



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“Welcome is Our Motto”

September 17, 2023

One of my greatest goals in life is to do everything that I can to help someone feel welcome. I do know that there is no possible way that I can reach every person, but that does not mean that I stop trying. It means that we ALL have to work together to figure out the best way to come together and exude a welcoming spirit. Over the last year that is exactly what we have done. Wynnton truly is one of the most welcoming congregations that I have ever been a part of in my 31 years of ministry.

Now don't let that get to your head. We still have ways that we can all improve on how we show hospitality to our neighbors, but it all comes with our attitudes and desires to truly see people for who they truly are. Each person that we encounter is an amazing creation of God, and we are privileged and blessed to be given the chance for them to consider us to be their church home. We are honored to watch how God is able to use our facilities, ministries, worship and our love to draw people, by the Holy Spirit, into a home where they truly feel the grace, love and mercy of God. Simply our motto is welcome.

So what does that mean exactly? How do we have a motto of welcome. Simply put, we follow the example of Christ who was willing to sit at the table with anyone who had a heart to know more about God. We are able to see many examples throughout Scripture of Jesus' motto of welcome. The parable of the Good Samaritan, Woman at the Well, Zaccheaus the Tax Collector, the instance with the little children and Jesus and the washing of his feet at Simon's house are just a few examples where we see that Jesus practiced this motto of welcome in every aspect of His life. How about us? One of the first goals, a year ago, was that I challenged our congregation to become the most welcoming church in Columbus. Believe me, that is truly not an easy task because of the way the world perceives the Church today. But I do want to say thank you for being willing to take up that motto and live it out to the fullest. Sunday, we celebrated our 2nd annual Welcome Back to Wynnton Sunday, and what an amazing opportunity to see just how God has been faithful through His people. But more impressive is the fact that we are beginning to see the fruit of our labor. People truly are coming back to Wynnton because they feel as though they have found their home. The only way this can happen is through our ability to live out Christ's motto of welcome.

As we move into the days ahead, I pray that we will continue to be faithful and live out this motto as we fulfill our vision to Love God, Love People and Serve Together. We should never lose focus of our mission as we develop ministries and relationships that can transform the world starting with every person that steps onto our campus. It truly is a blessing to live life with our church family, and I cannot wait to see what the new ministry year is going to bring to the table. One thing I know... I pray that the world will know us by our love and that starts with living out the motto of WELCOME!

In His grip,
Jason



CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have three available dates: Oct. 22, 29, & Nov. 5 for Chancel Flowers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Brenda in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Teresa and Bill Randle on the birth of a grandson, Richard Keith Batts III, on Sept. 12, 2023. Parents are Lauren and Ricky Batts of Columbus, GA.

The Chancel Flowers are given by John Richey in memory of Saunders' birthday, Sept. 27th.

In-Depth Mark Bible Study

On September 17th at 6:00 p.m., we will be having a new Bible Study in the Alpha Community Space. This will not be your average book study. Instead, we will be taking a journey through the book of Mark together. The only needed items are access to an NIV Bible, a notebook, and a pen or pencil. As we gather each week, we will work through a section of the Bible, verse by verse. Part of this study will be breaking down the verses, and bringing the pages to life through discussion. If you are interested in this, you are welcome to reach out to either Will or Michaela Walley. We ask that if you are planning on coming, that you start reading through the book of Mark. We hope to see you Sunday the 17th at 6:00 p.m.

MEAL TRAIN

Thank you to all of you who have been part of the Meal Train. The Hart Family is still having difficulties, and are in and out of the hospital now. Moving forward, the family still needs aid but they have requested that it be through gift cards for restaurants, grocery stores, or anywhere else that could be useful instead of meals. We appreciate any help you could give to them during this difficult time. Thank you.

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Psalm 56:1-4

Be merciful to me, O God, for men hotly pursue me; all day long they press their attack. My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride. When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Psalm 56 begins as a plea to God. It is followed by David's wonderful example of faith in the midst of fear and conflict. It is also a Psalm that recognizes comfort; God knows our sorrows and suffering and keeps our tears. It reminds us to trust and to not be afraid.

Sunday's anthem, based on the hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", reflects the message of Psalm 56. Louisa Stead wrote this hymn while serving as a missionary in South Africa in the late 1800's. It is not surprising that she wrote a hymn about faith and trust. She dedicated much of her adult life to serving God and God's people as a missionary in Africa. During the time of one of her last mission trips, Louisa wrote, "One cannot in the face of peculiar difficulties, help saying, 'Who is sufficient for these things?' but with simple confidence and trust we may do and say, 'our sufficiency is of God.' "

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.



