



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Freedom Comes At a Cost”

November 12, 2023

Galatians 5:1 says, *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”* We have been called to live in freedom as we go forth and profess the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we read the epistles Paul wrote, we recognize that he was very interested about living out his life for the sake of the Gospel. Even more importantly, Paul realized that this freedom that he was living out would come at an ultimate cost, his life. However, we see once again in Philippians 1:20-21 Paul’s understanding of a life sacrificed for freedom. Paul wrote: *“I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*

Having this freedom in Christ truly does come at a cost. We have to be willing to reach a point in our lives where we surrender fully to God’s call to serve. We have an attitude of gratitude to realize that if we have the privilege to wake up and live another day, we are excited to live out that day for the honor of living for Christ. Paul considered both options to be joy. If he had another day, he was going to do all that he could to help others understand the fullness of God’s love, grace and mercy. If God was ready to bring him home, he was ready to live out eternity in the presence of Christ. There was not a down side to either of the choices.

This Sunday, we will be honoring others who were willing to understand that freedom comes at a cost. We will recognize that there are people who love this country and freedom so much that they willingly stood in the gap in order that we can live out our lives each day. Our daily freedom comes at a cost, and I cannot put into words the gratitude that I have to those who chose to pay the ultimate sacrifice. They, too, had the attitude to accept each day as it came with a joy that cannot be explained. They were willing to put their love into action in order that so many could experience a sacrificial love like no other.

As we live out each day, I pray that we will begin to understand Paul’s call for servants who are willing to fully sell out for Jesus. I pray that we will no longer take any day for granted, but will look at each day as a new opportunity to pay back some of the debt that was paid on our behalf. It is for FREEDOM that I have been set free to profess the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every breath in my lungs. I know that is not an easy attitude to understand, but the closer that we grow in our relationship with God, the more we realize that we too have a cost to pay for the ongoing freedom for future generations. I pray that we are willing to take our place and stand in the gap in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to be taught with the same spiritual fervor to future generations of the church.

Thank you for your sacrifice and the freedom we so take for granted!

In His grip,
Jason

**WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK
UNITY SERVICE**

November 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Temple Israel

There will be a love offering collected that evening for the network.

THANK YOU

The Wynnton staff would like to thank everyone who participated in Staff Appreciation week. We thoroughly enjoyed the cards, gift cards, flowers, and sweet treats!

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of my mother, Lorraine Wallace, on her heavenly birthday, by Beth & Larry Hendrickson.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Doris Carr** by Goodwill Class; Lynn & Bill White; Suzanne Supple; Linell & David Pringle; Sue & Bill White

In memory of **Larry Spell** by Carol Hammock; Betty Woodruff; Georgia & Fred Wise; Linell & David Pringle; Suzanne Supple; Lynn & Bill White; Goodwill Class; Candice Cotton; Mary Mims; Ramona & Andy Andresen; G.W. Exterminating Co., Inc.; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Carolyn Evans; Zane Draughon; Nancy Hammond

In memory of **Michael White** by Carol Hammock; Lynda and Bennett Massey; Georgia & Fred Wise; Zane Draughon; Carolyn Evans; Mary Mims; Goodwill Class; Suzanne Supple

In memory of **Joe Batastini** by Nancy Hammond

In memory of **Judy Chancellor** by Mary Mims; Carolyn Evans; Zane Draughon; Goodwill Class

In memory of **Mike Goodman** by Zane Draughon

FREE to the Community!

Fall Festival

WYNNTON METHODIST

Saturday, Nov. 11 • 12N - 2P

Wynnton Methodist

2412 Wynnton Rd in Midtown

Cake Walk • Hot Dogs • Hungry Hippos Life Size • Temporary Tattoos

Sand Art • Fishing • Photo Booth • Corn Hole • Bouncy House • Putt-Putt

For more information visit wynntonumc.org.

