

Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Prayer- First Step is On Our Knees”

October 8, 2023



Prayer is **ESSENTIAL** to our work here at Wynnnton. We’ve seen lives changed, hearts transformed and entire communities impacted as a result of people praying specifically that God would make himself known among the nations! Prayer is powerful, and it is one way God has invited us to join him in his work.

But how can we pray when we don’t know what to pray, or rather, what new things to pray for? Our prayer life can feel monotonous if we’re praying the same things over and over again. And that’s often the case when praying for a people group waiting for the Bible in their own language. Updates can be infrequent and we don’t know what new things to ask God for.

Thankfully, God knows! When we use God’s own words by praying Scripture, we’re aligning ourselves with his heart and praying according to his will. What better way is there to give our prayer life new meaning? So when words fail you, open up the Bible and allow God’s words to be your prayer. Here are a few tips that can help get you started:

1. Find a quiet place to connect with God.

Our lives are so busy, and our days are constantly filled with noise. When we find a quiet place to pray, we are able to connect with him without distraction. We can focus on letting his Word speak to us and direct our prayers.

2. Begin by praying a Scripture that prepares your heart for connecting intimately with God.

One possible example: *“Gracious God, I come boldly to your throne. I need your mercy and grace in my life”* (Based on Hebrews 4:16).

3. Use a verse or passage to shape your prayer.

If you don’t know where to begin, the book of Psalms has some great prayers! You can do this by praying the verse back to God and inserting the name of a specific people group to make the prayer more personal. *“Lord, the whole earth is yours, and everything in it! The world and all its people belong to you — including the People in Afghanistan. May these people understand the depth of your love for them today”* (Based on Psalm 24:1).

4. Turn a verse into a first- or third-person prayer.

“You have planted seeds in the lives of the children at Carpenter’s Way, and you have called them to live a holy life. You did this, not because your children deserved it, but because it was your plan from before the beginning of time to show these children, and all of us, your grace through Jesus Christ” (Based on 2 Timothy 1:9).

5. Pick a verse and declare it as truth for a people group or nation.

“Lord, your Word says in Acts 2:21 that everyone who calls on your name will be saved. I pray that the people of Midtown will call on your name as a result of having your Word in their lives. Save these people for your glory!”

6. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray.

God invites us to intimately connect with him through prayer, and what better way to do that than to use his own words in the Bible! In Romans we see that the Holy Spirit actually prays on our behalf when we don’t know what to say. So allow the Holy Spirit to pray for you when you can’t think of what — or how — to pray yourself. *And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.* — Romans 8:26-27 (NLT)

Take the first step and join me as we faithfully follow God’s lead here at Wynnnton on our knees.

In His grip, Jason

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Steve Smith for his birthday, October 5th by Alice, Dylan and Grace.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Joe Batastini** by Margaret Cole Whitaker; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Carolyn Holland; Carole & Eric Sears

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 101 kids! Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, scooby-snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

This year, we will be having our annual packing party on Wednesday, October 25th, at 5:30 p.m. This will be a potluck packing party. Please let us know if you will be joining us for this event by Monday, October 23rd. Also, if you would be willing to bring a side dish or dessert to share, please let Michaela know. You can R.S.V.P. by contacting Michaela Walley (mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or 304-439-4202) or by signing up on the bulletin board in the Grimes hallway.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Monday, October 9th.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Stewardship month is a wonderful opportunity for affirmation and renewal. Our focus on our spiritual essentials will guide and challenge us as we develop our connection with God and with our community here at Wynnton. Water, as a spiritual essential, represents a vital part in our life journey. From baptism to cleansing, water is a symbol of purity and has been known to heal the soul and awaken the spirit. Water can also cause fear and trepidation. Sunday's choral anthems, inspired by Isaiah 43:1-4, remind us that though we pass through the waters, God commands us to not be afraid, for He is with us. This scripture contains several of God's promises to us; I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are precious in my sight, you are mine. Knowing we belong to God should cancel our fear. He holds us, protects us, and cares for us. God's promises are as solid as a rock. They bring us hope and assurance. What an amazing foundation for our faith!

"Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; Be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

GENESIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

In the spirit of the season, please give your support and enjoy beautiful fresh holiday evergreens. Place your prepaid orders for this mission project through Oct. 28th. You may pick up your wreaths the week after Thanksgiving.

22" mixed evergreen wreath - \$30

28" mixed evergreen wreath - \$40

Contact any member of the Genesis Class to order.



- Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!
- Youth CORE Group Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Fridays 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Fall Retreat will be Nov. 17 & 18
- Please make note that we are facing some issues with the new restrictions with our Remind 101 texting app. We are moving our informational texting to Group me. Please search for AOC Basement or see Jason and he can add you directly. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- Winter Retreat Dates are December 28-31. Please mark your calendar.

