



*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

“It ALL Comes Down to This”

October 29, 2023



As we bring our stewardship 2024 campaign to a close, I am excited and encouraged for the intentionality that we have had to remember the **ESSENTIALS** of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of Wynnton Methodist Church. We are all called to follow God’s direction and stretch ourselves beyond the limitations of just a building and a check box. We are able to see the vital need to be actively pursuing the call of a disciple to be faithful through our prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service. For a church to be more than a building, the people must be willing to go outside their walls and literally **BE THE CHURCH** to the community. Jesus built the Church **ESSENTIALLY** to go out and make disciples. He never built a building and said come to me, but He said to **GO OUT** and teach the world the **ESSENTIAL** truth of Jesus Christ.

So literally it ALL comes down to this... what is the **ESSENTIAL** purpose that God has placed Wynnton Methodist Church where we are? Everyone has a purpose in life and the church is no different. As we have mentioned so many times, God opened the doors at Wynnton to be a **LIGHT** to this community. After tons of prayer and petition, the first foundations were poured on a foundation of faith that God was going to move in Midtown. I still believe that God is not done with Wynnton, because we have not fully finished His **ESSENTIAL** plan for us. If God was finished, then we would be ready to close the doors and move to the place God needs us next. However, God still needs us right here. **WE** are **ESSENTIAL** to that plan to continue to build God’s kingdom in Midtown Columbus. I know many may still question that, but I feel deep in my heart that we are in the right place at the right time. So it all comes down to the heart of Wynnton.

I know Wynnton has always been about the mission of reaching people. Everything I have ever heard or read about Wynnton’s history is that we have always focused on ministering to the needs of the community. Why do you think that Wynnton Neighborhood Housing and Wynnton Neighborhood Network were born? The community was in need and the churches came together and saw a chance to make a larger impact for the kingdom of God. I know the need is still growing, and we have to make a decision on how Wynnton will factor into the community impact for the future. This is why we took the time to talk about the **ESSENTIALS** of being a member of Wynnton and the importance for everyone to be here for this Sunday’s Celebration Service.

So please pray for how you can partner with us for the upcoming year. All of us are **ESSENTIAL** to the success of Wynnton in the coming days. Stewardship is more than just finances, but we are called to give in accordance to what God has given to us. Walk with us in faith as we have stepped into a new journey together. We **ALL** need to be faithful givers in response to what God has provided for us here at Wynnton. So join me **THIS SUNDAY** at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center as we fellowship together with our Take 5 breakfast followed by our joint celebration service at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. God is moving and it all comes down to our willingness to step out in faith and be the church as we *Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

In His grip,  
Jason



## GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Diana Boensel & the Chancel Choir** by Carolyn Holland

## IN MEMORIAM

Doris Carr  
October 22, 2023

*"In my Father's house are many mansions..."*

## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Georgia and Fred Wise on the death of his sister, Judy Chancellor, of Newton, AL on Oct. 23, 2023.

To Grace An George on the death of her grandfather, Eddie George, of Columbus, GA on Oct. 20, 2023.

*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Kristi Chriss and in honor of Mellanie Vinyard, Sandi Carpenter, and Nikki Graham by their mother, Susan Chriss.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Amelia & Rick Toelle, Gloria Toelle and Ruth Pennington on the birth of a granddaughter/great granddaughter, Caroline Ruth Toelle, on Oct. 18, 2023. Parents are David & Danielle Toelle of Hamilton, GA.

## Fall Revival

Please mark your calendars for  
October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Our Final Session will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> during our celebration Sunday @ 10:30am



CELEBRATION SUNDAY  
& TAKE 5 Breakfast

October 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am Breakfast  
10:30am Service

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, our stewardship month culminates in our commitment. We will join together for food and fellowship, followed by our united worship service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will share a dramatic and inspiring anthem based on Revelation 5:9-10. Set in powerful call-and-response style, it is a well-crafted arrangement of a contemporary anthem. Hal Leonard publishing company describes it this way: "Compelling conversational style that allows the promise of an ever-present-God, even in trying times, to really shine through."

Revelation 5:9-10

*And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.*

"Is He Worthy?" arranged by Heather Sorenson

Tenor soloist, Billy Ragan

Do You feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.

Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does. And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He Loves? He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

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

We are inviting ALL youth and parents to join us this Sunday Night for a special time. Rebecca Fergusson – Licensed Marriage and Lead Family Therapist at the Lighthouse Children’s Advocacy Center in Americus will be sharing ways to equip and help students and parents cope with stress and anxiety! PLEASE put it on your calendar for Sunday Night, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm in the Basement!

- Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Fridays 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Fall Retreat will be Nov. 17 & 18
- FIELDS OF FAITH has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Golden Park
- Winter Retreat Dates are December 28-31. Please mark your calendar.

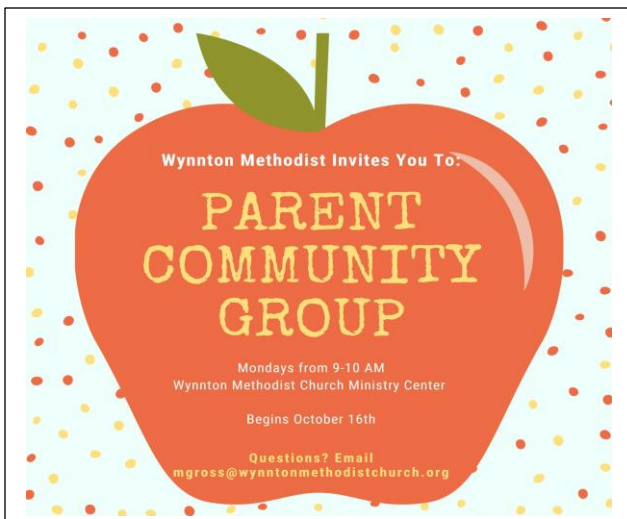


**PECAN SALE**

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. Our second order will be placed on **November 5th**, and a final order on **December 3rd**. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

Prices

- 1 lb. halves \$12.00
- 1/2 lb halves \$7.00
- 1 lb. pieces \$12.00
- 1/2 lb. chocolates \$9.00



**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

**Minor Prophets Reading**

Week 8

This week we finish our reading through the Minor Prophets, and it all ends with Malachi. Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament, but that does not diminish its importance. Malachi is a reminder to only give your best to God. This is a reminder that rings true for us as well. We are called by God to always give our best to Him in all that we do. We have the great opportunity to serve Him through our lives and actions, and it is one that we need to take seriously. Right at the end of Malachi, at what is the end of the Old Testament, God also gives a message of hope to His people. This is the prophecy for the return of the prophet Elijah, and the preparation for the work that God will be doing in this world. That is something that relates to us because we know that God followed through on that promise. The prophet did return, but with him came someone that was so much more. Give your best to God, because God has given His best to you.

-Will

- 10/29- Zechariah 11
- 10/30- Zechariah 12
- 10/31- Zechariah 13
- 11/1- Zechariah 14
- 11/2- Malachi 1
- 11/3- Malachi 2
- 11/4- Malachi 3-4

**BACKPACKS OF GRACE**

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 101 kids! Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, scooby-snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at [mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org).



**Wynnton Neighborhood Network**  
 For the period July - September of this year the Network served 148 families with utility assistance worth \$13,900. We also served 1,656 families with food. Those families contained 5,092 individuals including 2,165 children. Each day we serve our limit, 25 families. Last month alone we spent more than \$10,000 on groceries. The need for our services is great, and our appreciation for all our congregations who support us is even greater. Please continue your great work in the future. We depend on you.

**WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY**

THANK YOU TO ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SPONSORING STUDENTS FOR CHRISTMAS! WYNNTON METHODIST CHURCH IS SPONSORING A TOTAL OF 22 STUDENTS!!! I expect to make the wish lists available on Sunday, November 5. Then the fun begins....SHOPPING to make dreams come true for these students!

REMINDER: Your UNWRAPPED gifts need to be delivered to the school beginning on December 6th and ending on December 13th.

Please join me in providing a dessert for the school Faculty/Staff Thanksgiving meal on either November 14th or 15th for the meal on the 16th of November. (Y'all know I NEED your help with this!!)

Two people are joining me in January to sign up for reading to the students in the classroom/library. We need more! I have learned that the book you read will be provided to you for reading. (Think man or woman!)

Questions? Call Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890

**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 every first Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming cookie/holiday dessert recipe exchange - Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. More details to come!