We are asking attendees to consider bringing canned goods to Saturday's Fall Festival for our Wynnton Neighborhood Network. There will be a donation bin located in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Our "attitude of gratitude" continues this Sunday as we focus on humility. We have much to be grateful for! Jesus embodied humility. Though he was Lord, he humbled himself, took the form of a servant, and became obedient to death on the cross! The Holman Bible Dictionary defines humility as this:

"A personal quality in which an individual shows dependence on God and respect for other persons." So often, it seems, we find it difficult to depend on God. We trust ourselves more than we trust God. We are anxious and worry about tomorrow. We seek to be in control of everything in and around us. The Chancel Choir anthem this Sunday, "Seek First the Kingdom" by Mary McDonald, reminds us to seek God's Kingdom first, and all we need will be added to our lives. Through our prayer, presence, and praise, we can seek God above all else.

"Seek First the Kingdom" by Mary McDonald
Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.
Child of the Father, we are all His children.
It is His pleasure, to give His Kingdom.
Wait upon the Lord. Set your heart and mind on that which is above.
Wait upon the Lord, know ye that His word is love. Set your heart and mind on Him who reigns above!
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be.
And where your heart is, there I will be. For I am the Kingdom and the power, and I am the Father, I am your Father. Seek first the Kingdom and all things shall be added unto you.

This Sunday, we also have the opportunity to express our gratitude for the heroism, courage and sacrifice of our Veterans. May God bless all who served, all who are serving, and all the families of the members of the armed forces.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

November 12, 2023
Sojourners

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

- Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Fridays 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Fall Retreat will be November 17 & 18
- Winter Retreat Dates are December 28-31 Please mark your calendar.



BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 101 kids! Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, Scooby snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

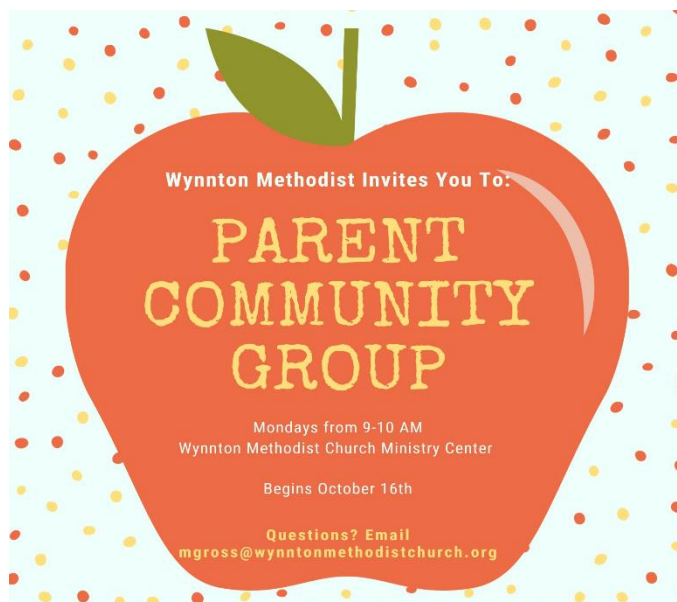
Weekly Scripture Reading

Week 2

This week we finish reading the book of Galatians and start Ephesians. Ephesians, much like Galatians, is a letter to a group of Christians to remind them about living properly for Christ. In this case, Paul is telling them to continue doing good. It is a call to strive to grow in spiritual maturity. It also takes a new step for Christians by inviting both Jewish and Gentile people to the same table. Paul's lesson here is that you do not set up a wall between believers based on who they are, but that instead, you all are together in one body. This is a reminder to us in the present day of the Church of Jesus Christ. We are all in this together as children of God, one Church under Jesus. We are called to open the doors and welcome those who hold the Bible as truth.

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- 11/12- Galatians 6
- 11/13- Ephesians 1:1-14
- 11/14- Ephesians 1:15-2:10
- 11/15- Ephesians 2:11-22
- 11/16- Ephesians 3
- 11/17- Ephesians 4
- 11/18- Ephesians 5:1-20



PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. A final order will be placed on **December 3rd**. 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

POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00

Deadline to order:

Wednesday, November 29

Delivery date:

Thursday, December 7

See a New Beginnings
Class member to order.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

Due to an unforeseen delay, the wish lists were not available until November 6th. However, we have ample time for shopping. The wish lists will be available on Sunday, November 12th. Shirley is greeting Sunday morning so you may pick yours up in that area or she will bring them to your classroom before the end of the Sunday School hour.

