



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“A Seed from the Sower”

October 13, 2024

Growing up in Statesboro, I remember seeing commercials from a man by the name of Michale Guido from Metter, Georgia. All during the day, there would be a short three-minute devotional with birds chirping and an excited older man sitting in the garden ready to tell a story - a story that would be geared to a common theme that would connect his story to a very important biblical principle. I would always watch it and think, “What in the world is this man doing?” Then I would do my best to mimic the birds whistling in the background. Little did I know that this example of God’s Word would sink into my heart and begin to grow.

You see, it has been some 35 years later, and as soon as I mention this story, I envision the man and his stories revolving around my head: stories about David facing a giant, God’s people walking on dry land, Abraham being faithful and so many more that I could not even count. As funny and awkward as this three-minute commercial seemed, seeds were being planted for what God was preparing to nurture and eventually harvest.

As we walk into this *NEW SEASON* together, I pray that you recognize that God has not only been preparing Wynnton for seeds to be planted, but also preparing your field to be planted as well. I know that you have heard me speak many times that God is capable of using anyone at any time of their life, and I continue to fully believe that now. God has used children, young adults, adults and mature adults to plant seeds that multiply a harvest. God has chosen people who were just as normal as you and I and used them to build His kingdom, destroy walls, defeat giants and even walk on water... for a brief moment.


You see, the Farmer has continuously been attempting to sow the seeds in each and every one of us. The real question that we need to answer is, when is God ready for the seeds to take root and grow? Well, to be honest, that is all based on the condition of the soil. As we see in Jesus’ parable of the sower, there are many different types of soil, and we all represent each of those soils in different seasons of our lives - seasons where we have found ourselves at the foot of Jesus and seasons where we have felt so distant that we ultimately believe that God does not care; seasons where we are growing stronger and stronger in our faith, and seasons where we continuously question EVERY step God is walking us through.

As Paul is writing his passionate letter to the people of Galatia and to us, we finally begin to realize that we know that the seeds have taken root in us when we are able to begin telling our story. I know that you may say, “OK, Jason, here we go again,” but I do need you to realize that even our sermon series has been leading us all to this point. The story that we share is the fruit that is being revealed through seeds that were sown by the Sower. None of this is happenstance. ALL of this is a way for God to demonstrate to us all that He has been tending our gardens at Wynnton for a long time and He is ready to begin to see the growth and harvest that is ready to be reaped. We just have to faithfully believe and trust that God, the SOWER, has given us such a time as this to grow and flourish for the glory of God.

The Sower has already been and will continue to cast out seeds into the prepared soil and fields. We just need to believe and accept that NOW is OUR TIME for the NEW SEASON to begin producing the fruit God has been nurturing for a long time.

In His grip,
Jason

**P.S. If you are interested, please go to YouTube and search for a seed from the sower Michael Guido Ministries to experience how God used Metter, Georgia, to impact my life.*



*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of John & Lenore Ash
by The Pringle family.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Joan Carswell** by Zane Draughon

In memory of **Rodney Dean** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Betty Garrett** by Pam & Mike Woodard; Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; Penny & Jim Lamb; Zane Draughon; Sharon White; Linell & David Pringle

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Andy and Austin Colvin for their baptism** by Zane Draughon

In honor of **Kay Hart** by Jennie & Ken Payne



WE NEED YOU!

October 30th 5-7 p.m.

Thank you to everyone that signed up for the Trunk or Treat. Here is the list of participants. If you signed up and you don't see your name please text Melissa (706)249-2260 as soon as possible.

April Wade, Jason Wade, Jenny Horton, Preschool, Children's Ministry, Jaquisa (Q) Stephens, Pat Kelley, Rob and Elizabeth Harbison, Alyssa and Dom Edwards, Brenda and Bart Wilson, 7 Youth cars, Steve and Sarah Croft, Lindsey Thigpen, Maria Holmes. The cut-off to sign up is October 16th, so if you want to get in on all the fun, contact me or Teresa ASAP! All participants need to have their cars set up for the event by 4:30 on the 30th. The Trunk or Treat will feature the cars for trick or treating, balloon animals by Josh Edwards, a dunking booth to get your favorite pastor wet, a fire truck for the kids to explore, a hayride provided by Jarrod Hart and a hotdog dinner generously organized by The New Beginnings Sunday School Class. I am so excited for this opportunity to bless the neighborhood kids with a safe place to have fun. Remember if you can't sponsor a car **BRING CANDY!!!!!!** We will need all we can get!!!!!!

