



## Food for thought from J

August 15, 2021

Last Sunday I announced exciting news about a significant financial gift Wynnton United Methodist Church had received. The specifics of this announcement are as follows:

On July 26, 2021, I received official written notification from the executor of the estate of James Derrell Gibson of a bequest made to Wynnton United Methodist Church and to be communicated to the church as being from:

**the estate of James Derrell Gibson in memory of his father, Merritt Dewitt Gibson and his stepmother, Elinor Dozier Gibson.**

On July 30, 2021, we received an initial disbursement from the estate in the amount of \$1,000,000. Ultimately, it is expected that the total amount our church will receive will be between \$1.7 and \$2.0 million.

In accordance with the creation of our Endowment Fund, Wynnton has developed clearly defined requirements for handling gifts of this nature to ensure consistency and safety. Therefore, this gift is subject to those provisions, and it will be handled accordingly. However, in consideration of the size and timing of the receipt of this gift, our Trustees Committee has also voted to appoint a team, to be comprised of key members of our elected church leadership and up to 4 “at-large” appointees, to develop recommendation(s) for ensuring the long term benefits of this extraordinary financial blessing are utilized in the most effective and efficient manner relative to the mission of our church to be about the business of building God’s kingdom. At the appropriate time, these recommendation(s) will be reported to our Trustees, the Church Council, and our Endowment Committee for their consideration and for any additional or necessary actions. During this process, we will make every effort to provide full transparency, and the funds **will not** be utilized for any operating expenses of the church.

I know you share my excitement over this incredible news and over the richness of God’s blessing for our church. I believe the receipt of this gift, and the unique opportunity it offers, represents a defining moment for Wynnton United Methodist Church and opens amazing doors for our future as a vital part of the body of Christ. I encourage each of you to be in constant prayer for our church and for our leaders and that we might all remain committed to our desire that God’s will is done and God’s kingdom will come on Earth as it is in Heaven.

May God bless you all.

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*The Chancel Flowers are given by  
Jerry Adams in memory of Jean  
on our anniversary,  
Aug. 15, 1970.*

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

Lisa Stephens

## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of **Rev. Jim Trice** by the Goodwill Sunday School Class; Mary Mims; Susan & Tommy Hudson

In memory of **Joanne Cole** by Mary Bryant

In memory of **Eddie Copeland** by Danette Copeland

In memory of **Steve Smith** by Linda & Wallace Twiggs; John Richey; Kaye & Harold Hill; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Dorothy & Mike Johnson; Georgia & Fred Wise; Lynn & Wes Ezzell; Lynn & Bill White; Diana Boensel; Susan & Tommy Hudson; Columbus Tech Nursing Students - Cohort B 2021

## Save the Date

The "Columbus Musicians Consortium", a philanthropic arts organization, will present its first concert, on Sunday, August 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Wynnton sanctuary.

The concert is free to the public, but an offering will be collected to benefit the *Wynnton Neighborhood Network & Wynnton Neighborhood Housing*.

## BASEMENT NEWS



**August 15:** Service Project, work on the Little Free Pantry/Library

**August 22:** Regular Basement, Dinner and Games

**August 29:** Movie Night (in the Basement)

## BASEMENT

For information about the Wynnton Youth Group contact Rob Harbison, (706) 289-3082, [r.harbison@mchsi.com](mailto:r.harbison@mchsi.com)

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

I have come to truly appreciate the music we sing together in our season of Camp Meeting at Wynnton. The lyrics praise and glorify our Lord and Savior and reflect a profound joy in life, death, resurrection, and redemption. The melodies are uplifting and dance-like. Often, the anthem the choir sings and the hymns we sing as a congregation contain familiar scripture, either literal or paraphrased. For many of us, singing the Word of God allows a message to penetrate our hearts and our minds, and consequently our actions. We have read and heard the Word, but perhaps music reminds us what is within us. Music can lead us to think beyond the world around us and help us experience a spiritual world.

The joy-filled anthem the Wynnton Choirs are singing this Sunday is an example of how music and lyrics work together to convict the heart of the singer and the listener. Based on a conversion story, the central message is simple: "Once dead, but now alive in Christ"

"Hallelujah! I Love Him!" by Warren Angell

*Once I was lost upon the plains of sin, once was a slave to doubts and fears within, once was afraid to trust a loving God, but now my guilt is washed away in Jesus' blood. Once I was bound, once I was blind, once I was dead, but now in Christ I live, to tell the world the peace that He can give, He alone can give. Hallelujah! I love Him, Hallelujah! I love Him, my sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. Hallelujah! I love Him, Hallelujah! I love Him, my sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. Gone from my heart the world and all its charms, gone are my sins and all that would alarm, gone evermore and by His grace I know the precious blood of Jesus cleans white as snow. Once I was bound, once I was blind, once I was dead, but now in Christ I live, to tell the world the peace that He can give, He alone can give. Hallelujah! I love Him, Hallelujah! I love Him, my sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. Hallelujah! I love Him, Hallelujah! I love Him, my sins are washed away in Jesus' blood.*

Romans 6:8-11

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

# BIBLE COOKIES KIES

## Children's Programs

There is nothing sweeter than God's love! Cookies are small, often bite-sized treats. Jesus taught his followers using short and sweet stories called parables that can teach us a lot about how God wants us to live and how much he loves us.

