

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

March 13, 2022

In her book, *The Liturgical Year*, Joan Chittister writes this about Lent: "Lent enables us to face ourselves, to see the weak places, to touch the wounds in our own soul, and to determine to try to live once more above our aspirations." I have heard Lent described as a forty-day path of reflection, repentance, service, and sorrow. As Advent prepares us for Christmas, so does Lent prepare us for Easter. Throughout this season of Lent we continue to seek God's will, accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and grow in the knowledge of His presence. Perhaps you will notice a change in the spoken Word and the music in our service during Lent. At Wynnton, our Lenten music changes to reflect the forty-day journey of despair and hope, courage and grace. Our path to the cross begins with a renewed covenant with God, and continues with anthems of longing, reflection, sorrow, and supplication. Musically, the listener will hear melodies in minor keys, dissonance and tension, slower tempos and the absence of "alleluias" or "hallelujahs."

Sunday's musical offering in song will be anthems of love, commitment, and faithfulness. The elegant, lyrical writing of both the Wesley Choir and the Chancel Choir anthems are a blessing to sing, and gifts in song to the Lord. Fanny Crosby, often called the Queen of American hymn writing, was visiting composer William H. Doane. The friends were enjoying a pleasant evening and talking together about the nearness of God. The subject so impressed Ms. Crosby that she wrote the lyrics to *I Am Thine, O Lord* that very evening. It has become a favorite gospel hymn. The Chancel Choir will sing Mary McDonald's heartfelt arrangement of the beloved gospel hymn, *I Am Thine, O Lord*.

"Draw Me Near" arr. by Mary McDonald

*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.  
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, to the cross where Thou hast died;  
draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious bleeding side.  
O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend;  
when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!  
There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious bleeding side;  
to Thy precious bleeding side. Draw me near!*

Do we draw near to the Lord, or do we withdraw? The choir response in song is a personal commitment: "I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee." The lyrics to this hymn can be a heartfelt prayer. Consider their meaning and pray with us as we sing the prayer this Sunday.

James 4:7-8

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.*

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.



### LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Doris Rowe on the death of her brother, Charles Ward, of Columbus, GA on February 27, 2022.

### LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Deanna and Dave Stevenson on the death of his mother, Barbara St. Clair Stevenson, of Batesville, AR on February 27, 2022.

*The Chancel Flowers are given by Shirley Wright in memory of my parents, Sara & James Mitchell.*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Larry Gooe** by Ed Annable; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Carol Hammock

In memory of **Barbara Stevenson** by Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; New Beginnings Sunday School Class; Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Charles Ward** by Mary Mims; Shirley Moon; Goodwill Sunday School Class

### GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Betty Garrett** by Gloria & Rob Garrett

### EASTER LILIES



The cost of Easter Lilies will be \$15.00 each this year. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the attached form.



The wife of our former pastor, David Blalock, is undergoing difficult medical treatments. Prayers, cards and letters are appreciated and may be sent to:

Patsy Blalock  
5249 Windmill Pl  
Evans, GA 30809

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Plans are being made for our Packing Party this year! In October, we will fill our boxes for children around the world.

If you prefer to fill your own box, that is fine OR you can do both!

Different items will be requested each month to bring to the church. A bag will be in each SS class for these items. There will also be a bin in the hall for items. The goal is to pack 250 boxes this year!

In March, we are collecting toothbrushes (in their package with no toothpaste) and bars of soap. We will continue to collect hair brushes, plain ball caps, hair bands & large combs.

In a message from Samaritan's Purse: Praise God for shoebox gifts that were collected last year. Thank you and all Glory to God!!

#### Items Collected so far:

33 Soap  
19 Hair Brushes  
17 Toothbrushes  
4 Ball caps

### Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School meets in the Basement from 9:45-10:45 AM Sunday mornings. Students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts, and topical discussions of God's word. Eliza Daffin leads us in March. If you haven't been in a while, now is the perfect time to lean back in! For info or if you're interested in volunteering with the youth, contact Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082.

### WYNNTON UMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2022 College Scholarship. 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 1, 2022**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

### WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

1. School supplies--teachers need glue sticks, pencils, markers, notebook paper
2. Cookie decorating supplies: sprinkles, small candies like M&Ms, or Skittles, small containers of icing, plastic spoons, small paper plates.
3. Bags of individually wrapped candy for the end-of-school-year celebration of positive behavior rewards.

