



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Journey to the Cross: Accepting His Role”

March 5, 2023

As we continue to walk through our Lenten journey with Christ, we recognize that there were moments in Scripture where people were called to serve specific roles. Jesus would use unknown people to make a true impact in the lives of others. Throughout His journey, Jesus would bring to life opportunities that would reveal what was normally hidden to the world. These were people that society may have intentionally or unintentionally decided to discard or push by the wayside.

There are many times in our lives that we too want to remain hidden. We pray that no one calls our name or asks us to pray or even worse volunteer. Many times we just want to stay hidden, living out our lives in peace and prosperity. We are comfortable with doing our daily routines and being left alone. However, we live with a question in our minds of whether we matter at all. Does my voice or life really make an impact on others?

In our journey to the cross, each step helps us to realize that Jesus made a decision to accept His role in our world. Regardless if people understood what was really happening or not, God was already placing Jesus in a spot to accept His role in the reconciliation of the world. I know that there had to be many days that Jesus thought, as a young child, what it really meant to be called the Son of God. I can only imagine what questions He asked Mary and Joseph each day as He continued to grow in wisdom and stature. And please don't think I'm asking something that is sacrilegious, but what continued to go through His mind as a child, teenager, and young adult when He began to serve and go about His Father's work.

Over the last 7 months, I too have had many things to question about myself stepping into the role of Senior Pastor at Wynnton United Methodist Church. There have been days when I would honestly ask God if He was sure that I was the right choice for the families here. I mean I have been doing student ministry for 30 years... and I knew exactly how to grow such a ministry that could impact the community as a whole. There was no doubt that God has gifted me with the ability to connect with people and truly step into their stories, but I would continue to question if it was my role to take the next step. Was I ready to jump into an opportunity where I would have the chance to nurture and equip disciples on a greater scale?

Sunday, as I felt the heavy burden in the room, God finally gave me my answer. Regardless of what any of us thought would transpire, God gave me such an overwhelming emotion for the love of every person in the room. Sunday was an opportunity for God to finally open my heart even more and say it is time for you to fully step into the role I have been preparing you for your entire life. It has never been about the title, money or status of the church, but a calling to serve in a role where God needed me the most. I know that this all has come with hurt and loss as I continue to pray for restoration for all. And as your Senior Pastor, I will do my best to continue to lead our church in the direction God is preparing for us. As we take a step closer each day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, may we seek, during this Lenten season, to see what role God is calling each of us to serve within our Wynnton family. There is no greater time than now to accept what our role has, is and will be for the years to come at 2412 Wynnton Road. It just takes all of us working together and accepting our roles wholeheartedly for the next revival to begin.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Lois and Callaway Brown by Dorothy and Joe Batastini.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Zane Draughon and family in the death of her sister, Joy Hancock, of Asheville, NC on Feb. 22, 2023.

To Judy and Bob Ottman and family in the death of his mother, Marjorie Ottman, of Chapel Hill, NC on Feb. 24, 2023.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Denise Hill** by Jennie & Ken Payne

In memory of **Marjorie Ottman** by Neita & John Denny

EASTER BASH

Our Easter Bash is set for March 18th, and we are requesting donations of individually wrapped candy and Easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off in the bin just outside the library. With any questions regarding the Easter Bash, email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org. Thank you for your generosity!"

Volunteers are needed for our Easter Bash on March 18th from 11 AM-2 PM. If you are interested in serving at that event, please email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org to be filled into a station or sign up on the sheet in your Sunday school envelope. Thank you so much!

ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many."

Composer Benjamin Harlan shares these thoughts on Jesus as a servant: "How can we, having witnessed Christ's triumphal entry, understand this talk of a body to be broken and blood to be shed? How do we reconcile servanthood with royalty? What is this nonsense about equating foot-washing with greatness? The only explanation is "out of love." Therefore, take this bread and wine, and as often as you eat and drink these things, remember that His sacrifice was born "out of love." Greater love hath no man than he lay down his life for a friend."

This Sunday we receive Holy Communion, taken in remembrance of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. The Chancel Choir will offer a song illuminating Jesus' lesson of service. Rich lyrics supported by tender, flowing melodies display the fullness of God's grace.

