



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Freedom Isn’t Free”

July 2, 2023

Have you ever walked into a store just because it had a sign that said “Free” on the door? Honestly, it didn’t even really matter what it was, we just wanted it. We’ll walk in for free food any day of the week. But, how often is it really free? When it comes to stores, there is no such thing as free. Some stores charge now for their plastic bags to carry your purchases, and while the others say they are free, they are really charging you for those bags some other way. There isn’t really anything that is truly free.

Freedom was not arrived at freely. Before this country existed the greatest freedom that has ever existed was bought and paid for by the Blood of Christ. Our freedom from sin and death was not free. It was paid with a greater price than has ever been seen before. Jesus Christ gave His life willingly so that we would be free from the chains of sin and death. Freedom was not free.

Here in America, this week as we celebrate July fourth, we celebrate the freedoms that make this country what it is. Among those freedoms, we also celebrate the freedom to live out the promise of God. This nation offers the freedom of religion, the freedom of belief. Here, we don’t have to worry about bringing glory to God in our homes, in our street, and in our churches. We have the right to celebrate God. This was not free. Our freedom cost lives and time from so many men and women. Freedom is not free. As we celebrate this week the freedoms we hold so dear, and as we celebrate those who serve to lift up those freedoms, remember our brothers and sisters across the world who do not have freedom to worship safely.

This week celebrate the freedoms that make this country unique. Most of all, celebrate that we can praise God every day for the freedom that He bought us so many years ago.

By His Grace,
Will



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Zach Smith** by Martha & Inge Smith;
Shirley & John Richey; Penny & Jim Lamb

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you are interested in putting flowers in the Sanctuary on July 23, Aug. 6 & 13, please call Brenda in the office.

The Chancel Flowers are given in remembrance of Claren and Jon Hill’s wedding anniversary of July 2nd by Claren Hill.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Bobbie Edmondson on the birth of a great-great granddaughter, Lena Marie Vetancourt, on June 23, 2023. Parents are Tessa & Joey Vetancourt of Orlando, FL.



We are gearing up for an amazing WYNK kids summer! From Sunday Fun-Day events to VBS, we can't wait for the exciting events we have planned!

VBS will run from July 17th -21st, at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register your child, you can either use the QR code or email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

For more information on our summer Sunday Fun-Day events, please check the WYNK Children section of Wynnton UMC's website or email Meghan Gross. If you would like to find out more about how to volunteer for our children's ministry events this summer, please contact Meghan Gross.

Meghan Gross
Director of Children's Ministries

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! Game day will be Thursday, July 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building. Join us for Ice Cream and Games! Please plan to bring \$2 to go towards purchasing ice cream and toppings. R.S.V.P. to Michaela Walley by July 3rd. mwalley@wynntonumc.org or 304-439-4202.

Mark your calendars for the Rock Step Cloggers and lunch, August 24th at 11:30 a.m. More details to come.

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, God and Country Sunday, we recognize our independence as a nation. We are grateful for those whose sacrifice bought us our freedom and independence; that we may live our Christian lives with strength and confidence. As Christians, we are commissioned to declare the majesty of our Lord who called us out of the darkness into the blessed light! We strive to be a holy nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. Our Wynnton Choirs will sing of our gratitude and our faithfulness to God. Familiar lyrics set to beautiful music remind us that God is the author of our liberty; that our true freedom comes from our faith in God.

"God Bless America" arr. by Roy Ringwald
*God bless America, land that I love;
stand beside her and guide her through
the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
to the oceans white with foam:
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

"America the Beautiful"
Renee Ragan - Flute
*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of
grain.
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited
plain!
America, America, God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to
shining sea.
O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the
years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human
tears!
America, America, God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to
shining sea.*

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Flower Delivery

Betty Woodruff & Shirley Richey

*Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
 *Church on the Grass- 4-8 p.m.
 *Family Faith Connection Sunday 5-7 p.m.
 *Cross-Training 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at
 Ambassadors of Christ this week on Milgen
 *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
 *No Cross-Training on July 5th
 *Family Faith Connection Trip to Rigby's July 9th
PLEASE SIGN UP STARTING SUNDAY.
 Deadline to register is July 7th



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 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 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.

