

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

"Don't Worry About Tomorrow"

February 11, 2024

One of the coolest things about my journey in ministry is that the older I become the less I truly continue to worry about what tomorrow will bring. Time after time, God has continued to show up and show out in every situation. For all of us it still becomes worrisome as we think about the days ahead. A new year brings a lot of new hope for the world to change. Unfortunately, the world loves to do all that it can to cause us to settle on a reality that God never intended for us to endure. That does not mean we will not go through trials and tribulations, but it means that we will not be alone for the journey. God will be right by our side as we take each step of faith.

The funny thing about tomorrow is that it truly never comes. We continue to forecast what tomorrow may bring, but as we contemplate on tomorrow, tomorrow becomes today and our focus then moves forward to the unknown. I know that is a lot to ponder, but the reality is that we prepare for tomorrow by living for today. We take the time to make sure that today we have made the choice to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior and not put it off until there is more time to make that decision. Life passes by too fast, and how we live our life yesterday and today will truly prepare our eternity for tomorrow.

So I press on toward tomorrow. I press on, doing all that I can to equip myself, my family and anyone that is willing to listen about the eternity that awaits us all. As I continue to read through the Bible, I am constantly reminded that, "He who began a good work in me will be faithful until completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). This is what hope in tomorrow looks like: the ability to truly trust in God and recognize that in the midst of the chaos, God is still in control. In Scripture verses for this week, Jesus is reminding us that we should not focus on worrying about what we eat and drink or the clothes that we wear. Worrying will not add a single hour to our lives. Instead, we need to set our minds on the kingdom work we have been called to do for the glory of God.

I know that for many of us that is a difficult process to undergo. We struggle because we are so accustomed to worrying about the troubles of this world. However, I want to encourage you to truly trust in God's plan. We may still not fully understand where He is leading, but I know that once again He is in control and I am not. The amazing point of experiencing awakening is that once we are finally awake, we realize everything that we have been missing when we are proverbially asleep.

I continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will stir within our hearts in such a way that we no long spend time worrying about tomorrow. We will be confident in allowing God to take care of tomorrow. We have the opportunity TODAY to set the course for what tomorrow will bring.

In His grip, Jason

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Clara Russell** by New Beginnings Sunday School Class; Penny & Jim Lamb

In memory of Saunders Richey by Scott Richey

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Dan Booth** by Mary Jean Mullins

In honor of Jesse Kelley by Mary Jean Mullins

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Denise Hill by Jennie and Ken Payne.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024

Service 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary





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.

TABLECLOTHS

Please return any tablecloths you may have borrowed from the church. You may leave them in the Ministry Center. Thank you.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Vision, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, is a state of being able to see, or the ability to think and plan the future with imagination and wisdom.

This Sunday is recognized as Transfiguration Sunday. Imagine the vision of Christ as experienced by Peter, James and John when Jesus led them up a mountain and was transfigured before them. Envision the wonder and awe of being in the presence of the Divine! Jesus was transfigured and Peter, James and John were transformed! Our Wynnton choirs will sing songs that reflect the wonder and the "enlightenment" of experiencing God on the mountain top. The Chancel Choir will sing an arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision" based on an ancient Irish modal melody. The text is a paraphrase of an eighth-century poem. It is a prayer that expresses our desire to have a vision of God and experience His presence.

"Be Thou My Vision" (Ancient Irish) music by Edward H. Wetherill

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that though art-

Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou my Inheritance now and always:

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!

Heart of my own, heart whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Matthew 17:1-2

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

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

*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
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- We will be starting our True Love Waits
 Emphasis this Sunday and throughout the
 month of February. Please look for a letter
 detailing some information in the youth
 GroupMe Friday!
- Youth Praise Band Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm



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 February. 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

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If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.



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 breakfasts (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contributions so that we can purchase these items. Please consider helping.

FLOWER DELIVERY

February 11Carol Hammock



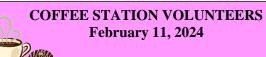
READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 5



This week we step into the encounters that Jesus had with so many. As we walk through this time, we cannot neglect the fact that Jesus was intentional with His encounters. He did not shy away from people because of the nature of how the world saw them, but instead He stepped into their stories and helped them to understand the true meaning of the Gospel. Whether it was Nicodemus, John the Baptist, a woman from Samaria or countless others, Jesus was intentional about spending time sharing God's love with people who were desperately seeking connection. I pray that as we step into our readings for this week, we too will take a moment and see the people God has intentinally placed in path for us to give or receive a blessing from God!

John 3:16-21
John 3:22-36
John 4:1-26
John 4:27-38
John 4:39-42
John 4:43-54
John 5:1-15



Sojourners Class



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.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Frederick Woodruff Family of Pam & Mike Woodard

OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-4-24
General Fund
Communion
Endowment
Loose Offering
Operation Christmas Child 150.00
Backpacks of Grace 50.00
Other Income
Sunday School
Scholarship Fund 50.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing 100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network 500.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11 Kim Carroll, Lynn White
- 12 Amelia Wade
- 15 Dave Stevenson



OUR ATTENDANCE

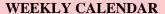
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NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

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



Sunday, February 11

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

12:15 p.m. VBS Meeting - Library

5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement

Monday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, February 14

9:30 a.m. Women's 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)

5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ

Thursday, February 15

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

9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting - Alpha Building

7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Friday, February 16

12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Not Worth the Worry Matthew 6:25-34

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

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD February 11, 2024

Team 1:

Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon, Brett Hubbard

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 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 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 second 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

PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL Every Wednesday

(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies February 9-11 Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

