

October 24, 2021



Stewardship, particularly the financial kind, is one of those **touchy** subjects some folks simply don't want to hear about. And if that's you every time Stewardship month rolls around, let me just say that "I get it!" There is nothing in this world I like less than a sales pitch, and most of us can see one coming a mile away. So, for those of you who (like me) find yourself tempted to run from fundraising campaigns and calls to "dig deep," let me instead offer this.

In Mark 12 Jesus sits down and observes people going to give their offerings to the temple treasury. **"41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."**

Unfortunately, some have abused and even exploited this story, making it all about money and financial giving, while missing, the fact that Jesus is making an observation that celebrates the kindness, generosity, and faithfulness of a poor widow. For us to understand the point Jesus is making here, we have to consider the context of the passage by examining the previous section which is as follows:

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

The point he is making is that it is often the most outwardly religious, the ones at the center of religious power, the ones who make a mockery of a life of faith by virtue of their religiosity who are not honoring God. Instead, God is honored by our faithful commitment to give what we can. Our finances (or tithe), our time, and our talents are all ways by which we respond to God's love. Campaigns, sales pitches and all the rest aside - I hope that all of us can take this opportunity to ask how we can live like the poor widow. In such a way that honors God in and through all we give back to our Creator.

Pax Dei,
Greg

IN MEMORIAM

Stella Jambon
October 17, 2021

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

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Susan Chriss for her birthday on October 25th and in memory of Art Chriss for his birthday on October 12th by their children and grandchildren.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Rubye Screws** by Pam & Steve Davis; Dala Durham; Peggy Leonard; Georgia & Fred Wise; Betty Woodruff; Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; Mary Mims; Shirley Moon; Anne & Larry Spell; Cindy & Randy Autry; Susan & Tommy Hudson; Ann Counts Thorton; Goodwill Sunday School Class

Welcome New Members

Jackee & Dennis Robinson
4550 Jiminey Loop
Columbus, GA 31909

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and meals you have provided for us as I recover from surgery. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family. Your support has been amazing. Please continue to pray for me as I recover. I look forward to being back at the church soon.

Gena & Steve Tincher

FLOWER DELIVERY

Vicki & Glenn Martin



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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Pepper Choplin is one of Wynnton's favorite choral composers. His music incorporates many styles of music; from folk and gospel, to classical and jazz. Pepper Choplin believes it is a privilege to make contributions to music ministries around the world. This Sunday's anthem, "Within These Walls," was Pepper Choplin's first published anthem. The text compels us to go from worship, to fellowship, to ministry beyond our walls. It challenges us to fully involve ourselves in the life of our church. Essentially, "Within These Walls" calls us to be prayerful as we serve within and beyond the walls of Wynnton. "Within These Walls" by Pepper Choplin

Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in your name. As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in your holiness again. Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond; a Spirit from above. And as your children, let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by your love. We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels and You are the wine. We are the body, You are the Head. For every hunger, You are the bread. Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form. And let us lift each other as we gather to find your peace no matter how terrible the storm. We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels and You are the wine. We are the body, You are the Head. For every hunger, You are the bread. Within these walls, give us your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls, there are hurting people who have never felt your healing hand. Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls let your will be done. We are your people; You will leave us never and we shall work together until your kingdom comes. Your kingdom come! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Hymns for this Sunday:

No. 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 396 Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 389 Freely, Freely

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

BASEMENT NEWS



No Sunday night youth on Oct 24 or 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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. The Link - Rev. Greg Harrison
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
2:00 p.m. Cluster Charge Conference - Sanctuary
No Basement - Youth

Monday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 26

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 27

- 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, October 28

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Date: October 24, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Wynnton UMC



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 Draughton
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:

Sandy Dryman & family
Chris Alexander & family
Ernest Hale & family
Agnes Tew & family
Sharon White & family
Maria & Joe Bannon & family
Alice Smith & family
Family of Joanne Cole
Family of Rev. Jim Trice
Family of Richard Geeslin
Family of Rubye Screws
Family of Stella Jambon

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



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.

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.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- October 24:** 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13, Isaiah 17-19, Psalm 114
- October 25:** 1 Thessalonians 4, Isaiah 20-22, Psalm 115
- October 26:** 1 Thessalonians 5, Isaiah 23-24, Psalm 116
- October 27:** 2 Thessalonians 1, Isaiah 25-26, Psalm 117
- October 28:** 2 Thessalonians 2, Isaiah 27-28, Psalm 118
- October 29:** 2 Thessalonians 3, Isaiah 29-30, Psalm 119:1-32
- October 30:** 1 Timothy 1, Isaiah 31-33, Psalm 119:33-64

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 24 Annsley Corkron, Maggie McDaniel, Ward Walker
- 25 Susan Chriss, Gusty Walker
- 26 Dee Dee Branham, Carol Hammock
- 28 Julia Bush, AJ McCormick
- 29 Zane Draughon
- 30 Ernest Hale, Elizabeth Macnamara

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-17-21

General Fund.....	4,082.00
Endowment.....	265.00
Missions.....	51.00
Other Contributions.....	4.50
Emergency Response Team.....	23.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	120.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Run with Passion
Titus 2:11-14
Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies October 22-24
Rev. Greg Harrison 478-955-1577