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Our Wynnton Choirs strive to sing with precision and beauty so that our music glorifies God, and lifts the spirit of our congregation. As a small group, we strive to become a close-knit Kingdom community. Within our small group, we share scripture, prayer, prayer concerns, new ideas, anthem requests, and so much glorious music! This Sunday, our Wesley and Chancel Choirs will sing lovely, inspiring arrangements of Louisa M. R. Stead's 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus. It seems is fitting that Louisa wrote this hymn about faith and trust during her difficult time as a missionary in Africa.

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word; just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord." Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. [refrain]

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Contributions to the Church	\$67,394.33
Expenses of the Church	\$77,990.30
Our August Deficit	\$10,596.97
Our Year to Date Deficit	\$16,785.19

HURRICANE RELIEF

Wynnton Family,

We will be helping with hurricane relief by collecting items for Angel Flight. Angel Flight will make flights delivering specific supplies to help those states affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Angel Flight is in a holding pattern until Hurricane Milton makes landfall and is gone. We will be collecting the following items over the next couple of weeks:

1. 16-34 oz. Dawn Dish Soap
2. Clorox Wipes
3. Duct Tape
4. Scrub Brush (with or without a handle)

Please bring your items to the church and put them in the bin marked Hurricane Relief that is located in the hallway, outside of the library. With the Communion offering collected, we will be purchasing Disaster Relief buckets.



There's no better time than now to get connected with the student ministry here at Wynnton! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us at any of our gatherings throughout the week.

Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study

6:30pm-8:00pm
Ambassadors of Christ

Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast

7:00am-7:30am
Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey

211 Faith Connection/Sunday Night Youth

5:00pm-7:00pm
The Basement

Also, please send your student's extra-curricular schedules to me as well. We want to be a Wynnton family, and I would love the opportunity to come support our students doing the things they love!

If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our student ministry opportunities or provide meals for our students, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. You can text me (912-618-0365) or April Wade (770-380-2294) to sign up.

Dates to Save:

Wednesday, Oct 30

Trunk or Treat
5pm-7pm

Friday, Nov 22-

Sunday, Nov 24

Fall Retreat
Epworth by the Sea

Wednesday, Nov 6

Fields of Faith
Kinnett Stadium
6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday, Jan 23 -

Sunday, Jan 26

Rock the Universe

To sign up for the **Fall Retreat at Epworth:**

- Go to our web page (wynntonmethodistchurch.org)
- Click on the Youth tab
- Follow instructions to register

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Blessings,
Derek Harrison

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery

8:30 am - 12:15 pm
Infants - Age 2
First Floor Grimes Building



Sunday School

9:45-10:50 am
3-year-olds - Fourth Grade
First Floor Grimes Building

Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)
3-year-olds - Fourth Grade
First Floor Grimes Building
**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 13:



Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Marcia Therrien

Children's Church:

Elizabeth Harbison and Brenda Wilson

**Children's Worship
Bulletins™** ☀️

Children's bulletins are available on Sunday mornings for all services. They are in the Sanctuary and in the Ministry Center.



**NEWS FROM WYNNTON
PRESCHOOL**

As we embrace the month of October, let's focus on the theme of "Embracing Change." Change whether big or small, brings new opportunities for growth and renewal.

This month, challenge yourself to set new goals, learn something new, and reconnect with others. By viewing change as a chance for positive transformation, we can all grow stronger together. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Charge Conference
- 6:20 p.m. Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

Thanks to all who are sponsoring students for Christmas. You will be given the details for each student on **Sunday, November 10**. This allows the school time to collect the details from the parents whose children will be receiving gifts.

Your participation in this special project is much appreciated by the school, parents and children.

Always needed at WAA:

Boxes of tissue, hand sanitizer, band-aids

Place all donations in the WAA bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/text Shirley at **706-332-6890** if you have any questions.

NEW GROUP

The series of sermons we have heard recently entitled, *Something to Say*, plus other related sermons have sparked an idea for me. For a long time, I have been hearing God's call in my spirit to write about events in my life. A few weeks ago, I attended a church service while on vacation. During this service I heard about a small group that met to write and share experiences meaningful to their lives. I felt God placed me there that Sunday to hear about this.

I would like to begin a similar group here at Wynnton Methodist. Remember we all have something to say. This group would give you the opportunity to share your stories. For example, with our 100th anniversary as a church coming up, you might share stories of growing up in this church. This can go in whatever direction we feel God leading us.

