



Food for thought from J

October 31, 2021

It is a wonderful blessing to be a part of the life and history of Wynnton United Methodist Church. Despite the significant challenges we have all faced over the last 2 years, it remains clear that God has a great purpose for us, as a church and as individuals, and that we continue to be entrusted with riches and resources beyond our wildest imagining.

Now, as we look toward a more “normal” 2022, we have every reason to be optimistic about our future. Our financial condition, our facilities, our missional activities, and our Christian education programs are looking good thanks to the faithful stewardship of our members, our staff, and our dedicated volunteers. I am humbled, on a regular basis, by the good and faithful servants I encounter everywhere I look in this church – people who are truly committed to following the example of Christ and giving selflessly of their time and talents to make our church the best it can be.

And yet, we still have far to go in our mission of building and living God’s kingdom, first in our own hearts and lives, and then in the world around us. No matter our age or how long we may have been associated with Wynnton, or any other church for that matter, the God-given race to the finish line remains a long one, and we must endure, consistently, and all the way to the end. While we should celebrate and give thanks for everything we have accomplished, and the blessings God has poured out on us during even these recent trying times, we must remain committed to staying the course to the end.

In preparation for our commitment Sunday on October 31, and the request of our church that we all make a financial pledge to support our operations in 2022, I urge you to reflect on your personal commitment to the race God has placed before you – a race you were “born to run.” As you determine how you will support our church financially in 2022, consider also how your dedication of your time, talents, and treasure witness to your faith in Christ Jesus.

It is one of the great blessings of my life to have the opportunity to run the race alongside each of you, and I thank you for your support of our church, in all the many forms it takes. Let us pray that God will give all of us the grace and strength to run with endurance in 2022.



Daylight Savings Time November 7, 2021



The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of my mother, Ruth Swan Bruce and in honor of Mary Ashby Gaskins for their birthdays by Shirley Moon.

FLOWER DELIVERY

Linda Harp

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Stella Jambon** by Carolyn Holland; Cynthia McLemore; Lynn & Bill White; Suzanne Supple; Joyce Hawkins

In memory of **Rubye Screws** by Suzanne Supple; Peggy Gindville; Leslie & Gene Gobel; Kathy Riley; Carolyn Holland; Helen & Jimmie Pleasants; Lemon Tree Garden Club; Eloise Lawson; Lynn & Bill White

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

The month of November is Wynnton's month to collect food to fill the pantry at the Network. Over the last couple of months, the number of families served have shown a definite increase to the pre-COVID levels. As a result of this increase, please be generous with your donations. **Grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed have been placed in the church.** Among the suggested items are canned meat, vegetables, beans, tomato products, fruit, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, soup, and a number of holiday items such as pumpkin pie mix, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, corn bread mix, and chicken broth. **Please take one of the bags and fill it with your donations and then return it to the church. There will also be a drive by drop off of your donations on Saturday, November 13th between 10:00 and 12:00. Volunteers will be available under the portico to unload your food donations.** Your generosity will fulfill the ministry of the Network to help those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your support.

BASEMENT NEWS



No Sunday night youth on Oct. 31 (happy Halloween!). Stay tuned for November dates, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!
For information about the Wynnton Youth Group contact Rob Harbison, (706) 289-3082, r.harbison@mchsi.com

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Charles Wesley penned these words after coming to Christ on May 21, 1738. The power and conviction of his words have been the inspiration for a well-loved hymn composed in 1835, and numerous solo and choral arrangements.

The Chancel choir will sing a Dan Forrest arrangement of "And Can it Be?" this Sunday. Forrest's setting, considered to be one of the most inspired and beautiful arrangements of *And Can it Be?* reminds us of the wonder and awe of God's amazing love; a love that fills the hearts of believers that they may know so great a love.

As we close Stewardship month, it seems appropriate that we reflect on the source of our gifts of time, talents and treasure. It is an opportunity to give thanks for what God has done and is doing in our lives.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! - to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are still looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of October. 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.

PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again, and we are happy to announce the prices remain the same as last year. Please see any member of the Joyful Noise class to place your order. The next order will be placed November 7 and a final order December 5. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

Prices

1 lb. halves \$12.00

1/2 lb halves \$7.00

1 lb. pieces (large, medium, small) \$12.00

1/2 lb. chocolates (dark, milk, white) \$8.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 31

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Unity Worship Service - Sanctuary
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
No Basement - Youth

Monday, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, November 2

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

Wednesday, November 3

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service- Alpha Bldg.
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 6

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood
Network Food drop-off



Operation Christmas Child

The boxes are ready for pick up if you have not gotten any boxes. They are located in the main entrance. You will find an information sheet in the box. Please read that information.

Note that there is a Boy/Girl sticker to place on your box(es) and indicate the age of the child. We are asked to send a \$9 donation for each box in one of two ways. You can give the \$9 online and follow your box or you can mail the money in the envelope you will find at the OCC table. If you pay online, they will send you an email thanking you for the donation, so you know it went through.

Remember, the date for turn in is November 14.

Thank you and have fun packing some boxes!

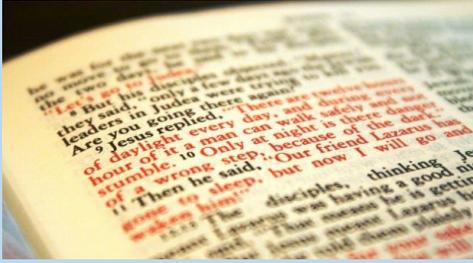
**If you need any extras to complete your shoebox(es), there are some items on the OCC table that you may pick up to use. If you have extras to donate, you can leave them in the bin below the table. Also, envelopes are available on the table. They are postage paid.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Debi Meacham Wright
Anne Turner	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Wanda Jones
Lillian Cox	Kerry Mess
Lynn Christenson	Jennefer Spell
Beverly Ragsdale	Jim Accordino
Tom Hart	Gena Tincher

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Alice Smith & family
Family of Joanne Cole
Family of Rev. Jim Trice
Family of Richard Geeslin
Family of Rubye Screws
Family of Stella Jambon



Youth Sunday School

Many of us own Bibles with Jesus' words written in red in the New Testament. But did you realize that every book in the Old Testament points to Jesus? Youth Sunday School has started a three-lesson series that will open teenagers' eyes to Jesus' presence throughout the Old Testament and his familiarity with Scripture, allowing them to discover how all of the Bible points them toward Jesus—and a relationship with him.



Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 9:30 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 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd 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.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Running to Finish
2 Timothy 4:5-8
Rev. J Grantham

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- October 31:** 1 Timothy 2, Isaiah 34-35, Psalm 119:65-96
- November 1:** 1 Timothy 3, Isaiah 36-37, Psalm 119:97-120
- November 2:** 1 Timothy 4, Isaiah 38-39, Psalm 119:121-144
- November 3:** 2 Timothy 5:1-20, Jeremiah 1-2, Psalm 119:145-176
- November 4:** 2 Timothy 5:21-6:21, Jeremiah 3-4, Psalm 120
- November 5:** 2 Timothy 1, Jeremiah 5-6, Psalm 121
- November 6:** 2 Timothy 2, Jeremiah 7-8, Psalm 122

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Jared Bush, Lauren Upshaw, Donna Voynich
- 2 Meg Torbert
- 3 Don Goodroe
- 4 Leigh Beach
- 5 Grayson Graham

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-24-21	
General Fund.....	10,240.00
Endowment.....	365.00
Missions.....	31.00
Other Contributions.....	5.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	300.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	370.00

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies October 29-31
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258