

December 20, 2020

As this is the final newsletter of the year before we take a short break for the holidays, I want to share some yearend thoughts with you - beginning with my reflection on the incredible way Wynnton responded to one of the most unusual and difficult years in the history of not just our church, but also, our world. During the last few months of global pandemic and the associated lockdowns, it would have been quite easy, understandable even, to turn our focus inward on our individual families and households and to let all other interests in our lives, including our church, “fend for themselves.” But that is not the way things work at Wynnton! At Wynnton, we realize that church is not just somewhere we go or something we do. It is a major part of who we are and the very fabric of our lives. It is one of the primary ways in which we are drawn together and forward as the Body of Christ.

Because of your commitment and dedication, throughout the year, our church has stretched and adopted new ways of worshiping, ministering to each other, and enjoying fellowship together. You quickly embraced Facebook, Zoom, and our Wynntonumc.org website for weekly worship, Bible studies, Sunday school, and devotionals in your faithful desire to be fed and strengthened spiritually. You utilized these same social media and technological resources, plus text messages, telephone calls, cards, and letters to stay in touch with each other and to minister to those in our church who were sick, dealing with the pain of losing a loved one, or struggling with some other personal trial. You remained faithful to your financial support of the church, even when faced with the uncertainty of our job market and the economy in general. And when given the opportunity to do so, you returned, enthusiastically, for in-person worship and ministry activities, even though it meant wearing masks, social distancing, and submitting to temperature checks.

While your response to this most challenging of years has been vital to the very survival of our church, I also believe it planted the seeds for a future of renewed growth and success as we have come to understand, better than ever before, that Wynnton UMC is more than an 11:00 Sunday worship service, a building, or a Sunday school class. It is a force for making God’s kingdom a reality right here and now with the way we share the love of Christ with those around us. Furthermore, our success is not measured in the attendance numbers we collect or the offerings we receive. Rather, Wynnton is defined by the lives that are changed through our faithful attention to our Lord’s command to make disciples, to feed lambs, and tend sheep.

To be sure, as a country and as a church, we aren’t out of the woods yet. But as hope for a return to some form of normal dawns in the months ahead, I believe we, too, have much to look forward to and to believe in at Wynnton. I am excited and blessed to work with such a dedicated group of people as we emerge stronger into a future of unimaginable potential. By diligently seeking God’s will, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the faith and courage to go where we are led, we can achieve great things for God’s kingdom, and that’s what life should be all about.

I pray that we all will be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas in the weeks ahead and that our lives might be transformed by the miracle that is the birth of Christ.



IN MEMORIAM

Julia Holland
December 10, 2020

“In my Father’s house are many mansions...”

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas Offering to go to Open Door. You may make your gift anytime in December in a worship service, online, or by sending it to the church office.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Minnie Balkcom** by Gloria Willett

In memory of **Yvonne Perry** by Gloria Willett

In memory of **Louie Willett** by Gloria Willett

In memory of **Charles Kromer, Jr.** Zane Draughon;
Lynn & Bill White

In memory of **Julia Holland** by Shirley Moon; Zane
Draughon

In memory of **Rev. Edward Woodall, Jr.** by Lynn &
Bill White

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Nancy & Ralph Hammond on their 50th
Anniversary** by the Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Group; Sue & Bill Pope

In honor of **Beth & Larry Hendrickson on their 50th
Anniversary** by Sue & Bill Pope

In honor of **Cindy Autry** by the Wednesday Morning
Bible Study Group

In honor of **Jean Adams** by Suzanne Supple

In honor of **Rev. J Grantham** by Shirley Moon

In honor of **Rev. Greg Harrison** by Shirley Moon

In honor of **Kim Evans** by Shirley Moon

In honor of **The Staff of Wynnton UMC** by Shirley
Moon

BASEMENT NEWS



Youth group has resumed. We meet from 5:30-
7:30 p.m.! Please wear masks. Temperatures will
be taken at the door.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Renee & Glen Summerlin on the death of Renee's
father, Billy Phillips, of Southside, AL
on December 5, 2020.

