



*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“I Lift My Eyes to the Hills”**

**November 19, 2023**

As we walk together toward one of my favorite holidays of the year, I am truly humbled to think about how God continues to walk before us. I know that we look around and ask, “Where did the year go?” I have truly been blown away when I think that the year is truly moving so slow, and then one blinks and we are about to step into Thanksgiving and Advent; a time where we all look to God in remembrance and anticipation to what the new year will bring. It is truly a humbling time as we look back and understand that it is only by the grace of God that we are here.

In the midst of our troubles and uncertainty, we are able to raise our heads and look to the Hill - The Hill of Calvary that continues to provide for us all of the answers when we ask why we should be thankful. Every day over the last year, I have awakened to songs in my heart and mind that God has placed within me to assure me that everything is going to be alright. I have found a different understanding of the peace that passes all understanding. God has been able to walk with us through some of the darkest days, and for that I am truly thankful.

What about you? When we come to the point of frustration and anguish, where do your eyes turn? So many times I have witnessed people who, instead of lifting their head, drop it into great despair. Instead of turning it over to Jesus, they try to handle the situation by their own means and find themselves in greater despair, anguish, or even depression. Lifting our eyes provides for us the ability to show our surrender to God and recognize the power of His healing power in our lives. Lifting our eyes, we take the focus off the negative and accentuate the power of God’s positive healing that we all need to move past the darkness. David writes it so beautifully in Psalm 121 when he states:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip—He who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

We are given assurance that, in our darkest times, in our weakest moments, God is there ready to walk with us when we come under attack by the world. What a humbling way for us to show gratitude. What an amazing way to provide for us the ability to take the next step when we feel so weak and heavy burdened. During this time of Thanksgiving, I know that it may be difficult for so many to find the ability to give thanks, but realize that you are not carrying this burden alone. God is and always will be in control. I have faithfully believed that my entire life, and I cannot begin to think differently today. May we lift our eyes until the hills and focus on the mighty name of Jesus.

In His grip,  
Jason

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**CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE**

December 6, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
Ministry Center

*The Chancel Flowers are in memory of Rev. John & Lenore Ash by Linell and David Pringle.*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Doris Carr** by Anne Spell; Bobbie Edmondson; Linda & Mike Stephens; Linda & Wallace Twiggs

In memory of **Larry Spell** by Jane Daly; Bobbie Edmondson; Debby & Eric Hubbard; Cindy & Randy Autry; Michael Longstreet; Marcia & Grady Adkins; Tonya Angel; Neita & John Denny; Judy & Don Davidson; Linda & Wallace Twiggs; Women's Bible Study

In memory of **Michael White** by Anne Spell; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Bobbie Edmondson; Debby & Eric Hubbard; Carolyn Cartledge; Paul Burr; Gloria Elzworth, Cheryl Crawford & Karen Cannady; Linda & Mike Stephens

In memory of **Joe Batastini** by Oz White; Linda & Mike Stephens



## FALL FESTIVAL

Thank you so much to everyone who came and served at our Fall Festival, and thank you to those who assisted with donations as well! As I walked around, I witnessed the love that you extended towards these kids and these families and cannot stress enough the type of impact that your kindness has in the building of the Kingdom. At least 20% of the families in attendance are unchurched; thank you for showing them (and me!) the beauty of the Church. May God bless you, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Meghan Gross



Thank you again for all the contributions to make the OCC Packing Party a success! The final number of boxes collected was 277!

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday is our last Sunday before Thanksgiving. It is right to give thanks to God in all things as a vital part of our faith journey. Being thankful can guide us as we love God, love people, and serve together. The more we profess gratitude, the more we have opportunities to recognize things for which to be grateful. The Wynntones will ring us into an "attitude of gratitude" with their prelude based on a familiar hymn tune, *Holy Manna*. Our hymns and anthems this Sunday express our gratitude and praise for God. The Chancel Choir will sing "You are Lord" by Pepper Choplin. It is a poignant song of praise, with a beautiful and simple melody accompanied by a gently flowing piano part.

*You Are Lord" by Pepper Choplin  
You are love, You are peace, and Your faithfulness and hope never cease. To the humble heart You stand as an open door. You are Lord. You are joy, You are light, and You guide us as we walk through the darkest night. You are all the human heart is searching for. You are Lord. Your Children stand before You to bring you gifts of praise, but our gifts seem so humble, for You are Lord, for You are God. You are now, You are then and Your holiness and power never end. We'll live within Your house forevermore. You are Lord.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

## PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. A final order will be placed 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



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

- 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 November 17 & 18
- Winter Retreat Dates are December 28-31 Please mark your calendar.