Please let me know if you are interested. You can call/text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 14 Don McCollum, Scott Mims
- 15 Teresa Dorminey, Mac Plummer
- 17 Catherine Hubbard, Vicki Ragan
- 18 Ramona Andresen



OUR ATTENDANCE

10-6-24

8:30 a.m.....	42
9:00 a.m.....	23
11:00 a.m.	111
Sunday School	88

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-6-24

General Fund	20,517.00
Backpacks of Grace	150.00
Communion	1,019.00
Endowment Fund.....	20.00
Loose Offering.....	52.00
Methodist Home	100.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music	125.00
Open Door	100.00
Operation Christmas Child	150.00
Other Contributions	114.00
UMCOR.....	150.00
Wesley Glen	100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network	125.00
Scholarship Fund	50.00
Sunday School	101.00

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.





We are collecting children's t-shirts now. Hobby Lobby has shirts for \$2.99. Quite colorful! Youth sizes are needed. We need plenty of them. You can find other needs OCC has by looking at the list on the door right past the Welcome Center. The packing party is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 6** after our Wednesday Night Supper. If you are collecting at home, you can get boxes and fill your own, or you can bring your box and pack with us.

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| Toothbrushes: 129 | Ikea cups: 300 |
| Washcloths: 75 | Notebook paper: 46 |
| Combs: 200 | Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10 |
| Hairbrushes: 22 | 24 pk Crayons: 179 |
| Deodorant: 72 | Markers: 74 |
| Ball Caps: 16 | Sharpener: 275 |
| Colored Pencils: 278 | Note pads: 40 |
| Socks: 6 | T-Shirts: 108 |
| Erasers: 100 | Pencils: 350 (need plenty) |
| Pens: 292 | Scissors: 39 |
| Ikea bowls: 300 | |

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.
Pam Gilstrap

SUNDAY'S SERMON

The Seed Must Be Sown
Galatians 6:6, Mark 4

8:30 a.m.- Rev. Steve Croft
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Jason Wade

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: October 11-13

Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039



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 Friday 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.

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

October 13:
Lynn White and Bart Wilson

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD October 13

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon,
Brett Hubbard

Flower Delivery

Judy Davidson



COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

October 13

Pathfinders



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Genesis Class will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year.

Orders taken: **Oct 5 – Nov 3**

Sizes:

28" - \$45.00

22" - \$30.00

Additional items for sale also.

Orders will be delivered the **week after Thanksgiving**. See a Genesis class member for more information.



The athletic department at CSU will be hosting a golf tournament on Wednesday, November 13th. We will be partnering with them to help with registration and handing out food. They will then, in turn, make a donation to our Open Arms Ministry!! If you are interested in helping, please let Steve know as soon as possible.

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Adam Walker
Sam Perez

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

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Sabrina Hart
Pam Feagle	Walter Cook
Jeanine Cotton	Ben Smith
Michelle Foote	Candace Hickman
Virginia Bonner	Larry Campbell
Lynn Christenson	Jonique Edmondson
Hazel Hope	Linda Jones
Scott Mims	Joyce Hawkins
Mike Woodard	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Evan Kelley and Charles Kelley
Family of Betty Garrett
Family of Rodney Dean

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 39

Scripture Readings



This week Jesus is informed about the death of His dear friend, Lazarus. His interaction with the sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, may be well known to many of you. They provide us with great hope in the face of grief. We also see the religious leaders being greatly offended by this miracle and plotting to kill Jesus. Sit with each day and listen. If you sense the Lord is speaking to you about anything specific, I would love to hear from you.
Steve

October 14	John 11:1-8
October 15	John 11:9-16
October 16	John 11:17-24
October 17	John 11:25-37
October 18	John 11:38-44
October 19	John 11:45-53
October 20	John 11:54-57



Saturday, November 2, 2024
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Ministry Center

Winter Warm Wear Drive

In connection with our Open Arms Ministry for our **November 2 event**, we will be testing a new ministry opportunity. We are inviting the church to partner with us in collecting the following items in hopes of distributing in November. Please make note of these standards and stipulations for adult and children's items:

- New or gently used, clean knit hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Sweaters
- Coats
- Socks – **must be new**



Please bring all clothes on hangers with size and gender labeled.

Dropoff begins: **Wednesday, October 16**
More details to come.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 14

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
12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting - Library
5:00-7:00 p.m. 211 Family Faith Connection - Basement
6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Alpha Building
7:30 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, October 15

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, October 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, October 17

9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Building
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - Basement
5:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
5:00 p.m. Open Arms Leadership Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Library
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 18

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

Friday, October 19

7:00-7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center

