



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Graduation”

May 21, 2023

Spring is the time of year that we celebrate the accomplishments of so many who have been striving to reach a pinnacle point in their journey through life. Graduation is a moment that marks transition from one place in life to another. For me personally, I only experienced the basic accolades during High School, College, Post-Graduate and Terminal degree programs. But since I have had children, it seems as though I am going to a graduation every 2-3 years as they have moved through the different stages of their lives. I know that graduation marks these moments as special accomplishments throughout our educational lives. In the lives of my daughters they have graduated from Pre-school, Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School and in the near future High School to say the least, and with every graduation there are many memories to be told, tears to be shed, and aspirations for the next stage of their journey.

What about our Christian journey? As we look at the future ahead of us at Wynnton, we too are moving into a point of graduation. We are watching as God is continuing to share with us opportunities in ministry that helps us to move to the next stage of our spiritual journey. God is opening doors for new ministries that will stretch us beyond the borders of Wynnton, and reminding us of the life lessons we have learned as we hold true to our Wesleyan heritage. God’s Word continues to be the solid foundation on which we stand, and generations will look back and mark these days we are in as a reference point... a graduation into the future.

This week we will be honoring our High School and College graduates. I know that in the years to come, this Sunday will be a little different,; but until we are at the point of having all of the graduates in the room, we wanted to invite you to join us through prayer and petition for the next stages of their physical journey. We are proud of all of our graduates from the Class of 2023, and note that we will continue to provide for them a roadmap that will help lead them into the next steps of their faith journey.

Graduation is a special time that marks the evolving of our lives into the next stages of life and ministry. As we step into a new time for Wynnton, may we too, turn our tassels and realize that God has been preparing us all of these years to step out in faith and follow His lead. Please join me in celebrating the Class of 2023 listed below and the next steps as we move into our future together.

In His grip,
Jason

Congratulations Class of 2023:

High School:

Maggie Beyer	Beyer Academy
Bryce Richey	Northside
Evan Toelle	Columbus
Hayden Walker	Harris County
Lilly Burns White	Brookstone

College Graduates:

Luzane Joy Draughon	Indiana University
Morgan Dryman	Columbus State University
Blaney Paris Hudson	University of Georgia
Mary Grace Johnson	Auburn University
Edwin Johns IV	Columbus State University
Julia Harbison	University of Georgia
Steven Spell	Young Harris College
Carter White	University of Georgia

Post-Graduate:

Andrew Behrman	University of Barcelona, Spain
Dr. Ruthann Tincher	Medical College of Georgia



The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of our children & grandchildren by Gloria & Rob Garrett.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Judy Davidson** by Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study



We are gearing up for an amazing WYNK kids summer! From Sunday Fun-Day events to VBS, we can't wait for the exciting events we have planned!

VBS will run from July 17th -21st, at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register your child, you can either use the QR code or email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

For more information on our summer Sunday Fun-Day events, please check the WYNK Children section of Wynnton UMC's website or email Meghan Gross. If you would like to find out more about how to volunteer for our children's ministry events this summer, please contact Meghan Gross.

Meghan Gross
Director of Children's Ministries

MODERN SERVICE

Preview dates
Sunday: 5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Sunday, May 21, 2023 is our opportunity to celebrate our graduates! As their journey through High School or College comes to an end, we take time to honor them and offer them words of wisdom, comfort and hope as they begin the next adventure in their life journey. This occasion provides a wonderful opportunity for all of us to establish or renew our covenant with God. Our Wynnton Choirs will sing worshipful 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, "Jesus, Draw Me Close with I Am Thine, O Lord," reflects the desire to purify our hearts and become more like Christ. The Chancel Choir will sing "I Am No

Longer My Own," a profoundly beautiful musical setting of John Wesley's Covenant Prayer with music by Mary McDonald. John Wesley adapted this prayer from the Puritan tradition that was so important to his parents. The Covenant Prayer in Wesleyan Tradition, number 607 in our hymnal, 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 remind us to give all that we are and all that we have to God.