**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).

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

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

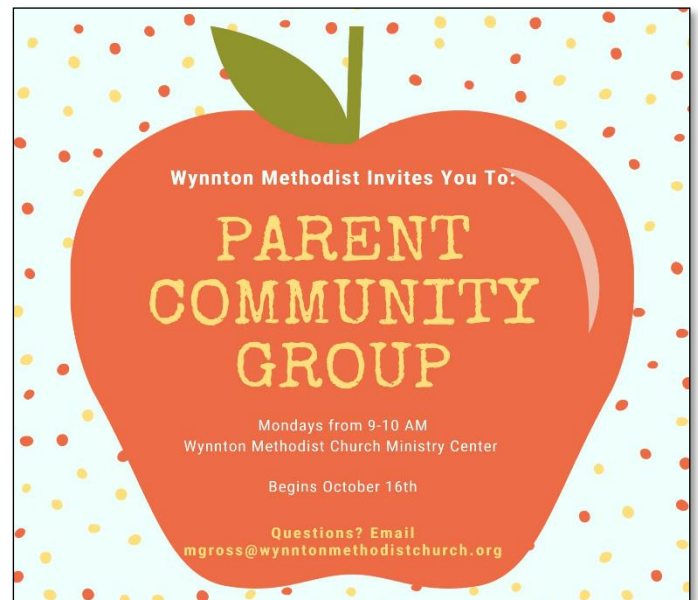
**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

**Weekly Scripture Reading**

Week 3

This week we finish the letter written to the Ephesians and start the letter written to the Philippians. These letters are still focused on the Christian life. Primarily, they focus on where you should keep your attention. Namely, we are called to keep our attention on God. Paul is calling on the Ephesians, the Philippians, and us to keep looking towards God in all we do. We are asked to keep to the humility of Christ and to have that same attitude of service. This connects to us just as much as it connected back in Paul's time. We still need to strive to keep to Christ's example, no matter what the world may tell us.  
-Will

- 11/19- Ephesians 5:21-33
- 11/20- Ephesians 6:1-9
- 11/21- Ephesians 6:10-24
- 11/22- Philippians 1:1-26
- 11/23- Philippians 1:27-2:11
- 11/24- Philippians 2:12-30
- 11/25- Philippians 3:1-14



### POINSETTIA SALE



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

See a New Beginnings  
Class member to order.

### UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We will not be having group fitness Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, due to it being a holiday week. We will be back to our regular schedule on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Come join us for a holiday dessert/cookie recipe exchange! It will be Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm. Please send a copy of your recipe to Michaela by Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Michaela Walley  
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

### IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study is taking time off for the holidays. We will be returning November 26<sup>th</sup> at six o'clock. Until then we are reading through Mark 3:7-30. 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 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

### CHRISTMAS TREE ASSISTANCE



If you would like help putting up and tearing down your Christmas tree, please contact Michaela Walley at [mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org) or 304-439-4202.

If you would like to be a blessing to someone in the church by helping them set up and tear down their Christmas tree, contact Michaela.

### COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS



November 19, 2023  
Pathfinders



### WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

All wish lists have been distributed. I am aware that the gender of each child is not stated and am working with WAA to get that information. The unwrapped gifts can be delivered as soon as you wish to do so. The final deadline for delivery is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all you are doing.

Tissues and Band-Aids are needed for the classrooms all year long. You may place these donations in the WAA bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/Text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 if there are any questions!



### 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.

### 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.

### 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	Robert Garrard
Michelle Foote	Mailyn McConnell
Kaye Hill	Sabrina Hart
Lynn Christenson	Frances Grell
Jarrold Hart	Reese Stallings
Vicki Ragan	Kay Hart
Virginia Bonner	Claren Hill
Susan Chriss	Bob Lowery
Jaleen Welch	

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Doris Carr  
Family of Larry Spell  
Family of Michael White  
Family of Pat Kelley  
Family of Diana & Marc Boensel

### 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)



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.

### FLOWER DELIVERY

Linda Twiggs

### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD November 19

**Team 3:** Rob Harbison, Bruce Boretsky, Bennett Massey, Harry Lubin

#### Welcomers

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

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Looking to God*  
Psalm 123

Dr. Jason Wade - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Will Walley - 9:00 a.m.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 19 William Toelle
- 20 Alice McCown
- 21 Beth Booth, Mike Webb
- 22 Chuck Carpenter, Marlene Culpepper
- 23 Lynda Gantt, Hunter Greer, Bennett Massey, Gib Richardson
- 25 Oliver Baas

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 11-12-23

General Fund .....	9,734.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	535.00
Bereavement .....	100.00
Endowment .....	380.00
Goodwill Sunday School Class.....	30.00
Loose Offering .....	132.00
Operation Christmas Child .....	33.00
Thanksgiving .....	400.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network .....	30.00
Music .....	900.00
Sunday School .....	31.00
Other Contributions .....	125.00

## OUR ATTENDANCE

### 11-12-23

8:30 Service .....	37
Modern Service.....	16
11:00 Service .....	125
Sunday School .....	79



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Modern Service - Ministry Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection – Basement

### Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, November 21

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

### Wednesday, November 22

Office Closed

### Thursday, November 23

*Happy Thanksgiving*

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies November 17-19  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

### 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!

