



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

Do Doubters Still Doubt?

April 23, 2023

Have you ever had someone tell you something that you just are unable to believe? “The fish I caught was this big.” Let’s be honest, that fish was never as big as we said it was. We always added to it. But what if it was true? What if that fish was actually more than we have ever dreamed of? But because so many people have inflated their stories, we never want to believe them.

Thomas, the disciple we so often see as a skeptic, was a man who needed to see something to believe it. As much as we want to label Thomas as just a skeptic, too often we forget that we are a lot like him. We have been told so many inflated tales of worldly things that we so often forget that there are stories that can be real. Thomas did not want to believe in something that seemed so outside the norm that it was beyond what he could comprehend. In the case of Thomas, he needed to see it to be able to believe it. There’s that old phrase from so many Christmas movies, “Seeing is believing.” Doubters cannot doubt in the face of real truth.

What we are offered here in celebrating the Risen Savior, is a story that seems beyond anything we have ever heard before. Because it is, it is so far beyond anything humanity could have imagined. It seems like the greatest fish tale that has ever been told, up until it stands in front of you. Thomas was blessed because he could walk and talk with Jesus. He knew it was true because Jesus was right in front of his eyes.

But here’s the thing: Jesus is right in front of us too. We so often overlook the hand of God in our lives, but every step we take is a testament to the grace and blessing of our Creator. As I walk down the halls of Wynnton, I know that Jesus is within those walls. He is not here because we called it a church, but instead He is here because everyone has made it a church. When you walk into that building, you bring Jesus with you.

What room is there for doubt when Jesus lives within you, and within the person sitting next to you on that pew. Jesus lives, and because He lives, we can face tomorrow without doubt. Open your eyes and see Jesus, because He’s been waiting for you to see Him all your life. Do doubters still doubt? What room is there for doubt? Have faith, and see Jesus.

By His Grace,
Will

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Shirley Moon on the death of her sister, Frances Van Horn, of Macon, GA on April 17, 2023.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Art Chriss and Kristi Chriss by Susan Chriss.

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.

5th 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

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Jack Thomas** by Bill & Lynn White; New Beginnings Class

In honor of **Linell Pringle** by Joan Colquitt

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Morris Loeb** by Glenda Merrill

In memory of **Marjorie Ottman** by Susan & Ron Strickland

River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12th-17th
Tifton, Georgia

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

*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

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.

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 3rd 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!

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

The life and the work of Fanny Crosby is a huge inspiration to me! Blind from infancy, she grew to become an American mission worker, poet, lyricist and composer. More than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs are attributed to her and over 100 million copies of her work have been printed. She is often referred to as the "queen of gospel songwriters," and the "mother of modern congregational singing." Fanny explains her life this way:

"It seemed intended by God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank Him for this dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow, I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to God, if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."

When asked to comment on Fanny Crosby's contributions to hymnody, hymn writer George C. Stebbins said, "No writer in her day appealed more to the valid experience of Christian life, or expressed more sympathetically the deep longing of the human heart than Fanny Crosby." One of her followers remarked that Fanny Crosby could not see with her eyes but she could see with her heart; she could not explain what a human face looked like but she knew the face of God. In 1877 Fanny met William J. Kirkpatrick, a prolific composer of gospel song tunes. Our Chancel Choir will sing John Carter's arrangement of "He Hideth My Soul" this Sunday, a hymn which resulted from the collaboration between Fanny Crosby and William Kirkpatrick. Based on Exodus 33:21-22, this unforgettable setting is both beautiful and inspirational. The lyrics reflect the faith of one who relied on the Lord and turned to Him for strength.

"He Hideth My Soul" arr. by John Carter

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me; he hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.

(refrain) He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry thirsty land; he hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, he taketh my burden away; he holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved, he giveth me strength for each day. (refrain)

With numberless blessings each moment he crowns, and, filled with his fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, "O glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine!"

(refrain)

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 Groups meet Sunday 5:00-7:00 p.m. 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

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

April 23: **Team 1:** Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon, Brett Hubbard, Billy Daffin

WELCOMERS

8:30 a.m. Susan & Tommy Hudson
 11:00 a.m. Candice Cotton

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Do Doubters Still Doubt?

John 20:24-31

Rev. Will Walley

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.



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
David Pringle	Robert Garrard
Joan Colquitt	Shirley Moon
Joy Graham	Hayden Wadkins
Leonard Hurley	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

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

OUR ATTENDANCE

4-16-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....50
 11:00 a.m. Service.....127
 Sunday School.....93

OUR STEWARDSHIP

4-16-23

General Fund.....	16,963.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	100.00
Endowment.....	135.00
Easter Offering.....	180.00
Missions.....	50.00
Other Contributions.....	25.00
Sunday School.....	60.00
Loose Offering.....	9.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	100.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

23	Chip McDaniel
24	Diana Boensel, Gwen Myers, Carson Powell
26	Noah Miley
27	Maddie Fields, Bobby Gatewood
28	Carol Balderson

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Moses Reading Plan

Have you ever heard the word “Covenant” before? A covenant was a promise made by God that would last through the generations. God was always faithful to His word, and so whenever He made a covenant with someone you can believe that God saw it through. The readings for this week start with a covenant that God made with Abraham, to establish his lineage throughout history. This is the original Covenant, the old Covenant. The story of Abraham establishes all that follows in history, because to this day we are recipients of the covenant God established there. God established Himself as the Lord over Abraham, and all who would follow him. It was upon that original Covenant that the New Covenant was built. Abraham gives us hope, because through the promise God made to him, we have a connection to all that God has done since then, and to what He is still doing today.

-Will

Apr 23: Gen 17-18
 Apr 24: Gen 19
 Apr 25: Gen 20-21
 Apr 26: Gen 22-23
 Apr 27: Gen 24
 Apr 28: Gen 25-26
 Apr 29: Gen 27

Flower Delivery

Neita Denny



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23

- 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
Streams Live on Facebook
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

Monday, April 24

- 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, April 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
12-1 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
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

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

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies April 21-23
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

