



*Love God, Love People, and Serve Together*

**“Up From the Grave He Arose”**

**April 9, 2023**

What are you doing for Easter? No, really what are you doing for Easter? I know that seems like a question that could easily be answered, but the reality is that many times we wait until the last minute to make a decision about the GREATEST DAY OF THE YEAR... in my opinion. I know that as a pastor I should be excited for one of the two days that the world is willing to stop and recognize with us. It is crazy how the world is willing to recognize Jesus at Christmas and Easter because of the ability to give gifts, but they will not recognize the greatest gift God gave through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

What if? I know that I ask this question a lot for us to ponder. But what if Jesus would have not risen from the grave? As we follow the storyline, the disciples were sitting in hiding, Mary Magdalene would have carried out the burial rituals and Peter would have continued questioning the decision he made. The world would have continued to question if Jesus was the Messiah or would the real Messiah show up and save us from the craziness of the world?

**BUT... UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE!!!** Jesus stepped out of the grave and defeated death. He tore the veil in two and opened up for us a pathway to allow us to come to the feet of God. Up from the grave and out of the ashes Jesus arose and took the opportunity to show to us the power of the Son of God. We celebrate because we are reminded that Christ overcame death and claimed victory over the sins of the world. Please remember, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”* John 3:16-17

When Jesus arose from the grave, He provided for us to step out of our grave and live life fully for God. We wake up each day with excitement and anticipation for what God is going to place in our path in order that we may share our grave story and help others to experience freedom as well. We have risen with Christ and are called to be disciples who are willing to, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”* Matthew 28:19-20

When Jesus stepped out of that grave, He invited us to do the same. He provided for us the ability to throw off our burial clothes and speak life into everyone we encounter. Easter should be a daily rejoicing of the fact that we, through Christ, have been released from our sentence of death and into an opportunity to share our story of freedom to a world in need of grace. “Up From The Grave He Arose”... and we have been invited to celebrate that same reality every day of our lives.

In His grip,  
Jason

### **FLOWERING CROSS**

On Easter morning, bring in some beautiful flowers to help decorate the cross, located outside of the Fellowship Hall.

### **River of Life Mission Trip**

Dates: July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>  
Tifton, Georgia

**\*Amazing time of helping families in the Tifton Community- Painting, Wheelchair Ramps and Community Service!**

**\*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!**

## EASTER SERVICES

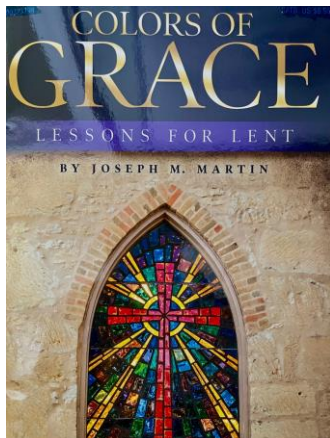
**Maundy Thursday** - 5:30 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Cantata & Communion

**Good Friday** - Service 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Services** - 7:15 a.m. Sunrise (In front of the church by the Butterfly Fountain. In case of inclement weather - Fellowship Hall) 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## EASTER OFFERING

This year's Easter Offering will be going to the budget. This offering is above and beyond your usual giving.



## CHORAL LENTEN CANTATA

Thursday, April 6  
Potluck Dinner  
5:30 p.m.

Service  
6:30 p.m.

## 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.

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Jesus is Alive...Are We?*  
Matthew 28:1-15

Dr. Jason Wade

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Easter Sunday's Chancel Choir anthem, "Worthy is the Lamb", includes the familiar hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns." It is a celebration of Christ's victory over death and His worthiness as the Lamb of God, the self-sacrificing Savior. Through his music, composer Lloyd Larson tells the story of God's plan to deliver all people from the clutches of sin and death. In his forward, Lloyd Larson shares this insight: "Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we who believe shall one day join the heavenly hosts in a never-ending hymn of praise!"

Revelation 5:12

*In a loud voice they were saying:  
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and praise!"*

"Worthy Is the Lamb!" from the Cantata "Worthy Is the Lamb!" by Lloyd Larson  
*Worthy is the Lamb! Our King, the great I AM!  
Worthy is the Lamb of God!  
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.  
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise!  
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Our King, the great I AM!  
Worthy is the Lamb of God!*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

## ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There will be no fitness class on **April 10<sup>th</sup>** due to the office being closed.

\*Prayer Breakfast & Jesus, Fridays  
7:00 - 7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey  
All Youth activities will resume April 16<sup>th</sup>.  
\*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010  
\*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010



### 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 Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first 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 April. 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.



We had a great packing party last October! Thanks to all who participated in collecting and/or packing.

NOW we are ready to try again to do more so children everywhere can learn about Jesus. We have information in each Sunday School class and at the Welcome Center. We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know.

**April items:** soft wash cloths (individual or 4-6 pack), deodorant

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

### Easter Devotional

This week's readings will be slightly different, because there are only four readings. Each of these sets of scripture are a slightly different account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. These books each offer a different viewpoint on the same miraculous event. And with each viewpoint, one thing is clear: even with the sun going down on Easter, Easter is never truly over. The miracle we celebrate, the sacrifice that led to it, and the mighty gift that came because of it, all are with us each and every day. Easter is not a once in a year kind of celebration. It is something we should celebrate every day of our lives. Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed.

Mark 16  
Matthew 28  
Luke 24  
John 20

### 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.



**Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
Daro Miller	Jim Accordino
David Woolbright	Benjamin Feagle
Pam Feagle	Frank Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Tom Stafford	Freddie Richardson
Jeanine Cotton	Shelley Montgomery
Joe Batastini	Tina Martinez
David Pringle	Sarah Jessie Avant
Joan Colquitt	Robert Garrard
Joy Graham	Shirley Moon
Leonard Hurley	

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**

Family of Bob Ottman  
 Family of Dom Edwards  
 Family of Wylene Loeb  
 Family of Jerrilla Capozzia

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

9	Jacob Gilstrap
10	Amy Darrah
11	Evan Toelle
12	Mary Gene Calfee, Abigail Gilstrap, Nancy Hallman
14	Donna Campbell, April Wade
15	Sally Lynn White

**WYNNTON UMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023. 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 1, 2023**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**4-2-23**

8:30 a.m. Service.....	40
11:00 a.m. Service.....	124
Sunday School.....	91

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD**

April 9: Team 6 – JT Taylor, Chuck McDaniel, Michael Brabner

**WELCOMERS**

April 6: Hallie Taylor  
April 7: Nancy Hammond  
April 9: 11:00 a.m. Martha Daffin

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**4-2-23**

General Fund.....	19,493.00
Easter Offering.....	400.00
Methodist Home.....	100.00
Open Door.....	100.00
Sunday School.....	77.00
Wesley Glen.....	100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	225.00

**PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies April 7-9  
 Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 9**

- 7:15 a.m. Sunrise Service - In front of the church (in case of inclement weather - Fellowship Hall)  
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

**Monday, April 10**

**OFFICE CLOSED - Easter Monday**

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

**Tuesday, April 11**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

**Wednesday, April 12**

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
5:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Meeting - Library  
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 13**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

**Friday, April 14**

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

