

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Blessing in Waiting”

May 12, 2024

One of the toughest lessons I have learned in my life is the blessing of patience. If anyone knows me, you know that patience is a virtue that I have tried to inject into my life. You see, the way that God created me, I am always on the go. Whether in my personal or ministry life, I loved to move. Now understand, I was not that child that was always antsy in a classroom. In actuality, I was the kid that was always looking at things from 15 different angles and asking all the obscure questions in order that I could find more than one solution to a situation. God has wired me in such a way that it is very difficult to get my brain to stop once someone poses a situation that needs a solution.

However, I have continuously worked to learn how to breathe and slow down, but I will be honest it is not the easiest. There is a blessing in waiting. God knows exactly what we need and when we need to walk through any situation. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:1, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” Even though Paul is writing about temptation, I saw this as a way to stretch my mindset on my young inability to be patient.

Other examples of waiting we see in Scripture are in the life of Job and the Letter of James. In Job, we have an opportunity to understand the patience of a person that has some of the most horrific situations happen to him in his life. His wife and friends continue to call for him to curse God and die, but Job continues to be patient and wait to hear from God. In the end, God is able to restore Job back to where he was before and share even more blessings. Through the storms, it is in the waiting that God is able to reveal not only His grace but also continue to test our faith in developing perseverance. In the book of James, we are called to “consider it pure joy, whenever we face trials of many kinds, because the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything” (James 1:2-4). Even though we are unable to understand the blessing that is to come through the storms, God is molding and refining us for the next steps of our faith journey. There is a blessing in waiting to fully rely on God in all things.

So, throughout the last couple of weeks, we have been able to walk together and recognize that God truly does want to bless all of His creation. God loves us and challenges us to take a step of faith and be patient in our suffering and humble through our joys until the fullness of God’s blessing is ready to be revealed. Each us has to realize that it truly comes with changing our mindset to not be about ourselves, but to see the greater blessings that God is ready to reveal in and through us to the world. When we are capable of seeing God’s plan being revealed, it is then that we are able to recognize that the blessing has been a part of our very being all along. We want to choose when we are able to receive the blessing, but God is saying, “I am ready to fulfill the blessing if you will just choose me as your God and not the world. I am ready to fulfill the blessing as soon as you recognize that I am God and I am in control,” and we are not! We just have to be willing to recognize the blessing, choose to see God’s plan and be patient enough for it to be fulfilled in His timing and not ours.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Ramona Thames on Mother's Day by Jill and Jeff Yates and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Saunders Richey** by Erin, Clay, Scott and Tyler

CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have an opening on May 26. If you would like to beautify our sanctuary with flowers, please call Brenda in the office.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO OP



Welcome Center



Stop by and take a photo with your loved ones to celebrate this special day!



VBS

May 20-24: Decoration workdays (contact Melissa Derby)

May 29: VBS training and run through at 5:30 pm

May 31: Deadline to complete mandatory Ministry Safe training (formerly Safe Sanctuaries)

June 1: Decoration workday at 9 am

June 10-14: VBS week

MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Contributions to the Church.....	59,496.00
Expenses of the Church	49,608.42
Our March Gain was.....	9,887.61
Our Year to Date Gain is	\$3,083.19

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

This Sunday is a day we set aside to remember and honor all the amazing women who loved us and who have touched our lives; whether it is a Mom, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister or mentor. As we reflect back on the women who helped make us who we are, we also have the opportunity to remember who Christ is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Him. During a period when Elizabeth Prentiss struggled with grief and illness, her faith led her to begin work on the lyrics to the hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ," a hymn that would take her over a decade to complete. Elizabeth once said, "To love Christ more is the deepest need, the constant cry of my soul...Out in the woods, and on my bed and out driving, when I am happy and busy, and when I am sad and idle, the whisper keeps going up for more love, more love, more love!"

The Chancel Choir will sing an elegant arrangement of "More Love to Thee" on Sunday. Composer Timothy Shaw includes the original text by Elizabeth Prentiss and combines it with his own original music. It is beautifully written and expresses an encouraging testimony of her faith.

"More Love to Thee" by Timothy Shaw
*More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
 Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
 This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
 more love to Thee!
 Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to
 Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!
 Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
 this be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ to
 Thee, more love to Thee, O Christ, to Thee! Amen.*

God's Great Peace to You!
 Diana B.

