

January 16, 2022

J has recently been preaching about the *reality* of God. It has brought to mind a line from a song by the Christian music artist Lecrae.

"Paul said if Christ ain't resurrected we've wasted our lives
Well that implies that our life's built around Jesus being alive"

What have we built our lives around? Even as a member of the clergy I must ask myself this question. Sure, my vocation is centered around the Church, and I have felt God's call to ministry and responded to that call. But I have found that it is incredibly easy to adopt the **form** of a life that appears to be oriented around Christ without one's life having the **substance of that orientation**. By that I mean that it is very tempting to become caught up in the hustle and bustle of church, without being equally engaged in the authentic practice of our Christian faith.

The call of Christ is costly, and it demands a price that many are unwilling to pay. All we have to do to see that is to look at the rich young ruler who walked away when Christ told him to quite literally sell everything he had and give it to the poor. If we have truly committed ourselves to follow Christ, will we settle for a cheap version of Christianity that provides lip service to God but little else? Or will we truly build our lives around Christ - model his teaching and actions - give until it hurts - love even when it hurts? When I ask myself what my response would be if Christ were to call me to the same action as the rich young ruler - to sell everything I have, give to the poor, and trust that God will provide - I am convicted.

In 2022 how are you going to build your life around Christ? How are you going to respond to Christ's call on your life with authentic faith?

Pax,
Greg

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Don and Bobbie Vining on the death of their son, Phil Vining, of Newnan, GA on December 29, 2021.

Wyatt Steven Woodard

born on Jan. 4, 2022 to
Justin and Ali Woodard

Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents, Mike & Pam Woodard!
A rosebud has been placed on the altar by the church.

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Brittany and Logan's January birthdays by Bart and Brenda Wilson.

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Anne Turner** by Margaret & Don Goodroe

In memory of **Brad Trim** by Betty Woodruff; Shirley Moon

In memory of **Phil Vining** by Betty Woodruff

MIDTOWN CLASSIC

Planning is underway for a return of our 2022 Midtown Classic 5K race on April 23rd, but we need volunteers to host a successful event. If you are willing to volunteer to assist with race day activities, please call the office to have your name added to our sign-up sheet. Each of our Sunday School classes will also have sign-up sheets available over the next 2 Sundays. It is critical that we have sufficient volunteers committed to this event before we begin the process of promoting and finalizing plans for the race, so please let us know of your willingness and availability as soon as possible.

JANUARY IS BACKPACKS OF GRACE MONTH AT WYNNTON!

Backpacks of Grace is a primary ministry of our church through which we provide weekend food for selected students in need at our Partner in Education school, Wynnton Arts Academy. Each Thursday morning, volunteers pack bags that are distributed at the school on Friday. We purchase many basic items from Feeding the Valley at low costs, but other, supplemental items must be purchased from retail food stores at higher prices. This is where you can help!

If you wish to donate, please choose items from the list below. They must be packaged in INDIVIDUAL SERVING containers. Also, NO PEANUTS can be in the product or in the manufacturing process (see "Contains" label on packages). Items which are particularly helpful are:

- Individual macaroni and cheese cups
- Individual snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.)
- Individual breakfast food (cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc.)
- Individual fruit cups (diced fruit, applesauce, etc.)

Of course, financial donations are always welcome, and they may be made through the church office.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

In a recent edition of *Worthy Brief*, a daily Christian newsletter, the author describes wells built without filters which allow dirt and debris to prevent water from freely flowing into the well. It is used as a metaphor for our faith journey. Some of us, like the wells built without filters, allow sin particles to pass through and linger.

George Whitten, one of the contributors to *Worthy Brief*, goes on to say, "It's time to dig down as deep as we can go. Sort through all that dross till we find the Water source. And once we get there, we need to get our wells cleansed and purified and build our filters so this doesn't happen again." The timing of this article was providential. The lyrics for Sunday's anthem remind us of the perfect Source to cleanse and purify our well. In song we are called to come to the Waters, to the Flowing Fountain, where sins are forgiven and mercy is boundless and free.

