



*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“A New Season Begins in Prayer”**

**October 6, 2024**

Growing up with a grandfather who was a farmer, you really get the opportunity to understand the importance of seasons. At a young age, I never fully understood why there were certain times of the year that he would plant certain crops. All I remember is he would invite me and my brother to go down the rows and plant the seeds that he had given to us. I vividly remember watching him get up before the sun arose and spend time praying over his family, home and garden. There were many days I would ask my mom, “Why was grandpa always in the fields?” She would reply, “Prayer is the greatest part in preparing for the harvest.” Little did I know that my grandpa would be demonstrating for me intentional aspects of his faith that would lead to me also becoming a farmer in the fields.

Now to be honest, I have no idea how to begin to start working and preparing to plant a physical garden. My skills and gifts that God has given me is to prepare the fields for the spiritual harvest. As a farmer is preparing for a NEW SEASON, there is a lot that goes into the preparation, but nothing more important than to begin in prayer. So, I invite you to take a moment with me and read the Farmer’s Prayer:

*As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning. I taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings. I sense you beside me, my good shepherd watching over me as I care for the farm. I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work. I feel blessed to walk in the long-lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping. Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit. Give me strength and health when I feel tired or weary. I release my anxious thoughts to you, knowing that you hear my prayer. Please bless my farm, my home, my family. Please bless the work of my hands. Please remind me each morning to give thanks to you anew, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

As we begin this NEW SEASON together, my prayer is that you truly seek to listen and discern God’s call in your life. In a NEW SEASON, we realize that we all play a role in continuing to till, plant, nurture and multiply the fields in preparation for the harvest. God is ready for a NEW SEASON at Wynnton, and I am so excited to see where God is going to lead us. However, I invite us all to take the first step together as we walk into this NEW SEASON beginning in prayer. As my mom would remind me from time to time, “Prayer is the greatest part in preparing for the harvest.” Regardless of the many different types of fields we can prepare, without prayer we will fail to reach the fullness of God’s harvest. “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.” 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 NIV

In His grip, Jason

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*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of her two girls, Clare Akin (Oct. 6), Lauren Batts (Oct. 3), and momma, Ina Davis (Oct. 20), on their birthdays  
by Teresa Randle*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Joan Carswell** by Mary Mims; the Goodwill Class

In memory of **Betty Garrett** by Diana Boensel; Sheryl and Jim Creek; Shelley and Becky Blount; Pat and Bruce Kelley; Sue and Bill Pope; Beth and Larry Hendrickson; Cindy and Randy Autry; Carole and Eric Sears; Mary Mims; the Goodwill Class; Kay & Walt Hart

In memory of **Uncle Eugene Sanders, a classmate of Rev. Edwin Grimes at Emory University**, by Linda and Wallace Twiggs

## GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **our mother Saunders Richey on her birthday** by Erin Byrd, Clay Richey, Scott Richey, and Tyler Richey

In honor of **Andy and Austin Colvin for their baptism** by Melanie and Tim Vinyard

In honor of **David Pringle, John Bray, Bill White, and Bob Gilstrap** by Cindy and Randy Autry

## BAPTISMS

Austin Lephon Colvin and Anderson (Andy) David Colvin were baptized in our Sanctuary last Sunday by Dr. Jason Wade and Rev. Steve Croft.

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*thank you*

I am so grateful for my church family! I have felt so much love and covered in prayer during the months of tests, scans, and finally the surgery. Thank you all for the sweet cards, texts, and delicious meals you have showered us with! Your kindness has been overwhelming!  
Love, Brenda

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



This Sunday, we celebrate World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world. World Communion Sunday originated in 1933, another dark time in our world history. Church leaders searched for an act or symbol that would remind us of God's presence even in difficult times. From this endeavor, World Communion Sunday was established. In spite of our differences, the oneness and unity we experience through Christ when we commune at the table of the Lord can bring us all peace.

The Chancel and Wesley Choirs will sing communion anthems this Sunday; anthems that reflect God's abundant grace and mercy. The Wesley Choir anthem, "Come to the Table of the Lord" by Jay Althouse, invites the listener to come to the Table of the Lord to dwell in God's light and be renewed. The Chancel Choir will sing "Table of Grace" by Pepper Choplin. It is a warm, expressive anthem with a fluid, gentle accompaniment. Cascading harmonies, representing holy manna and living water flowing from heaven, remind us that we are nourished and filled with "God's timeless love."

