



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“If We Never See It... How Does It Grow?”

June 11, 2023

I remember when I was in elementary school and we did the experiment of the seed in the styrofoam cup. This experiment was a simple example to demonstrate the process of life being expressed through the simplicity of using just a few things: a seed, dirt, a styrofoam cup, water and sunlight. When you put all of the things together it teaches us a valuable lesson about God and life. I remember every day running to my classroom after I was dropped off to see if anything had changed. For the first week, it seemed like nothing had happened at all. I honestly doubted myself and thought that maybe I did something wrong for the seed not to grow. But what I didn't realize was there was a lot going on underneath the surface that I could not see. There were things that God was doing that were not ready to be revealed until God was ready for them to be revealed. Then, the day came that that seedling burst through the ground and I could finally see God's work first-hand. Daily, I would leave the cup with a fresh amount of water and overnight I would anxiously wait to see how it would look the next day.

As we continue to move into this time of deepening our discipleship in Mark 4, we find this example found in verses 26-29 may be short in words but powerful in meaning. Once again Jesus is speaking in parable form to let us know that God has always been at work underneath the surface before we will ever see the product. If we are willing to receive the Word of God in our lives, it will stir within us in such a way that change is happening even when we cannot see it. In the example of the seed, we have to realize that the seed has to die in order for the plant to grow. The seed will begin to sprout roots and absorb nutrients filtering in and out what it needs to grow and survive. In the same way, God's Word is doing the same in our hearts. It is teaching us to die to self and helps us to filter in and out the things that we need to survive and grow.

I say this because change in life truly does take time. Now, understand that I also believe that God can change lives instantly. We saw that all throughout the Bible, but for real impact to occur in our community it will take time. We have to be willing to continue to water and provide the LIGHT to help the process to continue. We have to continue to run with excitement to pour into the lives of those God has placed in our path to see the power of what God is doing in their lives. IT TAKES TIME. As a person who continues to pray and anticipate how God is going to make our seedling called Wynnton grow, I rush every day to see the difference that God has made in the lives of our people. I strive to be patient and realize that God has to do His work before real change can occur.

Just because we may never fully see the change in the speed that we want to see, does not mean that God is not working. In this life, we are called to do for others. For some, we may be the place that plants the seed for some. Other times, we may have the privilege to water, nurture, weed and provide a healthy environment that allows someone to filter in and out what they need to grow. And with others, we may receive the privilege of the fruit that is the byproduct of other people who have been praying and waiting for the seed to breakthrough the soil. Regardless of what stage of life we are privileged to be a part of in someone's life, we can say for certain that it is ONLY GOD that can make it grow. So if we cannot see it... it may not be meant for us to see this person in their current state of life. But one thing is certain, God is definitely doing something beneath the surface and when He is ready, it will be shown to the world.

In His grip,
Jason

*The Chancel Flowers are given
in memory of Walter Hammock
by Carol Hammock and family.*

LOVE AND SYMPATHY
To Pam and Mike Woodard on the death of
her step-father, Ben Russell, of Columbus,
GA on June 4, 2023.



We are gearing up for an amazing WYNK kids summer! From Sunday Fun-Day events to VBS, we can't wait for the exciting events we have planned!

VBS will run from July 17th -21st, at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register your child, you can either use the QR code or email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

For more information on our summer Sunday Fun-Day events, please check the WYNK Children section of Wynnton UMC's website or email Meghan Gross. If you would like to find out more about how to volunteer for our children's ministry events this summer, please contact Meghan Gross.

Meghan Gross
Director of Children's Ministries



DECADES DAY

Bring your family and join us on June 11th from 3-5 p.m. for Decades Day in the Fellowship Hall! We'll be playing fun team games like Kahoot! and Decade Charades and making tie dye and lava lamp crafts. We'll also have an Eggos bar with throwback music for you to enjoy. If you dress up as your favorite decade, you'll also be entered to win a throwback prize! It's bound to be a fun afternoon, and we hope to see you there!

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JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

The praise-filled anthems the Wynnton Choirs are singing this Sunday are examples of how music and lyrics work together to convict the singer and the listener. Our Chancel Choir will sing "Arise and Bless the Lord," an uplifting and energetic original anthem of praise by Dennis Allen. Composer Dennis Allen is a three-time Dove Award winning composer, arranger, orchestrator and studio producer. Allen had this insight to enriching worship with music: "Worship is a lifestyle. It's not just the music we choose to sing on Sunday mornings. Worship comes from our hearts. It is a time when we get our minds off ourselves and focus on the Lord."

Chancel Choir Anthem

"Arise and Bless the Lord" by Dennis Allen
Arise and bless the Lord your God. May his name be blessed forever. Exalt his name above all names. Arise and bless the Lord.

1. *He alone is God. He has made the heaven and earth. He has made the sea and sky. Oh, praise the Lord forever!*

2. *He has done great things. He has been our fortress and strength. He has been our rock and guide. Oh, praise the Lord forever!*

Arise and bless the Lord your God. May his name be blessed forever. Exalt his name above all names. Arise and bless the Lord. Let us feel your presence, Lord. Let us know your grace. Help us seek your truth, and walk by faith. Arise and bless the Lord your God. May his name be blessed forever. Exalt his name above all names. Arise and bless the Lord. Bless the Lord!

