

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Blessed by the Blessing”

April 28, 2024

Growing up, I was always taught to follow the Golden Rule by my grandparents. They would always say, “Jason, you need to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Now to be honest, I struggled as a young child because I had no real idea what that meant. In my young mind, I thought that meant that if I wanted to get something in return, then I needed to do something for someone else. So if I gave them a gift, my expectation is that they should be willing to give me something in return. I think I missed the full meaning behind the lesson my grandparents were trying to teach me in my young age, but I did desire to give in hopes of blessing someone else in their lives.

I remember when I was in third grade, I really liked this little girl in my class, and I knew that my mom had a ton of perfumes she used and others she did not. So I remember saying to myself, “I am going to use one of the perfumes my mom did not use and give it to her as a gift.” So I went to her cabinet and took the one that looked to be completely full. I wrapped it in tissue paper, put it in a small bag and delivered to her cubby hole the next day with a smile on my face. I thought all was good in the world until I got home that night. My mom called me into the living room and informed me that I had given away her most expensive bottle of perfume and that the little girl’s mom was bringing it by the house shortly. To say that I was devastated and embarrassed was an understatement, but then my mom told me that I had tried to be a blessing to someone but had gone about the wrong way to share a blessing. From that moment, I gained wisdom on the value of a blessing. My attempt to show my care to others was evident, but my method was misplaced.

I think that is where many of us are in this day and age. I believe that we understand the purpose behind a blessing but cannot fully understand, not only how to receive a blessing, but also how to pass one on. We are incapable of fathoming the fullness of how God has placed people and situations into our lives without our having to question the purpose behind the gift. Please, also note that this is NOT a message about prosperity, but a message about the fact that God truly wants to bless His creation. God loves us in such a way that we are surrounded on a daily basis by blessings of life, love, happiness, joy, etc. - blessings that we may miss because we cannot fully understand the intent of God’s actions. We have become skeptical to a point where we no longer believe or act that God is capable of showing His goodness through blessing His people.

The Hebrew word for blessing is Barak and was seen as a way for God’s divine favor to rest upon others. Throughout the Scriptures, we see that God actively pursued His creation and provided ways in which they could feel His connection through being blessed. We must live into that moment that when God’s people are faithfully following God’s plan, there will always be a blessing to show God’s favor. Wynnnton Methodist Church has truly been blessed by the blessings of God’s favor, and now we are called to share the blessings with others. As faithful followers of God’s vision, we become the conduit in which God uses us to reach the world. I pray that we receive these blessings from God and we pray for the opportunities to multiply His kingdom here on earth.

In His grip, Jason

*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of
Art Chriss and Kristi Chriss by Susan Chriss.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Glenda Cannon** by Beverly Schlitzkus

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Goodwill Sunday School Class** by Dan Draughon

In honor of **Betty Woodruff** by Cindy & Randy Autry

CONGRATULATIONS

To Agnes Tew on the birth of a great grandchild, Ella Mae Freeman, on April 9, 2024. Parents are Kimberly & Caleb Freeman.



VBS

June 10-14
9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration
is open!

WYNNTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2024. 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 12, 2023**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

Family Night Supper
Wednesday, May 1
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Pasta Salad, Pear Salad, Chicken Salad, Green Salad, Sandwiches

Dessert: Chocolate Chip Pie, Banana Pudding
Please make reservations by Thursday, April 25th.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



For many Christians, devotion and music, praying and singing are inseparable. The apostle Paul reminds Christians to "pray without ceasing" and to "sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," Colossians 3:16. We commune with God when we pray and sing. Truly, it is awe-inspiring and incredible to think on this! Sometimes we find ourselves without the words to adequately express our love and devotion to God. I find that music can add another path to our words. Sunday's choral anthems are perfect musical expressions of our commitment, service, devotion and love for our Lord and Savior. The text is interchangeable as a prayer or lyrics to a song of faith.

Our early service Wesley Choir anthem includes the original musical prayer; "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Christian song writer Rick Founds. Inspired by Psalm 42, it is a gentle reminder that in this ever-changing world, there is a place in the presence of our unchanging God where we can go at any time.

"Jesus, Draw Me Close with I am Thine, O Lord"

Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You. Let the world around me fade away. Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord to You. For I desire to worship and obey.

