



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

“Are We There Yet?”

September 25, 2022

Growing up, I remember taking numerous trips around the country with my family and inevitably there would be a moment where these words would ring throughout the air, “Are we there yet?”. If you have ever been anywhere with children or youth, there is this part of their lives in which they cannot tell time, but desperately need to know when one thing ends and the next thing begins. My father, recognizing this fact, would always give us the same response, “Just 10 more miles.” Not knowing, at that time, how long a mile was or honestly paying any attention to the world outside, we were satisfied with this response until the next time we noticed that we had not reached our destination.

The ingenious answer would cause us to focus not on the finality of the trip, but allowed us to enjoy the trip in its entirety. See, it is not the beginning or the end of the trip that made the greatest memories, but the journey to and from every destination. Once we stopped focusing on the end, we were able to sit back and spend the time that we needed to be a family. No longer were we worried about what was to come, but we were able to celebrate and live in the moment. I just wish that we could go back to those days. Knowing that we took each day for granted, it is not until we reach near the end of our lives do we finally stop and pay attention to the amazing things God was revealing all along the way.

As we step into this new series, *Now What?*, I want us all to stop thinking that every part of our church life is only measured by different events that happen. The church has been caught up only focusing on what is coming and less about enjoying the day to day encounters that God provides for us. Now, realize I know the holiness of Christmas and Easter, but the church is better than that to me. With every day, we have the opportunity to glorify the birth of a Savior and His victory over death. So if you find me singing a Christmas song in the middle of July or if you see me excited for what each day brings, realize it is because my attitude towards *Now What* may be a little different than others.

Instead of sitting back and waiting, I am the type of person that wakes up with the anticipation of what God is going to bring for the day. I know that every day is a blessing and I pray that I will take hold of the moments that allow me to stop asking the question of, “Are we there yet?”, and instead continue to ask, “where else can I go?” God is ready to plow more soil and plant more seeds, and God willing, Wynnton will continue to put our hands to the plow and never look back. We are called to serve until the day we hear the words, “Well done good and faithful servant.” My prayer is that we take hold of that charge and remember that the Father already knows how much of the journey is left to travel. So stop worrying about when we are going to get to the end and look forward to what God has given for us today.

In His grip,
Jason



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Dr. Robert Murdock** by Vicki & Glenn Martin; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Gloria & Michael Longstreet; Neita & John Denny; Margaret Whitaker

In memory of **Richard Gulden** by Vicki & Glenn Martin

The Chancel Flowers are given by Shirley Moon in memory of her father, David Frank Bruce and in honor of her granddaughter, Catherine Ward for their birthdays.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Neita & John Denny on their 50th wedding anniversary** by Lynn & Bill White

In honor of my daughter, **Lisa Stephens**, by Faye Mock

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

If you are interested in being part of a knitting or crochet group, please contact Doris Hicks at 706-341-9918.

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

September 25: Jeff Branham, Chuck McDaniel, Michael Brabner

WELCOMERS

8:00-9:30 a.m. Ramona Andresen
9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Bart & Brenda Wilson, Nancy Hammond

CHARGE CONFERENCE

October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
Upatoi UMC

Wednesday Night Prayer & Book Study

Wednesday Night
5:30 p.m.
Alpha Building

The Gift of Being Yourself
David G. Benner

Facilitator: Deb McCranie
706-536-5580



Wynnton will be holding its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, 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 Ministries, at mgross@wynntonumc.org. Thanks!

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.

FLOWERS DELIVERY

Rachel Plummer

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 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

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	Benjamin Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Julee Robinson McGehee	Bobby Porch
Amanda Walker	Norma Carey
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Ed Thigpen	Paul Therrien
Kelsey Deriso	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Robert Murdock
Family of Katie Bass

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Sunday's musical offerings in song will be anthems of praise, faith, and commitment. The prayerful lyrics reflect a desire to be led by the Holy Spirit. To have it work through us and in us, and to offer our life for the things God "holds most dear."

"Precious Spirit, Breath of Peace" by Joseph Martin
Precious Spirit, breath of peace, fall upon my heart today. Call so gently to my being follow, in my way. Loving Spirit, source of life, fill my heart with joy divine. Grant my life your richest blessing: Lord, your presence at my side. Give me, Lord, a sense of challenge, grant me vision for thy work. Let my heart reach out to people. For Your glory let me serve. Holy Spirit, light from heaven, fill my eyes with vision clear. Take my life and make it holy, take my life and make it holy, take my life and make it solely for the things You hold most dear.

1 Peter 4: 10-11

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so in the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

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.





Sunday, September 25
 5:00 p.m. Supper
 5:45-7:00 p.m. CORE
 Groups

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mystery Day Out
 October 15th

Fall Retreat
 November 4th-5th

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Walking Through Proverbs Starting Reflection September 25- October 1

This is the last week of our Proverbs reading plan. We've been steadily going through the whole book, and talking about Wisdom along the way. This book talks about all kinds of wisdom, and while it may have been written a long time ago, we still can find a lot that applies to us. Really and truly, this wisdom boils down to how to be a good person. It's about how to be a person of God. See, if we are to truly follow God we have to continue to strive to act as He would expect. Be wise in your actions, be kind and heartfelt, and above all follow in the footsteps of our Lord, who lived these actions from Proverbs out when He walked among us.

-Will

GREAT AFTERNOON OF METHODIST SINGING All Things New

October 16, 2022
4:00 p.m.
St. Luke Sanctuary

Enjoy Methodist Choirs of Columbus singing choral music by contemporary composers.

September 25: Proverbs 25
September 26: Proverbs 26
September 27: Proverbs 27
September 28: Proverbs 28
September 29: Proverbs 29
September 30: Proverbs 30
October 1: Proverbs 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

25 Jane Jones
 27 Bill Pope
 28 Kaye Hill, Jeffrey Therrien,
 Virginia Toelle, JJ Yates
 29 Brittany Evans, Heather Lipp,
 Jennifer McDaniel
 30 Linda McLendon
 1 Carolyn Wilkes

OUR STEWARDSHIP

9-18-22	
General Fund.....	14,326.00
Missions.....	95.00
Endowment.....	195.00
Music.....	200.00
Other Contributions.....	29.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	300.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	50.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

9-18-22	
Early Morning Service.....	35
Morning Service.....	129
Sunday School.....	86

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 **Sunday, October 30th** during Take 5 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 Neighborhood Market has 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:

185 Bars of Soap
81 Hair Brushes
142 Toothbrushes
99 Ball caps
219 Wash Cloths
94 Large Combs
61 Deodorant*
236 12 8oz. plastic cups
84 12 plastic bowls
44 Notebook paper
41 Note pads
47 boxes Markers
87 boxes Crayons
7 Large Crayons
100 boxes Pencils
58 Pencil Sharpeners
40 boxes Colored Pencils
15 boxes Ball point pens
156 Erasers
92 T-shirts
35 flip flops
6 scissors
2 pairs socks
*may be enough

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

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.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Are We There Yet?
Acts 1:1-11

Dr. Jason Wade

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Sept. 23-25
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25

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
5:00-7:00 p.m. Basement - Youth

Monday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Wednesday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
5:30 p.m. Prayer & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 2

6:00 p.m. Charge Conference Meeting -
Upatoi UMC