The nursery is available from 9:30 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 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd 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.



The youth are starting a new Sunday School series on Christian doctrine from the Book of Romans, beginning August 15th.

## NEW!

### Parents' Sunday School class 9:45am

Have children still "in the nest"?

You're invited to a new Sunday School community that seeks to encourage, challenge, and grow with others in the child-raising stage of life.

Nursery and children's Sunday School is offered at the same time. Stick around for worship at 11am!



Wynnton UMC | 2412 Wynnton Road

## Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	John Meadows
Anne Turner	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Wanda Jones
Lillian Cox	Kerry Mess
Lynn Christenson	Jennefer Spell
Beverly Ragsdale	

## Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Sandy Dryman & family  
 Nancy Hammond & family  
 Mike Johnson & family  
 Chris Alexander & family  
 Ernest Hale & family  
 Agnes Tew & family  
 John Richey & family  
 Sharon White & family  
 Maria & Joe Bannon & family  
 Alice Smith & family  
 Family of Joanne Cole  
 Family of Rev. Jim Trice

### WANT TO HELP?

The children at Wynnton Arts Academy are in need of elementary age sized khaki pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, red polo shirts & underwear.

They are also in need of school supplies. Here are some suggestions: Crayons (small, box of 24 - fat, box of 8) Pencils (yellow #2), Large pink erasers (about 2 1/2x1x1/2) – not pencil toppers), Kleenex, Hand sanitizer (large), Band-Aids, Wide-ruled notebook paper, Fat primary pencils, Glue sticks, Ziploc bags (all sizes), Scissors (blunt tip), Colored markers (fat, 8 per box), Dry erase markers (black and assorted colors).

If you would like to help, please place the items in the bin in front of the library.



### Operation Christmas Child

Hope you have found several school supplies for your Samaritan's purse shoebox. If you have not gotten school supplies, there are still plenty available, and they are at good prices. NOW, you might want to add some other things to your box collection. I would suggest you get wash cloths and bars of soap. This is always a needed item. Another thing to look for is short sleeve tee shirts. These go on sale about this time of year. Just remember, plain tee shirts are best. Ball caps are a fun item for older children. WalMart has these plain caps. Any questions, please contact me. Thanks, Pam

### READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- August 15:** John 1:35-51, 1 Chronicles 9, Haggai 1-2
- August 16:** John 2, 1 Chronicles 10-11, Zechariah 1
- August 17:** John 3:1-21, 1 Chronicles 12, Zechariah 2
- August 18:** John 3:22-36, 1 Chronicles 13-14, Zechariah 3
- August 19:** John 4:1-26, 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:7, Zechariah 4
- August 20:** John 4:27-42, 1 Chronicles 16:8-43, Zechariah 5
- August 21:** John 4:43-54, 1 Chronicles 17, Zechariah 6

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 15 Ken Payne
- 16 Virginia Bonner, Caroline Gatewood
- 17 Joe Batastini, Lynda Massey
- 18 Deb McCranie
- 20 Carolyn Evans, Penny Lamb
- 21 Lawrence Crisp

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

<b>8-8-21</b>	
General Fund.....	15,838.00
Endowment.....	515.00
Missions.....	60.00
Wynnton Arts Academy.....	125.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	50.00
Other Contributions.....	52.00

### CHANCEL FLOWERS OPENINGS

October and November are still available. If you are interested in putting flowers in the Sanctuary, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

*The Good News and the Bad*  
John 3:16-16-21, Romans 8:1-11  
Rev. J Grantham

### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Aug. 13-15  
Rev. Greg Harrison 478-955-1577

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, August 15

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook  
11:00 a.m. The Link - Fellowship Hall  
Rev. Greg Harrison  
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Basement - Youth

#### Tuesday, August 17

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

#### Wednesday, August 18

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Zoom Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, August 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Zoom Bible Study

#### Friday, August 20

- 12:00 p.m. Goodwill Meeting - Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday, August 21

- 10:00 a.m. Benefit Concert Rehearsal

### BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! - to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are still looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of October. 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.