"Come, O Come to the Waters" by David Lantz III
Come, O come to the waters, flowing so boundless and free; hear the voice of the Savior, lost one, He calls to thee. Come, come, why wilt thou roam? Mercy is boundless and free. Come, O come to the fountain, flowing, yes flowing for thee. Now the Savior is waiting, waiting thy sins to forgive; come to Him, and believing, look, and thy soul shall live. Why, O why dost thou linger? Though thou hast wandered away, still He tenderly calls thee; come and be saved today. Come, come, why wilt thou roam? Mercy is boundless and free. Come, O come to the fountain, flowing, yes flowing for thee.

Revelation 7:17

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will lead them to the springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

Chancel Flowers

The following dates are available to put flowers in the sanctuary: Feb. 6th, March 6th, 20 & 27th. If you are interested in filling any of these dates, please call the office.

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 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. These lessons have prepared us to meet Jesus during this Advent season. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on the second floor of the Grimes building.

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. ...and also, please note that our sign-up sheets for the first quarter of 2022 are available on the sign-up table in the main hallway. Please be thinking of dates for which you can sign up over the next few months.

SUPPORT FOR UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the primary arm of the United Methodist Church that provides vital support for such missions as domestic and international disaster relief, global health, missionaries around the world, and evangelism/church revitalization. If you would like to support UMCOR financially, you can do so in the following ways:

1. Send your check, designated to UMCOR, to the church office and we will make sure it is forwarded to UMCOR.
2. Go to their website: <https://umcmmission.org> and follow the links for designating your gift to the mission of your choice. For those wishing to support relief efforts related to the recent disasters in Kentucky, you can designate your gift for US disaster relief.
3. You can also support UMCOR on an ongoing basis with the Amazonsmile program that will make automatic donations to UMCOR based on your spending with Amazon.



Youth Sunday School

The youth have started a new series called, "Created in God's Image". Students from 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us in The Basement at 9:45 Sunday mornings for coffee, donuts, and digging into God's word.

Trinity House Needs

We are in need of personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. If you can help, please leave your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Debi Meacham Wright
Bobby Porch	Dorothy Robinson
Lillian Cox	Kerry Mess
Lynn Christenson	Jennefer Spell
Beverly Ragsdale	Jim Accordino
Jean McGlamry	Gwen Bolin
Lenore Ash	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Rubye Screws
Family of Stella Jambon
Family of Marjorie Croft
Family of Sarah Crawford
Family of Deanna Stevenson
Family of Wanda Jones
Family of Rick Mitchell
Family of Brad Trim

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 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
Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building

Monday, January 17

Office Closed - MLK Day

Tuesday, January 18

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

Wednesday, January 19

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30-7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
7:15-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

Friday, January 21

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

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

January 16: Luke 13:1-17, Genesis 23, Psalm 16
January 17: Luke 13:18-35, Genesis 24, Psalm 17
January 18: Luke 14:1-24, Genesis 25, Psalm 18
January 19: Luke 14:25-35, Genesis 26, Psalm 19
January 20: Luke 15, Genesis 27:1-45, Psalm 20
January 21: Luke 16, Genesis 27:46-28:22, Psalm 21
January 22: Luke 17, Genesis 29:1-30, Psalm 22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

16	Maxwell Bray, Janet Gay, Amelia Toelle, Wallace Twigg
17	Gina Barnett
18	Bobbie Edmondson
19	Joseph Calvert
20	Betsey Dryman, Martha Ann Elizondo
21	Aaron Tincher

OUR STEWARDSHIP

1-9-21

General Fund.....	11,991.00
Endowment.....	125.00
Missions.....	556.75
Backpacks of Grace.....	50.00
Open Door.....	10.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Who's Your God Now - Part 2
Job 38:1-11
Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Jan. 14-16
Rev. Greg Harrison 478-955-1577