

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Direction, Not Intention, Determines Our Destination”

June 2, 2024

One of my favorite sayings from a well-known pastor was, “Direction, not intention, determines our destination.” And yes, I have also heard the proverb from the London newspaper from 1828 that stated, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.” I mean, even John Wesley, himself, quoted this proverb in his sermon entitled, The Almost Christian. But to the average Joe, what exactly is being said by all of these crazy allusions. Simply put, we are called to have a vision that leads us into action and not one that simply creates apathy.

Over the past few weeks, we have been able to truly see the call of the Church as it was meant to be a place of equipping, disciple making, and sending forth. We are the body that makes the Church truly alive in the world today. I know that may seem very hard to believe from time to time, but with every generation, the Church has to recognize and take hold of why we are the Church. In Acts, we were able to see the birth of the Church, but throughout the writings of Paul, we have been able to see the Church grow and multiply to the corners of the world. Time and time again, God uses the Church to be His hands and feet filled with the heartbeat of the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel. When asked where we are going, the simple answer is, “Wherever God needs us to go to be a living example of Christ and reach the lost.”

Jesus was very simplistic in His teachings of where we should go. He did not give us a location such as Nineveh, which was Jonah’s location. He simply said, “Go, and make disciples of all nations...” Even though this may seem on such a large scale, the message of direction was very simple. Jesus was saying wherever you go, encounter them with the love of God and invite them to have a relationship that will change their hearts for eternity. You could go to the other side of the world or across the street, but wherever you go, make sure to engage them with the Gospel as the Church was commissioned to do. We are called to go and the Holy Spirit is the engine that drives us to a place God is leading.

Today, I challenge us all to look where we have come over nearly 2 years since God blessed me and my family to move and grow with you as your Senior Pastor. I am very humbled for that journey, but by no means do I believe that God did not already have the direction for both of us to meet right here and serve together right now!! I know that there have been some long days and nights, but there is no way that I would change any part of it. God is directing His Church to continue to make an eternal impact on the community and the world. When we are faithful to follow God’s lead, God continues to use His Church to implement change around the world.

We all know that as Christians our final destination is eternity in heaven. I pray and encourage each and every one of us not to be shy in letting the world know that fact. I know that I have no control on the days of my life, but I do know the One that is in control, and I decided a long time ago to follow Him all the days of my life. Lead us, O God, and may we be used by You to continue to change the world.

In His grip, Jason



THANK YOU

The Pennington Family and The Toelle Family would like to thank you for the love you showed our family in the death of our mother, Ruth Pennington, through your kind words, prayers and cards. Thank you and may God Bless Each One of You.
Thanks, Amelia Toelle

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Bob Draughon on the anniversary of his 90th birthday by the Draughon family.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Ruth Pennington** by The Goodwill Sunday School Class; Mary Mims; Lynn & Bill White; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Jill Henderson; Rebecca & Ron Davis; Elsie & David Bickley; Margaret & Charles Pennington; Diane & Gary Orr; Susan & Dennis Clements; Anne Spell

In memory of **Dee Dee Branham** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

ADULT MINISTRIES Cell Phone Photography with Eliza Tuesday, June 25, 2024

We will have a beginner-friendly class to review basic cell phone camera settings and learn how to take better photos in everyday settings. We will learn how to use phone camera settings to compose images with zoom or wide-angle view, how to shift our perspectives for portraits, how to add light to brighten images, and much more. There will be time to use this information and practice taking pictures around the church (and much more if time permits). We will have a sign-up sheet in each SS class beginning June 9th so we will know how many to plan for in the class. You may also call the church office to get on the list.

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY Saturday, June 1 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Come join us for our second opportunity to connect with our community. We have been able to receive some new ideas and will hopefully engage with more people to create new ministry opportunities. If you would love to serve, please contact the following people in charge of each team:

Connection- Sabrina Hart
Security- John Denny
Clean Up- Pat Kelley

Food- Amelia Toelle
Set-Up- Jill Yates
Service- Suzanne Supple

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Brokenness is all around us. So many people are filled with emptiness and that emptiness can lead people to be angry and hateful toward each other. Now, imagine a world, a people, a church, connecting with each other and with God. Imagine a people aware of God's perfect love. With that love in our hearts, we have the power to impact the world around us. We can become a unified community reaching out to those who are empty, those who are in need. The Chancel Choir anthem for this Sunday, "Draw Us Together" by Pepper Choplin, is a prayer of love and a plea for unification. The lyrics remind us that we are called to hear and live the Gospel and respond with good works. It is an extraordinary anthem with a laid-back gospel groove, imploring God to work among us and "draw us together again."