To Alyssa and Dom Edwards on the death of Alyssa's
father, Charles Ward Kromer, Jr., of Weslaco, TX
on December 8, 2020.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Christ is Born! Now all is well! Nowell!

"When we are in the presence of the Lord, we feel His
holy peace; and all is well. Because of Christ's birth,
all is well between God and us. For through this great
gift from heaven, we are reconciled with God and can
experience holy peace in our souls, and new life in Christ"
Pepper Choplin

To celebrate this new life, the Chancel Choir will sing
"Christ is Born, Nowell!"

"Hark! the herald angels sing, Angels we have heard on
high, "Glory to the newborn King." sweetly singing o'er
the plains, Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the
newborn King." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the
newborn King." Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and
sinners reconciled. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Heaven's angels come to tell, "Christ is born, Nowell!"
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the
plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous
strains. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Joyous new we
come to tell "Christ is born, Nowell." Now Christ is born,
now all is well. Sing Nowell!"

May our Christmas season be a time of peace and
reconciliation. May the Love of Christ be with us.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Bob and Judy Ottman	Jim Dryman & family
Jennefer Spell	Jean Adams
John and Saunders Richey	Kathy Draughon
Brad Trim	Ralph Hammond
Glenn Killough	Norma Meadows
Matthew Allen	Calleen Gregory
	Bill Randle

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Agnes Tew
Family of Julia Holland
Family of Alyssa & Dom Edwards
Family of Renee & Glen Summerlin

2020 END OF YEAR GIVING

Please be sure to send your end of year contributions before December 31. Submissions postmarked after Dec. 31 cannot be counted for 2020. Also, gifts of stock and online payments must clear by Dec. 31. Thanks for helping us meet our budget needs!

SUNDAY'S SERMON

I Love Christmas
John 15:9-13
Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Dec. 18-20,
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258

LOVE OFFERING

As you know, Pastor Kim will be leaving at the end of the year to move to Minnesota, and she will be greatly missed. While she has been here, Kim has been responsible for many great ministries and activities, and she has been instrumental in helping us enhance our online and social media presence during the COVID pandemic. We hope you will help us show our appreciation to Kim by supporting a love offering in her honor. You can contribute to this love offering by mailing a check to the church post office box and designating it as Kim Evans love offering.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you are interested in putting Chancel Flowers in the Sanctuary starting in January, please call the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 20

11:00 a.m. Streaming Sunday Worship
Rev. J Grantham - Facebook Live

11:00 a.m. The Link - Fellowship Hall
Rev. Greg Harrison

5:30 p.m. Basement - Youth

Wednesday, December 23

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 24

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4:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service

4:30 p.m. Link Christmas Eve Service

5:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

December 20: Colossians 2:20-3:17, Ezekiel 29-30, Isaiah 55

December 21: Colossians 3:18-4:18, Ezekiel 31-32, Isaiah 56

December 22: Luke 1:1-25, Ezekiel 33, Isaiah 57

December 23: Luke 1:26-56, Ezekiel 34, Isaiah 58

December 24: Luke 1:57-80, Ezekiel 35-36, Isaiah 59

December 25: Luke 2:1-20, Ezekiel 37, Isaiah 60

December 26: Luke 2:21-52, Ezekiel 38-39, Isaiah 61

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 20 Andy Andresen, Martha Daffin,
Randy McCormick
- 21 Kathy Green, Dorothy Johnson,
Mary Beth Mims
- 23 Vicky Smith
- 24 Ed Annable

OUR STEWARDSHIP

12-13-20

General Fund.....	26,908.00
Endowment Fund.....	595.00
Christmas Offering.....	495.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....	150.00
Other Income.....	660.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	1,000.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	1,000.00

*We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
This will be our last publication until January 10, 2021.*

