

*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“Chosen for the Blessing”**

**May 5, 2024**

Has anyone ever told you that you are blessed? I am not saying that to be funny or cause anyone to question someone’s reason for saying those words to you. What I am saying is there are a lot of people in this world who truly believe that they are not a part of the chosen blessing given daily by God. I am amazed because in the grand scheme of all things, we have ALL been chosen to be blessed by the Master and Creator of ALL things...God! Yes, I know that many of you may be saying, “Jason, how do you know this?” Well let me just give you a little background information from my understanding of being chosen for God’s blessing from different fields that surround our lives.

**Astronomy-**As we wake up on planet Earth this morning, is it crazy to believe, currently, that we know that the Earth is the only planet that is inhabitable and sustainable for the human race? I mean, we all need to recognize that there are other planets in our solar system. Each of them in a different orbital rotation around the Sun which has caused other planets not to show sustainable life as we know it. If our orbit was 1 degree closer or farther away from our original orbit, life on Earth would not exist. (World Science Magazine) God CHOSE to Bless Us!

**Biology-** As we know through the Bible, God called everything into creation. However, with the creation of mankind, God was intentional and specific to how we were made and how we received life. We were not just called into existence. Genesis 1 & 2 explains, “He molded and created us and breathed life into His creation.” We have been uniquely created in such a way that even with the knowledge and wisdom we have in this world, it cannot be explained. For example, our lungs have over 300 million alveoli with a surface area that would be larger than a tennis court; a central nervous system that is faster than any mass computer ever created to receive and organize data at an incredible rate. Recognize that when we wake up, our body begins to regulate itself. We don’t tell our heart to start beating or our lungs to start breathing. (National Geographic) God CHOSE to Bless Us!

**Economically-** (Speaking only of America) Yes, we do still have a large diversity of economic development within our country and around the world. However, one of the last studies done on the global economy sited, “If your family income is \$10,000 a year, you are wealthier than 84 percent of the world. If it’s \$50,000 or more a year, you make more than 99 percent of the world.” I am not saying you are a billionaire, I am saying that based on where we live and the global economy that we impact, God has CHOSEN to Bless Us!

**Theologically-** As we have been talking through our time of Lenten and Easter seasons, we have a God who truly loves all of His creation. We have a God who is patient and kind and filled with grace because of the love expressed through His Son, Jesus Christ. We struggle to understand God’s thoughts or actions, but when sin entered into the world, God knew that something had to happen in order for us to be reconciled from our sins. God knew that a sacrifice had to be made in order that we would have the ability to once again be in His presence for eternity. We study the actions of God and realize that His love has been proven to be so much greater than the wages we deserve from our sin. God has CHOSEN to Bless Us!

I could go on and on and on, but I wanted to just peak your interest for today. I want to help us change our mindset from thinking that we need more from God. We need to recognize how we have already been CHOSEN to receive blessings that are to be used FOR God. If you are awake today, physically and spiritually, please recognize that God has CHOSEN YOU to BE a BLESSING in the life of every person you encounter. May God bless and keep us all.

In His grip,  
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Joyce Hawkins on her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.



**VBS**  
June 10-14  
9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Registration  
is open!

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have openings on May 19 & 26. If you would like to beautify our sanctuary with flowers, please call Brenda in the office.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Earnestine Battle  
2701 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Columbus, GA 31906

### COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS May 5, 2024

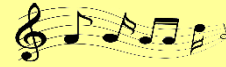


Genesis

### WYNNTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2024. The scholarship is for members of Wynnton pursuing any field of study at an accredited school of higher learning. Applications, along with guidelines for the scholarship, are now available in the church office. All applications must be received in the church office no later than **May 12, 2023**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

### JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



1 John 3:18

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

I love to share the story of a church in Strasburg, Germany that was devastated during the 2nd World War. Only a statue of Christ that was next to the altar remained mostly intact, except that the hands were missing. The members of the church decided to leave the statue without hands when they rebuilt their church. The reason, they said, was that "Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work on earth. If we don't feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, talk to the stranger, visit the imprisoned, and clothe the naked, who will?"

