



*Love God, Love People, and Serve Together*

## Wishing for Wisdom

July 16, 2023

If you could wish for one thing, what would it be? Most of the time when we ask this question, if we're being honest, our mind goes to fortune or fame. For a man named Solomon, the answer was wisdom. Solomon was the son of a king. Actually, he was a son of King David, the chosen king of the Lord. That's a lot to live up to. So, when Solomon became king and God asked what He wanted, Solomon asked for wisdom. He wanted to know how to govern God's people better. It was a noble request. It wasn't focused on his wants or desires, but instead it focused on what it was that God had called on him to do.

As we continue our Characters with God's Character sermon series this week, Solomon shows us a new character of God: Wisdom. While Solomon was obedient and humble before the Lord, he also showed good judgement in understanding that he wasn't enough on his own. Solomon wanted to do the best job that he could serving God in the position he was blessed with. But he didn't have years of experience in ruling, because he wasn't the firstborn trained to be king. Solomon didn't have that experience. Solomon needed God.

I asked earlier what you would wish for because there was more to Solomon's request than wisdom. Solomon asked for God's help, because he so desperately needed God to see the job through. What would you wish for? How about wishing for God to help us serve him better. That's what Solomon did, and that was the wisest thing he ever did.

Noah, Solomon, and so many other important people from the Old Testament knew that the best thing they could do was to lean into God. That doesn't mean they're perfect, but it means they had the character to serve, and ask God to take care of the rest.

By His Grace,  
Will

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### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Zach Smith** by Carolyn Holland; Lynn & Bill White; Ramona & Andy Andresen

In memory of **Ben Russell** by Ramona & Andy Andresen

In memory of **Kathy Stafford** by Ramona & Andy Andresen

### GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Susan Hudson** for her birthday by Michelle & Jeffrey Hudson

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Danielle Edwards & Grant Denbaugh who were married in our Sanctuary on July 8, 2023 by Rev. Will Walley.

*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of THE BEST CHOIR AND MUSICIANS by Susan and Tommy Hudson.*



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 is from July 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

### WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

During the months of April, May and June we served 1,621 families containing 4,912 individuals, including 2,147 children. This is the second busiest quarter on record. Last summer was busier, but since then we have limited ourselves to 25 clients per day. We are still forced to purchase much of our food retail, which means our cost per family has increased greatly. The line of people waiting for food seems to start earlier and earlier. Today, there were more than 25 families waiting in line by 9:30 a.m. even though we don't open until 10a.m., and many families had to be told to return tomorrow. Most days are like this. Likewise, our utilities volunteers are very busy, more so now that summer electric bills are starting to arrive. During the last three months, we assisted 162 families with their utility bills and spent \$15,176.83.

Now more than ever we need your prayers. We are so grateful for the amazing generosity of all of our member congregations with their time, money and food. Your kindness touches many lives here.

### Flower Delivery

Neita Denny

### JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Our hymns during Camp Meeting are a vital way to express our thanks and praise to God for the blessing of salvation. The lively rhythms and lilting melodies lift us up and remind us of God's grace. We unite in song, a sweet communion, and encourage each other as we sing the familiar hymns so dear to our hearts. This Sunday, truly every Sunday, I invite you to feel our music in your hearts as we joyfully sing as a united body of Christ.

Singing with joy and spirit, and making music in his heart to the Lord is exactly what composer Elton Roth did when he stepped into a neighborhood church in Texas to escape the summer heat. Roth felt a "lingering and sacred presence" in the quiet and empty church. As he walked the aisles of the church, he began to sing a melody to what would become one of the first hymns he wrote: "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." Within the hour, he had sketched the entire hymn with words and introduced it that evening at an evangelistic meeting. He expressed delight that his whole being was transformed by the song. This Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing a Larry Shackley arrangement of Elton Roth's hymn, "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." Our dynamic duo, Kay and Donna, will play the festive and lively piano in four-hands accompaniment. Shackley's choral arrangement provides a rousing, joyful version of this hymn-song. As we sing and listen to this anthem, it is hard not to wonder if both composer and arranger were influenced by the music of the March King, John Philip Sousa. Let me know what you think!