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 blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me nearer, blessed Lord to Thy precious bleeding side.

The Wynnton Chancel Choir will sing "In the Valley Flows a River" by Douglas Nolan.

Flowing with impressions of grace, this song of devotion is a musical reminder of God's blessings, as described in John 7:37-39..."if anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

"In the Valley Flows a River"

In the valley flows a river, gentle waters from the Lord, and those that stop and drink there will never thirst for more. In the valley flows a river, cooling stream that has no end. In its grace we find forgiveness, cleansing fountain for our sins. From the mountain springs it cometh to the deserts, to the plains, bringing life to all it touches, bringing peace where there is pain. In the valley there is comfort where the peaceful waters flow, and all who pause and pray there will find rest for their souls. In the valley flows a river fed by heaven's gentle rain, and all who stop and drink there will never thirst again.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Chancel Flowers

We have openings on May 19 & 26 and June 2.
If you would like to beautify our sanctuary with flowers, please call Brenda in the office.

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

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please join us Sunday Night.
- Prayer Breakfast 7:00-7:30 a.m. Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesday 4:30-5:30p.m.
- Summer Camp Dates June 2nd-8th. Early bird deposit is due April 28th - \$50.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Tonight 7pm at AOC 4817 Milgen Road.
- Reminder that Youth will NOT meet on May 12th because of Mother's Day, so please post it on your calendars.



GRADUATES



Please call the church office (706-324-2424) with information on those who are completing degrees at the College or Graduate School level. We would like to mention them in the bulletin.

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 - Fifth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (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 have 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 in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. EVERY SUNDAY to continue the conversations as we prepare to LAUNCH into the new year together.

In His grip, Jason

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.



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.

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

Saturday, May 4
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

This Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. there will be a meeting for anyone who would like more information about our Open Arms Ministry in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. **On May 3rd, we will be gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer over our first event. Please join us.**



We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For April, we are focusing on collecting **new ball caps and knit hats**. If at any time you find a good deal on anything we collect, please let Pam (pgilstrap70@gmail.com) know so we can let others know where to find that item. Sewing kits \$5.00 at Hobby Lobby.

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

Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 36

Washcloths: 45

Combs: 20

Hairbrushes: 8

Deodorant: 9 (need 60)

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.
Pam Gilstrap

Flower Delivery

Georgia Wise



PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday

(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 16

The Holy Spirit is now moving by multiplying the disciples as servant leaders. We see the rise of Stephen as he demonstrates how to live out one's faith by standing firm to the Gospel. This is an amazing example for each of us to also be so humble in our lives but confident to live out the Gospel in our physical testimony. Enjoy digging into the Bible this week.



In His grip, Jason

April 28	Acts 6:1-7
April 29	Acts 6:8-15
April 30	Acts 7: 1-10
May 1	Acts 7:11-22
May 2	Acts 7:23-38
May 3	Acts 7:39-53
May 4	Acts 7:54-8:1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

30 Mary Nell Blasingame
1 Joyce Hawkins, Judy Ottman,
Steve Tincher



OUR ATTENDANCE

4-21-24

8:30 a.m.	41
9:00 a.m.	15
11:00 a.m.	117
Sunday School	81

OUR STEWARDSHIP

4-21-24

General Fund.....	9,778.30
Backpacks of Grace	50.00
Loose Offering.....	160.00
Music	100.00
Missions	50.00
Open Arms Ministry	50.00
Sunday School	31.50

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD April 28, 2024

Team 5: Jesse Kelley, Comer Alexander

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 May. 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.



PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies April 26-28
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Richard Holmes
Pam Feagle	Shelley Montgomery
Betty Garrett	Sabrina Hart
Jeanine Cotton	Beverly McDaniel
Michelle Foote	Rachael Casar
Virginia Bonner	Carrie Thomas
Lynn Christenson	Susan Chriss
Casey Campbell	Walter Cook
Hazel Hope	Ben Smith
Forrest Toelle	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, April 29

10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m.	Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Wednesday, May 1

9:30 a.m.	Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Supper - Ministry Center
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

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, May 3

7:00 -7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Saturday, May 4

11:30-12:30 p.m.	Open Arms Ministry - Ministry Center
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SUNDAY'S SERMON

Blessed by the Blessing
Numbers 6:22-27

Dr. Jason Wade