This Sunday's anthems will focus on prayer and acts of kindness and service. Our early service Wesley Choir will sing "Prayer" by Don Besig. Declaring our unity in Christ, this sacred song gathers us around the spiritual disciplines of prayer, sharing, and service. Our Chancel Choir will sing a message based on 1 John 3:18; "Touch That Soothes and Heals" by Thomas Keesecker. The lyrics by Mary Louise Bringle share the same hope as the words of the people of the church in Strasburg. Based on the hymn tune Civility, the rich text of "Touch That Soothes and Heals" is supported by graceful melodies. The substance of this moving anthem reflects the understanding that we must become the hands and feet of Jesus in our world today; showing love and serving others.

"Touch That Soothes and Heals" arr. by Thomas Keesecker  
*Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread; steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care. Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save." Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least. Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save." Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal, feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal. "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet" said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

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

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please join us Sunday Night.
- Prayer Breakfast 7:00-7:30 a.m. Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp Dates June 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Early bird deposit is due April 28<sup>th</sup> - \$50.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Tonight 7p.m. at AOC 4817 Milgen Road.
- Reminder that Youth will NOT meet on May 12<sup>th</sup> because of Mother's Day, so please post it on your calendars.
- Wednesday is eh deadline to register for ROL mission team this year.



**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 prepare to LAUNCH into the new year 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.

**GRADUATES**



Please call the church office (706-324-2424) with information on those who are completing degrees at the College or Graduate School level. We would like to mention them in the bulletin.

**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 - Fifth Grade  
First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)  
3-year-olds - Fifth 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.

## OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

Saturday, May 4  
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

This Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. there will be a meeting for anyone who would like more information about our Open Arms Ministry in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. **On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer over our first event. Please join us.**



We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For April, we are focusing on collecting **new ball caps and knit hats**. If at any time you find a good deal on anything we collect, please let Pam ([pgilstrap70@gmail.com](mailto:pgilstrap70@gmail.com)) know so we can let others know where to find that item. Sewing kits \$5.00 at Hobby Lobby. Keep in mind, these items are **not** allowed: soap, toothpaste, candy, liquids, camouflage, and tiny toys/balls. Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.  
Items collected:  
Toothbrushes: 36  
Washcloths: 45  
Combs: 20  
Hairbrushes: 8  
Deodorant: 9 (need 60)  
Spreading God's love to children everywhere.  
Pam Gilstrap

## Flower Delivery

Judy Davidson



## PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday  
(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm



## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 17

We are now watching the fullness of the world's struggle with the ideology of Jesus. The Church that has been born through Pentecost is already feeling the fullness of evil trying to deter the spread of the Gospel. We have watched last week that anyone who is willing to stand against the world may be destined for death. Watch as God uses personal encounters to increase the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. God's greatest enemy of the time, now encounters the living God and becomes the greatest missionary to the world.



In His grip, Jason

May 5	Acts 8:2-8
May 6	Acts 8:9-13
May 7	Acts 8:14-25
May 8	Acts 8:26-40
May 9	Acts 9:1-19a
May 10	Acts 9:19b-31
May 11	Acts 9:32-42

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5	Bill Bussey, Susan Groke
7	Billy Daffin
10	Rosemary Woodall



## OUR ATTENDANCE

4-28-24

8:30 a.m. ....	34
9:00 a.m. ....	15
11:00 a.m. ....	110
Sunday School .....	77



## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**4-28-24**

General Fund.....	9,643.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	514.00
Loose Offering.....	90.00
Methodist Home .....	100.00
Missions .....	50.00
Other Income .....	16.00
Sunday School .....	40.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	100.00

### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD May 5, 2024

Team 6: J.T. Taylor, Chuck McDaniel,  
Lance Hendershot

### 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 May. 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.



### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies May 3-5  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

### 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	Susan Chriss
Casey Campbell	Walter Cook
Hazel Hope	Ben Smith
Forrest Toelle	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 5

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 am	Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	211 Faith Connection - Basement

### Monday, May 6

10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m.	Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

### Tuesday, May 7

9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:00 p.m.	Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library
6:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Building

### Wednesday, May 8

9:30 a.m.	Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 9

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:30 a.m.	Preschool Mother's Day Breakfast - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m.	Backpacks of Grace

### Friday, May 10

7:00 -7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Choose the Blessing*  
Haggai 1:2-11, 13-15

8:30 – Mike Johnson  
9:00 & 11:00 – Dom Edwards