



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

Open Arms

August 21, 2022

As we walk into our new series: Welcome Home, I constantly am reminded about home. I have heard growing up all of my life that Home is where the Heart is. And that is true. I know that I struggle when I am gone to conferences or if my family is away and I cannot be with them that there is something that is truly missing. I know that some times that causes me to struggle to sleep at night, because I truly miss the voices of my family in the house. Now I know that not all of our conversations are filled with joy, but I do know that no matter where I go, I am always able to find solace at home.

As we step into our second week, I challenge us to think about that opportunity to welcome others into our church family with open arms. The Church was established in Acts 2 for the sole purpose of encouraging and taking care of God's family. We see it constantly as they were asked to help each other by giving to the cause. We see it because they were willing to meet EVERY DAY and listen to the teaching of the disciples. Now, trust me... I would LOVE to have church every day! I really would love to find some way to have an open connection as a daily reminder of the fact that we are ALL a part of the God's Church. I know that our daily schedules are not conducive to that schedule, but what would our families.... Our neighborhoods... our CHURCH truly look like if we connected and worshiped together each day.

This week, we will be stepping into the Book of James 2:1-10 that really pressing into our understanding of how to be the CHURCH in this generation. I know that this past Sunday, I challenged all of us to go and befriend someone and talk to them about Wynnnton UMC. To step into their lives and find a way to connect with someone in our community and see the world through their eyes. You may be surprised. God may have been leading you to talk to someone that is completely out of your comfort zone. And YES, I know that it is really one of the most awkward situations that we could put ourselves in as a person. BUT for our call as Christians, I pray that we continue to work on this effort in hopes that one day our invitation to others is almost like as simple and comfortable as breathing. The more that we are able to change our posture and our intentions towards others, the better and stronger the family of God will become.

So as we continue to move forward towards September 11th and our Welcome Back to Wynnnton Sunday, just a few prayers and thoughts. First, go ahead and begin praying for open hearts and minds from the people we are all going to invite to our family. Second, make every effort to join us for this day as we pray over our ministries and the impact that these ministries will have over the next year. Finally, begin answering for yourself the question, "Why Wynnnton?". Why are we so excited to invite others to be a part of our family and how can we continue to share this amazing love of God to the rest of our community with open arms.

God has already been moving, and as I say every week, I cannot wait to see how amazing the Wynnnton family will look like in the years to come.

In His grip,
Jason

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. John Richey** by Pam & Steve Davis; Graham Dukes; Nancy Hammond; Julie & Neal Littlejohn

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Don Stephens** by Pam & Mike Woodard
In memory of **Elizabeth Stephens** by Pam & Mike Woodard

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Ralph Hammond in recognition of his birthday, August 17th, by Nancy Hammond.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sarah and Steve Croft on the birth of a grandson, Hudson Rhys Croft, on August 12, 2022. Parents are Kaycee & Matthew Croft.

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.

REMINDER

If you have tablecloths that belong to the church, please bring them back. You may return them to the Fellowship Hall and leave them on any table. Thank you for your help in keeping them clean and ready for the next use.

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.



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! 🎵

Pepper Choplin is one of Wynnton's favorite choral composers. He is a full-time composer, conductor, and humorist. His music incorporates many styles of music; from folk to gospel, to classical and jazz. Pepper Choplin believes it is a privilege to make contributions to music ministries around the world. This Sunday, Wynnton Choirs will sing *Gather by the River to Pray*, a compelling Pepper Choplin arrangement of two traditional American folk hymns:

Down to the River to Pray and *Shall We Gather at the River*, creatively blended together. This clever choral writing delivers warm harmonies throughout as the hymns are first presented separately and then together. Just like a river, the text flows gently above a fluid, supportive keyboard accompaniment.

"Gather by the River to Pray" arranged by Pepper Choplin

As I went down to the river to pray, study-in' about that good ole way; and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way. O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Ere we reach the shining river; lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as a crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

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.

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 August. 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	Denise Stephens
Freddie Richardson & Family	Howard Wilson
Esther Giammona	Ed Thigpen
Pam Feagle	Benjamin Feagle
Seth Harp	Amanda Walker

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Ernest Hale

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 21

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. Churchwide Informational Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 25

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.

Saturday, August 27

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

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Open Arms
James 2:1-10

Dr. Jason Wade

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Aug. 19-21
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

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!

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
35 Notebook paper
39 Note pads
44 boxes Markers
63 boxes Crayons
61 boxes Pencils
41 Pencil Sharpeners
29 boxes Colored Pencils
9 boxes Ball point pens
150 Erasers
10 T-shirts
6 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 21: John 4:43-54, 1 Chronicles 17, Zechariah 6
August 22: John 5:1-18, 1 Chronicles 18-19, Zechariah 7
August 23: John 5:19-47, 1 Chronicles 20:1-22:1, Zechariah 8
August 24: John 6:1-24, 1 Chronicles 22:2-23:1, Zechariah 9
August 25: John 6:25-59, 1 Chronicles 24, Zechariah 10
August 26: John 6:60-71, 1 Chronicles 25-26, Zechariah 11
August 27: John 7:1-24, 1 Chronicles 27-28, Zechariah 12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

21 Laurence Crisp
22 Joshua Calvert, Mallory Lotz
23 James Gatewood, Carter Greer, Reggie Kelley, Glenn Summerlin, Angie Walker
24 Joey Dryman, Evie Thigpen
26 Betty Garrett, Eric Sears

OUR ATTENDANCE

8-14-22

Early Morning Service.....43
Morning Service.....102
Sunday School.....87

OUR STEWARDSHIP

8-14-22

General Fund.....11,411.00
Endowment.....180.00
Other Contributions.....45.00
Missions.....50.00
Sunday School.....44.00

Flower Delivery

Lisa Stephens