REMINDER: Deliver unwrapped gifts to the school beginning on December 6th and ending on December 13th.

Thank you to all those who helped provide desserts for the Faculty/Staff Thanksgiving meal!!!

Year-round items needed at the school are tissues and bandaids. Teachers keep these items in their classrooms and make them available to the students.

A silent disciple in our church gave 20 hand-knitted toboggans to WAA students who might need one on these colder mornings!!! 😊

Questions? Call/text Shirley Richey @ 709-332-6890.



MILITARY CARE KIT

COME HELP US ASSEMBLE
BAGS FOR OUR PRESCHOOL
MILITARY FAMILIES!

NOVEMBER 16TH AT 6 PM IN
THE MINISTRY CENTER

CONTACT MEGHAN GROSS
FOR MORE INFORMATION



CHRISTMAS TREE ASSISTANCE



If you would like help putting up and tearing down your Christmas tree please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or 304-439-4202.

If you would like to be a blessing to someone in the church by helping them set up and tear down their Christmas tree contact Michaela.

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Come and participate in game day every first Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming cookie/holiday dessert recipe exchange - Thursday, November 30th. More details to come!

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

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.

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.

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.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Robert Garrard
Michelle Foote	Mailyn McConnell
Kaye Hill	Sabrina Hart
Lynn Christenson	Frances Grell
Jarrold Hart	Reese Stallings
Vicki Ragan	Kay Hart
Marlena Boensel	Claren Hill
Virginia Bonner	Susan Chriss

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Georgia and Fred Wise and Family
Family of Doris Carr
Family of Larry Spell
Family of Michael White
Family of Pat Kelley

IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study is taking time off until after Thanksgiving. We will be returning November 26th at six o'clock. Till then we are reading through Mark 3:7-30. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday the 26th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

FLOWER DELIVERY

Linda Harp



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 Tuesday 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.

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

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, and we are asking that Wynnton bring in as much of it as you can. You can bring it to the church at any point in November and place the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall or under the Giving Tree. We are also going to be having our annual drop-off for our November collection on November 18th from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. That morning, you can come to the church and get help unloading any food you want to bring. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped out 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)



Thank you again for all the contributions to make the OCC Packing Party a success! We have currently collected 254 boxes to prayerfully send to children who will be introduced to Jesus. All boxes must be turned in by **Sunday, November 12**. Delivery will be made to collection site Monday or Tuesday. Thanks Again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12	Agnes Tew
13	Chris Walker
14	Carol Lotz, Morgan McCann
15	Emily Hearn
17	John Bray, Wanda Dryman, Yates Hammock, Adam Walker
18	Mike Woodard

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-5-23	
General Fund.....	18,609.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	890.00
Communion.....	142.00
Endowment	550.00
Loose Offering	72.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	20.00
Thanksgiving.....	300.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	90.00
Music.....	800.00
Sunday School.....	43.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

11-5-23	
8:30 Service.....	36
Modern Service	22
11:00 Service.....	126
Sunday School.....	87

SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Serving with Humility Means
Always Being Prepared*
Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 78:1-7

Dr. Jason Wade - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Will Walley - 8:30 a.m.

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD November 12

Team 2: Scott McCranie, Harold Hill,
Mike Wolfe

Welcomers

9:30 a.m. John and Shirley Richey

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies November 10-12
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

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
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement
6:00 p.m. Unity Service - Temple Israel
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, November 13

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building
9:00 a.m. Parent Community Group - Ministry Center
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, November 14

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
12:00 p.m. Preschool Thanksgiving Program - Ministry Center
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Wednesday, November 15

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Military Blessing Bags - Ministry Center

Friday, November 17

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center
Youth Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 18

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Network Food Drop-off

Membership Card and Updates:

Please help us update our information by using this QR code or click the image. This is just another simple way to help us update your membership status. You can also pick up a card from the church office!

