# NOVEMBER 2023 | WYNNTON METHODIST CHURCH

# Love God, Love People and Serve Together

# "Lessons from the Past"

# November 5, 2023

Some of the greatest lessons I have ever learned came from those who have gone before us. Whether it was in a history class or sitting in the backyard watching my grandfather split wood, I was able to absorb life lessons that have never left my side. Lessons that I pray I can hope to pass on to my daughters, future sons-in-law and if I am fortunate, grandchildren. Some of these life lessons are simple but meaningful. For example, I was always taught that when you change a tire, make sure you are on flat, solid ground, make sure to tighten the lug nuts every other one and don't fully tighten them until the car is safely back on the ground. Another life lesson my father taught me was to always pay attention to your surroundings. Never get distracted, but be prepared to change direction in time of emergency. I have used that life lesson many times as it pertains to the amount of deer I have hit with my car. Breathe, stay calm, and be prepared to change direction.

As we move into this upcoming Sunday's service, I encourage you to join us as we honor the lives of those who have gone before us at our All Saints Sunday. I continue to pray for all of those over the last year who have stepped into life in a different way without the ones that used to be by their sides. Talking with many of them along the journey, they all have stories to tell of the valuable life lessons that need to be shared with the generation today. Such lessons as you have to work at a relationship. You don't just quit when things get difficult. Love is more than an emotion. It is a commitment to love no matter what the day may bring. Finally, I have been able to see that time is fast fleeting. Take the opportunity to enjoy each day with your family. Before you know it, those laughs, cries, and arguments will lead to silent halls and memories.

As the Body of Christ, we have been called to celebrate the legacy of those who have been a part of our amazing church family here at Wynnton. I love the legacy and foundation that has been built by so many that have gone before me. I also know that there is a calling on my life to help write another chapter for Wynnton that will hopefully help develop life lessons to build disciples for Jesus Christ regardless of their age. I pray that people will look back at our stories as an inspiration from the past to the future generation of Wynnton Methodist Church to continue to shine the Light of Jesus Christ into a world in such need of His grace, love, and mercy. We truly are writing the life lessons that future generations will build on to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

So Saturday night, turn your clocks back an hour, prepare your Sunday best, and join with us as we celebrate the amazing lives who have been a part of God's bigger story. Please join me in praying with gratitude for these amazing saints who have plowed the fields, planted the seeds, nurtured and weeded the plants, and allowed us the privilege to reap the fruit. May we all continue to learn from our past as we step boldly into the future.

In His grip, Jason

> The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Joanne Cole by her daughters, Margaret Whitaker & Kathy Wolfe.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Larry Spell October 28, 2023

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

# **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

In memory of **Doris Carr** by New Beginnings; Betty Woodruff; Neita & John Denny; Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Larry Spell** by Shirley Moon; Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Michael White** by Betty Woodruff; Shirley Moon; Neita & John Denny; Carol Hammock

## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Oz White on the death of his son, Michael White, of Columbus, GA on October 25, 2023.



Contact Meghan Gross for more info.

# JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

I would like to take a moment to thank the amazing members of the congregation here at Wynnton. It is a blessing and a privilege to witness the time, support, service, and love you pour into this Church. I am touched by your kindness and generosity throughout Staff Appreciation Week.  $\heartsuit$ 

This Sunday, as we celebrate All Saints' Day, our Wynnton Choirs will sing anthems that honor and acknowledge the lives of loved ones that are no longer with us. Through word and music, we will remember, recognize, and cherish those lives.

Christian lyricist Linda Lee Johnson collaborates with composer Tom Fettke to bring us the scripture-based anthem "Changed," based on 1 Corinthians 15:51-54. The message of this scripture and anthem is profound and comforting.

"Changed" by Tom Fettke (Based on 1 Corinthians 15:52-55) In only a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet, we will see Him come. In only a moment, we'll behold Him in the sky, and the Lord Himself will quickly take us home. [refrain] We shall all be changed, caught up to heaven in a

cloud of glory. We shall all be changed, transformed in victory. Death, where is thy sting? God conquered death and hell.

We shall all be changed, we shall all be changed!

In only a moment, Jesus Christ will call His own, with the voice of the angel, and the trump of God. In only a moment, we'll be raised from earth to heaven, and will live in peace forever with the Lord. [refrain]

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.

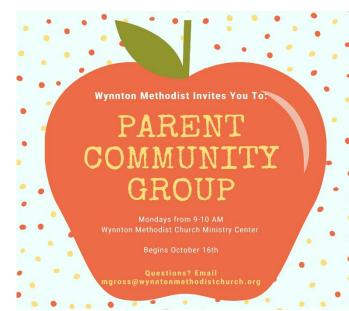


# \*ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!

- Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement
- Nov. 5 Be at the church by 3:00 p.m. for organized chaos!
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus Fridays 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Fall Retreat will be November 17 & 18
- FIELDS OF FAITH has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Golden Park
- Winter Retreat Dates are December 28-31. Please mark your calendar.







