



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Knowledge is Power”

June 18, 2023

How often do we truly apply the knowledge that we have learned over our lives? I know that I have probably about \$10,000 worth of college and masters level textbooks sitting in my garage because I wanted to keep every book that I used to gain knowledge. And granted, I have gone back and used some of those books to help teach and connect with students over the years to help them understand Chemistry, Physics and many different levels of Math. But sometimes I look at those textbooks and wonder... how much knowledge did I really gain?

As we go through life there are many different ways to gain knowledge. One way is through education that we receive as we go through our school years and find ways to apply that knowledge on exams that are or were in our immediate future. Other times I remember gaining knowledge through the School of Hard Knocks. Life lessons that I learned that caused hurt, pain or even joy. For example, I remember the old lesson to not put my hand on a hot stove eye... not because I was taught, but because I had to learn the lesson the hard way. We are able to gain knowledge from many different areas in life, but still the question is posed, “Do we truly use the knowledge that we have gained?”

I think that my response is both Yes and No. I know that in certain times of our lives we use knowledge to help us in certain situations and other times, knowledge has become an innate part of who we are. For example, I remember reading a recipe and trying to follow it to perfection, and I would find out that it didn't turn out exactly as I thought it would turn out. But over time, I became familiar with the ingredients and didn't have to look at the recipe at all. I had become so familiar with what needed to be done, and it came out exactly how I expected...after some trial and error. I gained knowledge because I was able to APPLY what I had learned and watch it come to fruition.

As we continue to walk through our discipleship series in Mark, we see that Jesus is doing the same thing for His disciples. Jesus is taking the time to educate them on certain aspects about the Gospel by reiterating their purpose through parable. Eventually the goal is for the knowledge they have to become power through application. Jesus is preparing them for a time when they will no longer have to ask elementary questions but be able to use their knowledge to multiply the kingdom through their teachings. What about us? How much knowledge do we have that can be used to further the kingdom of God? Just like the many textbooks in my garage, they contain A LOT of knowledge from others who have tried and tested their theories. But please realize that unless I am able to apply this knowledge and test it in my life, I will never have the ability to gain the WISDOM that was intended for those who wrote the textbooks in the first place.

Knowledge is power and can be an opportunity to transform the world in one way or another. I pray that we are able to take the knowledge we have attained over the years and transfer it into wisdom through application. I pray that we use our knowledge to pour into the lives of others who are desperately in need of the grace, love and mercy we have experienced through the love of Christ. God has granted us an opportunity to change the world one person at a time, and through the faith of a mustard seed, we are able to see mountains move. However, we have to truly believe in the power of what we believe about God for that mountain to move. And funny enough, the mountain that may need to move may just be the reflection of the person we see in the mirror.

Scripture has laid out for us the knowledge about the kingdom of God. But unless we are able to apply it in our lives on a daily basis, we will see it fade away and eventually disappear. The world is in need of the power of God to once again be revealed through His Church and Disciples. Are you ready to see the ultimate power of God revealed? Then put your knowledge into practice and stand back in awe.

In His grip,
Jason



IN MEMORIAM

Zachary T. Smith
June 8, 2023

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

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Zach Smith** by the New Beginnings Class

In memory of **Ben Russell** by the New Beginnings Class

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Jake and Charlie Carpenter's 16th birthday by their parents.



We are gearing up for an amazing WYNK kids summer! From Sunday Fun-Day events to VBS, we can't wait for the exciting events we have planned!

VBS will run from July 17th -21st, at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register your child, you can either use the QR code or email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

For more information on our summer Sunday Fun-Day events, please check the WYNK Children section of Wynnton UMC's website or email Meghan Gross. If you would like to find out more about how to volunteer for our children's ministry events this summer, please contact Meghan Gross.

Meghan Gross
Director of Children's Ministries

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, Father's Day, we join together in grateful recognition of the fathers and the father figures in our lives. We appreciate the role our fathers played and, for some, continue to play in our lives. Throughout the world, there are many Father's Day traditions and celebrations. We often regard the role of fathers as that of a protector and provider. In honor of that role, our choirs will sing "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Based on Matthew 6:26-27 and Luke 12:6-7, the text of this well-loved gospel hymn reminds us to find solace in spite of sorrow, and reminds us that God is carefully watching over us.

The Wesley Choir will sing the original hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Composers Civilla Martin and Charles Gabriel bring lilting melodies and a joyous refrain. The Chancel Choir will sing composer Mark Hayes' arrangement of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Hayes captivates us with elegant vocal lines and rich harmonies. He adds a blues scale and extended and altered chords to bring a fresh sound to this familiar hymn. There is a clever nod to another familiar hymn (a favorite of mine) at the end of Mark Hayes' arrangement. Let me know if you recognize it!

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home when Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He's protecting, and I know that He's loving, and I know He watches me.

