



A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World

Why Wynnton: Gifts Are Meant to Be Used

February 5, 2023

Growing up, I always tried to figure out what made me unique or different from every one else. I mean it did not take me long to recognize that when I looked in the mirror it was my red hair with giant ringlets that my mom created in the 70's. I remember so many times coming and listening to people talk about my hair and ginger-like complexion that continued to terrify me when I knew we were going to the beach and I might... no I would get sunburned. And so for the longest time I honestly believed that this is what God had gifted me for my existence on earth. A pale white complexion and a red head that could be spotted from miles away in any crowd. But what I was missing is that I was only focused on the things that stuck out the most. I was only paying attention to the fact that my outer appearance was what defined me and not the other amazing gifts that God had knitted into my creation.

See God had already knit into my being other gifts that would be come into play when they were ready to be used for God's glory. God had given me gifts that were to that point unknown but were continuously being revealed as I walked through this journey in life. At age 6, I sang my first solo and realized that God gave me the ability to hear and listen to music in a way that allowed me to sing notes pre-arranged to make music. At age 7 in elementary school, God showed me that I could run and run really fast. I would always outrun anyone that stood beside me and I continued to carry that gift all throughout my high school sporting life through football, baseball, basketball and track. At the age of 8, I began to play piano and learned how to read music and put notes together in a way that was completely different than the banging I use to do on my grandparents piano. In middle school, I joined a Christian club called Y-club and I found out that I really liked to debate and research things that allowed me to learn how to defend my position and even sometimes win. I was able to give speeches to complete strangers and build a passion to speak in front of crowds to help people learn more. In high school, I found my passion for people and a desire to truly be someone that anyone could talk to and trust if there were in need of help. Little did I know then that God was shaping my gifts to be used later in life for the purpose of helping to disciple and build God's kingdom on earth.

I tell you my story, because I know that there are many of us who continue to wonder what God needs from us. We question daily if we are still capable of being used in the same capacity we were in the past, and I just want to tell you the simple answer YES. A giant YES!! Praise the Lord that there is only one me! I don't say that to be flippant, but I say that because the world only needs ONE of me. God needs all of the pieces of the puzzle to be used for their purpose in order that each of us can impact the world in the way God needs our gifts. Some people are gifted with the ability to talk and others are gifted with the ability to sit and listen in silence. Some people are gifted as extraverts and others as introverts. Some people have gifts with teaching and helping to direct children and youth and others are perfectly fine if they only had deeper conversations with adults. All I am saying is that God has been preparing you your whole life with the gifts you have learned for the transformation of the world. And until God is ready to take us home, we have been called to use these gifts for as long as we can use them for God's glory.

As we look over the history of Wynnton, God has been able to mold and shape us with the people and the gifts to impact the community at Midtown and the world. All across the board, we are a melting pot of different abilities and talents that allows us to become problem solvers by looking at the issues from every angle. We are able to connect with people on so many different levels because God has gifted us with the ability to see a need and meet a need. We are ONE BODY with MANY PARTS that function together to make up the amazing community and families of Wynnton. Every day I am honored to step back and see the amazing tapestry God is using to change the world right here in Midtown. Never look down on the gifts and abilities God has kneaded into your make up, but look at it in a way that allows you to see that you are in the perfect place and serving at the perfect time that God needs you here at Wynnton. #Why Wynnton, because of the amazing gifts and abilities of the people who make this place such a blessing to serve beside in ministry.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Sissie Davis and others who have been affected by the loss of loved ones from COVID by the Branham family.

IN MEMORIAM

Denise Hill
January 26, 2023

"In my Father's house are many mansions..."

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the acts of kindness shown to our family in the recent loss of our brother and brother-in-law, Tom. We love our Wynnton family and don't know what we'd do without you!

Love always, Mike and Mary Nell Blasingame

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Starting February 6th, we will be having a weekly group fitness class. This will be a low intensity class without floor exercises. The class will be on Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the Alpha Building. Please see Michaela Walley for more details.

Join us Monday, February 6th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make Valentine cards for our homebound members.

Mark your calendars for February 16th at 11:30 am for a Valentine's luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to bring a \$5 contribution. Also, please reserve your seat by Monday, February 13th, by calling the office or emailing Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonumc.org. See Michaela for details.

