



*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“Grace is a Five Letter Word”**

**April 21, 2024**

This week I hope and pray that we are ALL able to recognize a different understanding of our role in grace. Sunday, we spoke of being TOGETHER in grace. We are a family working together in doing all that we can to help others to experience the fullness of God’s grace. I know that it is difficult for many of us to actually fathom the grace of God, but as we receive, we are called to give. We are challenged not to keep to ourselves the Gospel story of Jesus that edifies grace. We are mere examples of God’s grace that was demonstrated in such a beautiful way that the world truly could not understand. Simply put, Grace is a five-letter word...Jesus!

As we dive into this past week’s sermon, I want to bring back just one point. Grace is not a gift that God packages and bestows on us and on creation. Grace is God’s presence to create, heal, forgive, reconcile and transform human hearts, communities and the entire creation. Wherever God is present, there is grace! Grace brought creation into existence. Grace birthed human beings, bestowed on us the divine image, redeemed us in Jesus Christ and is ever transforming the whole creation into the realm of God’s reign of compassion, justice, generosity and peace. What a beautiful and living understanding of grace.

As we walk in grace TOGETHER, it means that we are to look at everyone we encounter through the lens of grace and realize that we are not the only ones that are sharing this grace to the world. We are partners working TOGETHER to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ by going out into the world, making disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20). A full understanding of working together to show grace is seen in every aspect of our church. As I mentioned Sunday, we have an amazing staff that truly loves God and serves for the joy of sharing the Gospel in their lives. We have volunteers that continue to equip and create ministries for the needs of our community. We have leaders who are willing to sacrifice their time and use their gifts to help fulfill the vision that God has laid out for our congregation. There are so many examples that I experience every day that demonstrate our willingness to serve TOGETHER in grace.

What is the reason we all do this? Jesus! I really want this to sink in for a second. The reason we are so connected and inspired to do so much is because the grace of Christ has covered over us. The love of Jesus flows through our veins and drives us to help others to experience this same joy. For me, I celebrate God’s grace through Christ every day because, as a child, I constantly felt as though I did not deserve such a sacrifice. I found myself wondering why God was willing to give so much for me when there are so many others that are more deserving. But when Jesus came into my life, I was able to open my eyes and see that not only was God’s grace sufficient to cover over my sins, it was sufficient to cover over the multitude of sins for ALL of creation. As a child, my mind struggled to understand the vastness of grace, but as I continued to grow in my faith, I realized there is NOTHING, but our choice, that can separate us from the love of God (Romans 5:35-37).

We are bonded TOGETHER because of the love Christ demonstrated in showing us GRACE from the cross. As the CHURCH universally, we are joined TOGETHER to form the body of Christ and with each cell we are conjoined by grace. It is truly exciting to know that we are not alone, but that God is at work, not only in and through us, but also through hundreds of millions, if not more, all around the world. We have been given this place to work TOGETHER to show God’s grace to the people of Columbus, and I pray that we understand that there is NO limit to the power that Jesus demonstrated as He took the cup of God’s wrath and turned it into a gift of Grace. Grace - God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense - will forever be a five-letter word...Jesus!

In His grip, Jason

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*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of our parents, Bill and Claire Pope & Walter and Katie O’Neal, by Bill and Sue Pope.*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Barbara Blackwell** by Ed Annable

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Sarah and Steve Croft on the birth of a grandson, Finn Riker, on March 15, 2024. Parents are Matthew and Kaycee Croft of LaGrange, Ga.

## WYNNTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2024. The scholarship is for members of Wynnton pursuing any field of study at an accredited school of higher learning. Applications, along with guidelines for the scholarship, are now available in the church office. All applications must be received in the church office no later than **May 12, 2023**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.



## VBS

June 10-14  
9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Registration  
is open!

## BASIC ERT TRAINING & CHAINSAW SAFETY CLASS

Friday, April 26 | 6 pm - 10 pm ET  
Saturday, April 27 | 8 am to 12 pm ET  
Pierce Chapel

5122 Pierce Chapel Rd, Midland, GA 31820  
Register now

You must register online before April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**More information can be found at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org)**  
**If you have any questions, contact Bob Gilstrap.**

## Family Night Supper Wednesday, May 1 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Menu:** Pasta Salad, Pear Salad, Chicken Salad,  
Green Salad, Sandwiches

**Dessert:** Chocolate Chip Pie, Banana Pudding  
Please make reservations by Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Our hymns are a vital way to express our thanks and praise to God. Songs and hymns can lift our spirits and remind us of God's grace. When we sing, the act of singing helps to imprint the message more profoundly, more permanently than if we simply listen to a song. When we sing as a congregation, we are united in praising God with one voice. I revel in the powerful moments that God creates when His congregation is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings out heart-felt praises to glorify Him!

This Sunday, Wynnton continues to sing compelling hymns. Our choirs will sing dynamic arrangements of the well-loved hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Our musical offerings will include an arrangement that pairs with "Here I Am to Worship" based on Philippians 2:9-11 by Tim Hughes, and also includes a Chancel Choir favorite; "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Jay Rouse. This spirited arrangement employs rich harmonies that ebb and flow. We are taken on a musical journey with the "Fount" ever-flowing and building in intensity, then resolving to an ending filled with quiet reflection.

