



A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World

“Serve Together” Luke 19:1-10

October 23, 2022



As we are midway through our stewardship campaign, we are continually realizing that no matter what we do, it all comes down to attitude. If we are going to give back to God, we must understand that it is a testing of our obedience to God. All throughout the Scriptures, we see examples of the testing of our hearts as it comes to serving God and giving Him our best. When we think about what our offering is to God, we have to change our attitude because our offering should come out of our best and not our leftovers. Why do you think that God, in Genesis 4, showed favor over the offering given by Abel than Cain. Both gave out of their blessings, but it was the attitude and intention that mattered to God.

See Abel gave of the best that he had to offer when he offered to God the fatty portions from his best stock with an attitude of gratefulness. Cain on the other hand just offering some of his harvest and did it more out of obligation than sacrifice. When we come to serve together, we realize that it truly is all about our attitudes of how we give back to God. Whether it is our tithe, our service or our attitudes for Sunday, it is never meant to be about us. It has always been about our humility and willingness to give God the best that we have to offer. Why do you think that the Widow's Mite was seen by more favor to Jesus than any other gift that was given that day? Simple, it is because she gave out of her humility and realized that whatever she had, she was going to give it back to God. It was her attitude of servitude. God, I know that I may not have a lot, but WHATEVER I have... it is yours.

This week as we come to worship, we are asking that we serve together with One Mission/One Goal. We are asking that we bring canned food items to help restock the food pantry at Wynnton Neighborhood Network. In November, Wynnton is tasked with filling the pantry, but I am asking that we come to serve together with a common goal and bring our best offering this Sunday to help others that are in need. Every time that I have seen us join together for a common task, I have been blown away by the willingness of our people to serve together.

It does not mean that we agree on everything. I mean I get the tension between Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Tech and other fans, but the cool thing is that we can come together on Sundays and leave that tension at the door. Why? Because our goal is not for us but for the opportunity to be equipped for the work of the Kingdom for the rest of the week. We have some people who struggle to eat meat, others that must eat gluten free, and still others that cannot stand the thought of being vegan, but when we enter into that sanctuary, we lay down our hearts and offer all that we have to God in service together. The world has become a different place than when I was a child, but my attitude and desire to serve God has changed too. As children we never worried about who was in the sandbox with us, we just wanted to play together in unity and had fun. Today, I am asking the same thing for all of us. I am asking that we truly think about why we are here in this life and our call to serve together to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

In His grip,
Jason

The Chancel Flowers are given by Shirley Moon in memory of her mother, Ruth Swan Bruce and in honor of Mary Ashby Gaskins for their birthdays.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Norma Cary** by Goodwill Sunday School Class; Mary Mims

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Bobbie Edmondson on the death of her sister, Norma Cary, of Fayetteville, TN on October 14, 2022

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Joyce Hawkins and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Lisa Whitlock, of Columbus, GA on October 14, 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Beth and Reggie Kelley on the birth of a grandchild, Noa Grace Kelley, on September 25, 2022. Parents are Ty and Beth Kelley of Marietta, GA.

5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 30th
9:15 a.m.

Please bring a breakfast dish to share

One Service 10:30 a.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection of items to fill our Christmas Child boxes is going well. This is just one of many missions in our church.

We will have a packing party **Sunday, October 30th** during Take 5 to prepare the boxes. If you are gathering your items at home, you can get boxes or you can bring your items and pack them with us at the church.



Sunday, October 23
5:00pm Youth Supper
5:30-7:00pm Scavenger Hunt

Friday, October 28th
7:00-7:30am Prayer Breakfast

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mystery Day Out
October 29th

Fall Retreat
November 4th-5th



Wynnton will be holding its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 12 from 12 -3 p.m. We will need plenty of volunteers, from a set up crew to people to man the booths and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Meghan Gross, Director of Children Ministries, at mgross@wynntonumc.org. Thanks!



We are in need of a few more willing volunteers to help with flower delivery in 2023. If you would be interested in learning more about this ministry please contact Carol Hammock at 706-577-1575. Flowers can be picked up after 11:00 worship service and delivered on Sunday afternoon or Monday.

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 November. 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.

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 first 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.

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. in the Grimes Bldg.'s first floor children's church room next to the nursery.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Lynn Christenson	Dorothy Robinson
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
Daro Miller	Jim Accordino
David Woolbright	Denise Hill
Pam Feagle	Benjamin Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Barbara McKenzie
Amanda Walker	Bobby Porch
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Kelsey Deriso	Agnes Tew
Lucy Hart	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Lisa Whitlock

LIBRARY

We are currently working on expanding our library to better suit the needs of Wynnton. If you have any suggestions or requests for materials you might like to be able to check out, please let the church office know so that we may look into adding them to our collection.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

In her own words, composer Mary McDonald expressed that her greatest desire is to "...give God the glory for the songs He has allowed me to compose. He alone is the true Creator behind my pen." Originally from Knoxville, Tennessee, Mary McDonald is a well-known composer, arranger, pianist, organist, and sacred music editor. For more than 25 years, her music has blessed choirs and congregations around the world. She is one of Wynnton's favorite composers and it is not unusual for the choir to share one of her anthems at least once a month.

This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing one of Mary McDonald's early anthems, *Into His Fields We Wander*. The original text is inspired by Luke 15; the Parable of the Lost Sheep, and Isaiah 53:6 (All we like sheep have gone astray). Her musical word-painting and contemplative melodies support a journey to find the "lost ones" and bring them home to God.

