



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

August 20, 2023

“HERE WE GO!!”

As we enter into this week, we are excited to get everything up and rolling again for the Fall Semester at Wynnton. Weekly ministries will slowly begin to get back under way, and I am excited to watch as God opens doors to new opportunities that we have not even dreamed of yet. God is in control of our journey, and I just wanted to thank you for stepping out in faith with us as we worked through a very difficult season.

Moving forward, God is truly ready to move in our church and community. I have been able to pray and envision an exciting direction for the next year that will stretch all of us as we continue to move into these new days. This week you saw the launch of a new weekly email called Monday Morning Ministry Moments where we will highlight different areas of ministry that many people may have not really known were going on here at Wynnton. During this weekly connection point, we will also be able to share needs for these ministries that will enable others who are looking for ways to serve to get better connected to serve together.

Starting this Sunday, we will be relaunching our Wynnton Modern Service at 9am as a way to offer another way to reach our community through worship. Our program staff are working diligently to provide ways to make each of our services, 8:30, 9:00 & 11:00, unique and dynamic in their own way. Please continue to pray as we recognize the importance of each service and provide ways to encourage people to join us for their desired time of worship. However, one of the most exciting times will continue to be our Take 5 Sundays where we will come together and worship as a community of faith. I know with the new service it will stretch us as it relates to our Sunday school start times, but I am asking that you work with us as we strive to create a new opportunity of connection.

Through our preschool, children, youth and college ministries, we are hoping to engage more families and provide opportunities for growth. One opportunity will be through our college ministry. We are working on developing an Adopt-a-college student program which will allow the students who attend local colleges and universities to be connected into a family of faith. We pray that our families will be willing to adopt a college student and provide them a point of contact in this community which could lead to long-lasting relationships. What a great opportunity to maybe have a Sunday lunch or meal during the month and provide them a place of resource in their times of need. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please look at the Bridge Ministry page in this week's newsletter.

Finally, God has truly blessed us with missions and ministries that support and go beyond the walls of the church. On September 10th, we will be celebrating our Second Annual Welcome Back to Wynnton Sunday following our 11:00 am service. What an amazing way to celebrate what God has been doing and provide NEW ways to engage our church and community. God is alive at Wynnton Methodist Church, and we invite you to join us as we pray the prayer from our service this past week, “Oh, that you would increase my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harms so that I will be free from pain.” 1 Chronicles 4:10.

In His grip, Jason



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

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 on Thursday, August 17th at 1:30 in the Alpha Building.

Join us for the Rock Step Cloggers on Thursday, August 24th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to bring a \$5 contribution for the food. R.S.V.P. to Michaela Walley by August 17th by calling 304-439-4204, emailing mwalley@wynntonumc.org or contacting the church office.

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries



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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Fanny Crosby is often referred to as the "queen of gospel songwriters," and the "mother of modern congregational singing." She was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist and composer. Blind since her infancy, Fanny explains her life this way:

"It seemed intended by God that I should be blind all of my life, and I thank him for this dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered to me tomorrow, I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God, if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."

Fanny Crosby would begin her process for hymn writing in prayer, asking God to inspire her writing. Many of her more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs have stood the test of time, and still resonate with believers today. *To God Be the Glory; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross; Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior; Blessed Assurance; Close to Thee; and I Am Thine, O Lord* are some of our Fanny Crosby favorites included in our current hymnal.

In 1877, Fanny Crosby met William J. Kirkpatrick, a prolific composer of gospel tunes. Sunday, our Wynnton choirs will sing a John Carter arrangement of "He Hideth My Soul," a hymn which resulted from the collaboration between Fanny Crosby and William Kirkpatrick. Based on Exodus 33:21-22, this unforgettable setting is inspirational and beautiful. The lyrics reflect the faith of a believer who relied on the Lord and turned to Him for strength.

"He Hideth My Soul" arr. by John Carter

1. *A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.*

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land. He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand, and covers me there with his hand.

2. *A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord; he taketh my burden away. He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved; he giveth me strength for each day. [Refrain]*

3. *With numberless blessings each moment he crowns, and filled with his fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, "O glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine!" [Refrain]*

Exodus 33:21-22

...There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand...

