

Food for thought from J

February 27, 2022

Over the last few weeks, at the beginning of every worship service, I have been reminding our congregation about our new Children’s director, Meghan Gross, and the new programming she is already developing and implementing at Wynnton. Additionally, I have lifted up our volunteers who have been so faithful in offering their talents and passion for helping teach and lead children over the last year. One of the reasons for these announcements is that we should all be thankful to God for blessing us with such good and faithful servants who have remained committed to serving our children, and for sending such a dedicated follower of Christ to be our new Children’s director. But reminding us of our need for gratitude is not the only reason for keeping this focus on children at the forefront of our minds.

After the challenges we, and all churches, faced during the pandemic, it is exciting to be looking forward to what this can mean for the future of our church, as we reintroduce many of the internal programs and community outreach events that have been such an integral and energizing part of Wynnton’s history. So many important aspects of the discipleship process for us as members of Christ’s church revolve around reaching out to families and children that it is critical to our individual and collective growth that we get back to these basics of service and stewardship as soon as possible. More importantly, though, is what all of this can mean for our role in living out Christ’s commands to be his witnesses to the world and that we be about the business of feeding lambs and tending sheep. As important as it is that we grow as disciples, our greatest spiritual growth comes when we turn our focus outward, demonstrating the love of Christ so faithfully and visibly that we draw others toward a similar life changing relationship with Jesus.

In 2021, our church council approved, as a key strategy for Wynnton, a renewed focus on family and children’s ministries. I believe our efforts toward this strategy can provide many new opportunities for ensuring our focus as a church remains appropriately - outward. As we look to the immediate future in pursuit of this strategy, in addition to consistent, high quality Sunday morning children’s programming, we will also be reintroducing important ministries like our first confirmation class since the beginning of the pandemic and an Easter focused community outreach event. Of course, this is where we need the help of all our members. We still need volunteers to lead and facilitate Sunday morning children’s activities. We will need volunteers to help with confirmation and to serve as mentors for our confirmands. We will need volunteers to help with upcoming, large-scale community events. And we need everyone to invite friends, co-workers, and family members with children to come and be a part of these activities.

All churches know that attracting and ministering to families with children is essential for the long-term survival and growth of the institution of the church. But even more important is our obligation to our savior to teach his lessons and to live as witnesses to his love. In the weeks and months ahead, I call on each of you to remember these priorities and to consider, prayerfully, how you are being changed by the reality of Christ in your life and how these changes are leading you to participate in the ministry of our church to families and children.

INFANT BAPTISM

Rory Everett Miller, son of Jordan and Brian Miller, was baptized in our Sanctuary last Sunday by his grandfather, Rev. J Grantham.

IN MEMORIAM

Larry Googe
February 22, 2022

“In my Father’s house are many mansions...”

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

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Lenore Ash** by Sharon White

In memory of **Rubye Screws** by Nicole & Ken Kennedy

In memory of **Bettie Watkins** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

WYNNTON KIDS

I am so excited for where God is taking Wynnton's kids. They are working their way through stories in both the Old and New Testament with experiments, object lessons, games, crafts, and snacks to help them dive deeper into the Word of God. I've heard it said that kids don't just want to hear the story. They want to experience it by tasting it, getting their hands into it, and really using all five senses to engage with it. That has been a main focus of this ministry, that as we provide fun activities for them to immerse themselves in the stories, that they would not only grasp important concepts but that they would ultimately love God's Word and want to read it for themselves and develop personal relationships with Christ because of it. We try to create amazing memories for them to recall when they are older, which will help reinforce the stories beyond Sunday morning. This is no easy feat, but it is one worth striving towards!

I've received requests to serve with Wynnton Kids. If the idea of raising up kids to be passionate followers of Christ that inspire others to wholeheartedly pursue Him excites you, send me an email at mgross@wynntonumc.org. I would love to talk with you more about how we can utilize your gifts for God's purposes in these children's lives.

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 March. 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.

The wife of our former pastor, David Blalock, is undergoing difficult medical treatments. Prayers, cards and letters are appreciated and may be sent to:

Patsy Blalock
5249 Windmill Pl
Evans, GA 30809

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Try, try again! Plans are being made for our Packing Party this year! In October, we will fill our boxes for children around the world. We can help make a difference in their lives.

Different items will be requested each month to bring to the church. A bag will be in each SS class for these items. There will also be a bin in the hall for items. The goal is to pack 250 boxes this year!

In the next two weeks of February, hair brushes, plain ball caps, hair bands, large combs will be collected. Check the dollar stores. They have the brushes. Walmart has some plain caps.

In a message from Samaritan's Purse: Praise God for shoebox gifts that were collected last year. Thank you and all Glory to God!!

Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School meets in the Basement from 9:45-10:45 AM Sunday mornings. Students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts, and topical discussions of God's word. Eliza Daffin leads us in March. If you haven't been in a while, now is the perfect time to lean back in! For info or if you're interested in volunteering with the youth, contact Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082.

WYNNTON UMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2022 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 1, 2022**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

1. School supplies--teachers need glue sticks, pencils, markers, notebook paper
2. Cookie decorating supplies: sprinkles, small candies like M&Ms, or Skittles, small containers of icing, plastic spoons, small paper plates.
3. Bags of individually wrapped candy for the end-of-school-year celebration of positive behavior rewards.

Please deliver to the door of the school or leave in the blue bin at church for Shirley Wright to deliver.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on the second floor of the Grimes building.

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 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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

The Oxford Dictionary defines vision as the state of being able to see, or the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination and wisdom. It is a human quality akin to imagination. Our vision can guide and influence us. Imagine the vision of Christ as experienced by Peter, James and John when Jesus led them up a mountain and was transfigured before them. It was a vision that strengthened the faith of the apostles. This Sunday, regarded as Transfiguration Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing an arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision" based on an ancient Irish melody. The text is a paraphrase of an eighth century poem. It is a prayer that expresses our need to have a vision of God and experience His presence.

"Be Thou My Vision" (ancient Irish) arranged by Edward H. Wetherill

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou my inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
Amen.*

Matthew 17:1-2

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Flower Delivery

Judy Davidson

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Kerry Mess
Lillian Cox	Jennefer Spell
Lynn Christenson	Jim Accordino
Beverly Ragsdale	Gwen Bolin
Jean McGlamry	Joyce Hawkins
Aubrey Walker	Margie Spurlin
The Meacham Family	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Rubye Screws
 Family of Stella Jambon
 Family of Marjorie Croft
 Family of Sarah Crawford
 Family of Jeanette Bunch
 Family of Wanda Jones
 Family of Carole Mitchell
 Family of Brad Trim
 Family of Lenore Ash
 Family of Larry Googe

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
 Streams Live on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church - Grimes Building

Monday, February 28

10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, March 1

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
 5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing

Wednesday, March 2

10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

1:00-2:30 p.m. Preschool CPR Training - Fellowship Hall

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

February 27: Matthew 7, Exodus 37-38, Proverbs 17
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

27 Aubrey Dryman, Gloria Toelle, Elaine Ward
 28 Jim Culpepper, Amy Moxley
 2 Lynn Christenson
 3 Andrew Hubbard, Ellie Martin, Collin McCann, David Pringle
 4 Cynthia Kelley, Margie Spurlin
 5 Nathan Baker, Judy Peek, Martha Sherman

OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-20-22

General Fund.....7,581.00
 Endowment.....50.00
 Missions.....100.00
 Other Contributions.....25.00
 Souper Bowl.....65.00

SUNDAY’S SERMON

Seeking Steadfastness
Romans 5:1-5

Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Feb. 25-27
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258