



*Love God, Love People, and Serve Together*

“Our Shelter is Our Witness”

October 22, 2023



When we think through the true impact of our Church, we have to look and see what the rest of the world sees. I know that as we have been walking through our **ESSENTIALS** of Stewardship, we have to step back and recognize the impact we truly have as a shelter for those seeking refuge. A shelter is the opportunity that we have to provide the basic needs to reach people physically or spiritually. We are able to listen to their plight and provide the necessities for survival.

One of the greatest things about Jesus is that he was able to go where the people were, listen to their needs and provide shelter and refuge as he met their physical needs first. Throughout our lives, there are many obstacles that we face as we try to do all that we can to fulfill God’s plan for our Church and community. We experience the hurt and pain that many are going through as we step into their lives and becoming a part of their story. People are in need of shelter, and our greatest witness is our opportunity to walk with them and provide a strong foundation of hope.

As we continue through this time of discernment and prayer for our stewardship campaign, I often ask how much of an impact we truly make in the community where we serve. Then I look back and think about the stories of families finding a community of faith that cares about their people: a preschool that is offering quality connection and education by witnessing to families who are seeking shelter through education and service; multiple mission-related ministries that are continuing to give of their time and efforts to allow the world, outside our walls, to know that they are covered in prayer; worship services that provide refuge for the wounded spirit and motivation to disciples, to go from this place and be the CHURCH God has called us to be to our community at large; and adult, college and student ministries that are seeking opportunities to change their world through the power of God’s Word.

In the days ahead, we will be asking everyone to pray and discern how they are able to partner with God and the Church to impact the world. We will ALL be asked to give in order that our shelter will continue to be able to operate and be a strong LIGHT and WITNESS to the community. Please know that it is **ESSENTIAL** that we all play our part in giving to support this shelter for ministry. Wynnton Methodist Church has ALWAYS been a part of God’s witness here in Midtown, and we plan to continue to provide a shelter for refuge to anyone who walks through our doors.

God is not done with Wynnton! I truly believe that statement. I continue to pray that we all recognize how our witness is a reflection of God’s shelter. I pray that we can be a place where people in need can find refuge, children and youth can find purpose, and anyone searching for connection can find a home. Our Church, our shelter, is our witness to the world that we **Love God, Love People** and desire to **Serve Together** by teaching the **ESSENTIALS** of the faith to a world in desperate need of truth.

In His grip,  
Jason

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*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of my mom and dad, Rubye and Jack Screws, and my husband, Bucky Dukes, by Graham Dukes.*



### PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. Our second order will be placed on **November 5th**, and a final order on **December 3rd**. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

#### Prices

- 1 lb. halves \$12.00
- 1/2 lb halves \$7.00
- 1 lb. pieces \$12.00
- 1/2 lb. chocolates \$9.00

### JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Pepper Choplin holds to his belief that it is a privilege to make musical contributions to ministries around the world. His music includes many styles of music; from folk and gospel, to classical and jazz. Choplin's music is among Wynnton's favorite anthems and cantatas. Sunday, our stewardship "Essential" is shelter. Merriam-Webster defines shelter as, "...something that covers or affords protection." Our Chancel Choir anthem for Sunday, "Within These Walls" by Pepper Choplin, incorporates the Webster definition, but also compels us to go beyond the walls of our shelter to fellowship and minister outside the walls of our Church. Essentially, "Within These Walls" calls us to be prayerful as we serve within and without the walls of Wynnton.

#### "Within These Walls" by Pepper Choplin

*Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in your name. As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in your holiness again. Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond; a Spirit from above. And as your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by your love.*

#### [Refrain]

*We are the branches, You are the Vine. We are the vessels and You are the Wine. We are the body, You are the Head. For every hunger, You are the Bread. Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form. And let us lift each other as we gather to find your peace no matter how terrible the storm.*

#### [refrain]

*Within these walls, give us your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls, there are hurting people who have never felt your healing hand. Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let your will be done.*

*We are your people; You will leave us never and we shall work together until your kingdom comes! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray, let us pray.*

#### Psalm 91:1-2,4-5

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.



- 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
- FIELDS OF FAITH has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Winter Retreat Dates are December 28-31. Please mark your calendar.

### Fall Revival

Please mark your calendars for  
October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Our Final Session will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> during  
our celebration Sunday @ 10:30am



CELEBRATION SUNDAY  
& TAKE 5 Breakfast

October 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Breakfast  
10:30am Service

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

### Minor Prophets Reading

Week 7

This week's readings are all about the protection and blessing of the Lord on His people. These verses are full of the prophecies of God and of His coming. They tell us the story of God blessing His people and continuing to watch over them. To those who need it so desperately, they are comforting and capable of easing the spirit. God has not forgotten them, not even in the darkest of times. That lesson stays true to us here and now as well. God has not forgotten us, nor will He ever forget us. God has blessed us all our lives, and we have been told by His Word that He will continue to bless us. These verses remind us to trust in His Word, and to always expect His blessings.  
-Will

10/22- Zechariah 2-3  
10/23- Zechariah 4  
10/24- Zechariah 5-6  
10/25- Zechariah 7  
10/26- Zechariah 8  
10/27- Zechariah 9  
10/28- Zechariah 10

### POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00  
Deadline to order:  
Wednesday, November 29  
Delivery date:  
Thursday, December 7

See a New Beginnings  
Class member to order.

