



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“What is Yet to Come!”

August 27, 2023

I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to step back and watch God be revealed through the different characters of the Old Testament during our Camp Meetings. I know that for a lot of us, we don't really spend a lot of time digging into some of these obscure figures that God was able to elevate and use their story for His glory. What an amazing time it truly has been as we have seen God revealed through the lives of individuals, just like us, that saw a need and allowed God to use them to provide a solution that still resonates with the Church today.

As we continue to walk through the new ministry year, I am always looking to see God at work in our people. I am blown away at the abilities and stories I hear each week of how God is still using us to impact our world with His character. We have some of the greatest prayer warriors I have ever met here at Wynnton. I truly believe that the only way we are going to make an impact in Midtown is through the power of the prayers of God's people. Jesus demonstrated this example in His life and ministry. Mark 1:35 says, “Very early in the morning, before the sun arose, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Jesus Himself was helping demonstrate to us the power of allowing God to step into our daily lives and the best way to do that... get away from the noise and have a solitary place to truly have a conversation with God.

The prophet Jeremiah also speaks of the power of prayer when it comes to the life of the Church and her members. Jeremiah 29:10-14a states:

“This is what the Lord says: ‘When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord.”

When we have finally been freed from ALL of the things that have held us captive, we will be fully able to see God's plan for WYNNTON and realize that God has a desire for us to grow and prosper as disciples of Jesus Christ. It has been a long journey to get us to where we are...but I am so much more excited for WHAT IS YET TO COME!

I know that for a lot of you my passion can be exhausting, but I just need all of us to understand that God has this plan and vision that includes Wynnton. God is already preparing the way and we have to continue to be faithful and recognize the movement of God in this place and within the community we have been called to serve. If we just take it a step at a time we will begin to see God revealing the greater picture for the future of Wynnton Methodist Church. And what is that first step you may ask? The first step is on our knees in humility to ask God to, “Increase Our Territory.”

As we walk through this year, we will continue to provide opportunities for the Church to pray, individually and corporately. If we are faithful to join together in prayer, we will be able to see God reveal WHAT IS YET TO COME! If you are ready, take the first step in prayer for your leadership in the days ahead as we help to discern and navigate these amazing waters with our Wynnton community of faith.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given by Lynda & Bennett Massey in honor of our Lord on our 57th Wedding Anniversary.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Don Stephens** by Pam & Mike Woodard

In memory of **Terry Bohler** by Neita & John Denny

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Joy Graham** by Freddie & Gib Richardson

In honor of our **50th Wedding Anniversary** by **Vicki & Billy Ragan**

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Beth & Dan Booth in the death of her brother, Terry Bohler, on August 10th 2023, of Register, GA.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

The teachers and students are settling in for this new school year! The month of September offers three opportunities to serve in our community.

On September 7, the school will hold Open House. Details next week in this space.

September 22 is Arts Day at the school. Students will have their art on display. Wynnton members are invited to add their own art...paintings, etc. Call Shirley Richey at 706-332-6890 if you are willing to participate in Arts Day. This is a great opportunity to show your work and support the students.

On September 29, students are treated to ice cream sundaes. Donations of toppings are needed. You can begin now to place toppings such as sprinkles, chocolate chips, m&ms, etc. in the donation bin in the Ministry Center.

Thank you for supporting our connection with Wynnton Arts Academy (WAA)!!
Call/text Shirley with any questions @ 706-332-6890.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

As August comes to an end, our choirs continue to sing anthems and hymns born out of the *Second Great Awakening*. Sunday's anthem is based on a popular hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*. In this hymn, the cross is a metonym; a word used as a substitute for something else closely related. It calls to mind something profound; a larger reality. The Cross of Christ is universally regarded as a symbol of our faith as Christians. The Cross of Christ centers around salvation. George Bennard began his ministry with the Salvation Army. He was later ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church as a travelling Evangelist. During one troubling meeting in Michigan, Bennard was unsettled by the congregants' disregard for the Gospel. He turned to scripture to reflect on the work of Christ on the cross. He later recalled, "I seemed to have a vision, I saw Christ and the cross as inseparable." At a series of meetings in Albion, Michigan, George Bennard began and completed the first verse to his well-known hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*. He later wrote, "The inspiration came to me one day in 1913, when I was staying in Albion, Michigan. I began to write *The Old Rugged Cross*. I composed the melody first. The words of the finished hymn were put in to my heart to answer my own need."

This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing Mary McDonald's lush and beautiful arrangement of Bennard's, "The Old Rugged Cross." Her music will take us on a journey to the cross, where we will cherish not only the old rugged cross, but also the crucified Christ, the Son of God, who used the cross to seek and save all believers.