# **READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Weekly Scripture Reading Week 1

This week we are starting a new reading plan for the month of November. We will be reading through some of the letters within the New Testament. We begin with the book of Galatians. This book is a letter written from the Apostle Paul to the people of Galatia. These words were written to the new converts to Christianity in the hopes of saving them from the world. Paul talks about the freedom they have gained, and encourages them to keep true to God so that they can keep that freedom. These verses are a reminder to us as modern-day Christians to stay true to God as well. We cannot allow ourselves to return to living the life the world wants of us; we have to live the life of one who follows Christ. -Will

Week 1: 11/5- Galatians 1 11/6- Galatians 2 11/7- Galatians 3:1-12 11/8- Galatians 3:15-4:7 11/9- Galatians 4:8-20 11/10- Galatians 4:21-5:12 11/11- Galatians 5:13-26

# **BACKPACKS OF GRACE**

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 101 kids! 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. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, Scooby snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

#### **PECAN SALE**

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. Our second order will be placed on **November 5th**, and a final order on **December 3rd**. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

Prices 1 lb. halves \$12.00 1/2 lb halves \$7.00 1 lb. pieces \$12.00 1/2 lb. chocolates \$9.00

#### WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

The lists should be available for distribution this Sunday, November 5th. Then the fun begins ...SHOPPING to make dreams come true for 23 students!!!

REMINDER: Your UNWRAPPED gifts need to be delivered to the school December 6th and ending on December 13th.

Faculty/staff at WAA are looking forward to the annual Thanksgiving meal prepared for them. As a church, we have the opportunity to provide desserts for this meal. Please join me and two others to deliver desserts to the school on November 8th or the morning of the 9th!!

Questions? Call/text Shirley Richey @ 709-332-6890.

# WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK UNITY SERVICE

November 12, 2023 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Temple Israel

There will be a love offering collected that evening for the network.

## 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!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming cookie/holiday dessert recipe exchange - Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. More details to come!

Rev. Michaela Walley Director of Family and Adult Ministries

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5	Grayson Graham
7	Rob Garrett, Brenda Wilson

# **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

10-29-23	
General Fund	5,284.00
Backpacks of Grace	
Endowment	75.00
Operation Christmas Child	578.00
Youth Fund	
Missions	
Music	75.00

# **OUR ATTENDANCE**

#### 10-29-23

Combined Service ......139

#### **FIELDS OF FAITH**

Fields of Faith has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1, and has moved to Golden Park. Food and Games: 6:30 p.m. Program 7:00-8:15 p.m.

#### POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00 Deadline to order: Wednesday, November 29 Delivery date: Thursday, December 7

See a New Beginnings Class member to order.

## **IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY**

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 2:23-3:6. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final reading, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday the 5th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

## **Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

Sue Rogers Aubrey Walker David Woolbright Pam Feagle Betty Garrett Jeanine Cotton Michelle Foote Kaye Hill Lynn Christenson Jarrod Hart Vicki Ragan Lexy McRae Jennefer Spell Frank Feagle Richard Holmes Shelley Montgomery Robert Garrard Mailyn McConnell Sabrina Hart Lynn Ezzell Frances Grell

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:** Georgia and Fred Wise and Family Family of Doris Carr Family of Larry Spell Family of Michael White

#### **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 November. 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.



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.

#### WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

November is our month to help stock the shelves at Wynnton Neighborhood Network. The Network provides food to a great many needy families each week, but they need help to make that possible. So, we are asking everyone to try to help support this important ministry in our community this month. Below is a list that contains the items that the Network gives out each day, and we are asking that Wynnton bring in as much of it as you can. You can bring it to the church at any point in November and place the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall or under the Giving Tree. We are also going to be having our annual drop-off for our November collection on November 18th from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. That morning, you can come to the church and get help unloading any food you want to bring. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped out so many that needed it. This is our opportunity to support them, so please join us in filling the shelves this November. If you have any questions, please call Bob Gilstrap.

#### **Items needed for the Holiday Distributions:**

Cranberry Sauce Brownie Mix Green Beans Corn Yams Evaporated Milk Pumpkin Pie Mix Cornbread Mix

#### **On-going suggested items:**

Canned vegetables (green beans, baked beans, carrots, mixed veggies, or any other type of veggie) Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ham, chili with meat, lasagna, etc.) Canned fruit Canned tomato products Macaroni and cheese Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles Jellv Peanut Butter Soup Rice Breakfast cereal Toilet paper Bar Soap Laundry Detergent (pods)

#### **THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

## GENESIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

In the spirit of the season, please give your support and enjoy beautiful, fresh holiday evergreens. You may pick up your wreaths the week after Thanksgiving.

22" mixed evergreen wreath - \$30 28" mixed evergreen wreath - \$40

Contact any member of the Genesis Class for more information.

#### **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.

# 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.

## WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD November 5:

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon, Brett Hubbard

# Welcomers

9:30 a.m. Bart & Brenda Wilson

# **FLOWER DELIVERY**

Lynda Massey

# SUNDAY'S SERMON

Are the Saints Still Marching? 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Dr. Jason Wade - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Rev. Will Walley - 9:00 a.m.

## 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!



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, November 5

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
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Organized Chaos - (meet at church)
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Mark - Alpha Building
7:30-9:00 p.m.	The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

## Monday, November 6

Fitness Group - Alpha Building
Parent Community Group - Ministry Center
Women's Bible Study - Library
Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

## Tuesday, November 7

10:00 a.m.Quilting Group - Alpha Building5:00-8:00 p.m.Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center5:30 a.m.Staff Parish Meeting- Alpha Building6:00 p.m.Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library

# Wednesday, November 8

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, November 9

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m.	Backpacks of Grace
2:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Meeting - Library

# Friday, November 10

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

#### Saturday, November 11

VETERANS DAY 12-2:00 p.m. Fall Festival

# **PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies November 3-5 Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039