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.



- **Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement on Sundays**
- **CORE Groups Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!**
- **Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ starting THIS WEDNESDAY!**
- **Prayer Breakfast & Jesus starts August 25th 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey**
- **Youth Parents Meeting Sunday, August 27th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Basement**
- **Student Leadership Applications will go out this Sunday! Due Sunday, August 27th!**
- **Carowinds Trip will be announced SUNDAY at CORE groups.**
- **Fall/Winter Calendar will be available Sunday, August 27th! Stay Tuned!!!**
- **Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010**
- **Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010**

Adopt-a-Student

We would love to invite you to join us in providing a connectional opportunity for some of our non-local college students. Many of our College Students desire a community connection. Some examples could be a home cooked meal, a place to wash and dry clothes or just someone to contact in case a local emergency with their car may arise. This is a powerful way to provide connection for a group of students who are on our campus weekly. For more information please contact Pastor Jason. If interested use the QR code or click on it to support this ministry by Sept. 7th.



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.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Readings of John

Week 2

Our readings this week continue through the book of John. This book is one of the accounts of the life of Jesus, and it gives us insight into what it was like to walk with Him in ministry.

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12

Much of John, and in fact much of the New Testament is about following Jesus. Our call is no different than the call on those who walked the roads with Him. We are all called to follow the light of the world. These stories are a testament to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, and they call on us to continue that same mission. We are called to follow Christ.

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."
John 14:5-7

Follow Jesus, each and every day, for through Him we will find the Father.

August 20- John 8
August 21- John 9
August 22- John 10
August 23- John 11
August 24- John 12
August 25- John 13
August 26- John 14

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.

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

With back to school upon us, it is time once again for the start of our Backpacks of Grace Program. This program provides weekend meals to children in need. We will be collecting donations in the bin under the giving tree for our backpacks that we give out weekly. Donation suggestions include, but are not limited to: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, and individual servings of goldfish crackers. Please no peanut products. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley: mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or 304-439-4202.

MODERN SERVICE

Preview date
Sunday: 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.



In August we are collecting pencils, pencil sharpeners that hold the shavings, notebook paper & short sleeved t-shirts (youth sizes). School supply sales will begin soon. Great time to collect those supplies we need for OCC children.

Just want to update you on items collected so far:

26 hairbrushes	55 combs
60 socks	16 ball caps
71 toothbrushes	114 washcloths
36 deodorant	230 cups
180 bowls	

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. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, Michaela and Pam will purchase items for you.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

OUR STEWARDSHIP

8-13-23

Angels Unaware.....	568.00
Backpacks	100.00
General Fund	14,003.00
Missions	50.00
Loose Offering.....	108.00
Operation Christmas Child	100.00
Sunday School	28.60

OUR ATTENDANCE

8-13-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....	33
11:00 a.m. Service.....	122
Sunday School.....	78

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Where You Go I Will Go
Ruth 1:6-18

Rev. Michaela Walley

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.

Flower Delivery

Linda Twiggs

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

August 20:

Team 4: Dave Stevenson, Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen, Scott McCranie

WELCOMERS

9:30-11:15 a.m. J.T. & Hallie Taylor

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Freddie Richardson
Jeanine Cotton	Shelley Montgomery
Joe Batastini	Tina Martinez
Michelle Foote	Sarah Jessie Avant
Kaye Hill	Robert Garrard
Sara Grace Hubbard	Bobbie Edmondson
Lynn Christenson	Mailyn McConnell
Marian Wise	Doris Hicks
Chuck Danner	Scott Mims
Virginia Bonner	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
The Snipes Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20

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. CORE Groups - Basement

Monday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Wednesday, August 23

12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 24

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
11:30 a.m. Rock Step Cloggers - Ministry Center

Friday, August 25

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

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!



WELCOME BACK TO WYNNTON SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 10th
We will be celebrating our 2nd Annual Welcome Back to Wynnnton Sunday. Please use the QR CODE or click the image to register for your ministry booth by September 3rd!