Blessings,
Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

No gift is too small for God to use. Our gifts, or talents, are created not just to use for ourselves but, more importantly, to help others. Imagine what our world would be like if we didn't share our gifts! Everything would seem kind of bleak and uninteresting. There are so many gifts that are shared daily within and beyond the walls of Wynnton. This Sunday, as we reflect on our gifts and our talents, the Wynnton Choirs will use their gift of music to share the Word of God in song. Based on Mark 12:41-44 (The Widow's Offering), the Chancel Choir will sing an original composition by Mark Patterson, *What I Have I Will Give Thee*. The gentle melody and memorable harmonies of this work highlight not just the physical gift of the woman in this story, but also, her willingness to give all she has, and all she is to God.

"What I Have I Will Give Thee" by Mark Patterson
I have no silver, I haven't any gold, I've no gifts to offer, no riches to bring. Two copper coins, that is all that I hold; what I have I will give Thee. All that I own, all that you give me, all the blessings of this life I bring. Lord of all, my God and King, what I have I will give Thee. A humble servant of ordinary means, I know not of wisemen or pundits, or kings, but as I become what you made me to be, what I have I will give Thee. All I am, all that I will be, all Thy hand hath created in me. Lord of all, my God and King, what I have I will give Thee. Lord of all, my God and King, what I have I will give Thee.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

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!"

*CORE Groups Sunday 5:00-7:00pm
 *Prayer Breakfast & Jesus Fridays 7:00-& 7:30am
 Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey
 *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
 *Youth Committee Meeting 4pm in the Basement!



*Youth Winter Retreat - February 17th - 20th
 Registration is NOW open. Scan QR code to register! Deadline to register is THIS SUNDAY!
 Make checks to Wynnton UMC and put for Winter Retreat in the information space.

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 February. 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 ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

Our church was able to serve 23 students through the Adopt-A-Family project. Thank you all so much for your generosity. This year there were individuals who "adopted" students in addition to the Sunday School classes!

In January and February, WAA is asking for donations of **gloves and socks**. The cold weather is here and many students are in need of these items. Please drop your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall to be delivered.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Denise Hill
 Family of Rev. Bennie Frank Hughley
 Family of Tom Moore
 Family of Diane Ryals

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.
February items: mittens, hats (ball caps and winter hats), children's socks
 Thanks, Michaela and Pam

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Reading Through Psalms Week 4

We've been talking a lot about singing lately, but in the readings from Psalms this week I want to think about it from a different angle. Think of it as a prayer. When we pray, we have our struggles and our requests. We struggle with always wanting to see the next page, wanting to know what is going to happen. This isn't something new, prayer has always been a way to talk with God and lay everything out on the table. If you're struggling with something, that is the place to bring it out into the light. King David had his struggles as well, and that is part of what brought about the psalms he wrote. They were prayers laying out his faults and his desire to do better for God. Then they were praises for God listening and the mighty works He did. Today they are still there to help us remember the Glory of God, and that even now He wants to hear from us. -Will

- February 5: Psalm 60, 61, 62, 63
- February 6: Psalm 64, 65, 66
- February 7: Psalm 67, 68
- February 8: Psalm 69
- February 9: Psalm 70, 71
- February 10: Psalm 72, 73
- February 11: Psalm 74, 75

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 Amy Cook
- 6 Candice Cotton
- 7 Kason Crosby, Jill Yates
- 8 Dan Booth, Margaret Goodroe
- 9 Win Cawthorne
- 11 Kim Carroll, Ben Edwards, Carson Jones, Lynn White

OUR ATTENDANCE

1-29-23
 10:30 a.m. Service.....148

OUR STEWARDSHIP

1-29-23
 General Fund.....6,973.00
 Missions.....50.00
 Other Contributions.....8.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

*#Why Wynnton:
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 1 Corinthians 12:1-12*

Dr. Jason Wade

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

February 5: Team 4 – Dave Stevenson, Bart Wilson, Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 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 Committee Meeting - Basement
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

Monday, February 6

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Fitness - Alpha Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
- 1:00 p.m. Card Making - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 12-1:30 p.m. Question time for Jason about Remaining
UMC or Disaffiliation - Sanctuary
- 6:15 -7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting - Alpha Building

Friday, February 10

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

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Feb. 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.

