



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“The Church is Born”

May 26, 2024

I always love the birth of the Church as we see the movement of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is a reminder of the intentionality that God had for the community of faith that was beginning to grow. As we mentioned Sunday, the Greek word for Church is Ekklesia which means an assembly, the whole body of Christian believers gathered together for Christian worship. The Church was created for a time in which the body of believers could gather, break bread, pray, learn, help others and go out and spread the Gospel. The Holy Spirit continued to stir their hearts, and the Church became the focal point of equipping disciples to transform the world.

Over the years, the world has done anything and everything possible to try and discredit the Church. We have seen schisms and wars that caused the purpose of the Church to be questioned, but God still maintained the sanctity of the Church as a place where all could come and seek refuge and healing. The Church has had a history of being the central part of the community and an influencer of the family dynamics. Growing up, I remember watching Little House on the Prairie where the Church was the place of worship, school, a place for town meetings and a site for community concerts. Remember that in the early days, most communities would build the church first and then develop the rest of the community. Recognize that even before the development of Midtown, Wynnton Methodist Church was prayed for and built as a central location for the community to be connected to the Gospel. We are a living testament to the continued development of placing God at the center of the community as a reminder of the strong foundation in which this community was built.

This past Sunday, we started a series that causes us to truly recognize that the Church is only as alive as the people who are willing to receive and share the power of the Holy Spirit. **WE ARE THE CHURCH** of the present, and I am always reminded that what we are able to do today will impact the future generations of those who follow us. As I continue to walk down the hall in the Grimes Building, I am constantly reminded of all of the people God has used to help lead this Church to where we are today. To be honest, it is quite humbling to even believe that God has blessed me with the next steps of Wynnton’s future. But we build off the foundation of what was given to us and restore and prepare the foundation for what is to come in Wynnton’s future. Trust me, as much as I have heard about the history of Wynnton, I can only imagine what the legacy that we leave behind will look like.

Pentecost was the moment for the world to see the power of community and connection that God had planned to help prepare the disciples to go out into the world and profess the Gospel. I still believe the starting point of revival that is still growing today is in this space. I am so honored to continue to walk with God and follow His lead as we work together to fulfill His vision to ***Love God, Love People and Serve Together***. I pray that we never forget our mission. It was a central part of what Jesus taught us to endeavor to do, and the Church should be the focal point that leads people to live out this mission. The Church was born to provide the space for all believers to be equipped as disciples to go into the world. May we celebrate our call to reach the world. The Church is born, and now we have the privilege to create the legacy that will be built upon by future generations. **WE ARE THE CHURCH**, and may we **NEVER** forget it.

In His grip, Jason

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Dr. Jason Wade and Rev. Steve Croft by Lynn and Wes Ezzell.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Ruth Pennington** by Ramona & Andy Andresen; Neita & John Denny; Debby & Eric Hubbard; Betty Woodruff; Candice Cotton; Zane Draughon; Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; Don & Janice Faye Justice; Peggy & Roland Wong

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Amelia & Rick Toelle** by Diana Boensel



May 29: VBS training and run-through at 5:30 pm

May 31: Deadline to complete mandatory Ministry Safe training (formerly Safe Sanctuaries)

June 1: Decoration workday at 9 am

June 10-14: VBS week - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

**Saturday, June 1
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm**

Come join us for our second opportunity to connect with our community. We have been able to receive some new ideas and will hopefully engage with more people to create new ministry opportunities. If you would love to serve, please contact the following people in charge of each team:

Connection- Sabrina Hart
Security- John Denny
Clean Up- Pat Kelley

Food- Amelia Toelle
Set-Up- Jill Yates
Service- Suzanne Supple

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This Sunday, Trinity Sunday, our choirs will sing anthems of praise to the Triune God. Our early service Wesley Choir will bring to life the spirited "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship *with* Holy, Holy, Holy," arranged by Stan Pethel. Our Chancel Choir sings a Wynnton favorite, "Holy Is He" by Grammy award-winning composer David T. Clydesdale. Both of our anthems include the familiar hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Reginald Heber. Heber's hymn reinforces the holiness of God in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. His repetition of the word holy, sung three times, indicates a triune nature and stresses the importance of the word.

"Holy Is He" (Holy, Holy, Holy) by David Clydesdale
Holy is He and great is His glory. Holy is He and worthy of our praise. I stand in His presence amazed, and crown Him with worship and praise! Holy is He!

1. Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within? Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again? Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray?

My Lord, my God, my Jesus, the One I praise today.

2. Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide? Who knocks outside my broken heart, 'til I let Him inside? Whose life deserves the honor laid before His throne? My Lord, my God, my Jesus, my Savior and my own! (Holy, Holy, Holy)

We also observe Memorial Day this Sunday. Each May, the last Sunday of the month is set aside to remember and honor all those who died in service to our country. Our Choirs will offer "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" by Orrin Hatch, Lowell Alexander, and Phil Naish. Christian singer and studio musician Steve Amerson shared these thoughts about the powerful meaning of the text from this anthem: "The freedom we enjoy and must never take for granted has come at a high price. We've cultivated it in our sacred gardens, by the lives of those who lie there in final rest. *Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones.*"

"Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" by Orrin Hatch, Lowell Alexander and Phil Naish
Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who've come and gone. Just below the emerald sod are those who've reached the arms of God. Buried there with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones. Blades of grass and pure white stones, cover those who left their homes, to rest in fields, there side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

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

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- Organized Chaos this week. Please look at the Group Me on Wednesday to sign up.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Tonight 7p.m. at AOC 4817 Milgen Road.
- First Cross-Training of the year is scheduled for May 29th from 3-5p.m. More details to come next week.
- Please make sure to pick up a summer activities brochure to be in the loop for all of our summer activities during the week.



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 continue to gather 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.

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 - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)

3-year-olds - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)



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.

PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday

(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm



ADULT MINISTRIES

Save the Date
June 25, 2024

Fun opportunity! Eliza Daffin will be showing us ways to improve our photo skills on our iPhone. Stay tuned for more information.



We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For May, we are focusing on collecting **small bowls and cups**.

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. Keep in mind, these items are **not** allowed: soap, toothpaste, candy, liquids, camouflage, and tiny toys/balls. We will be collecting money to go towards purchasing plastic cups and bowls from Ikea. \$1 = a cup and bowl

Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 118

Washcloths: 53

Combs: 68

Hairbrushes: 15

Deodorant: 53 (need 60)

Ball Caps: 8

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

May 19, 2024



New Seekers

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 20



The world still did not understand the full aspect of the Gospel. The Church was still in an infancy state and the world did not know how to accept this new concept. With the disciples going throughout the world, there were many times that people believed that the gods (Greek and Roman) had come in human form. The disciples were quick to show them differently but once again it would take time for the world to understand the truth. Enjoy taking time to see how the Church expanded, but also see the difficulty in which the world was not fully able to accept this new Christian concept.

In His grip, Jason

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| May 26 | Acts 14:8-20 |
| May 27 | Acts 14:21-28 |
| May 28 | Acts 15:1-21 |
| May 29 | Acts 15:22-35 |
| May 30 | Acts 15:36-41 |
| May 31 | Acts 16:1-5 |
| June 1 | Acts 16:6-10 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28 Nancy Hammond
30 Beverly Schlitzkus



OUR ATTENDANCE

5-19-24

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| 8:30 a.m. | 42 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 13 |
| 11:00 a.m. | 108 |
| Sunday School | 84 |

OUR STEWARDSHIP

5-19-24

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| General Fund..... | 16,608.00 |
| Backpacks of Grace | 100.00 |
| Endowment | 25.00 |
| Loose Offering | 161.00 |
| Missions | 50.00 |
| Music | 150.00 |
| Open Arms Ministry | 400.00 |
| Other Income | 310.00 |
| Operation Christmas Child | 132.00 |
| Sunday School | 45.00 |

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.



Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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| 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 | Walter Cook |
| Hazel Hope | Ben Smith |
| Forrest Toelle | Freddie Richardson |
| Scott Mims | Rodney Dean |
| Seth Harp | |

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Ruth Pennington

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 26

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| 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 a.m. | Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center |
| 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary |
| 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Family Faith Connection - Organized Chaos |

Monday, May 27

Office Closed - Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29

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| 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in) |
| 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Cross Training - Basement |
| 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in) |
| 7:15 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday, May 30

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building |
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Friday, May 31

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| 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center |
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WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD May 26, 2024

Team 2: Scott McCranie, Harold Hill,
Mike Wolfe

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies May 24-26
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

SUNDAY'S SERMON

One Mission: Big Team Little Me
Romans 10:1-15

Dr. Jason Wade