

Food for thought from J

June 5, 2022

This week our Chancel Choir will be singing a particularly special anthem - *Be Still* - based on Psalm 46. The reason they are singing this anthem, this week, is because I specifically requested it as one of my favorites of the many wonderful anthems they sing so beautifully. Now, this anthem is a favorite of mine primarily because of the tune which I find to be particularly beautiful. More important though, is the significance of the message of the lyrics for this and any time in life when we face change, uncertainty, even anxiety.

While some have, no doubt, used these words from Psalm 46 as justification – or at least rationale - for sitting back and waiting for God to speak miraculously before moving forward into unknown territory or taking action to face significant challenges in life, this view misses a major point of the psalm. When the psalmist quotes God saying,

Be still, and know that I am God.

He follows up with the declaration:

*I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!*

...and herein lies the real message for us as we seek stillness and knowledge of the reality and presence of God in our lives.

While it is a good and prudent thing to reflect on God's existence and to trust in God as our omnipotent, omniscient, and omnibenevolent refuge and strength, as it says in verse 1 of the same psalm, we must also remember one of the primary ways in which God is exalted among the nations and in the earth. This is when God's people proclaim God's kingdom and share God's good news through lives that bear witness to the ultimate self-revelation of God who is Christ Jesus – the incarnate word.

Yes, we should follow the example of Jesus and pray diligently, and in the full knowledge that “God is God,” especially as we prepare for major decisions and life events. But exalting God also often requires us to do our own work of discerning the message for us in God's holy word and then to moving forward boldly and in the knowledge that God has provided us with the perfect example of how we should live and the kinds of things we should do – and not do – through the life, teaching, and example of Jesus.

So, let's trust in God as our refuge and our strength, and be still and know that God is God. But let us also not forget that the person who hears the words of Jesus and acts on them

is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Walter Hammock by Carol Hammock and family.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Jimmy Kent** by Mary Mims

In memory of **Jean McGlamry** by the Goodwill Sunday School Class

INFANT BAPTISM

Collins Fitzgerald Kelley, daughter of Caroline and Will Kelley, was baptized last Sunday in our Sanctuary by Rev. J Grantham.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Tonya and Jonathan Calvert on the death of her father, William Ryals, of Columbus, GA, on May 21, 2022.

Dear Wynnton,

With deep and heartfelt gratitude, I want to thank you for your generous outpouring of love for my father, Glenn Killough.

Thank you for all the gifts so many have given in Dad's memory. Thank you for your prayers, food, cards and texts. You have all been so kind and they are all appreciated.

Wynnton had been a place of joy and belonging in my parents' lives. You have been an inspiration to my family and especially now seeing your love and support in Dad's passing when his faith became sight in heaven.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

Leslie Willingham

COVERED DISH BREAKFAST

for Rev. J and Laura Grantham
and
Rev. Greg and Alaina Harrison

Sunday, June 5, 2022
10:00 a.m.

This is a covered dish breakfast. Please bring enough for you and your family.

Flower Delivery

Judy Davidson

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Saying goodbye is rarely an easy thing to do. We all search for words to comfort and strengthen each other as we anticipate a new chapter in our lives.

1 Thessalonians 3:9, captures the essence of the gratitude for J and Laura we may feel in our hearts:
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

As the choir made plans for this Sunday's farewell service for Pastor Grantham (J), we asked him what anthem he would like to hear on his last Sunday with us. He requested "Be Still" by Mary McDonald. How timely and appropriate it is to share the message of this anthem on his last Sunday. Based on Psalm 46, this anthem reminds us that God is the best place to find strength, peace, and comfort. If we take refuge in God our Fortress, we can rest and "be still." The end of this beautiful, lyrical anthem quotes John 14:27:
Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

"Be Still" by Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;

and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, my child, be still, and know that I will give you rest.

I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know

that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you.

Peace. Peace. Peace.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Be still. Be still. Be still.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

LOCATION CHANGE

Children's Sunday School is relocating to the Children's Church room (the room downstairs, next to the nursery). Both services will now be held in that room.

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. 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. in the Grimes Bldg.'s first floor children's church room next to the nursery.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

South Georgia Annual Conference is looking for volunteers to help greet people June 5-8. You can go online to register to volunteer for a time that works best for you at <https://sgaumc-reg.brtaapp.com/2022ACVolunteerRegistration>.

Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School meets in the Basement from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. Students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts, and topical discussions of God's word.

We are doing a new series exploring where students can find God. We will explore the Old Testament stories of the building of the Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple. We're going to be "hands on", building dioramas of both! We'll explore the detail that scripture captures, how the Israelites interacted with God, and how the meta-narrative of the Bible continues today in how we meet and experience God.

If you'd like more information about Wynnton's youth program, please contact Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082.