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. We will be setting up a connectional meeting soon!!



COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS October 8, 2023

New Seekers

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Minor Prophets Reading

Week 5

This week continues our reading through the Old Testament with several books. These books can be challenging sometimes because they reflect so much gloom and doom, but there is a reason for that. Throughout these texts we gain a greater picture of God Almighty. God wants us, just as He wanted the people in these texts. God wants us. That's something that recurs so much in the Old Testament; God wants us so desperately. God has done so much for us just as He did so much for the Israelites. He has not stopped blessing us. He has always deserved our praise, but still He does not stop caring about us. These verses, these books are a reminder of the unfailing love God has for us, and the desire to be with us always.

-Will

10/8- Micah 5
10/9- Micah 6
10/10- Micah 7
10/11- Nahum 1-2
10/12- Nahum 3
10/13- Habakkuk 1
10/14- Habakkuk 2

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.

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.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

It's time to begin making plans for providing Christmas for some of the students at the school. The following are three dates we all need to have:

On or before OCTOBER 22, please let me know how many children your class, family, or individual will sponsor. (Text/call Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 as soon as you decide.)

NOVEMBER 1...WAA will be providing wish lists for the number of children each class, family unit, or individual sponsors.

DECEMBER 6....First day of gift drop-off at the school.

DECEMBER 13...Final day of gift drop-off at the school.

In the meantime, there is an additional opportunity in November to help the staff at WAA. On Thursday, November 16, there will be a Faculty Thanksgiving lunch. They could use desserts to serve that day. Please drop those off at the school on Wednesday, November 15. The faculty appreciates this so much!!

Questions? Call/text Shirley @ 706-332-6890

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We will not be having group fitness on Monday, October 9th. We will resume on Monday, October 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Come and participate in game day every first Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building!

We will be going to Roosevelt's Little White House on Thursday, October 19th. There is an entrance fee of \$9.75 for those over 62 or \$13 for those under 62. To sign up to go, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or by phone 304-439-4202 OR you can sign up on the bulletin board in the Grimes hallway.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming cookie/holiday dessert recipe exchange - Thursday, November 30th. More details to come!

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8	Ruth Anthony, Kreston George
9	Forrest Toelle, Sara Ann White
10	Joe Bannon
11	Suzanne Supple
12	Lillian Cox, Ruth Pennington
13	Sandy Dryman, Charlotte Toelle
14	Joe Boggs, Don McCollum, Scott Mims

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-1-23

General Fund	12,754.00
Backpacks of Grace	431.87
Communion	97.00
Endowment.....	100.00
Loose Offering.....	50.95
Sunday School.....	44.00
Methodist Home	100.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music	210.00
Open Door	100.00
Wesley Glen	100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network	125.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

10-1-23

8:30 a.m. Service	32
Modern Service	29
11:00 a.m. Service	86
Sunday School.....	65

BE A WYNNNTON 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 November. 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.

WYNNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

October 8:

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

WELCOMER

8:00 a.m. Ramona Andresen

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Tina Martinez
Michelle Foote	Robert Garrard
Kaye Hill	Mailyn McConnell
Lynn Christenson	Scott Mims
Jarrold Hart	Tom Stafford
Larry Spell	Sabrina Hart
Lynn Ezzell	Bill Pope

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
The Batastini Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8

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
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Alpha Building
 7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, October 9

Office Closed
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
 5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Wednesday, October 11

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
 6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 12

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting - Library

Flower Delivery

Neita Denny

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Oct. 6-8
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study will not meet Sunday, October 8th. We will be taking the week off, and will return on the 15th. In the interim, you can continue to do your readings in preparation for Sunday the 15th's study. We will be reading Mark 1:29-45 for that night. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how's of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday night to discuss them as a group. We hope to see you when we return on Sunday the 15th at 6:00 pm!



For the Shoeboxes in October, we will be collecting Wow items. These include: balls, cars/trucks, yo-yos, slinkys, coloring books, sewing kits, small stuffed animals, jump ropes, and other small toys.

Help us reach our goal of packing 180 boxes!

So far, we have:

Socks: 67 pairs of 180 needed

Deodorant: 57 of 180 needed

Jump Ropes: 8 of 30 needed

Slinkys: 3 of 10 needed

Sewing kits: 4 of 10 needed

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



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.



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer to serve in the Modern service.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

*As Water Sustains Life,
Our Gifts Sustain the Church*

1 Corinthians 12:1-29

Dr. Jason Wade – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Win Johns – 9:00 a.m.

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!