Psalm 100:1-2

*Shout for Joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

## BACKPACKS OF GRACE



Backpacks of Grace is an amazing opportunity that we have to minister to children in our area. Last semester, we served 103 children from Wynnton Arts Academy on a weekly basis. We are always in need of fruit cups, individually packaged snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, scooby-snacks, pudding cups, etc.), individually packaged breakfast (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contributions so that we can purchase these items. Please consider helping.

**\*ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!**

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays at 5:00 p.m. This Sunday we will be making blessing bags for the Open Arms Ministry. Please join us Sunday.
- Prayer Breakfast 7:00-7:30 a.m. -Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp Dates June 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Early bird deposit is due April 28<sup>th</sup> - \$50.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Tonight 7pm at AOC 4817 Milgen Road.
- Reminder that Youth will NOT meet on May 12<sup>th</sup> because of Mother's Day, so please post it on your calendars.



**GRADUATES**



Please call the church office (706-324-2424) with information on those who are completing degrees at the College or Graduate School level. We would like to mention them in the bulletin.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Nursery

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Infants - Age 2

First Floor Grimes Building

Sunday School

9:45-10:50 am

3-year-olds - Fifth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)

3-year-olds - Fifth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

\*\*Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)

**NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTION**

**Attention All Young Families, Singles & Young Adults**

We have had a GREAT start with our new class. One of our major focuses is providing ministry opportunities to those who are seeking community and connection. This is an opportunity for those who may be a young family, a single at church or a single adult to come and have a conversation about how we can meet your needs and launch new discipleship ministries.

Please join us in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. EVERY SUNDAY to continue the conversations as we prepare to LAUNCH into the new year together.

In His grip, Jason



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 Friday 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.

**OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS**

Bryant Giang  
Adam Walker

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.



We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For April, we are focusing on collecting **new ball caps and knit hats**. If at any time you find a good deal on anything we collect, please let Pam ([pgilstrap70@gmail.com](mailto:pgilstrap70@gmail.com)) know so we can let others know where to find that item. Sewing kits \$5.00 at Hobby Lobby.

Keep in mind, these items are **not** allowed: soap, toothpaste, candy, liquids, camouflage, and tiny toys/balls.

Our goal is to pack 300 boxes

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 36

Washcloths: 45

Combs: 20

Hairbrushes: 8

Deodorant: 9 (need 60)

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

### Flower Delivery

Brenda Wilson



### PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday

(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm

5:30-6:30 pm



### 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 May. 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.



## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 15



As the Church continues to grow, we see God using His people to step in and begin spreading the message. The Church is alive, and what an amazing way to see the disciples beginning to grow deeper as they take the role of Apostles that Jesus had prepared for them to take. Other disciples are accepting the call to follow the Apostles, and the ministry is beginning to spread but not without the world doing everything possible to stop it. May we continue to pray for the Church and recognize that the Holy Spirit is still alive today as well. Growth and persecution go hand in hand and may we pray as we dig into the story that history has continued to repeat itself.

April 21	Acts 4:12-22
April 22	Acts 4:23-31
April 23	Acts 4:32-37
April 24	Acts 5:1-11
April 25	Acts 5:12-16
April 26	Acts 5:17-32
April 27	Acts 5:33-42

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

24 Diana Boensel



## OUR ATTENDANCE

### 4-14-24

8:30 a.m.....	40
9:00 a.m.....	29
11:00 a.m.....	129
Sunday School.....	98

### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies April 19-21  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 4-14-24

General Fund.....	12,973.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	100.00
Easter Offering.....	385.00
Loose Offering.....	92.76
Methodist Home .....	100.00
Missions .....	150.00
Open Door.....	100.00
Other Income .....	250.00
Sunday School .....	40.00
Wesley Glen.....	100.00
Wynnton neighborhood Network .....	125.00

## COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS April 21, 2024



New Beginnings

### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD April 21, 2024

**Team 4:** Dave Stevenson, Bart Wilson,  
Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Richard Holmes
Pam Feagle	Shelley Montgomery
Betty Garrett	Sabrina Hart
Jeanine Cotton	Beverly McDaniel
Michelle Foote	Rachael Casar
Virginia Bonner	Carrie Thomas
Lynn Christenson	Susan Chriss
Casey Campbell	Walter Cook
Hazel Hope	Ben Smith

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Bill Cawthorne  
Family of Barbara Blackwell  
Family of Andy Wise

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Modern Service - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for adults, youth & children
10:00 am	Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	VBS Leadership Meeting - Library
5:00 p.m.	211 Faith Connection - Basement

### Monday, April 22

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

### Tuesday, April 23

9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Library
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### Wednesday, April 24

9:30 a.m.	Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 25

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m.	Backpacks of Grace
7:30-9:00 p.m.	The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Friday, April 26

7:00 -7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Together in Growth*  
Philippians 1:9-11

Dr. Jason Wade