



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Tis the Season

December 1, 2024

It’s hard to believe that we are already preparing to bring in the Advent season. One of the reasons is that it still seems to be like early Summer or late Spring because of the weather. Regardless, we are on the cusp of beginning another journey to Christmas and, to tell you the truth, for me, this is the greatest time of the year. Now you know me. I am always excited about how God is continuing to be revealed, but there is something about Christmas that puts an extra pep in my step...if you can believe that is possible.

Tis the Season to begin making plans to celebrate with loved ones and to prepare to set up the house to be a living spectacle of the story of Jesus. Tis the Season to listen to millions of Christmas songs on the radio and plot our path to make sure we see all of our favorite Christmas movies for the 10 millionth time. Tis the Season to find Christmas lights that are decorating homes and neighborhoods in hopes of the coolness of the night allowing us to make that perfect cup of hot chocolate that makes everything seem a little brighter. Tis the season to give up on the diets and prepare for a season between Thanksgiving and New Years where we eat too much, sleep too little, and try to do everything possible to make it the best one ever.

As I continue to take hold of every moment of my daughter’s senior year, tis the season for tons of last firsts that continue to bring back memories of Christmases past where I was building doll houses, filling stockings and doing everything possible to show the love of Jesus to two small girls who made our family complete. Looking at this year from this perspective, I take everything to mean just a little more, realizing that in the next year, time will continue to grow shorter and shorter as they begin the new steps of their journey.

I can only imagine what it had to be like for Mary’s parents as they did not fully understand what was about to happen, but they realized that everything was going to be different. Seeing their child having to go to Bethlehem for the census ready to give birth to their grandchild, I can only imagine how hard their heartstrings were pulling when they saw her and Joseph pack up and leave. Tis the season to realize that family is one of the greatest gifts that we have received from God. We fail to realize how fast and fleeting those moments are, and we question why is it that most of the time we find ourselves arguing and frustrated during what should be the greatest time of the year. Tis the season to truly let go of all of the things that have been binding us and causing us to question our purpose, our journey, or our call to follow Jesus.

In the days ahead, there is a chance that we are going to fully miss the JOY of Christmas because of our inability to recognize the season. We all get caught up in the worldly version of the season and fail to realize that the days are to be filled with PEACE ON EARTH... GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN. We run so fast and get so frustrated that by the time Christmas actually arrives, we are ready to get it over, take down the trees, pack up all the nativity scenes and go back to our mundane schedules hoping to find the JOY that we missed in spite of ourselves. Tis the season to finally reevaluate our worship of Christ as we seek to want more of Him and less of the world. Tis the season.... Are you ready?

In His grip,
Jason



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Jeanine Cotton** by Pamela & Joel Ames;
Mitch Spence
In memory of **Betty Garrett** by Ellen & Tom Torrance

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Judy Davidson** by Margaret Ellen &
Comer Alexander

In honor of **Mike Johnson** by Margaret Ellen & Comer
Alexander

In honor of **Steve Croft** by Margaret Ellen & Comer
Alexander

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Linda Reynolds

PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. Our final order will be placed on **December 8th**. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

Prices

1 lb. halves	\$12.00
1/2 lb. halves	\$7.00
1 lb. pieces	\$12.00
1/2 lb. chocolates	\$9.00, white, milk or dark chocolate



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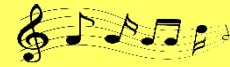


Cost: \$12.00
Deadline to order:
Sunday, December 8th

Delivery date:
Thursday, December 12th

See a New Beginnings
Class member to order.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



The Wesley and Chancel Choirs will sing a lively, animated anthem, "Come, Messiah," our first Sunday in Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming." Our coming season of Advent brings anticipation, expectations, and hope. Hope arises when we see new possibilities, adopt new thinking, and make positive changes. We wait and we hope for the promised Messiah.

"Come, Messiah!" by Lloyd Larson
Josh Edwards - Cajon

*O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits
the day when hope shall sing it's triumph, and sorrows
flee away.*

*O come, Desire of nations, whom priest and prophet
long foretold, and break the chains that bind us,
redeem Your long-lost fold.*

*Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of
grace. Come, Messiah!*

We long to see Your face. Come, Messiah, come!

*O come, dear Child of promise, for lowly shall Your
cradle be; though clothed in human likeness, we shall
the God-head see!*

*Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of
grace.*

*Come, Messiah! We long to see Your face. Come,
Messiah, come!*

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries out:

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain
and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become
level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of
the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it
together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

The Wynnton Chancel Choir will celebrate Advent and Christmas as we share a festival of carols and anthems, "Jesus Came in Love," at both the 8:30 and the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Please join us for a beautiful telling of the Christmas Story.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.



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

Last Family Faith Connection is Dec 15th

All youth are welcome to join us from 5:00pm-8:00pm. We will load up in the church bus and travel from home to home for a progressive dinner! I am asking that students bring a gift no more than \$10 for white elephant gift exchange.

To view and import the youth calendar into your Apple or Google Calendar please scan this QR code:



If you have not joined the GroupMe, please scan this QR code to join. This is the main form of communication with our parents:



Blessings,
Derek Harrison

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and kind words we received in the passing of my mom. It is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful church family.