Matthew 6:26-27

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or stow away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

- *Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- *No Family Faith Connection in lieu of Father's Day
- *Cross-Training 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays Cross Training Building Competitions & Tacos
- *Church on the Grass from 4-8 p.m. in the Green Space
- *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
- *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
- *Please pick up a summer brochure TODAY



On June 25th from 3-5 PM, children's ministry will be hosting our active board game night. We'll be playing a life size version of Hungry Hungry Hippos, a life-sized game of Guess Who, a game of Dance Your Gloves Off, and some surprise games! All kids aged 3-11 and parents of kids aged 3-11 are welcomed to attend. We hope to see you there!

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 July. 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.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for our summer children's ministry events and want to accommodate your gifts. Whether it's engaging with kids, popping popcorn ahead of time, or helping parents register, there is a space and a need for you! VBS will run from 9 a.m.-Noon from July 17th-21st, and our Sunday Fun-Days will be summer Sundays from 3-5 p.m., excluding Father's Day. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org or by calling the office. Thank you for partnering with us to reach families!

River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12th-16th
Tifton, Georgia

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

*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

HOMEBOUND BLESSING BAGS

On June 25th we will be praying over the Blessing Bags that have been put together for our homebound members in celebration of July 4th so that they can be sent out to them. We are asking for volunteers from the church to deliver these Blessing Bags to our homebound members. If you are interested in this, please try to be at church that day on June 25th. We will have a sign-up for you to choose who you would like to go visit and deliver a Blessing Bag. You can then pick it up that day after the eleven o'clock service and deliver them that week.
Thank you.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week 10

This week we continue reading through Leviticus. This is a challenging book because most of it is comprised of the rules that govern how the Jewish people were to act and conduct themselves. This was important because it showed how they were to approach the Father. Whether it was with sacrifices or with cleanliness, these verses showed how to conduct ourselves before God. We still hold true to these traditions. For example, we still give our best to God through our worship, through tithing, through working as His hands, and by acting as our best selves all for Him. The sacrifices it mentions are important because it shows what was necessary to properly cleanse ourselves to be in God's presence. This was the foundation for the New Covenant, the greatest sacrifice ever given in the form of Jesus Christ. Because of that, we can remain in the presence of our Father always.

-Will

Jun 18 Lev 15-16
Jun 19 Lev 17-18
Jun 20 Lev 19
Jun 21 Lev 20-21
Jun 22 Lev 22
Jun 23 Lev 23-24
Jun 24 Lev 25

FATHER'S DAY

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

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Come and participate in game day! Game day will be Thursday, July 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building. Join us for Ice Cream and Games! Please plan to bring \$2 to go towards purchasing ice cream and toppings. R.S.V.P. to Michaela Walley by July 3rd.
mwalley@wynntonumc.org or 304.439.4202.

Mark your calendars for the Rock Step Cloggers and lunch! August 24th at 11:30 a.m. More details to come.

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries



In June we are collecting children's blunt end scissors, notebook paper and small note pads. School supply sales will begin soon. Great time to collect those supplies we need for OCC children. Boxes are available for contributions in classrooms and porticache entry. Thank you for your contributions!

Just want to update you on items collected so far:
18 hairbrushes 45 combs
60 socks 4 ball caps
49 toothbrushes 69 washcloths
8 deodorant

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.

Thanks. Michaela and Pam

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18	Cliff Livingston
19	Callie Napier, Hayden Walker
20	Camika Bray, Josh Edwards, Clay Richey
22	Nathan Calvert, Janet Stafford, Deanna Stevenson
24	David Cook, Lilah Walker

OUR STEWARDSHIP

6-11-23

General Fund.....	13,508.00
Handbells.....	600.00
River of Life Scholarship.....	150.00
Missions.....	50.00
Other Contributions.....	35.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	15.00
Sunday School.....	24.00
Scholarship Fund.....	25.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

6-11-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....	41
11:00 a.m. Service.....	122
Sunday School.....	83

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.



MODERN SERVICE

Preview dates
Sunday: 6/25, 7/23, 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.

Flower Delivery

Georgia Wise

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

June 18: **Team 2:** Scott McCranie, Harold Hill, Mike Wolfe

WELCOMERS

9:30 a.m. Mary Nell Blasingame,
Kenny McLaughlin

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Knowledge Must Work Its Way Through to the Heart
Mark 4:30-34, Luke 13:18-21

Dr. Jason Wade

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18

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

Monday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building

Tuesday, June 20

7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election Day - Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, June 21

12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
3:00-5:00 p.m. Cross Training - Basement
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 22

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
2:00 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting - Library

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Jeanine Cotton	Freddie Richardson
Joe Batastini	Shelley Montgomery
Michelle Foote	Tina Martinez
Kaye Hill	Sarah Jessie Avant
Laqia Spears	Robert Garrard
Shirley Moon	Bobbie Edmondson
Sara Grace Hubbard	Mailyn McConnell

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Pam & Mike Woodard
Family of Martha & Inge Smith

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies June 16-18
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039