



Born to...

These 2 words have formed the beginning of more phrases, expressions, advertisements, songs, and bumper stickers than I can remember. Motorcyclists, equestrian enthusiasts, and Progressive insurance commercials often talk about being “born to ride.” Campers and RV aficionados are proud that they were “born to wander.” A 2020 presidential candidate was quoted as saying he felt that he was “born to be president.” And, of course, popular musicians have been telling us for years that we were “born to be wild,” “born to boogie,” and “born to run.”

While these expressions may represent a diverse collection of secular concepts, they do all share one thing in common. They all suggest that we were born to **do** something – to be active. This is true for us as Christians as well. One of the key messages of the Bible, from start to finish, is the fact that we were put on this earth – born, so to speak – for the purpose of running the race of life, being active, serving a purpose. In the first two chapters of Genesis, God provides those first humans with the mandate to be fruitful and to work and keep the land. In the New Testament, Paul famously talks of finishing the race, and in Hebrews, we are to be encouraged by the example of those who came before us to “run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

But let’s face it, we all get tired. We all need a break from the rat race. We all need a little vacation and some down time to recharge the batteries. But as we consider what it means to be good stewards of the blessings and gifts God has given us, let’s remember that even as we engage in rest, relaxation, and sabbath, the race that we were **born to run** still awaits. It’s a race that demands endurance and strength, for sure, but most importantly, it requires us to acknowledge and accept the responsibility we all have to be selfless in our commitment to turning over control of our whole life to God, and having the courage to go where God leads. May we all the faith to run the race we were born to run – all the way to the finish line.

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*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Art Chriss on his birthday by Susan Chriss.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

In memory of **Steve Smith** by Linell and David Pringle

**REMEMBER**

If, for some reason, you did not receive your weekly Newsletter, you can read it on our website [www.wynntonumc.org](http://www.wynntonumc.org).

**CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Date: October 24, 2021  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Wynnton UMC

## PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again, and we are happy to announce the prices remain the same as last year. Please see any member of the Joyful Noise class to place your order. Our first order is due Oct. 10th, a second order will be placed November 7, and a final order December 5. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

### Prices

1 lb. halves \$12.00

1/2 lb halves \$7.00

1 lb. pieces (large, medium, small) \$12.00

1/2 lb. chocolates (dark, milk, white) \$8.00

## BASEMENT NEWS



**Oct. 10:** Smores on the Patio

**Oct. 17:** Movie Night

For information about the Wynnton Youth Group contact Rob Harbison, (706) 289-3082, r.harbison@mchsi.com

## FLOWER DELIVERY

Judy Davidson



The youth started a new Sunday School series on Christian doctrine from the Book of Romans. Please join us!

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

As we reflect on stewardship this month, I am reminded that it is yet another way for us to use our gifts to grow in our relationship with God. We are blessed by the good and positive things in and around us. The ultimate source of those blessings is God. Our hymns and songs are a vital way to express our thanks and praise to God for our many blessings. Our music can lift us up and remind us of God's grace. This October, the Wynnton Choirs will sing anthems that call us to be good stewards, and remind us that God's grace, greater than our sin, gives us what we could never earn.

Wesley Choir

"I Am Thine, O Lord" by A.L. Butler

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me. But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee. Draw me nearer Lord to Thee. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine. Draw me nearer Lord to Thee.*

Chancel Choir

"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 pieces 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. 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.*

Ephesians 2:8-10

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...*

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

## BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! - to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are still 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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 10

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook  
11:00 a.m. The Link - Rev. Greg Harrison  
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building  
12:15 p.m. Church Council Meeting  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Basement - Youth

### Monday, October 11

Office Closed - Columbus Day

### Tuesday, October 12

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, October 13

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

### Thursday, October 14

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

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Born to Witness*  
Hebrews 12:1-14  
Rev. J Grantham



## Operation Christmas Child

The boxes are ready for pick up if you have not gotten any boxes. They are located in the main entrance. You will find an information sheet in the box. Please read that information.

Note that there is a Boy/Girl sticker to place on your box(es) and indicate the age of the child. We are asked to send a \$9 donation for each box in one of two ways. You can give the \$9 online and follow your box or you can mail the money in the envelope you will find at the OCC table. If you pay online, they will send you an email thanking you for the donation, so you know it went through.

Remember, the date for turn in is November 14.

Thank you and have fun packing some boxes!

## Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Debi Meacham Wright
Anne Turner	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Wanda Jones
Lillian Cox	Kerry Mess
Lynn Christenson	Jennefer Spell
Beverly Ragsdale	Jim Accordino
Tom Hart	

## Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Sandy Dryman & family  
Chris Alexander & family  
Ernest Hale & family  
Agnes Tew & family  
Sharon White & family  
Maria & Joe Bannon & family  
Alice Smith & family  
Family of Joanne Cole  
Family of Rev. Jim Trice  
Family of Richard Geeslin



**Children's Programs**

Pumpkins are full of goop and gunk when we first open them. In order to use pumpkins as a light to the world, we have to clean them out. When we accept Jesus, he cleans out the gunk we call sin and makes us into something new! 2 Corinthians 16-21

A pumpkin is still a pumpkin until we put a light inside. Then they become something bright, shining a light for kids on Halloween. God wants us to let his light shine in our hearts so the world can know about Jesus. Matthew 5:13-16

No two pumpkins are shaped alike, and no two jack-o-lanterns look alike. They are all unique, just like us. We were all created uniquely by the God who loves us. John 12:20-22

The sad thing about jack-o-lanterns is they don't last. They all rot and decay. Our bodies won't last forever either, but if the light of Christ is in us, we can go to Heaven and receive a new body. 2 Corinthians 5:1-12

The nursery is available from 9:30 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 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd 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.

**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

- October 10:** Revelation 10, Nehemiah 13, Psalm 104:24-35
- October 11:** Revelation 11, Esther 1, Psalm 105:1-25
- October 12:** Revelation 12, Esther 2, Psalm 105:26-45
- October 13:** Revelation 13, Esther 3-48, Psalm 106:1-23
- October 14:** Revelation 14, Esther 5:1-6:13, Psalm 106:24-48
- October 15:** Revelation 15, Esther 6:14-8:17, Psalm 107:1-22
- October 16:** Revelation 16, Esther 9-10, Psalm 107:23-43

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 10 Joe Bannon
- 11 Nancy Abernathy, Suzanne Supple
- 12 Lillian Cox, Ruth Pennington
- 13 Sandy Dryman
- 14 Don McCollum, Scott Mims
- 15 Mac Plummer, Amanda Walker

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**10-3-21**

General Fund.....	16,378.00
Missions.....	62.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	100.00
Other Contributions.....	5.00
Open Door.....	100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	125.00
Wesley Glen.....	100.00
Methodist Home.....	100.00

**PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies October 8-10  
 Rev. Greg Harrison 478-955-1577