SAFE SANCTUARIES MEETING

All VBS, children/youth ministries, or Sunday School volunteers are required to attend Safe Sanctuaries training on **Sunday, June 12th at 12:00 p.m.** If you cannot make this training, please contact Meghan Gross or the church office to make different arrangements. Remember, you need to be safe sanctuaries approved yearly.

NAME BADGE

With the new pastors coming soon we will start wearing our name badges. If you cannot locate yours, please call the church office for a new one.

SPECIAL CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

There will be a called Charge Conference at **12:15 pm on Sunday, June 5th** in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the compensation for the incoming pastors.

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 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.

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.



Wynnton is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Food Truck Party VBS that will run from June 13th to 17th from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. If you are interested in volunteering or if you are interested in registering your child, please visit <https://www.myvbs.org/WynntonUMC/> to fill out the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

LOVE OFFERING

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Wynnton congregation will be honoring J and Laura for serving our church for the past 9 years. J and Laura have been reassigned to Mossy Creek UMC; their last Sunday with us will be June 5th. They have given tirelessly of themselves in many areas of our church. We will honor them with a church-wide covered-dish breakfast on June 5th. Please bring a dish to share. As part of our celebration, we will present them with a love offering to let them know how much we appreciate the blessing they have been to our church. Between now and May 29th, you can make a contribution to the love offering. We look forward to this time when we share our appreciation for J and Laura.

Deb McCranie, SPR Chair

SUNDAY'S SERMON

A Friendly Reminder
Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. J Grantham

A WYNNTON WELCOME!

If you would like to send a card to welcome our new ministers to Wynnton their addresses are:

Michaela & Will Walley
203 North Church St.
Hollendale, MS 38748

April & Jason Wade
Amelia & Avery
7601 Peridot Lane
Savannah, GA 31406

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- June 5:** Romans 11:1-24, 1 Samuel 20, Psalm 65
- June 6:** Romans 11:25-36, 1 Samuel 21-22, Psalm 66
- June 7:** Romans 12, 1 Samuel 23-24, Psalm 67
- June 8:** Romans 13, 1 Samuel 25, Psalm 68
- June 9:** Romans 14, 1 Samuel 26, Psalm 69
- June 10:** Romans 15:1-13, 1 Samuel 27-28, Psalm 70
- June 11:** Romans 15:14-33, 1 Samuel 29-31, Psalm 71

OUR STEWARDSHIP

5-29-22

General Fund.....	5,981.00
Endowment.....	20.00
Missions.....	17.00
Other Contributions.....	23.00
Mission Trip Alaska.....	75.00
VBS.....	85.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	20.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 Lauren Becker
- 6 John Miley, Bobby Porch, Gena Tincher, Keller Toelle
- 9 Diane Bussey, Elizabeth Killough
- 11 Jeff Branham, Nate Gerken, Susan Powell

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Matthew Allen	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Kerry Mess
Lillian Cox	Jennefer Spell
Lynn Christenson	Jim Accordino
Beverly Ragsdale	Gwen Bolin
Aubrey Walker	Joyce Hawkins
The Meacham Family	Denise Hill
Daro Miller	Patsy Blalock
Jake Wood	Linda Osborne
Kimberly Smith	Alexandria Ridley
David Woolbright	Denise Stephens
Laura Harris	Denton Spurlin

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Brad Trim
Family of Lenore Ash
Family of Larry Gooe
Family of Barbara Stevenson
Family of Charles Ward
Family of Martha Ann Elizondo
Family of Glenn Killough
Family of Jimmy Kent
Family of Jean McGlamry

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 5

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Breakfast for J, Laura, Greg & Alaina
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
12:15 p.m. Called Charge Conference Meeting -
Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Annual Conference Begins

Tuesday, June 7

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing -
Alpha Bldg.

Wednesday, June 8

7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 9

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Plans are being made for our Packing Party this year! In October, we will fill our boxes for children around the world.

If you prefer to fill your own box, that is fine OR you can do both!

Different items will be requested each month to bring to the church. Collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall for these items. The goal is to pack 250 boxes this year!

June and July are our months to collect school supplies. There is no rush to get the supplies this week or too soon. If you wait for the Back to School sales, you can get more supplies for the money you spend. Paper, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers are all good choices. I like to make sure each child gets these items in their box. Thanks for all the supplies we have so far. We are still working toward 200 of each item. And be looking for your special WOW items to put in your box/boxes. You keep those until the big Packing Party!!

In a message from Samaritan's Purse: Praise God for shoebox gifts that were collected last year.

Thank you and all Glory to God!!

Items Collected so far:

150 Bars of Soap
61 Hair Brushes
114 Toothbrushes
96 Ball caps
108 Wash Cloths
74 Large Combs
45 Deodorant*
216 12 8oz. plastic cups
84 12 plastic bowls

*may be enough

Keep up the good work! Each one bring one of each. Please. Would love to pack 250 boxes!!

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies June 3-5
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258