Rev. Michaela Walley  
 Director of Family and Adult Ministries

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

29	Zane Draughon
1	Maddox Thigpen, Donna Voynich
4	Leigh Beach

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

<b>10-22-23</b>	
General Fund .....	6,679.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	115.00
Endowment .....	2,000.00
Operation Christmas Child .....	350.00
Loose Offering .....	25.00
Sunday School .....	40.00
Missions .....	50.00
Music .....	25.00

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

<b>10-22-23</b>	
8:30 a.m. Service .....	36
Modern Service .....	16
11:00 a.m. Service .....	93
Sunday School .....	72

## POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00  
Deadline to order:  
Wednesday, November 29  
Delivery date:  
Thursday, December 7

See a New Beginnings  
Class member to order.

## IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 2:13-22. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday the 29th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

## Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Tina Martinez
Michelle Foote	Robert Garrard
Kaye Hill	Mailyn McConnell
Lynn Christenson	Scott Mims
Jarrold Hart	Sabrina Hart
Larry Spell	Lynn Ezzell
Frances Grell	

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**  
Family of Georgia and Fred Wise  
Family of Doris Carr

## FIELDS OF FAITH

Fields of Faith has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1 and has moved to Golden Park.  
Food and Games: 6:30 p.m.  
Program 7:00-8:15 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who helped pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. Update to follow next week on how we did.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

## 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 November. 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.



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.

## WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

November is our month to help stock the shelves at Wynnton Neighborhood Network. The Network provides food to a great many needy families each week, but they need help to make that possible. So, we are asking everyone to try to help support this important ministry in our community this month. Below is a list that contains the items that the Network gives out each day, and we are asking that Wynnton bring in as much of it as you can. You can bring it to the church at any point in November and place the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall or under the Giving Tree. We are also going to be having our annual drop-off for our November collection on November 18th from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. That morning, you can come to the church and get help unloading any food you want to bring. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped out so many that needed it. This is our opportunity to support them, so please join us in filling the shelves this November. If you have any questions, please call Bob Gilstrap.

### Items needed for the Holiday Distributions:

Cranberry Sauce  
Brownie Mix  
Green Beans  
Corn  
Yams  
Evaporated Milk  
Pumpkin Pie Mix  
Cornbread Mix

### On-going suggested items:

Canned vegetables (green beans, baked beans, carrots, mixed veggies, or any other type of veggie)  
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ham, chili with meat, lasagna, etc.)  
Canned fruit  
Canned tomato products  
Macaroni and cheese  
Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles  
Jelly  
Peanut Butter  
Soup  
Rice  
Breakfast cereal  
Toilet paper  
Bar Soap  
Laundry Detergent (pods)

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

## WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK UNITY SERVICE

November 12, 2023  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Temple Israel

There will be a love offering collected that evening for the network.

## GENESIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

In the spirit of the season, please give your support and enjoy beautiful, fresh holiday evergreens. Place your prepaid orders for this mission project through Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your wreaths the week after Thanksgiving.

22" mixed evergreen wreath - \$30  
28" mixed evergreen wreath - \$40

Contact any member of the Genesis Class to order.

## 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.

## 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.



We need volunteers to help with flower delivery in 2024. If you would be interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Carol Hammock at 706-577-1575. Flowers can be picked up after the 11:00 service on Sunday or on Monday.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR ISRAEL**

Wednesdays  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Chapel (drop in)

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD  
October 29:**

**Team 7:** Eddie Cawthorne, Jeff Yates,  
Ed Annable

**Welcomers**

9:30 a.m. Mary Nell and Mike Blasingame

**SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*It ALL Comes Down to This*  
Matthew 25:31-46

Dr. Jason Wade - 10:30 a.m.

**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!



**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 29**

9:30 a.m. Take 5 Breakfast - Ministry Center  
10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary  
5:00-7:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Mark - Alpha Building  
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

**Monday, October 30**

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building  
9:00 a.m. Parent Community Group - Ministry Center  
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library  
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

**Tuesday, October 31**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

**Wednesday, November 1**

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
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  
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 2**

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace  
1:30 p.m. Game Day - Alpha Building

**Friday, November 3**

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

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

Rachel Plummer

**PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies Oct. 27-29  
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691