

## Food for thought from J

April 17, 2022

I've always struggled with a few things around this whole "celebration" of Holy Week and Easter. I mean, the idea of celebrating that our Lord went from receiving the praise and adulation he so richly deserved at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to being rejected, ridiculed, betrayed, falsely convicted, tortured, and executed seems a bit paradoxical or counterintuitive. Even calling this time, "Holy Week" and referring to the actual day of Jesus's crucifixion as "Good Friday" sort of makes me want to scratch my head quizzically.

And yet, isn't it just like the God who is revealed in the pages of scripture to use this most important time in the Bible to show us, once again, just how limited is our understanding of God's awesome nature and plan? God tells us through the prophet Isaiah:

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

What a demonstration of this we find as we reflect on the passion of Christ and see the ultimate good of the very salvation of humanity, delivered through the most evil machinations of fallen humanity on Good Friday and during this time we call Holy Week.

So, over the next few days, as we prepare for the true joy of Easter and the miracle of the resurrection, don't give in to the temptation to gloss over or downplay the true evil and cruelty that was visited upon our Lord 2000 years ago. Rather, remember God's ability to bring the greatest good from the worst bad and the most wonderful hope and joy from the depths of despair. And when life confronts us with its inevitable challenges, trials, and tribulations may we never lose faith in the God who was present at Holy Week and who will be there for us during our own darkest hour.

...And never forget to leave room for the Holy Spirit.

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### GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Dan Booth** by Jean Mullins

In honor of **Cindy Autry** by Sheryl & Jim Creek

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Martha Ann Elizondo** by Jean & Frederick Dyer, Sheryl & Jim Creek

In memory of **Glenn Killough** by Betty Woodruff; Cindy & Randy Autry; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Suzanne Supple; Georgia & Fred Wise; Neita & John Denny; Sheryl & Jim Creek

### LOVE OFFERING

As Greg transitions to Columbus Hospice, Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to show our appreciation to he and Alaina for their 2 years of service at Wynnnton. We will be presenting them with a love offering in May. Between now and May 1<sup>st</sup> you can contribute to the love offering by mailing or placing a check in the offering plate designated for Greg Harrison's love offering.

Deb McCranie, SPR Chair

## THANK YOU

I am excited to announce to you that with your help I have raised the money I need for my mission trip to Mexico. I appreciate your generous financial support of this mission trip and thank each one of you who have contributed. I look forward to this being a growing experience for me and that I will be able to bless others on this trip. I ask that you pray for safety and a fruitful mission trip for this team.

I so appreciate and am thankful that I have been raised by a church that has prayed for me, watched over me and cared for me my entire life. I especially appreciate all of your prayers and support that you have expressed as I have journeyed through college and medical school. I love and thank all of you.

Ruthann

## 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.



Join us for Sunday night youth on April 24, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. here at the church in the basement. We'll have a cookout dinner, an ice cream sundae bar, games, and a Dr. Seuss Rap Slam, plus a time of Bible study.

Please RSVP to Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082 so that we know how much food to prepare.

## 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 April, we are collecting deodorant (for older children) and wash cloths. We will continue to collect hair brushes, plain ball caps, hair bands, large combs, toothbrushes and soap.

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:

148 Bars of Soap  
59 Hair Brushes  
114 Toothbrushes  
96 Ball caps  
78 Wash Cloths  
74 Large Combs  
31 Deodorant

Keep up the good work! Each one bring one of each. Please. Would love to pack 250 boxes!!

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  
P.O. Box 187  
Vidalia, GA 30475

## 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 April. 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.

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Revelation 5:12

*In a loud voice they were saying:  
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and praise!"*

Sunday's Anthem, *Worthy Is the Lamb!*, includes the familiar hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns". It is a celebration of Christ's victory over death and His worthiness as the Lamb of God, the self-sacrificing Savior.

*Worthy is the Lamb! Our King the great I AM! Worthy is the Lamb of God! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Our King, the great I AM! Worthy is the Lamb of God!*

### WORTHY IS THE LAMB!



Revered King  
Rejected Messiah  
Risen Savior

Please join us for our Chancel Choir Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Our cantata for this Holy Season is Lloyd Larsons's *Worthy Is the Lamb!*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
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
Daro Miller	Linda Osborne
Jake Wood	Alexandria Ridley
Kimberly Smith	

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

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  
Family of Martha Ann Elizondo  
Family of Glenn Killough

## Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School meets in the Basement from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. Students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts, and topical discussions of God's word.

Beginning April 24th, we will start a new series exploring where students can find God. We will explore the Old Testament stories of the building of the Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple. We're going to be "hands on", building dioramas of both! We'll explore the detail that scripture captures, how the Israelites interacted with God, and how the meta-narrative of the Bible continues today in how we meet and experience God.

If you'd like more information about Wynnton's youth program, please contact Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082.

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- April 17:** Acts 6, Deuteronomy 28, Job 17
- April 18:** Acts 7:1-22, Deuteronomy 29-30, Job 18
- April 19:** Acts 7:23-8:1, Deuteronomy 31-32, Job 19
- April 20:** Acts 8:1-25, Deuteronomy 33-34, Job 20
- April 21:** Acts 8:26-40, Joshua 1-2, Job 21
- April 22:** Acts 9:1-25, Joshua 3:1-5:1, Job 22
- April 23:** Acts 9:26-43, Joshua 5.2-6:27, Job 23

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 17 Margaret Gross
- 18 Maria Holmes
- 19 Meghan Gross, Prissy Mudge
- 23 Chip McDaniel

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies April 15-17  
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Grimes Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Streams Live on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building

### Monday, April 18

Office Closed - Easter Monday

### Tuesday, April 19

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

### Wednesday, April 20

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

### Thursday, April 21

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

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 4-10-22

General Fund.....	20,737.86
Backpacks of Grace.....	120.00
Easter Offering.....	900.00
Endowment.....	100.00
Methodist Home.....	100.00
Open Door.....	100.00
Other Contributions.....	87.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	175.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	1,820.00
Mission trip Tiajuana.....	100.00
Sunday School.....	53.00
Wesley Glen.....	100.00

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Ready for the Challenge?*  
Luke 23:46-56, 24:1-12

Rev. J Grantham