



*Love God, Love People, and Serve Together*

**“A New Way of Thinking”**

**April 30, 2023**

So by now, you know that I am not your average bear. I am a person that continues to look at things from different angles because I want to make sure that we are doing everything that we can to equip disciples for the increase of God’s Kingdom. Growing up, I would always want to know everything in a black and white scenario. I wanted to know exactly how everything worked and why things had to be a certain way. I believe that it was not because I had a perfectionist mentality, but that I wanted to see if there was another way to look at the problem and find a solution.

As we step into our journey together at Wynnton, I hope and pray that we are all able to do the same thing. We all know that the simple answer is to get people back into the building and provide opportunities for them to want to come back. But if we are unable to get them into the building then we cannot show them the amazing family of connection that Wynnton offers. So we have to look at the problem in a different way. Just plain and simple, how do we get people into the building? How are we able to allow people to experience the wonder of Wynnton if they never knew we even exist?

So, I am saying we have to once again begin to think outside the box. I know that someone had a new way of thinking to bring this amazing church that God was ready to use to Midtown, but what are we doing to catch new fish? This Sunday, you are going to hear the simple solution that Jesus used to just cast your nets on the other side of the boat. Of course this solution to any fishermen or any disciple was preposterous. We know that you do it this way in order that the fish will flow into the nets and that we will be able to easier pull up our catch. Sound familiar for us in the church?

We have always done it this way. It is the easier way to make things work. Jesus had a new way of thinking. Even after He had been with the disciples for three years, He still was in the teaching mode for the 40 days until His ascension. He was trying to let them know that we had to look at things in a new way if we were going to begin this revival that was about to happen in Acts 2. So, I say the same thing about Wynnton in the days ahead. I say that we have to be willing to cast our nets on the other side of the boat if we are truly going to allow God to bring us fish to overflowing. We have to think outside the box with our ministries, worship and attitudes.

As John Wesley said, “Every person is of sacred worth.” We are called to plant our roots in Midtown Columbus and cast our nets to anyone who is willing to walk through the door. And yes, it means that the disciples that were probably tired and felt overworked still had to continue their journey until it was time for it to be passed on to the next generation of believers. We are primed for the next steps in our journey with God, but it is still going to take people reaching people on a one-on-one basis. It means that we still need to invite people to come and join us at Wynnton. Some of those people have to be people that we see in grocery stores or around Columbus. The Harvest is Plenty... but we have to be willing to think in a new way.

I am blessed to serve with you as we step into the next chapter of Wynnton. I am blessed to walk by faith and not by sight, but I know that we will all be stretched in the days ahead as God is preparing us for the years to come. I am excited because God is stirring and putting new pieces of the puzzle in place to create new ways to think about ministry and that is truly exciting. Join us by praying for the days ahead and that people will come through the doors and experience the same amazing God through our beloved Wynnton family.

In His grip, Jason

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### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

April 30, 2023

9:30 a.m. Breakfast - Bring your favorite breakfast food to share.

10:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

### **LOVE AND SYMPATHY**

To Becky & John Bray, William Bray and families on the death of their father, John Carey Bray, Sr., of Columbus, GA on April 19, 2023.

*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Joyce Hawkins on her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Frances Van Horn** by Anne & Larry Spell; Mary Mims; Suzanne Supple; Goodwill Sunday School Class; Betty Woodruff; Zane Draughon

In memory of **Jack Thomas** by New Beginnings Sunday School Class; Mary Mims; Cindy & Randy Autry

In memory of **John C. Bray, Sr.** by Suzanne Supple; Lynn & Bill White; Cindy & Randy Autry; Susan & Tommy Hudson

In memory of **Amy Peters** by Zane Draughon



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 4:30-7:00 PM. To register your child, you can either use the QR code or email Meghan Gross at [mgross@wynntonumc.org](mailto: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

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

1John 3:18

*My children, our love should not be just words and talk, It must be true love which shows itself in action.*

In a daily devotion titled "The Hands of Jesus," American evangelist Billy Graham mentions the story of a church in Strasburg, Germany that was destroyed during the 2nd World War. Only a statue of Christ that was next to the altar remained mostly unharmed; the hands were missing. When the church was rebuilt, a sculptor offered to replace the hands. The members of the church decided to leave the statue without hands. The reason, they said: "Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work on earth. If we don't feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, talk to the stranger, visit the imprisoned, and clothe the naked, who will?" This Sunday's service will include a contemplative new anthem, "Touch That Soothes and Heals," arranged by Thomas Keesecker. The lyrics by Mary Louise Bringle reflect the message of 1John 3:18 and share the same hope as the words of the people of the church in Strasburg. Based on the hymn tune Civility, the rich text of "Touch That Soothes and Heals" is supported by graceful, exquisite melodies. The essence of this lovely anthem reflects the understanding that we see not only the wounded hands and feet of Jesus but, as Christians, we must also become the hands and feet of Christ in our world today; showing love and serving others.