Please deliver to the door of the school or leave in the blue bin at church for Shirley Wright to deliver.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on the second floor of the Grimes building.

### 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 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.

### WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Traditionally, March is Wynnton's month to collect food to fill the pantry at the Network. Grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed have been placed in the church. Among the suggested items are canned meat, vegetables, beans, tomato products, fruit, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and soup. Please take one of the bags and fill it with your donations and then return it to the church. Your continued generosity will fulfill the ministry of the Network to help those in our community who are in need. The tremendous response to "Souper Bowl" Sunday was greatly appreciated, with approximately 400 items donated to the Network. Thank you for your support

### WYNNTON KIDS

I am so excited for where God is taking Wynnton's kids. They are working their way through stories in both the Old and New Testament with experiments, object lessons, games, crafts, and snacks to help them dive deeper into the Word of God. I've heard it said that kids don't just want to hear the story. They want to experience it by tasting it, getting their hands into it, and really using all five senses to engage with it. That has been a main focus of this ministry, that as we provide fun activities for them to immerse themselves in the stories, that they would not only grasp important concepts but that they would ultimately love God's Word and want to read it for themselves and develop personal relationships with Christ because of it. We try to create amazing memories for them to recall when they are older, which will help reinforce the stories beyond Sunday morning. This is no easy feat, but it is one worth striving towards!

I've received requests to serve with Wynnton Kids. If the idea of raising up kids to be passionate followers of Christ that inspire others to wholeheartedly pursue Him excites you, send me an email at [mgross@wynntonumc.org](mailto:mgross@wynntonumc.org). I would love to talk with you more about how we can utilize your gifts for God's purposes in these children's lives.

### 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 March. 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.

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Kerry Mess
Lillian Cox	Jennefer Spell
Lynn Christenson	Jim Accordino
Beverly Ragsdale	Gwen Bolin
Jean McGlamry	Joyce Hawkins
Aubrey Walker	Margie Spurlin
The Meacham Family	Denise Hill
Jimmy Kent	Patsy Blalock

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Rubye Screws  
Family of Stella Jambon  
Family of Marjorie Croft  
Family of Sarah Crawford  
Family of Jeanette Bunch  
Family of Wanda Jones  
Family of Carole Mitchell  
Family of Brad Trim  
Family of Lenore Ash  
Family of Larry Googe  
Family of Barbara Stevenson  
Family of Charles Ward

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
Streams Live on Facebook  
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building

#### Monday, March 14

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

#### Tuesday, March 15

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Bldg.

#### Wednesday, March 16

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Chapel & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.  
6:30-7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall  
7:15-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 17

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

#### Friday, March 18

12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

**March 13:** Matthew 14:22-36, Leviticus 22-23, Proverbs 31

**March 14:** Matthew 15:1-20, Leviticus 24-25, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**March 15:** Matthew 15:21-39, Leviticus 26-27, Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

**March 16:** Matthew 16, Numbers 1-2, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

**March 17:** Matthew 17, Numbers 3-4, Ecclesiastes 3:16 - 4:16

**March 18:** Matthew 18:1-17, Numbers 5-6, Ecclesiastes 5

**March 19:** Matthew 18:18-35, Numbers 7-8, Ecclesiastes 6

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

13	Jennie Payne, Reese Weierick, Ryan Yates
14	Harry Lubin
15	Robert Murdock, Haley Culpepper
16	Danielle Edwards
17	Alex Coats
19	Sharon Lyons

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

#### 3-6-22

General Fund.....	23,221.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	100.00
Endowment.....	90.00
Missions.....	65.00
Other Contributions.....	73.00
Music.....	200.00
UMCOR.....	100.00
Sunday School.....	36.00

#### Flower Delivery

Cindy Autry

#### SUNDAY'S SERMON

*No Secrets*  
Mark 5:4-15

Rev. J Grantham

#### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies March 11-13  
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258

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**WYNNTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Easter Lilies*



NAME OF DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies given:

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

You may pick up your lily after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 17.

Please fill out this form and return to the church office along with your payment of \$15.00 each.

Return No Later Than  
Sunday, April 3, 2022  
Thank you.

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