- **Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement**
- **211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!**
- **Youth CORE Group Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ**
- **Prayer Breakfast & Jesus 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey**
- **Fall Retreat will be Nov. 17 & 18**
- **Fall/Winter Calendar is now available**
- **Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010**
- **Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010**

Adopt-a-Student

We would love to invite you to join us in providing a connectional opportunity for some of our non-local college students. Many of our College Students desire a community connection. Some examples could be a home cooked meal, a place to wash and dry clothes or just someone to contact in case a local emergency with their car may arise. This is a powerful way to provide connection for a group of students who are on our campus weekly. For more information please contact Pastor Jason. If interested use the QR code or click on it to support this ministry by Sept. 7th.



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Minor Prophets Reading

Week 2

The ending of Hosea, as well as much of the Old Testament, focuses on a Father's love for His children. While there is certainly rebuke filling these verses, there is no question that it is backed by an unfailing love. These old books, things we so often want to set aside in favor of newer texts, paint us a picture of a great Father that only wants what is best for His children. God only ever wanted the Israelites to stay true and faithful so that He could stay connected to them. These Old Testament pages resonate so much with us because we are still the children of God, and to this day He still wants to stay connected through faith with us.

-Will

9/17- Hosea 11
9/18- Hosea 12-13
9/19- Hosea 14
9/20- Joel 1
9/21- Joel 2
9/22- Joel 3
9/23- Amos 1

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.

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.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

There are still opportunities in the month of September to serve at Wynnton Arts Academy.

September 22 is Arts Day at the school. Gloria Toelle and John Bray have volunteered to display some of their paintings along with the students. If anyone else is interested in joining them, please call Shirley Richey @706-332-6890.

On September 29, students will be treated to sundaes. Donations of toppings are needed. Begin now to place toppings such as sprinkles, chocolate chips, M&Ms, etc. in the bin in the Ministry Center.

The school is well-supplied in school uniforms and school supplies. The teachers do need boxes of tissue and bandaids for their classrooms. These items may also be placed in the donation bin.

Shirley will take all donations to the school.

Thank you for supporting our connections with Wynnton Arts Academy. Call/text Shirley @706-332-6890 with your questions.

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
Home of Beth Hendrickson
Come join us!

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 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.

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS September 17, 2023

Genesis

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 every first Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building!

Rev. Michaela Walley
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

19	Judy Davidson
20	Will Vinyard
21	Delores Darrah, Tag Grantham, Sean Parker
22	Ashley Crosby, Vance Pinter, Justin Yates
23	John Chism, Rob Mays

OUR STEWARDSHIP

9-10-23

General Fund.....	13,448.00
Other Contributions.....	25.00
Sunday School.....	34.01
Missions	50.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

9-10-23

8:30 a.m. Service	29
Modern Service	24
11:00 a.m. Service	140
Sunday School.....	89

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

September 17:

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon,
Brett Hubbard

WELCOMER

9:30-11:15 a.m. Kenny McLaughlin

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Opportunities Seen and Unseen

Psalm 139

Dr. Jason Wade

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Tina Martinez
Joe Batastini	Robert Garrard
Michelle Foote	Mailyn McConnell
Kaye Hill	Scott Mims
Lynn Christenson	Tom Stafford
Kay Hart	Sabrina Hart
Jarrold Hart	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

The Spell Family
The Danner Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Church Council Meeting - Ministry Center
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Groups - Basement
6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Alpha Building
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, September 19

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Wednesday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
12:00-1:00 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
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Children's Council Meeting - Library

Friday, September 22

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

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Sept. 15-17
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691



For the Shoeboxes in September, we are collecting individually packaged toothbrushes and size Medium and Large youth t-shirts.

Help us reach our goal of packing 180 boxes!

So far, we have:

- Hairbrushes: 57 of 90 needed
- Large combs: 57 of 90 needed
- Socks: 67 pairs of 180 needed
- Toothbrushes: 90 of 180 needed
- Washcloths: 126 of 180 needed
- T-shirts: 64 of 180 needed
- Deodorant: 57 of 180 needed
- Cars/Trucks: 15 of 30 needed
- Jump Ropes: 8 of 30 needed

We reached our goal with crayons, paper, pencils, and sharpeners. Thank you to all who have been contributing! 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. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, Michaela and Pam will purchase items for you.

Thanks, Michaela and Pam

Membership Card and Updates:

Please help us update our information by using this QR code or click the image. This is just another simple way to help us update your membership status. You can also pick up a card from the church office!



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 Tuesday 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.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

All of the staff have new email addresses which are as follows:

- jwade@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- wwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- mgross@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- gfincher@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- bwilson@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- tdorminey@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- dboensel@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- modernworship@wynntonmethodistchurch.org
- mderbypreschool@gmail.com

Please check your spam or junk folder in your email to ensure that you haven't received something from the church.