"Touch That Soothes and Heals"

arr. by Thomas Keesecker

*Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread; steps that walk beside the weary bearing burdens in their stead: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care, give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.*

*"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

*Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.*

*Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

*Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal, feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.*

*"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

\*Prayer Breakfast & Jesus, Fridays  
 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey  
 \*CORE group this week. 5-7pm in the Basement  
 \*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010  
 \*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010  
 \*River of Life forms due ASAP. Here is the link  
 for Tifton registration:



Youth ROL  
 Registration



Adult ROL  
 Registration

### 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 May. 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.



We had a great packing party last October! Thanks to all who participated in collecting and/or packing.

NOW we are ready to try again to do more so children everywhere can learn about Jesus. We have information in each Sunday School class and at the Welcome Center. 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.

**April items:** soft wash cloths (individual or 4-6 pack), deodorant

### GRADUATES

Please call the church office (706-324-2424) with information on those who are completing degrees at the College or Graduate School level. We would like to mention them in the bulletin.

### River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Tifton, Georgia

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

\*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

### 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.



## ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class.

Come and participate in game day! May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We are in the process of planning Summer activities, so keep an eye out on the newsletter and in your Sunday School classrooms for upcoming events!

## INTEREST MEETING

If you were a part of the contemporary service and are interested in serving with the modern service please attend our informational meeting on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

30 Mary Nell Blasingame  
1 Mitzi Crew, Joyce Hawkins,  
Judy Ottman, Steve Tincher  
5 Bill Bussey, Jimbo Dryman,  
Susan Groke

## WYNNTON UMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2023. The scholarship is for members of Wynnton pursuing any field of study at an accredited school of higher learning.

Applications, along with guidelines for the scholarship, are now available in the church office.

All applications must be received in the church office no later than **May 1, 2023**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
Daro Miller	Benjamin Feagle
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Julee Robinson McGehee	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Freddie Richardson
Tom Stafford	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Tina Martinez
Joe Batastini	Sarah Jessie Avant
Joan Colquitt	Robert Garrard
Joy Graham	Shirley Moon
Hayden Wadkins	Garrett Smith

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Jerrilla Capozzia  
Family of Margaret Ellen Alexander  
Family of John C. Bray, Sr.

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

### MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

These weeks readings are about Jacob, who would become Israel. Jacob was a Godly man, who followed the lessons taught to him by his father Isaac. Jacob obeyed God in all he did, and because of that, God watched over him throughout his life. While these verses cover a lot of history, there is also a lot here we can reflect on. These early promises from God, the first covenant and those promises that followed it, are all evidence of the faith that God calls on all of us to have. Jacob had that faith, as did Isaac before him. The book of Genesis is a testament to the trust the people of God had in their Father. Throughout the Bible, God asks us for that trust. God asks us for our faith. Here on these pages, with the story of Jacob, there is evidence that God is worth that trust. God is worth our trust every day.

-Will

April 30: Genesis 28-29  
May 1: Genesis 30  
May 2: Genesis 31  
May 3: Genesis 32-33  
May 4: Genesis 34-35  
May 5: Genesis 36  
May 6: Genesis 37-38

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 30**

9:30 a.m. Church-wide Breakfast - Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary  
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

**Monday, May 1**

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

**Tuesday, May 2**

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building  
5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Building  
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library

**Wednesday, May 3**

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
6:00 p.m. Volunteer Interest Meeting for Modern Service - Fellowship Hall  
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 4**

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace  
10:30 a.m. Game Day - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Jordan Basketball Banquet - Fellowship Hall

**Friday, May 5**

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

**Flower Delivery**

Rachel Plummer

**PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies April 28-30  
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**4-23-23**

General Fund.....14,058.00  
Children's Missions.....4.87  
Endowment.....50.00  
Easter Offering.....900.00  
Missions.....50.00  
Other Contributions.....145.00  
Sunday School.....52.00  
Loose Offering.....1.00  
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....120.00

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**4-23-23**

8:30 a.m. Service..... 33  
11:00 a.m. Service.....103  
Sunday School.....84

**SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*Cast Your Nets on the Other Side*  
John 21:1-14

Dr. Jason Wade

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD**

April 30: **Team 2:** Scott McCranie, Harold Hill, Mike Wolfe

**WELCOMER**

9:30 a.m. Mary Nell Blasingame