

A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World

Authentic Joy

August 28, 2022

This week I spent a little time visiting the home I grew up in. So, I can say that I spent a lot of time thinking about being welcomed home. Do you know what stuck out to me the most about it? Joy. Joy seems to be the first thing that you notice when you're welcomed home.

As we continue to talk about our Welcome Home Series, I want to think a little bit more about this idea of joy. When you go home to visit where you grew up, or a place that you spent a large portion of your life, you hope in your heart to be welcomed back joyfully. Because when you are welcomed back with joy you actually feel like you belong there!

That's the big reason joy is such an integral part of welcoming someone. Joy is one of the best ways we have to share the love we were blessed with. Think about it, anytime you go somewhere new you want to be welcomed with joy, it's your way of knowing that you are genuinely being welcomed.

So, wouldn't everyone else want the same thing? While we continue the idea of welcoming back everyone to Wynnton, think about how we should be welcoming them back.

Our joy is a large part of who we are as children of God, who we are as Wynnton. While we wait to fill this church up with people again, how about we start by filling it with joy. Fill it with joy about why we're there in the first place. Fill it with the joy of those who introduced you to it initially. Fill it with the joy of the Lord. Just fill it with joy.

When Jason and I started, the joy we felt as we walked in the room, the joy of all those excited to welcome us was contagious. So, let's continue to share that, not just with those you sit with every Sunday, but with those that you see for the first time walking through those doors. Be joyful Wynnton.

By His Grace,

Will



GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. John Richey**
by Lynn & Bill White

In honor of **Kay & Walt Hart's 50th anniversary** by
Lynn & Bill White

*The Chancel Flowers are given by
Lynda & Bennett Massey on their
56th anniversary.*

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Brenda and Bart Wilson on the death of
his brother, Howard Wilson, on August 23,
2022, of D'Iberville, MS.

CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to drop by the Fellowship
Hall on August 28th between 2-4 p.m. to help
celebrate Betty Garrett's 90th Birthday.



Wynnton will be holding its annual Fall Festival on October 22nd from 12-2 p.m. We will need plenty of volunteers, from a set up crew to people to man the booths and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Meghan Gross, Director of Children and Family Ministries, at mgross@wynntonumc.org. Thanks!

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

We are excited to welcome you to our celebration on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 11AM. If you have not visited Wynnton UMC in a while OR have been waiting to see the wonderful things God is doing in our church, we'd love for you to attend our worship service and enjoy a complimentary, delicious Italian lunch. We've got amazing new opportunities and want to share our programs and ministries for Fall! It's the perfect Sunday to come back to Wynnton UMC!

RSVP for our FREE lunch on Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 11! Please RSVP by Sept. 6 for our lunch following the 11AM service.

Choose one of these three easy options to RSVP:

1. Call the church office at 706-324-2424.
2. Visit our website at <https://www.wynntonumc.org/welcomeback>
3. Email teresaooffice@wynntonumc.org.



This week the students will begin a new study Sunday mornings entitled, "What is the church?" Over the next three weeks we'll examine Jesus' charge to his disciples, the early beginnings of the Christian Church, and we'll reflect on the church today in light of the historical & Biblical beginnings.

Aug 21: The Great Commission Matthew 28
 Aug 28: Things Get Going Acts 1-2
 Sep 4: Who We Are Today

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, as we continue our summer "Camp Meeting" services, the Wynnton Choirs will sing a collection of hymns that reflect God's wonderful grace. We are a work in progress, daily transformed by God's grace. Grace that scripture teaches us is a grace greater than all our sin, is a grace that reaches us, is a grace that gives us peace, and the hope of heaven for all eternity. Some of the hymns of grace included in our choral anthems for Sunday are:

Grace Greater than Our Sin, Amazing Grace, Wonderful Grace of Jesus, and At Calvary.

God's grace is simply and joyfully described in the lyrics of the hymn Wonderful Grace of Jesus:
*Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
 How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
 Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
 for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
 Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
 higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
 all sufficient grace for even me;
 broader than the scope of my transgressions,
 greater far than all my sin and shame;
 O magnify the precious name of Jesus, Praise His name!*

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

God's Great Peace to You!
 Diana B.

Trinity House

Wynnton Neighborhood Housing will be working on Trinity House the next several Saturdays from 8:30 until about 1:00. If you would like to volunteer, you can come anytime during those hours or contact Bill White (706) 527-3309.

NAME BADGE

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

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 September. 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 K-5th Grade is on the 1st 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

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.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Lynn Christenson	Dorothy Robinson
Beverly Ragsdale	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Jim Accordino
Daro Miller	Denise Hill
David Woolbright	Ed Thigpen
Freddie Richardson & Family	Benjamin Feagle
Esther Giammona	Will Walley
Pam Feagle	Bobby Porch

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Amanda Walker
Family of Bart Wilson

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
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.	Nominating Committee Meeting
2-4 p.m.	Betty Garrett's 90th Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
5:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

Saturday, September 3

8:30-1:00 p.m. Trinity House Work

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Authentic Joy
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Rev. Will Walley

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Aug. 26-28
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection of items to fill our Christmas Child boxes is going well. This is just one of many missions in our church. Just a few points to keep in mind.

- We will have a packing party in the fall to prepare the boxes. If you are gathering your items at home, you can get boxes or you can bring your items and pack them with us at the church.
- Walmart, Staples, and Target have plenty of crayons and other school supplies. Can't have too many of those. (We will share extras with Wynnton School or Open Door.)
- Please read the list below showing what we have so far (and our goal is 200 boxes).
- Thank you for all the items that have been brought in. Keep collecting!

Hobby Lobby has t-shirts for \$2.99 (Small & medium)

Items Collected so far:

182 Bars of Soap
 79 Hair Brushes
 142 Toothbrushes
 99 Ball caps
 219 Wash Cloths
 94 Large Combs
 61 Deodorant*
 236 12 8oz. plastic cups
 84 12 plastic bowls
 39 Notebook paper
 39 Note pads
 45 boxes Markers
 83 boxes Crayons
 5 Large Crayons
 68 boxes Pencils
 53 Pencil Sharpeners
 33 boxes Colored Pencils
 13 boxes Ball point pens
 150 Erasers
 60 T-shirts
 24 flip flops
 6 scissors
 *may be enough

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

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

August 28: John 7:25-52, 1 Chronicles 29, Zechariah 13

August 29: John 8:1-20, 2 Chronicles 1:1-2:16, Zechariah 14

August 30: John 8:21-47, 2 Chronicles 2:17-5:1, Malachi 1:1-2:9

August 31: John 8:48-59, 2 Chronicles 5:2-14, Malachi 2:10-16

September 1: John 9:1-23, 2 Chronicles 6, Malachi 2:17-3:18

September 2: John 9:24-41, 2 Chronicles 7, Malachi 4

September 3: John 10:1-21, 2 Chronicles 8, Psalm 73

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

29 Danette Copeland, Scott McCranie, Cynthia McLemore, Louise Pinter
 1 Cyle Mims
 2 Beverly McDaniel

OUR ATTENDANCE

8-21-22

Early Morning Service.....32
 Morning Service.....141
 Sunday School.....92

OUR STEWARDSHIP

8-21-22

General Fund.....14,816.00
 Endowment.....75.00
 Other Contributions.....50.00
 Loose Offering.....58.00
 Missions.....141.00
 Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....100.00