40
9:00 a.m.	23
11:00 a.m.	77
Sunday School	128

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

- jwade@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
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- mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
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- bwilson@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- tdorminey@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- musicdirector@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.

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

2023 was a record year for the Network. We served 6,340 families with food, which is more than a thousand families greater than our previous record year in 2019. We served 19,681 individuals, a 30% increase from last year. Of those individuals, more than 8,000 were children. Many more families wished to be served, but the Network has been forced to limit the number of families served each day to 25. Families start lining up to receive food more than two hours before opening. Sometimes our 25 families are in line by an hour prior to opening. The first day of the Thanksgiving Food giveaway, the first family arrived at 1AM. This shows the desperation of those wanting food.

We also served a record number of families with utility assistance. We aided 637 families and spent our budget of \$60,000. This is up from \$56,000 last year.

We could do none of this without the incredible support we receive from our wonderful congregations! Please realize your help changes many lives here in Columbus. Your gifts of time, money and food are very generous, and we rely on you.

Thanks,
Sue Hiers
Wynnton Neighborhood Network

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Audience of One: Intimacy with God
Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

8:30 a.m. - Rev. Will Walley

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Jason Wade

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Modern Service - Ministry Center
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting - Library
- 2:00 p.m. Reception for Will & Michaela Walley - Ministry Center
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Basement
- 5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement

Monday, January 29

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday School Council Mtg. - Ministry Center

Tuesday, January 30

- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting - Library

Wednesday, January 31

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Leadership Team Meeting - Ministry Center
- 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, February 1

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Friday, February 2

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

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies January 26-28
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691