### 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](mailto:mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org).

**COVERED DISH SUPPER &  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY**

This year, we will be having our annual packing party and covered dish supper on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.** Please bring enough food to feed your family and a little extra.

If you can't make it for dinner and only want to pack boxes, please arrive at 6:15 p.m. If you have a conflict you may come at 5:30 p.m. to pack boxes.

If you have any questions, contact Michaela Walley (mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org or 304-439-4202)

**WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK  
UNITY SERVICE**

November 12, 2023  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Temple Israel

There will be a love offering collected that evening for the network.

**WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY**

If any Sunday School class, small group, family or individual has not committed to sponsoring any WAA students for Christmas and desires to do so, please contact Shirley Richey (call/text at 706-332-6890) before Monday, October 23.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**NOVEMBER 1...**WAA will provide wish lists to Shirley

**NOVEMBER 5...**Wish lists will be given to Sunday School classes, small groups, families, or individuals.

**NOVEMBER 14-15...**Deliver desserts to WAA for the Faculty/Staff Thanksgiving Meal.

**DECEMBER 6...**First day for delivering your **UNWRAPPED** gifts to WAA.

**DECEMBER 13...**Last day for delivering your **UNWRAPPED** gifts to WAA

Beginning in January you have the opportunity to sign up for reading to students at WAA. If you are interested in doing this, please let Shirley know, including they days you are available. This is a big hit with the students and the media specialist is excited to get this program underway. There is one person signed up already.

**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 every first Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building!

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

Rev. Michaela Walley  
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| 23 | Melinda McCune                                   |
| 24 | Annsley Corkron, Maggie McDaniel,<br>Ward Walker |
| 25 | Susan Chriss, Gusty Walker                       |
| 26 | Carol Hammock                                    |

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

<b>10-15-23</b>	
General Fund.....	14,271.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	306.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	500.00
Loose Offering .....	70.00
Sunday School.....	31.00
Missions .....	50.00

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

<b>10-15-23</b>	
8:30 a.m. Service .....	43
Modern Service.....	26
11:00 a.m. Service .....	114
Sunday School .....	91

## IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 2:1-12. 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 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 the 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

## COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS October 22, 2023

Joyful Noise

## 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 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.

## 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	Sabrina Hart
Larry Spell	Lynn Ezzell

## FIELDS OF FAITH

Fields of Faith has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1 and has moved to Golden Park.  
Food and Games: 6:30 p.m.  
Program 7:00-8:15 p.m.



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.



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

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

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

## WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

November is our month to help stock the shelves at Wynnton Neighborhood Network. The Network provides food to a great many needy families each week, but they need help to make that possible. So, we are asking everyone to try to help support this important ministry in our community this month. Below is a list that contains the items that the Network gives out each day, and we are asking that Wynnton bring in as much of it as you can. You can bring it to the church at any point in November and place the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall or under the Giving Tree. We are also going to be having our annual drop-off for our November collection on November 18th from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. That morning, you can come to the church and get help unloading any food you want to bring. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped out so many that needed it. This is our opportunity to support them, so please join us in filling the shelves this November. If you have any questions, please call Bob Gilstrap.

### Items needed for the Holiday Distributions:

Cranberry Sauce  
Brownie Mix  
Green Beans  
Corn  
Yams  
Evaporated Milk  
Pumpkin Pie Mix  
Cornbread Mix

### On-going suggested items:

Canned vegetables (green beans, baked beans, carrots, mixed veggies, or any other type of veggie)  
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ham, chili with meat, lasagna, etc.)  
Canned fruit  
Canned tomato products  
Macaroni and cheese  
Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles  
Jelly  
Peanut Butter  
Soup  
Rice  
Breakfast cereal  
Toilet paper  
Bar Soap  
Laundry Detergent (pods)

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

## 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. 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



We need volunteers to help with flower delivery in 2024. If you would be interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Carol Hammock at 706-577-1575. Flowers can be picked up after the 11:00 service on Sunday or on Monday.

## 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.

## 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.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

Wednesdays  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Chapel (drop in)

## WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD October 22:

**Team 6:** JT Taylor, Chuck McDaniel

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Our Shelter is Our Witness*  
Psalm 91

Dr. Jason Wade - 8:30 a.m.  
Rev. Will Walley - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Oct. 20-22  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 22

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. 211 Faith Connection - Basement  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Mark - Alpha Building  
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Monday, October 23

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

### Tuesday, October 24

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

### Wednesday, October 25

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
5:30 p.m. Covered Dish Supper & Packing Party -  
Ministry Center  
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 26

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

### Friday, October 27

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A -  
Whittlesey Rd.  
5:30-7:00 p.m. Revival - Sanctuary

### Saturday, October 28

5:30-7:00 p.m. Revival - Sanctuary

## 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!