Psalm 62:1-2

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock

*Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
 *Family Faith Connection Sundays 5-7 p.m. in the Basement! ALL PARENTS INVITED!
 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays Cross Training
 Escape Room in the Basement
 *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
 *Please pick up a summer brochure TODAY



Youth ROL
 Registration



Adult ROL
 Registration

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.

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 July. 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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for our summer children's ministry events and want to accommodate your gifts. Whether it's engaging with kids, popping popcorn ahead of time, or helping parents register, there is a space and a need for you! VBS will run from 9 a.m.-Noon from July 17th-21st, and our Sunday Fun-Days will be summer Sundays from 3-5 p.m., excluding Father's Day. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org or by calling the office. Thank you for partnering with us to reach families!



In June we are collecting children's blunt end scissors, notebook paper and small note pads. School supply sales will begin soon. Great time to collect those supplies we need for OCC children. Boxes are available for contributions in classrooms and porticache entry. Thank you for your contributions!

Just want to update you on items collected so far:

18 hairbrushes	45 combs
60 socks	4 ball caps
49 toothbrushes	69 washcloths
8 deodorant	

We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know.

Thanks. Michaela and Pam

River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12th-16th

Tifton, Georgia

*Amazing time of helping families in the Tifton Community- Painting, Wheelchair Ramps and Community Service!

*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

HOMEBOUND BLESSING BAGS

On June 25th we will be praying over the Blessing Bags that have been put together for our homebound members in celebration of July 4th so that they can be sent out to them. We are asking for volunteers from the church to deliver these Blessing Bags to our homebound members. If you are interested in this, please try to be at church that day on June 25th. We will have a sign-up for you to choose who you would like to go visit and deliver a Blessing Bag. You can then pick it up that day after the eleven o'clock service and deliver them that week.

Thank you.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week 9

Our readings for this week come from the book of Leviticus. Leviticus is a book of rules, the history of the journey of God's people's relationship with Him. These chapters lay out the details for offerings to the Lord and some details on those who would oversee this work. We are talking about the priests. Aaron and his sons were to be the first to lead worship for God. It was their job to ensure that proper offerings were made before the Lord. It is this work that laid further foundation for the New Covenant that would come. Through the work of Moses and Aaron there was something to build on. These sacrifices were only needed because they were temporary. The only thing that would finish it would be a sacrifice of something beyond compare. Even back in Leviticus, God was laying the groundwork for the greatest act of grace ever known. As you read this week, look at the traditions of God's people, the Old Covenant, and how it will be built upon to make something greater.

-Will

June 11: Leviticus 6-7
June 12: Leviticus 8
June 13: Leviticus 9-10
June 14: Leviticus 11
June 15: Leviticus 12
June 16: Leviticus 13
June 17: Leviticus 14

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! It is every first Thursday at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be having a recipe exchange and potluck lunch Thursday, June 15th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite summer side dish or salad. Please plan to get a copy of your recipe to Michaela Walley by June 12th and then bring the dish to share on the 15th. Contact Michaela Walley for more details mwalley@wynntonumc.org or 304-439-4202.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11 Susan Powell
- 12 Larry Campbell
- 13 Avery Bolin, Stacey Hammond, Richard Holmes
- 14 Erin Miley, Linda Stephens
- 15 Declan Bass, Sharon Berreth, Sabrina Hart
- 16 Freddie Richardson
- 17 Johnny Daffin, Shannan Gatewood, Ashley Sowers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

6-4-23

General Fund.....	14,758.00
Communion.....	161.00
Handbells.....	600.00
Loose Offering.....	75.50
Missions.....	50.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	119.00
Sunday School.....	29.00
VBS.....	50.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

6-4-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....31
11:00 a.m. Service.....120
Sunday School.....70

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 11

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
12:15 p.m. VBS Council Meeting - Library
3 - 5 p.m. Sunday Fun-Day (Decades Day) - Fellowship Hall
5-7 p.m. Family Faith Connection - Basement

Monday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building

Tuesday, June 13

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, June 14

12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
3:00-5:00 p.m. Cross Training - Basement
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 15

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
11:30 a.m. Recipe Exchange Lunch - Fellow. Hall
6:00 p.m. Children's Council Meeting - Library

Friday, June 16

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.



MODERN SERVICE

Preview dates
Sunday: 6/25, 7/23, 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Jeanine Cotton	Freddie Richardson
Joe Batastini	Shelley Montgomery
Michelle Foote	Tina Martinez
Kaye Hill	Sarah Jessie Avant
Laqia Spears	Robert Garrard
Shirley Moon	Bobbie Edmondson
Sara Grace Hubbard	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Pam & Mike Woodard

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

June 11: **Team 1:** Dom Edwards, Dan Draughton, Brett Hubbard

WELCOMERS

8:00 a.m. Alyssa Edwards
9:30 a.m. J.T. Taylor

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Renewal is Unseen Before it is Seen
Mark 4:26-29

Dr. Jason Wade

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies June 9-11
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691