"I Am No Longer My Own" (Wesley Covenant Prayer) 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.*

*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,
and Father and Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours. So be it!
Amen!*

Proverbs 16:3
Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Sunday Morning Meet Ben Schaefer - 10 a.m. in the Basement Youth & Youth Parents
Core Groups 5-7 p.m. in the Basement led by Ben Schaefer

*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010

*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010

*River of Life forms due ASAP. Here is the link for Tifton registration:



Youth ROL
Registration



Adult ROL
Registration

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 Pre-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.

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 June. 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for our summer children's ministry events and want to accommodate your gifts. Whether it's engaging with kids, popping popcorn ahead of time, or helping parents register, there is a space and a need for you! VBS will run from 9 a.m.-Noon from July 17th-21st, and our Sunday Fundays will be summer Sundays from 3-5 p.m., excluding Father's Day. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org or by calling the office. Thank you for partnering with us to reach families!"



May: We will be collecting money to go towards purchasing plastic cups and bowls from IKEA again. If you would like to help purchase these items, you may give Michaela or Pam your donation or you can put it in the offering plate marked OCC.

Just want to update you on items collected so far:

18 hairbrushes	45 combs
60 socks	4 ball caps
49 toothbrushes	69 washcloths
8 deodorant	

We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12th-16th

Tifton, Georgia

*Amazing time of helping families in the Tifton Community- Painting, Wheelchair Ramps and Community Service!

*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Benjamin Feagle
Pam Feagle	Frank Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Jeanine Cotton	Freddie Richardson
Joe Batastini	Shelley Montgomery
Joan Colquitt	Tina Martinez
Joy Graham	Sarah Jessie Avant
Michelle Foote	Robert Garrard
Kaye Hill	Shirley Moon
Beth Hendrickson	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Margaret Ellen Alexander
Family of John C. Bray, Sr.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week 6

This week's readings come from the book of Exodus. The people of God were now enslaved to the pharaoh, and spent day in and day out toiling at his whims. But God had not forgotten His people. Working through Moses, God made the Egyptians realize that the Hebrew people would not be allowed to remain slaves to pharaoh. So, Moses led them out of Egypt to a new future. Time after time, it seems like God goes out of His way to show that forgetting us is not an option. In Egypt, and in the wilderness as they wandered, the Hebrew people were continually reminded that God would see them through. All these years later, God has still not forgotten His people. We can get up every day confident in the knowledge that God remains true, always and forever.

-Will

May 21: Exodus 12
May 22: Exodus 13-14
May 23: Exodus 15-16
May 24: Exodus 17-18
May 25: Exodus 19-20
May 26: Exodus 21
May 27: Exodus 22-23

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Come and participate in game day! It is every first Thursday at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be having a recipe exchange and potluck lunch Thursday, June 15th at 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite summer side dish or salad. Please plan to get a copy of your recipe to Michaela Walley by June 8th and then bring the dish to share on the 15th. Contact Michaela Walley for more details mwalley@wynntonumc.org or 304-439-4202.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

22	Jerry Adams
25	Linda Harp, Hatcher Lipp

OUR STEWARDSHIP

5-14-23

General Fund.....	12,978.00
Music.....	50.00
Missions.....	50.00
Other Contributions.....	17.00
Sunday School.....	54.00

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock

NEW ADDRESS

Gardens of Calvary
Joyce Hawkins
7595 Moon Rd. #305
Columbus, GA 31909

OUR ATTENDANCE

5-14-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....47
11:00 a.m. Service.....129
Sunday School.....77

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21

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
5-7 p.m. CORE Group

Monday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting - Library

Wednesday, May 24

12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:00 p.m. VBS Council Meeting - Library
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Graduation Begins a New Journey
Philippians 3:7-21

Dr. Jason Wade

WYNNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

May 21: **Team 5:** Jesse Kelley, Comer Alexander, Dennis Robinson

WELCOMERS

8:00 a.m. Kenny McLaughlin
9:30 a.m. Hallie Taylor

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.



PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies May 19-21
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039