MODERN SERVICE

Preview dates
Sunday: 7/23, 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for our summer children's ministry events and want to accommodate your gifts. Whether it's engaging with kids, popping popcorn ahead of time, or helping parents register, there is a space and a need for you! VBS will run from 9 a.m.-Noon from July 17th -21st, and our Sunday Fun-Days will be summer Sundays from 3-5 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org or by calling the office. Thank you for partnering with us to reach families!

River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12th-16th
 Tifton, Georgia

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

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

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

July 2: **Team 4:** Dave Stevenson, Bart Wilson, Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen

WELCOMERS

8:00 a.m. Ramona Andresen
 9:30 a.m. J.T. Taylor

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week 12

This week we continue our reading through the book of Numbers. The readings this week cover more of the procedures for worship and care of the holy space of God. These laws helped to establish the sense of reverence that Jesus thought was so important in the New Testament. What these rules tell us is that we need to go to God respectfully, reverently, and humbly each and every day. While we may not need to go to the Tabernacle of the Israelites, still we are called to present ourselves to God every day. Even in their times of being unclean, God's people were still called to present themselves in proper worship to Him. No matter where we are in our lives, we are called to come before God and spend time at His feet. The time we spend each week reading through these pages of the Old Testament is a reminder of the importance God placed on going to Him. No matter what, He always wants to be with us.

-Will

- July 2: Numbers 7
- July 3: Numbers 8
- July 4: Numbers 9-10
- July 5: Numbers 11-12
- July 6: Numbers 13
- July 7: Numbers 14-15
- July 8: Numbers 16

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Freedom Isn't Free
Ephesians 2:1-10

Rev. Will Walley

OUR ATTENDANCE

6-25-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....44
11:00 a.m. Service.....106
Sunday School.....85



In June we are collecting children's blunt end scissors, notebook paper and small note pads. 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:

18 hairbrushes	45 combs
60 socks	4 ball caps
49 toothbrushes	69 washcloths
8 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.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Gordon Darrah, John Denny, Jean Mullins
- 3 Marsh Bolin, Ann D'Armond, Kendall Dryman
- 4 Jennifer Ramey
- 6 Doris Carr
- 7 Helen Burdell, Diane Lubin, Matt Toelle
- 8 Kerry Mess, Doris Rowe, Ian Walker

OUR STEWARDSHIP

6-25-23

General Fund.....	8,907.44
Endowment.....	25.00
Missions.....	100.00
Other Contributions.....	50.00
Scholarship River of Life.....	100.00
Scholarship Fund.....	50.00
Sunday School.....	35.00
VBS.....	70.00
Quilting.....	100.00
Youth Fund.....	160.00

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Jeanine Cotton	Freddie Richardson
Joe Batastini	Shelley Montgomery
Michelle Foote	Tina Martinez
Kaye Hill	Sarah Jessie Avant
Laqia Spears	Robert Garrard
Shirley Moon	Bobbie Edmondson
Sara Grace Hubbard	Mailyn McConnell
Lynn Christenson	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Pam & Mike Woodard
 Family of Martha & Inge Smith
 The Stafford Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2

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
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday Fun Day - Ministry Center
 4:00-8:00 p.m. Church on the Grass - Green Space behind parking lot
 5:00-7:00 p.m. Family Faith Connection - Basement

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed - Independence Day

Wednesday, July 5

12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cross Training - Basement
 6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
 1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social - Alpha Building

Friday, July 7

5:00-6:00 p.m. Danielle Edwards Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 8

3:00 p.m. Danielle Edwards Wedding

**SUNDAY FUNDAY
EVENTS**

3-5 PM @ WYNNTON
METHODIST (AGES 3-11)

JULY 2 AROUND THE WORLD

JULY 9 VEGGIETALES PARTY

JULY 16 SCRIBBLES & SWEETS

JULY 23 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

PARENTS DROP OFF KIDS FOR THESE EVENTS

MUST PRE-REGISTER BY THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT BY EMAILING
MGROSS@WYNNTONUMC.ORG

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies June 30-July 2
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

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.