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody" arr. by Larry Shackley  
*Piano in four-hands, Kay Hart and Donna Thigpen*  
*I have a song that Jesus gave me, it was sent from heav'n above; there never was a sweeter melody, 'tis a melody of love. [refrain] In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with heaven's harmony. In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody of love. I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry, for he washed my sins away. He put within my heart a melody, and I know it's there to stay. [refrain]*  
*'Twill be my endless theme in glory, with the angels I will sing; 'twill be a song with glorious harmony, when the courts of heaven ring. [refrain]*

Ephesians 5:19-20  
*Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

- \*Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- \*No Family Faith Connection this week because of River of Life
- \*Church on the Grass - Sunday 3-5 p.m.
- \*Next Cross-Training on July 19<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m. at Ambassadors of Christ on Milgen Rd.
- \*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
- \*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
- \*Color Wars Coming July 30<sup>th</sup>... more info to come!



### 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 August. 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.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us for a 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration honoring

Shirley Moon

Sunday, July 23, 2023  
Drop in from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Ministry Center

### MODERN SERVICE

Preview dates  
Sunday: 7/23, 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.

## SUNDAY FUNDAY EVENTS

3-5 PM @ WYNNTON  
METHODIST (AGES 3-11)

**JULY 2** AROUND THE WORLD

**JULY 9** VEGGIETALES PARTY

**JULY 16** SCRIBBLES & SWEETS

**JULY 23** BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

PARENTS DROP OFF KIDS FOR THESE EVENTS

MUST PRE-REGISTER BY THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT BY EMAILING  
MGROSS@WYNNTONUMC.ORG

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

### MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week 14

This week we finish up our readings in the book of Numbers and start with the book of Deuteronomy. So much of the book of Numbers is about adherence to the Law of God. It's all about the laws that God laid out for His people. In the very first chapter of Deuteronomy, you have disobedience. These texts help us to realize that for all their time living step by step with God Almighty, they can still make mistakes and falter. Our Father calls on us to listen and obey His commands, and it is only to our benefit that we do so. As you read through these verses this week, remember the mistake of the Israelites. We are called to follow God, not to follow ourselves. So today, follow God, because He is calling on you.  
-Will

July 16: Numbers 28

July 17: Numbers 29-30

July 18: Numbers 31

July 19: Numbers 32

July 20: Numbers 33-34

July 21: Numbers 35-36

July 22: Deuteronomy 1

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

16	Tom Stafford
17	Tonya Calvert
18	Shirley Moon, Clara Toelle
19	Jim Creek, Renee Ragan
21	Georgia Wise
22	Karen Emory

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 7-9-23

General Fund.....	12,593.00
Missions.....	50.00
Other Contributions.....	25.00
Loose Offering.....	35.75
Sunday School.....	74.00
VBS.....	600.00
Youth Fund.....	25.00



July 30, 2023

9:15 a.m.  
Breakfast

10:30 a.m.  
Service

### UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We will not be having group fitness Monday, July 17th due to VBS starting that day. That being said, please join us on the 24th for our regularly scheduled group fitness class in the Alpha Building, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for the Rock Step Cloggers on Thursday, August 24th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to bring a \$5 contribution for the food. R.S.V.P. to Michaela Walley by August 17<sup>th</sup> by calling 304-439-4204, emailing [mwalley@wynntonumc.org](mailto:mwalley@wynntonumc.org) or contacting the church office.

Rev. Michaela Walley  
Director of Family and Adult Ministries



In July we are collecting crayons, markers, pencils, coloring pencils, pencil sharpeners that hold the shavings, ball point pens. 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.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam



**Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

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

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**  
Family of Martha & Inge Smith  
The Stafford Family

**SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*Wishing for Wisdom*  
1 Kings 3:1-15

Rev. Will Walley

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD**

July 16: **Team 6:** J.T. Taylor, Chuck McDaniel,  
Michael Brabner

**WELCOMER**

9:30 a.m. Jenny Horton

**PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies July 14-16  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**7-9-23**

8:30 a.m. Service.....	44
11:00 a.m. Service.....	122
Sunday School.....	92

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 16**

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
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Sunday Fun Day - Ministry Center
4:00-8:00 p.m.	Church on the Grass

**Monday, July 17**

9:00 a.m. VBS - Ministry Center

**Tuesday, July 18**

9:00 a.m. VBS - Ministry Center

**Wednesday, July 19**

9:00 a.m.	VBS - Ministry Center
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Cross Training - Ambassadors of Christ
6:15-7:15 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 20**

9:00 a.m. VBS - Ministry Center

**Friday, July 21**

9:00 a.m. VBS - Ministry Center

**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.

