



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Essentials of Membership”

October 1, 2023

In 2 Peter 1:3-4 we read, *“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”* Peter is in Rome and realizing that his time on earth may be shortly lived, he pens the letter to the Church to encourage them to grow in their faith and realize the privilege that we have to be a part of the family of God. The major theme of this letter speaks to the faith of the members of God’s church.

A commentator on 2 Peter 1:3-4 wrote:

“If our faith is real, it will be evident in our godly behavior. Growth is ESSENTIAL. If people are diligent in Christian growth, they will not backslide or be deceived by false teachers. Growth begins with faith and culminates in love for others. To keep growing, we need to know God, keep following him, and remember what He taught us. We must remain diligent in faithful obedience and Christian growth.”

As we read these words, we must realize the ESSENTIALS of life and Christian growth mirror the necessities we have as members of the body of Christ. In order to survive we must have air, water, food, shelter, and rest. In order for us to serve as a member of Wynnton Methodist Church, we must be willing to give to God through our prayers, presence, witness, gifts and service. Each of us must realize that when we enter into our time of stewardship, God is not only asking of us to give our monetary offering, but to serve through giving of ourselves. The month of October will allow us the honor and privilege of learning what it means to be a member of God’s church and how God has provided for us the ESSENTIALS to learn to grow each day. The decision is now in our hands to whether or not we are willing to recognize that we all still have the ability to learn how to be a follower of Christ or are we just fine being settled where we are today?

Please begin praying now for how God is going to stir within your hearts to take honor in being a member of Wynnton Methodist Church and using the ESSENTIALS of God’s promises to live each day honoring His call in our lives. Now is the time that we once again take a large step of faith and celebrate the opportunities God places before us to transform the world by Loving God... Loving People... and Serving Together.

Expectant and Excited!
In His grip, Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of our 55th wedding anniversary by Donna and Larry Campbell.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Joe Batastini** by Dorothy & Mike Johnson; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Pinky, Jennifer & Cliff Elliott; Susan & Tommy Hudson; Lynn & Bill White; Neita & John Denny; Betty Woodruff; Mary Mims; Debby & Eric Hubbard; Monday Morning Bible Study; Carol Hammock

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Emilee Turner & Lance Clark
3198 Lee Road 254
Opelika, AL 36874

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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Merriam Webster defines Communion as a “Christian sacrament in which consecrated bread and wine are consumed as memorials of Christ's death, or as symbols for the realization of a spiritual union between Christ and communicant, or as the body and blood of Christ.” It is also defined as an act or instance of sharing or fellowship. Both of these definitions are relevant to our services this Sunday as we celebrate World Communion Sunday with congregations all around the world. Churches large and small from cities, towns, farms and possibly even tents will gather to receive Holy Communion. World Communion Sunday originated in 1933 when church leaders searched for an act or a symbol that would remind us of God's presence, even in difficult times. At the table of the Lord, in spite of our differences, we experience oneness and unity through Christ.

This Sunday, as we recognize the global perspective surrounding World Communion Sunday, our Sanctuary choirs will sing expressive communion anthems with rich harmonies and powerful refrains. They remind us that at the table of the Lord, we are one in Christ Jesus.

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" by Lloyd Larson
*At the Lamb's high feast we sing, "Praise to the Christ, our glorious King!"
For He has claimed and cleansed our souls, and by His love we've been made whole.
Praise the One who by love divine now shares the cup, the holy wine.
His body broken at the feast for the greatest and the least.
[refrain] Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed; by whom the words of life were spoken; by whom our hungry souls are fed.
At the Lamb's high feast we sing, the praise and hosannas still echoing: "Praise to our King, the chosen One, holy Son, the Lamb of God."
Bread of the world by whom our souls are fed.*

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have two available dates: Oct. 29, & Nov. 5 for Chancel Flowers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Brenda in the church office.



- **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 28th-31st. 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 1, 2023

Pathfinders

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Minor Prophets Reading

Week 4

This week in our readings we are touching on four different books. But, like all the others in this group, their focus is squarely on God. If you look closely though, one theme you see repeating in these verses is about God's plan. So often we run from it, like Jonah, and so turn away from what God is planning. God feels that loss and gets understandably upset when we turn from Him. He rebukes our actions, as He did in Micah, but still He is willing to welcome us back. These books are important to us because they show us the unchanging care God has for us, and the connection He always wants to have with us. These verses remind us, as always, to keep our eyes on God Almighty.

-Will

10/1- Amos 9
10/2- Obadiah
10/3- Jonah 1-2
10/4- Jonah 3-4
10/5- Micah 1
10/6- Micah 2-3
10/7- Micah 4

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

October Opportunities at Wynnton Arts Academy
Coming up on October 4th is Walk to School Day, system wide. WAA participates in this and extend an invitation of the members of Wynnton Methodist to join them in this event. Students, school staff, parents and all members of WMC will gather in our parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and walk to WAA. This gives the students and teachers evidence of the support of the community. Feel free to make a sign that has the name of the church to hold high as we walk.

Also, be aware that WAA is having its Fall Festival on October 22. I am not aware at this time that volunteers are needed from the church for this event. Watch this space for any new information about this.

Heads up! I will soon be asking which Sunday School classes, individual family units, and/or individuals will participate in the Christmas gifts support for the students. This will include asking for the number of students you want to support.

Thank you for all the donations made during September!!
Contact Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 with any questions!

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!

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.

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

This year, we will be having our annual packing party on Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:00 pm. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Carolyn Wilkes
- 3 Anne Spell
- 4 Sandi Carpenter, Nikki Graham, Hallie Taylor
- 5 Bob Gilstrap
- 6 Tyler Richey, David Woolbright

OUR STEWARDSHIP

9-24-23

General Fund.....	5,332.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	425.00
Endowment.....	75.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	50.00
Sunday School.....	38.00
Missions	50.00
Music.....	120.00
Youth Fund.....	50.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

9-24-23

8:30 a.m. Service	39
Modern Service	28
11:00 a.m. Service	93
Sunday School.....	81

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 October. 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.

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

October 1:

Team 3: Rob Harbison, Bruce Boretsky, Bennett Massey, Harry Lubin

WELCOMERS

9:30-11:15 a.m. Bart and Brenda Wilson

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Essentials Begin On Our Knees
2 Peter 1:3-11, Proverbs 1:1-7

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

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
Kay Hart	Tom Stafford
Jarrold Hart	Sabrina Hart
Larry Spell	Bill Pope
Lynn Ezzell	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
The Batastini Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

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 2

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, October 3

9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center
5:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m.	Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library

Wednesday, October 4

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 5

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m.	Backpacks of Grace
1:30 p.m.	Game Day - Alpha Building

Friday, October 6

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

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Sept. 29 – Oct. 1
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study has begun! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 1:12-28. 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 night to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!



For the Shoeboxes in September, we are collecting individually packaged toothbrushes and size Medium and Large youth t-shirts. For 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
Toothbrushes: 126 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

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!



WYNNTON | MODERN | WORSHIP

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.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

All of the staff have new email addresses which are as follows:

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mderbypreschool@gmail.com

Please check your spam or junk folder in your email to ensure that you haven't received something from the church.