

*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“Words to Live By”**

**February 18, 2024**

As we step into this week, we begin a journey that allows us to walk together in surrender and humility to the cross. I know that many people in this world have not forgotten the endpoint of the journey, but they totally neglect the importance of the journey that led to Golgotha. So many thoughts go through my head each year as we step into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. I cannot fully fathom the difficulty of the many decisions He made in order that we could receive such an amazing gift of grace.

We have been walking through the Sermon on the Mount and listening as Jesus has been pleading with our hearts to AWAKEN to the fullness of Christ’s message to His church. Every time I read the words from Matthew 5-7, I am reminded that this was truly the beginning of His message to us as it pertains to His decision to encounter the cross. He was trying to help us see through His eyes and understand the fullness of God’s love, but we still wanted something more. We could see the simplicity of the Gospel as it stood before us, and even today, we still question the fullness of His authority over our lives.

This week I learned that more than 6.6 million people drive by our church in a given year. Let’s let that sink in for a second... 6.6 Million people drive by our campus in a given year. Do they know what we believe? Do they know the foundations and principles for which we stand? Are they turned off because of our name, our beliefs, our hate... our love? All of these come back to the simplicity of our words. Regardless of the size or the location of our community of faith, people know who we are by our words and our actions. They are able to truly understand what we believe by the way we act toward them and by the words that we use to engage them on a regular basis.

This Lenten season, I am inviting you to walk with me through some of the most powerful words that Jesus spoke to us on His journey to the cross--words and phrases that have so much power, yet many times we have failed to take the time to hear them and apply them in our lives. Over the next seven weeks, we will take a journey into God’s Word and recognize that Jesus has given us everything we need to live a life filled with compassion... desire... vision...and faith. Words that challenge us to endure the times of discouragement...thirst...surrender...and trust.

I challenge us all in the next 46 days to stretch ourselves once again to listen to the Words of God as He is preparing us once again to speak into the future direction for Wynnnton. God has been and will continue to stir our hearts and minds as we walk through this year with a new attitude to be stretched like never before. We are in need of these Words to Live By so that we can continue to focus our eyes on the movement of Christ within our church in preparation to extend God’s Word to the World. May we receive these ashes as reminders of our journey to humble ourselves and spend the time in remembrance of the Word who came in flesh to teach us how to live.

In His grip, Jason

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**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

In memory of **Lexy McCrae** by Doris Hicks

**GIFTS OF LOVE**

In honor of **Neita & John Denny** by Carol Hammock

*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Rachel and Mac Plummer.*

### January Financial Statement

Contributions to the church	\$51,251.16
Expenses of the church	\$67,733.21
Our deficit was	\$16,482.05



Welcome Back: Time to start over on our collecting! We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For February, we are focusing on collecting **washcloths and toothbrushes**.

If at any time you find a good deal on anything we collect, please let us know so we can let others know where to find that item.

Keep in mind, these items are **not** allowed: soap, toothpaste, candy, liquids, camouflage, and tiny toys/balls.

Thanks, Pam and Deanna  
Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

### WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

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

### COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS February 18, 2024



Pathfinders

### JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Sunday, February 18, is the first Sunday in Lent; what a wonderful opportunity to renew our Covenant with God! The Wynnton choirs will sing prayerful music that calls us to accept the gift of God's Grace, to open our lives to God, and to make room for God in our hearts. The Wesley Choir anthem, *Living for Jesus*, stresses personal commitment to Jesus Christ because of what he did for us through his atonement. The commitment is total as the singer "owns no other master" than Christ, who sits on the throne of our heart. The Chancel Choir anthem is Mary McDonald's profoundly beautiful arrangement of John Wesley's *Covenant Prayer*, which can be found on page 607 in our hymnal. Wesley's prayer is not just a prayer of thought, but also a prayer of action. It considers our desire to be useful in our service to God. The words of this prayer remind us to "freely yield all things" to God.