"Draw Us Together" by Pepper Choplin

How can we share the gospel of peace if peace does not live in the heart? How can we share the message of love if bitterness tears us apart? We may go forward with something to give when the gospel we preach is the gospel we live. O Lord, come work among us; move like we've never seen.

Come now and cleanse us, come work within us, draw us together again. Come people, come, let us hear the Word of the Lord as we pray for unity. Love one another, and be of one mind, so you may live in peace. Always be faithful, be loving and true so that God's peace and love is living in you.

O Lord, come work among us; move like we've never seen. Come now and cleanse us, come work within us, draw us together again.

Hebrews 10:22-24

...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Urgent Need: We are in need of plastic grocery bags. If you can donate, please bring them to the church (Ministry Center) and drop them in the bin marked WNN.

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

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- No Sunday Night Activities June 2nd. Leaving for Summer Camp.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesday!
- Wednesday Night Bible Study tonight - 7 p.m. at AOC 4817 Milgen Road.
- First Cross-Training of the year is TODAY from 3-5p.m. Invite a friend and get ready for a WILD and CRAZY SUMMER!!
- Please make sure to pick up a summer activities brochure to be in the loop for all of our summer activities during the week.



NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTION

Attention All Young Families, Singles & Young Adults

We have had a GREAT start with our new class. One of our major focuses is providing ministry opportunities to those who are seeking community and connection. This is an opportunity for those who may be a young family, a single at church or a single adult to come and have a conversation about how we can meet your needs and launch new discipleship ministries.

Please join us in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. EVERY SUNDAY to continue the conversations as we continue to gather together.

In His grip, Jason

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Bryant Giang
Adam Walker

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Infants - Age 2

First Floor Grimes Building

Sunday School

9:45-10:50 am

3-year-olds - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)

3-year-olds - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)



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 Friday 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.

PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday

(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm





June 1: Decoration workday at 9:00 a.m.

June 10-14: VBS week - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Here comes June! We are collecting school supplies in June and July. Watch for some of these items on sale and get more for your money.

The items listed for June are notebook paper, notepads, and round tipped scissors.

For July, we are collecting crayons, markers, pencils, sharpeners that hold shavings, and ball point pens.

Remember, you can get deals when School sales begin. Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 118

Washcloths: 53

Combs: 68

Hairbrushes: 15

Deodorant: 53 (need 60)

Ball Caps: 8

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

June 2, 2024



New Beginnings

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 21



As Paul and other disciples are helping to spread the Gospel to different parts around the world, we are able to watch some amazing encounters. From Paul meeting Lydia and witnessing the baptism of her entire family to the encounter with the jailer and seeing the lives of his family changed as well, the Church is on the move and continuing to grow daily. Stories from Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, etc... continue to be show both the struggle and the praise of the movment of God. May we be encouraged as we face each day and read this week about the struggles that were faced in order that we could have more freedom today.

In His grip, Jason

June 2	Acts 16:11-15
June 3	Acts 16:16-28
June 4	Acts 16:29-40
June 5	Acts 17:1-9
June 6	Acts 17:10-15
June 7	Acts 17:16-34
June 8	Acts 18:1-17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Lauren Becker
- Gena Tincher



OUR ATTENDANCE

5-26-24

8:30 a.m.	39
9:00 a.m.	16
11:00 a.m.	120
Sunday School	90

OUR STEWARDSHIP

5-26-24

General Fund.....	7,188.00
Loose Offering.....	80.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music.....	50.00
Other Income.....	465.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	3.00
Sunday School.....	56.00

Flower Delivery

Rachel Plummer



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 June. 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.



Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Richard Holmes
Pam Feagle	Shelley Montgomery
Betty Garrett	Sabrina Hart
Jeanine Cotton	Beverly McDaniel
Michelle Foote	Rachael Casar
Virginia Bonner	Carrie Thomas
Lynn Christenson	Walter Cook
Hazel Hope	Ben Smith
Forrest Toelle	Freddie Richardson
Scott Mims	Rodney Dean
Seth Harp	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Ruth Pennington

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

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
10:00 a.m.	Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary Youth Summer Camp Departs

Tuesday, June 4

10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:00 p.m.	Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library
6:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Committee Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, June 5

12:00-1:00 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
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Friday, June 7

5:00-8:00 p.m.	Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center
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WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD June 2, 2024

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

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: May 31- June 2
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Destination, Direction and Drive
Hebrews 10:19-25
8:30 a.m. - Rev. Steve Croft
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Jason Wade