



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Lowest Attended Sunday of the Year”

April 16, 2023

I really HATE this phrase. I do! I hate that we are willing to celebrate one of the two greatest days in Christian history and the next Sunday is one of the least attended services of the year. That is not how it is supposed to be in my book. The Sunday after Easter should be a time of preparation for God to add to our number daily. It should be a time when we are so excited about the fact that Jesus came back from the grave to compel us to GO and make disciples throughout the world. I pray that we have the same excitement, if not more, for this coming week than we did for last week.

See, this is a jumping off point for us as the CHURCH. This Sunday should be a time that we are able to come back and talk about the amazing things that God has done in and through us following the fact that He just rose from the dead and showed us specifically that He IS the Son of God. So... saying all of that... how is your week going so far? Did you have a conversation about what happened on Sunday? I saw TONS of pictures of families joining together to spend time around the table and to share moments of true love. So, who is ready to do it all over again this week?

I don't know... I guess that I am at a different point in my life and ministry when it comes to the story of Christ and the sacrifice that He made for the world. I want to do all that I can to allow Wynnton to be a beacon of HOPE and LOVE for every person that passes by this place. I want the love of God to be SO EVIDENT in this space that when people walk by they experience the power of the Holy Spirit. As I have said many times before, Wynnton has one of the greatest hidden secrets that the world needs to experience. There is a love and community of faith that is willing to be the hands and feet of God, and we can no longer keep that message hidden behind our doors.

The world is in need of revival, and I have said this many, many times.... why can it NOT start here in Midtown Columbus, Georgia? Why can we not follow the power of the founders of our church and begin praying for the next great revival to start the Sunday after Easter at 2412 Wynnton Road, Columbus, Georgia 31906. I believe that it can and it will. I fully believe that God is ready to use this place again to restore the hearts of the needy. I believe that God has a message that needs to be heard because we are faithful to believe that Jesus came up out of the grave to challenge us to do just that for TODAY.

Where does that begin? Easy...it begins in the hearts, minds and souls of every member of this church community. It begins with the desire to no longer accept the fact that change cannot occur because the world is too bad off. It begins because we accept that God is ready to make a bigger impact and is ready to use Wynnton as a launching pad to start a revival that will never stop until the day Christ returns. I challenge us all to make EASTER Sunday be the lowest attended Sunday of the year. I challenge that we can build upon what God has prepared for us and we realize that there is no going back from our Easter Sunday. It is time to relaunch Wynnton for the glory of God! Who is ready to see God work in the life of His Church? I AM!

In His grip,
Jason

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Margaret Ellen & Comer Alexander on the death of her brother, John Walter Thomas (Jack), of Columbus, GA on April 11, 2023.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of our parents, Miriam and Charles Kent and Jean and Don Davidson by Judy & Don Davidson.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of the **Chancel Choir** by Jennie & Ken Payne

In honor of **Vicki & Glenn Martin** by The Goodwill Class

In honor of **Cindy & Randy Autry** by The Goodwill Class

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!

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.

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.

Flower Delivery

Cindy Autry

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

John 3:16

For God So Loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

"Every time I recall these words, they are as fresh and shining as my first encounter with them"; a reference from the book, *3:16 The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado. Lucado describes John 3:16 as a twenty-six-word parade of hope. The meaning of the words from this scripture is so well-loved that many Christians recognize March 16, as "John 3:16 Day!"

John Stainer wrote his powerful, well-known hymn "God So Loved the World" in 1887. His hymn served as inspiration to the more than a hundred choral anthems, many of which include his original melody. This Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing Benjamin Harlan's arrangement of "God So Loved the World." Harlan uses flowing lines in the voices and accompaniment and treats his use of the original hymn by Stainer with gentleness and respect.

"God So Loved the World" arr. by Benjamin Harlan (Based on John 3:16-17)

God so loved the world, He so loved that He gave His only begotten Son, that all who believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son to condemn. God sent not His Son to condemn; but that through Him we might be saved.

God so loved the world, He so loved that He gave His only begotten Son, that all who believeth, believeth in Him shall have eternal life. God so loved the world, God so loved the world.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for group fitness every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha Building.

Game Day is May 4th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the fun!

*Prayer Breakfast & Jesus, Fridays
 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey
 Youth Mission Work Day, Saturday, April 15th
 8am- 2pm. Meet at the church and head to the
 project. **DRESS FOR PAINTING! ALL YOUTH
 and Adults welcome to participate!**
 *CORE Groups meet Sunday 5:00-7:00pm in the
 basement!
 *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010



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 16: Team 7 – Eddie Cawthorne, Jeff Yates, David Giammona

WELCOMER

11:00 a.m. J.T. Taylor

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Post Easter Challenge

Matthew 29:16-20, Luke 24:13-35

Dr. Jason Wade

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 Dom Edwards
 Family of Wylene Loeb
 Family of Jerrilla Capozzia
 Family of Margaret Ellen Alexander

OUR ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday.....148
 Good Friday.....57

4-9-23

8:30 a.m. Service..... 82
 11:00 a.m. Service..... 199
 Sunday School..... 81

OUR STEWARDSHIP

4-9-23

General Fund.....13,348.00
 Backpacks of Grace.....20.00
 Communion.....218.00
 Easter Offering.....1,500.00
 Missions..... 50.00
 Music..... 50.00
 Sunday School.....23.00
 Loose Offering.....253.00
 Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....100.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 Margaret Streetman
 18 Maria Holmes
 19 Meghan Gross,
 Prissy Mudge

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Moses Reading Plan

For the next several weeks, we will be taking a different approach to our readings. Starting this week, we will be embarking together by reading through the books attributed to Moses. This week we open up with the book of Genesis. Genesis is the beginning of the Bible, the very first book, and so it is the beginning of our history throughout our time with God. That is what these books we attribute to Moses are about: the history that lay within these pages building towards a New Covenant we just celebrated at Easter. The Old Covenant is the foundation on which the New Covenant was built. It all started with these books and it starts first with Genesis. "In the beginning..."

- April 16: Genesis 1-2
- April 17: Genesis 3-4
- April 18: Genesis 5-6
- April 19: Genesis 7-8
- April 20: Genesis 9-11
- April 21: Genesis 12-13
- April 22: Genesis 14-16

5th Sunday Breakfast

April 30, 2023
 9:30 a.m. Breakfast – Bring your favorite breakfast food to share

10:30 Service in the Sanctuary



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16

- 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
12:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting - Fellowship Hall
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

Monday, April 17

- 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 18

- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, April 19

- 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 20

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
6-8:00 p.m. Jordan Flag Football Banquet - Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21

- 7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A -
Whittlesey Rd.
12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Fellowship Hall

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies April 14-16
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