"A Servant's Song" from "Colors of Grace" by Joseph Martin

Jesus washed their feet with teardrops, Christ in mercy knelt down. Taking up a tattered garment, Jesus laid aside His crown. There before His own creation, Jesus took a servant's place, gently washed their feet with teardrops and He bathed their hearts with grace.

Come, all pilgrims, to the table, all those weary from the road. Jesus waits to give you comfort; He will wash you white as snow. At the end of every journey, Jesus waits with fond embrace. He will wash your feet with teardrops. He will bathe your hearts with grace.

Christian, will you be a servant, kneeling in the Savior's place, washing feet with mercy's teardrops, bathing hearts with heaven's grace? Jesus, wash our feet with teardrops. Jesus, wash our hearts with grace.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

*Prayer Breakfast & Jesus will resume Friday, March 3rd, 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey.

*CORE Groups will meet March 5th from 5-7 p.m. For more information go check out the youth newsletter Sunday.

*River of Life Mission Trip info will be given out Sunday Night at CORE. Dates July 12th-16th 2023

*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.

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.

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 March. 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 NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

The month of March is Wynnton's time to collect food to fill the pantry at the Network. WNN continues to find itself having to purchase most of the food that is distributed to our clients from local retail grocery stores. The amount of food received through USDA represents a small percentage of the supplies needed to meet the demand. This has put a tremendous strain on our financial resources. Wynnton UMC has always been a very generous supporter of the Network during our focus months of March and November. But, due to the current situation, the Network is asking Wynnton, along with the other congregations, to give additional donations of food and/or financial contributions. To assist in the collection of the food donations, there will be a drive-by drop off on Saturday March 11th between the hours of 10:00 and 12 noon. Volunteers will be available at the portico to unload your donation. Also, grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed will be placed in the church outside the fellowship hall during March. Your support will be greatly appreciated and used to help those in need in our community.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Dorothy Robinson
Daro Miller	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Jim Accordino
Pam Feagle	Benjamin Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Frank Feagle
Betty Garrett	Barbara McKenzie
Tom Stafford	Richard Holmes
Jeanine Cotton	Freddie Richardson
Joe Batastini	Shelley Montgomery
Devon Garrison	Tina Martinez
David Pringle	Lucy Hart
Vicky Lamb	Sarah Jessie Avant
Joan Colquitt	Robert Garrard

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Zane Draughon
Family of Bob Ottman

FLOWER DELIVERY

Carol Hammock



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.

March items: Individually wrapped toothbrushes, hairbrushes, hair bands, combs

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 Judy Peek, Martha Sherman
- 6 John (J.T.) Taylor
- 7 Katie Bass, Avery Dryman, Doug Morris
- 9 Jim Fuller, Ryan Toelle
- 10 Ruthann Tincher
- 11 Allison Ehouse, Jamie Massey

OUR ATTENDANCE

2-26-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....	43
11:00 a.m. Service.....	140
Sunday School.....	100

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Reading Through Psalms

Week 8

I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven. Psalm 123:1

Whether you are being joyful, being thankful, or being prayerful, it all involves turning our eyes towards God. This is something that is of utmost importance for us to do. Life is full of roller-coasters; after every turn there is always a twist. It feels like just yesterday that Covid was being announced as a coming concern. The last few years have upturned the Church, and it feels like every time we seem to be getting past Covid there is another case that comes up. Life itself is like that far too often. But I will say this, there is always one constant. There is one being who is always there for us. God is always standing by, ready to lessen the sting of the twists and turns. God is also just as ready to stand beside us when we are at our highest. Lift your eyes to the Lord, because He is always there by our side.

-Will

March 5: Psalm 119: 49-88

March 6: Psalm 119: 89-136

March 7: Psalm 119: 137-176

March 8: Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124

March 9: Psalm 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131

March 10: Psalm 132, 133, 134, 135

March 11: Psalm 136, 137, 138

OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-26-23

General Fund.....	7,308.00
Endowment.....	30.00
Missions.....	81.00
Other Contributions.....	7.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	50.00

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

March 5: Team 1 – Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon, Gib Richardson

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Journey to the Cross: Accepting His Role
John 12:1-11

Dr. Jason Wade

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5

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
4:00 p.m. Youth Council Committee Meeting
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

Monday, March 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library

Wednesday, March 8

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, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

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

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies March 3-5
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

**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.