"I Am No Longer My Own" Music by Mary McDonald

*I am no longer my own, but yours! Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering. I am no longer my own, but yours! Let me be employed for you, laid aside for you, be exalted for you, or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely yield all things. And now, glorious blessed God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am yours. So be it! You are mine and I am yours. Amen!*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

### 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. We are always in need of fruit cups, individually packaged snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, scooby-snacks, pudding cups, etc.), individually packaged breakfast (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contributions so that we can purchase these items. Please consider helping.**

**\*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
- No Prayer Breakfast because of Winter Break
- We are continuing our **True Love Waits** Emphasis this Sunday and throughout the month of February.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm
- Spring and Summer dates will be out **SUNDAY!** Pick up a brochure!



**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.



**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.

**FLOWER DELIVERY**



**February 18**  
Rachel Plummer

**THE BRIDGE COLLEGE MINISTRIES**

If anyone would like to help support our Bridge College Ministry through providing food for these amazing students each week, please contact Grace An George and let her know you would like to help. Secondly, if you would like to give funds towards our weekly meal, you can give through our normal giving options and ear mark it for Bridge College Ministries. We are having between 20-25 college students on Thursday Nights at 7:30pm. Thank you for your continued prayers for God to open doors into these students lives.

Grace An George: 678-575-2759

**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Week 5



As we begin our Lenten journey together, we are able to truly dig deeper into the ministry of Christ. We watch as Jesus once again teaches us the importance of ministry and service over ritual and law. Jesus is speaking to our hearts as well and reminding us of the importance others getting to know the fullness of Christ. Through the next few weeks, I invite you to dig a little deeper into the teachings of Jesus as we journey towards the cross again. May we take the opportunity to listen and allow Christ to reveal to us again the glory of His calling into the world. Christ is beginning to sift the hearts of those who are truly desiring to follow and be a disciple from those just wanting to come along for the ride. Which are we?

Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	John 5:16-30
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	John 5:31-47
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	John 6:1-15
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	John 6:16-24
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	John 6:25-40
Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	John 6:41-59
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	John 6:61-71



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.

### PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday  
(Drop in)



12:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Frederick Woodruff  
Family of Clara Russell  
Family of Lexy McCrae

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 2-11-24

General Fund .....	10,536.00
Loose Offering.....	67.00
Missions.....	50.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	211.51
Other Income .....	20.00
Sunday School.....	41.00

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

19 Pam Woodard  
22 Debby Hubbard, Paul Therrien



## OUR ATTENDANCE

### 2-11-24

8:30 a.m. ....	31
9:00 a.m. ....	15
11:00 a.m. ....	118
Sunday School .....	88

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

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[mderbypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:mderbypreschool@gmail.com)

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 18

- 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  
10:00 am Young Adult Discipleship Meeting -  
Ministry Center  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement

### Monday, February 19

- Office Closed - Presidents' Day  
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

### Tuesday, February 20

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

### Wednesday, February 21

- 9:30 a.m. Wynnton Women of Joy 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)  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Library  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ

### Thursday, February 22

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace  
6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Dinner/Meeting - Ministry  
Center  
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Friday, February 23

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

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Words to Live By*  
Luke 23:26, 33-34

8:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Jason Wade

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Nursery

8:30 am – 12:15 p.m.  
Infants – Age 2  
First Floor Grimes Building

### Sunday School

9:45-10:50 a.m.  
Pre-K – Fifth Grade  
First Floor Grimes Building



### Children's Church

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

## NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTION

### **Attention All Young Families, Singles & Young Adults**

We had a GREAT start with our new class. One of our major focuses is providing ministry opportunities to those who are seeking community and connection. This is an opportunity for those who may be a young family, a single at church or a single adult to come and have a conversation about how we can meet your needs and launch new discipleship ministries.

Please join us for our third meeting in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. THIS SUNDAY to continue the conversations as we prepare to LAUNCH into the new year together.

In His grip, Jason

## WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD February 18, 2024

**Team 2:** Scott McCranie, Harold Hill, Mike Wolfe

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies February 16-18  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039