Table of Grace" by Pepper Choplin

*Table of grace, table of mercy: see, there is room, there is plenty for all. Rise up and come to this healing place. Come to the table of grace.*

*Table of grace for all who are weary, those who may struggle and need holy rest. Love will refresh, and the Spirit will raise. Come to the table of grace. Receive the bread like holy manna. Be nourished by heaven above. Receive the cup like living water filled by God's timeless love. Table of grace, generous bounty, offering freely forgiveness and love; come and discover God's merciful ways. Come to the table of grace. Come, there is plenty with rest for the weary. Come to the table of grace.*

John 6:51

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

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*thank you*

To my church family, I want to thank you for the many expressions of kindness and love shown to me this past Sunday.

I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and loving church family.  
Love, Kay



There's no better time than now to get connected with the student ministry here at Wynnton! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us at any of our gatherings throughout the week.

**Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study**

6:30pm-8:00pm  
Ambassadors of Christ

**Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast**

7:00am-7:30am  
Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey

**211 Faith Connection/Sunday Night Youth**

5:00pm-7:00pm  
The Basement

Also, please send your student's extra-curricular schedules to me as well. We want to be a Wynnton family, and I would love the opportunity to come support our students doing the things they love!

If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our student ministry opportunities or provide meals for our students, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. You can text me (912-618-0365) or April Wade (770-380-2294) to sign up.

**Dates to Save:**

Wednesday, Oct 30

Trunk or Treat  
5pm-7pm

Friday, Nov 22-

Sunday, Nov 24

Fall Retreat  
Epworth by the Sea

Wednesday, Nov 6

Fields of Faith  
Kinnett Stadium  
6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday, Jan 23 -

Sunday, Jan 26

Rock the Universe

To sign up for the **Fall Retreat at Epworth:**

- Go to our web page ([wynntonmethodistchurch.org](http://wynntonmethodistchurch.org))
- Click on the Youth tab
- Follow instructions to register

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Blessings,  
Derek Harrison

**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)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, October 6:**

**Nursery:**

Carrie Thomas and Pam Gilstrap



**Children's Church:**

Alison Davis, Carol Hammock

**Children's Worship  
Bulletins™** 

Children's bulletins are available on Sunday mornings for all services. They are available in the Sanctuary and in the Ministry Center.

**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 October. 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.



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

- 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Charge Conference
- 6:20 p.m. Operation Christmas Child Packing Party



**WE NEED YOU!  
October 30th 5-7 p.m.**

The Trunk or Treat is just around the corner and we still need **10 more cars** to make this a success!! Don't delay signing up. The New Beginnings class has graciously agreed to prepare a hot dog supper for our event. Josh Edwards will also have a Balloon Animal Station for the kids. Superhero theme cars are an idea, but not required when decorating. **BE CREATIVE!** Make it fun.

If you cannot sponsor a car, please bring in candy to make sure we have plenty!

*Let all that you do be done in Love. 1 Cor. 16:14*

**WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY**

Thanks to all who are sponsoring students for Christmas. You will be given the details for each student on **Sunday, November 10**. This allows the school time to collect the details from the parents whose children will be receiving gifts.

Your participation in this special project is much appreciated by the school, parents and children.

Always needed at WAA:

Boxes of tissue, hand sanitizer, band-aids

Place all donations in the WAA bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/text Shirley at **706-332-6890** if you have any questions.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 8 Ruth Anthony
- 10 Joe Bannon
- 11 Nancy Abernathy,  
Suzanne Supple



**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**9-29-24**

10:30 a.m..... 150

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**9-29-24**

General Fund .....	10,829.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	160.00
College Ministries .....	25.00
Loose Offering.....	115.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music .....	265.00
Open Arms.....	50.00
Other Contributions .....	1,185.00
Preschool .....	25.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	50.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network .....	250.00
Youth Fund.....	100.00

**NEWS FROM WYNNTON  
PRESCHOOL**



We are off to a great start this year with several classes being full to capacity! We are still enrolling students each week. A letter has gone home to preschool parents informing them of our Operation

Christmas Child mission project. We hope our parents will be generous with their donations as they always are. We will have our Fall Fun Day on Thursday, October 31, where the kids will be dressed in costumes.

## COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

October 6

Sojourners



We are collecting children's t-shirts now. Hobby Lobby has shirts for \$2.99. Quite colorful! Youth sizes are needed. We need plenty of them. You can find other needs OCC has by looking at the list on the door right past the Welcome Center. The packing party is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 6** after our Wednesday Night Supper. If you are collecting at home, you can get boxes and fill your own, or you can bring your box and pack with us.

Toothbrushes: 129	Ikea cups: 300
Washcloths: 75	Notebook paper: 46
Combs: 200	Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10
Hairbrushes: 22	24 pk Crayons: 179
Deodorant: 72	Markers: 74
Ball Caps: 16	Sharpener: 275
Colored Pencils: 278	Note pads: 40
Socks: 6	T-Shirts: 108
Erasers: 100	Pencils: 350 (need plenty)
Pens: 292	Scissors: 39
Ikea bowls: 300	

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.  
Pam Gilstrap

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*New Season: Everyone Shares the Burden*  
Galatians 6:2-5

9:00 a.m.- Rev. Steve Croft  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Dr. Jason Wade



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.

## OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

October 6:  
Lynn White and Bart Wilson

## WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD October 6

Team 7:  
Eddie Cawthorne, Jeff Yates, Ed Annable

## Flower Delivery

Brenda Wilson



## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: October 4-6

Rev. Steve Croft  
706-604-4262



## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Genesis Class will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year.

Orders taken: **Oct 5 – Nov 3**

Sizes:

**28" - \$45.00**

**22" - \$30.00**

Additional items for sale also.

Orders will be delivered the **week after Thanksgiving**. See a Genesis class member for more information.



The athletic department at CSU will be hosting a golf tournament on Wednesday, November 13th. We will be partnering with them to help with registration and handing out food. They will then, in turn, make a donation to our Open Arms Ministry!! If you are interested in helping, please let Steve know as soon as possible.

## OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Adam Walker

Sam Perez

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

## Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Shelley Montgomery
Pam Feagle	Sabrina Hart
Jeanine Cotton	Walter Cook
Michelle Foote	Ben Smith
Virginia Bonner	Candace Hickman
Lynn Christenson	Larry Campbell
Hazel Hope	Jonique Edmondson
Scott Mims	Linda Jones
Mike Woodard	Joyce Hawkins

## Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Evan Kelley and Charles Kelley  
Family of Joan Carswell  
Family of Betty Garrett  
Family of Madeline Hough Till  
Family of Rodney Dean

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 38

### Scripture Readings



This week we have Jesus giving some controversial teaching and the people becoming divided over His identity. The tension between Jesus and the religious leaders is growing as we progress through the Gospel of John. Sit with each day and listen. If you sense the Lord is speaking to you about anything specific, I would love to hear from you.

Steve

October 7	John 10:1-6
October 8	John 10:7-13
October 9	John 10:14-18
October 10	John 10:19-24
October 11	John 10:25-30
October 12	John 10:31-36
October 13	John 9:37-42



This Saturday, October 5, 2024  
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Ministry Center

### Winter Warm Wear Drive

In connection with our Open Arms Ministry for our **November 2 event**, we will be testing a new ministry opportunity. We are inviting the church to partner with us in collecting the following items in hopes of distributing in November. Please make note of these standards and stipulations for adult and children's items:

- New or gently used, clean knit hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Sweaters
- Coats
- Socks – **must be new**



Please bring all clothes on hangers with size and gender labeled.

Dropoff begins: **Wednesday, October 16**  
More details to come.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 5

12:00-1:00 p.m. Open Arms Ministry - Ministry Center

### Sunday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service - Ministry Center

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

5:00-7:00 p.m. 211 Family Faith Connection - Basement

6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Alpha Building

7:30 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Monday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

### Tuesday, October 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

### Wednesday, October 9

9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Building

11:00 a.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)

4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - Basement

5:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)

6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 10

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

9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

### Friday, October 11

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