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

May 12, 2024

Sojourners



***ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!**

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- No 211 Family Faith Connection this week in honor of Mother's Day. We will meet again on the 19th!
- Prayer Breakfast 7:00-7:30 a.m. Friday morning Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp Dates June 2nd-8th. Deadline to register is SUNDAY!
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Tonight 7p.m. at AOC 4817 Milgen Road.
- Please make sure to pick up a summer brochure to be in the loop for all of our summer activities during the week.



NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTION

Attention All Young Families, Singles & Young Adults

We have had a GREAT start with our new class. One of our major focuses is providing ministry opportunities to those who are seeking community and connection. This is an opportunity for those who may be a young family, a single at church or a single adult to come and have a conversation about how we can meet your needs and launch new discipleship ministries. Please join us in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. EVERY SUNDAY to continue the conversations as we continue to gather together.

In His grip, Jason

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Bryant Giang
Adam Walker

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

**Saturday, June 1
11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

MOTHERS DAY

In honor of our mothers, the church has made a contribution to the Methodist Home at Carpenter's Way. We love all of our mothers and hope you have a happy, healthy Mothers Day!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Infants - Age 2

First Floor Grimes Building

Sunday School

9:45-10:50 am

3-year-olds - Fifth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)

3-year-olds - Fifth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)



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 Friday 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.

WYNNTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2024. 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 12, 2024**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.



We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For May, we are focusing on collecting **small bowls and cups**.

If at any time you find a good deal on anything we collect, please let Pam (pgilstrap70@gmail.com) know so we can let others know where to find that item. Keep in mind, these items are **not** allowed: soap, toothpaste, candy, liquids, camouflage, and tiny toys/balls. We will be collecting money to go towards purchasing plastic cups and bowls from Ikea. \$1 = a cup and bowl

Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 118

Washcloths: 53

Combs: 68

Hairbrushes: 15

Deodorant: 53 (need 60)

Ball Caps: 8

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

Flower Delivery

Shirley & John
Richey



PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday
(Drop in)

11:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 18



Peter continues to step into the birth of the Church as God is revealing His bigger plan. Peter encounters a centurion named Cornelious who is a "righteous and God-fearing man." God is bridging the gap between cultures and growing the Church through her faithfulness. Gentiles are beginning to take hold of the Scriptures and professing their devotion to God through the Gospel story of Jesus. Enjoy watching the Church begin to unfold even more into God's greater plan this week. Peter brings baptism to this family and breaks the barriers of God's bigger picture of grace revealed.

In His grip, Jason

May 12	Acts 10:1-8
May 13	Acts 10:9-23a
May 14	Acts 10:23b-33
May 15	Acts 10:34-43
May 16	Acts 10:44-48
May 17	Acts 11:1-18
May 18	Acts 11:19-30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12	Tommy Hudson
13	Kecia Cawthorne, Neita Denny
15	Bart Wilson



OUR ATTENDANCE

5-5-24

8:30 a.m.	43
9:00 a.m.	20
11:00 a.m.	108
Sunday School	87

OUR STEWARDSHIP

5-5-24

General Fund.....	12,468.00
Backpacks of Grace	550.00
Loose Offering.....	113.82
College Ministries.....	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	100.00
Sunday School	57.00

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD May 12, 2024

Team 7: Eddie Cawthorne, Jeff Yates,
Ed Annable

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.



PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies May 10-12
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Richard Holmes
Pam Feagle	Shelley Montgomery
Betty Garrett	Sabrina Hart
Jeanine Cotton	Beverly McDaniel
Michelle Foote	Rachael Casar
Virginia Bonner	Carrie Thomas
Lynn Christenson	Susan Chriss
Casey Campbell	Walter Cook
Hazel Hope	Ben Smith
Forrest Toelle	Freddie Richardson
Lynda Massey	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Modern Service - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for adults, youth & children
10:00 am	Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, May 15

11:00-1:00 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting - Library
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
10:30 a.m.	Preschool Graduation - Ministry Center

Friday, May 17

7:00 -7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
12:00 p.m.	Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Blessing in Waiting
Romans 8:18-21, 31-39

Dr. Jason Wade