"The Old Rugged Cross" arr. by Mary McDonald
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame. And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

[Refrain]

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown. In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine, such a wonderful beauty I see; for 't'was on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; its shame and reproach gladly bear. Then he'll call me someday to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

[refrain]

1 Peter 2:24-25

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE



- **Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement on Sundays**
- **CORE Groups Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!**
- **Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ starting THIS WEDNESDAY!**
- **Prayer Breakfast & Jesus starts August 25th 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey**
- **Youth Parents Meeting Sunday, August 27th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Basement**
- **Student Leadership Applications will go out this Sunday! Due Sunday, September 3rd!**
- **Carowinds Trip will be announced SUNDAY at CORE groups.**
- **Fall/Winter Calendar will be available Sunday, August 27th! Stay Tuned!!!**
- **Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010**
- **Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010**

Adopt-a-Student

We would love to invite you to join us in providing a connectional opportunity for some of our non-local college students. Many of our College Students desire a community connection. Some examples could be a home cooked meal, a place to wash and dry clothes or just someone to contact in case a local emergency with their car may arise. This is a powerful way to provide connection for a group of students who are on our campus weekly. For more information please contact Pastor Jason. If interested use the QR code or click on it to support this ministry by Sept. 7th.



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.

Readings of John

Week 3

This week, we conclude our readings through the Gospel of John before we move into 1 John next week. These words we read this week are a testament to the life and works of Jesus Christ while He was here amongst us. The purpose behind these verses is best shown in John chapter twenty, verses thirty and thirty-one.

*30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.
31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

These verses are part of a greater guide for us to see the true light of God Almighty. The stories of Jesus that we have read these few weeks in John give us a glimpse into what it was like to walk with Him, but it also gives us something more. It is a reminder that just because Jesus no longer walks physically on the Earth, still He walks with us in our spirits. Jesus still remains at our side, no matter what we face in our lives. We have to be willing to call on Him, each and every day. So believe in Him, and in all He has done.

-Will

August 27- John 15
August 28- John 16
August 29- John 17
August 30- John 18
August 31- John 19
September 1- John 20
September 2- John 21

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.

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 on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 in the Alpha Building.
 Rev. Michaela Walley
 Director of Family and Adult Ministries



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.



In August we are collecting pencils, pencil sharpeners that hold the shavings, notebook paper & short sleeved t-shirts (youth sizes). School supply sales will begin soon. Great time to collect those supplies we need for OCC children.

Just want to update you on items collected so far:

26 hairbrushes	55 combs
60 socks	16 ball caps
71 toothbrushes	114 washcloths
36 deodorant	230 cups
180 bowls	

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. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, Michaela and Pam will purchase items for you.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

With back to school upon us, it is time once again for the start of our Backpacks of Grace Program. This program provides weekend meals to children in need. We will be collecting donations in the bin under the giving tree for our backpacks that we give out weekly. Donation suggestions include, but are not limited to: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, and individual servings of goldfish crackers. Please no peanut products. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley:
 mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or 304-439-4202.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 29 Danette Copeland, Scott McCranie, Louise Pinter
- 1 Cyle Mims
- 2 Beverly McDaniel

OUR STEWARDSHIP

8-20-23	
General Fund.....	9,768.00
Endowment	75.00
Loose Offering	35.00
Other Contributions.....	50.00
Sunday School.....	41.00
Preschool.....	75.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing	1,000.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

8-20-23	
8:30 a.m. Service	38
Modern Service	30
11:00 a.m. Service	104
Sunday School.....	60

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Absolutely Good, Absolutely Grace
 (Jonah 2 & 4)
 Meghan Gross - 8:30 & 11:00
 Rev. Will Walley - 9:00

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 September. 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.

Flower Delivery

Lynda Massey

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

August 27:

Team 5: Jesse Kelley, Comer Alexander

WELCOMERS

9:30-11:15 a.m. Mary Nell Blasingame

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Freddie Richardson
Jeanine Cotton	Shelley Montgomery
Joe Batastini	Tina Martinez
Michelle Foote	Sarah Jessie Avant
Kaye Hill	Robert Garrard
Sara Grace Hubbard	Bobbie Edmondson
Lynn Christenson	Mailyn McConnell
Marian Wise	Doris Hicks
Chuck Danner	Scott Mims
Virginia Bonner	Tom Stafford

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

The Spell Family
The Booth Family
The Schlitzkus Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Groups - Basement
7:30-9:00 p.m. College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 31

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Children's Council Meeting - Library

Friday, September 1

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

Membership Card and Updates:

Please help us update our information by using this QR code or click the image. This is just another simple way to help us update your membership status. You can also pick up a card from the church office!



WELCOME BACK TO WYNNTON SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 10th
We will be celebrating our 2nd Annual Welcome Back to Wynnton Sunday. Please use the QR CODE or click the image to register for your ministry booth by September 3rd!