The family of Jeannine Cotton

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 8

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Soup dinner to follow caroling

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, December 1:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Pam Gilstrap



Sunday School:

Katie Bass & Brenda Wilson

Children's Church:

Beth Kelley & Pat Kelley

**Children's Worship
Bulletins™** 

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

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
December 4, 2024
5:30 p.m. – Ministry Center
Covered Dish

Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a time of fellowship!

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Giving

November is our month to help stock the shelves at Wynnton Neighborhood Network. The Network provides food to a great many needy families each week, but they need help to make that possible. So, we are asking everyone to try to help support this important ministry in our community this month. Below is a list that contains the items that the Network gives out each day, plus items needed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Givaway. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped so many that needed it. This is our opportunity to support them, so please join us in filling the shelves this November. If you have any questions, please call Bob Gilstrap. Items needed for the Holiday Distributions: Cranberry Sauce, Brownie Mix, Green Beans, Corn Yams, Evaporated Milk, Pumpkin Pie, Mix Cornbread Mix. On-going suggested items: Canned vegetables (green beans, baked beans, carrots, mixed veggies, or any other type of veggie), Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ham, chili with meat, lasagna, etc.), Canned fruit, Canned tomato products, Macaroni and cheese, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Soup, Rice Breakfast cereal, Toilet paper, Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent (pods).

WYNNTON WRITERS

The next gathering of the Wynnton Writers will be Thursday, December 5, at 10:00 in the library, located directly across from the Ministry Center. This is a new group formed for the purpose of recording your stories. Recently, we heard a sermon series entitled We All Have Something To Say. We all have our story to tell whether it be a funny one, a nostalgic one, or a time that was particularly influential and encouraging, etc.

Call/text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 with your questions.

Hope you will come join us on December 5!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Jenny Horton
- 2 Jonathan Calvert
- 5 Martha Smith
- 7 Maria Bannon



OUR ATTENDANCE

11-24-24

8:30 a.m.....	40
9:00 a.m.....	11
11:00 a.m.....	147
Sunday School.....	96

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-24-24

General Fund.....	6,602.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	138.00
Endowment	325.00
Loose Offering	95.00
Missions	50.00
Other Contributions.....	175.05
Pre-Paid Pledge	5,538.70
Sunday School.....	30.00
Thanksgiving.....	2,470.00



Saturday, December 7, 2024
 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
 Ministry Center

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD
December 1

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughton,
Brett Hubbard

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

December 1: Scott McCranie & Linell Pringle

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS
December 1



New Seekers

**OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND
FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS**



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:

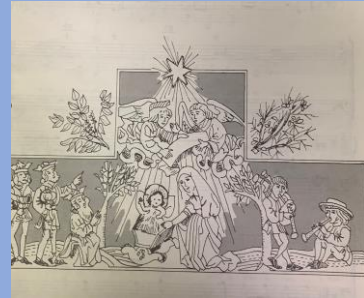
Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Sabrina Hart
Pam Feagle	Walter Cook
Michelle Foote	Ben Smith
Virginia Bonner	Candace Hickman
Lynn Christenson	Larry Campbell
Hazel Hope	Jonique Edmondson
Mike Woodard	Joan Chapman
Joyce Hawkins	Jud Calfee

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Journey to Christmas
(Luke 21:25-36)

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

JESUS CAME IN LOVE



Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 15, 2024
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 46

Scripture Readings



This week we will be reading the verses related to Peter's denial and Jesus before Pilate. They are in contrast of each other as one shows fear and the other shows courage. 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

December 2	John 18:15-18
December 3	John 18:19-24
December 4	John 18:25-27
December 5	John 18:28-32
December 6	John 18:33-37
December 7	John 18:38-19:3
December 8	John 19:4-7

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 November. 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.



DECEMBER ADVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 3

Staff Christmas Luncheon, B. Merrell's 11:00 am (Church office closed following)
Joyful Noise Christmas Party, Green Island Country Club, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 4

Communion, Wynnton Chapel, 11:15 am
Covered Dish Family Christmas Dinner, Ministry Center, 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 7

Open Arms Ministry, Ministry Center, 12:00 pm

Sunday, December 8

Christmas Caroling/Soup Dinner, 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 11

Communion, Wynnton Chapel, 11:15 am

Friday, December 13

Goodwill Christmas Party, Wynn House, 12:00 pm
New Beginnings Party, The Lambs' House, 6:00 pm
Genesis Christmas Party, The Edwards' Home, 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 15

Festival of Lessons & Hymns, 8:30 and 11:00 am services
Choir Luncheon, Ministry Center, 12:00 pm
Youth Christmas Party, Wynnton Basement, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18

Communion, Wynnton Chapel, 11:15 am

Thursday, December 19

New Seekers Christmas Party, The Wynn House, 11:30 am

Tuesday, December 24

Church Office Closed
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 25

Church Office Closed
Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

Worship Service, Sanctuary, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 31 – Thursday, January 2

Church Office Closed

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study- Alpha Building
11:15 a.m. Communion Service - Chapel
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - Basement
5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper - Ministry Center
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - A. Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
10:00 a.m. Wynnton Writers - Library

Friday, December 6

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
10:00 a.m. Open Arms Set-up

Saturday, December 7

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

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: Nov. 29- Dec. 1
Rev. Steve Croft 706-604-4262