"Into His Fields We Wander" by Mary McDonald
*In to His fields we wander, searching for the lost.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we will help them.
We will help them find the way.
Through the barren desert weak and burden'd trod.
Caring 'tho we labor to bring them home to God.
He will lead us to the water thirsty never more to be.
Let us seek to find the lost one, let us seek to find the
lost one that our soul may richer be. Into His fields we
wander, searching for the lost. Father comfort we your
children, Father comfort we your children, into your
arms find rest. By the living water, clean the wounded
soul. Turn their eyes unto the Father and lead them to
the fold. Give us strength to feed the hungry, feed them
with the living bread. Father, Father into your arms
find rest.*

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

WNN finds itself in a unique situation this year. With the supply chain problem and the limited amount of food available from USDA, the Network is having to purchase most of the food that is being distributed to our clients from local retail grocery stores. This has put a tremendous strain on our financial resources. Wynnton UMC has always been a very generous supporter of the Network during our focus months of March and November. But, due to the current situation, the Network is asking Wynnton, along with the other congregations, to give additional donations of food and/or financial contributions. This support will be greatly appreciated and used to help those in need in our community.

Items needed for the Holiday Distributions:

Cranberry Sauce	Chicken Broth
Brownie Mix	Cornbread Mix
Green Beans	Mac & Cheese
Corn	Pumpkin Pie Mix
Yams or Cut Sweet Potatoes	Stuffing Mix
Evaporated Milk	

PECAN SALE

Joyful Noise Sunday School class is selling pecans to raise money for missions again this year.

Pecan Halves are \$12 for a 1-pound container, or \$7 for a half pound container.

Pecan pieces come in 3 sizes - small, medium and large. They are also \$12 per pound.

Chocolate pecans come in half pound containers - milk, dark, or white chocolate and they are \$9.

Contact any member of the Joyful Noise Sunday School class to place an order or have questions answered.

Orders will be made on November 6th and December 4th. Thank you for your support in this important fundraiser.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Isaiah Reflection 4

The Book of Isaiah is a book of prophecies. The readings for this week show that very clearly. Each chapter in this set of readings discuss ancient nations, and a prophecy about each, that tends to not end well for any of them. It is a good example of the power and authority of God, righteous and powerful that He is. But it really drives the point home in the final chapter for our week's readings. God saved His people, they were protected by the hand of God. It was all because of their faith, their trust, in the Lord God Almighty. This is not a lesson that has worn away with age. It is a lesson that we can still hold onto this very day. God is still protecting and saving us, even if sometimes what we are saved from is not as obvious as another nation. So, as you read this week, hold onto that idea: God protects, and God Saves, always. -Will

October 23: Isaiah 17:1-18:7

October 24: Isaiah 19:1-20:6

October 25: Isaiah 21:1-17

October 26: Isaiah 22:1-25

October 27: Isaiah 23:1-18

October 28: Isaiah 24:1-20

October 29: Isaiah 24:21-25:12

Wednesday Night Prayer & Book Study

Wednesday Night
5:30 p.m.
Alpha Building

The Gift of Being Yourself
David G. Benner

Facilitator: Deb McCranie
706-536-5580

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

October 23: Rob Harbison, Bruce Boretzky,
Bennett Massey

WELCOMERS

9:30 - 11:15 a.m. J.T. & Hallie Taylor

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

As you know our church is a Partner of Education (PIE) with Wynnton Arts Academy, located across the street from us. Once again, we will participate in Adopt A Family for Christmas this year. This is the biggest project WAA has every year. It is a great opportunity to meet the needs of children and their families at this particular time of the year.

Each Sunday school class or individuals have the opportunity to Adopt A Family. Each class and/or individual needs to decide how many children they would like to adopt. Our PIE Coordinator, Shirley Richey, has been asked to turn in the number of students our church will serve. The deadline for informing Wynnton Arts Academy (WAA) of the total number of students is by November 1st. This is a quick turnaround so please decide as soon as possible. Please call or text Shirley with this information (706-332-6890) as soon as possible.

Trinity House

Wynnton Neighborhood Housing will be working on Trinity House the next several Saturdays from 8:30 until about 1:00. If you would like to volunteer, you can come anytime during those hours or contact Bill White (706) 527-3309.

FLOWERS DELIVERY

Linda Massey

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Oct. 21-23
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

23	Melinda McCune
24	Ansley Corkron, Maggie McDaniel, Ward Walker
25	Susan Chriss, Gusty Walker
26	Dee Dee Branham, Carol Hammock
28	Julia Bush
29	Zane Draughon

OUR ATTENDANCE

10-16-22

Early Morning Service.....	41
Morning Service.....	127
Sunday School.....	85

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-16-22

General Fund.....	9,791.00
Loose Offering.....	60.00
Sunday School.....	29.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	140.00

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.





WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23

- 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
5:00-7:00 p.m. Basement - Youth
5:45-7:00 p.m. Parental Guidance Required

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Wednesday, October 26

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
5:30 p.m. Prayer & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

- 8:30-1:00 p.m. Trinity House Work

SUNDAY’S SERMON

*One Mission/One Goal:
Serve Together
Luke 18:9-14*

Dr. Jason Wade

