

*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“Posture of Discernment”**

**February 4, 2024**

I know that for many of us the last few months have truly been a little chaotic and concerning. Over the last 60 days, we have watched God step in and actually move within our staff and congregational leadership to cut us to the core as we begin this new journey together. I will be honest, not really where I thought I would be within the first year and a half of my journey at Wynnton, but you know I have a peace and calmness that is within my soul to know that everything is going to be all right.

WHY? Because I am blessed with a multitude of prayer warriors and volunteers who are willing to see a need and seek to meet those needs. This time in our journey together will continue to test our resilience and fortitude as we prepare to once again walk in full assurance from God. There is such a difference between how the world and the Church reacts to certain situations. Many businesses would be in a full out panic mode at this point, but not the Church. Yes, we would definitely be remiss not to say that there is going to be some time of uncertainty until we find our stride again with children, youth and adult ministries. But we have the opportunity to allow the Church to step up and begin praying again for GOD’s direction and discernment.

Here is exactly where God needs Wynnton to be at this time. We need to be in a posture of discernment where we let go of the control that we have and give full authority to God to show us our next steps. We have a brand-new opportunity to fully rely on God to prepare, equip, and lead those God needs to bring to Wynnton and prepare the fields for the next steps. As disciples of Christ, we have to think in a new way as we dream and vision cast about ministry. We must be willing to give God the chance to prepare the ground and our hearts as we look to discern how we can be the most effective for God’s kingdom.

One thing that I have learned in life and ministry is that change is always difficult. There is never a good time for ministers or families to move or leave, but one thing I am certain of, God is in control of it all. I mean you have heard me say this a lot, “Good or bad, I never would have come to Wynnton if it was not for the will of God to move through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us together.” As we say goodbye to those who are taking their next steps in their faith journey, please remember that I truly believe that God has so much in store for everyone who is a part of this amazing Wynnton Faith Community. God is just getting started! Realize that we are witnessing the beauty of ministers being equipped here to go and grow God’s kingdom. But we are also preparing for the amazing opportunities that God is preparing in advance for His Church here at 2412 Wynnton Road, Columbus, Georgia.

Please continue to pray with me as we continue to watch how God is going to move and cultivate even more opportunities for lives to be changed in this place.

In His grip, Jason

*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of our parents, Miriam and Charles Kent and Jean and Don Davidson, by Don and Judy Davidson.*

**LOVE AND SYMPATHY**  
To Pam and Mike Woodard on the death of her mother, Clara Russell, on January 28, 2023.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 14, 2024**  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Oz White** by Kaye & Harold Hill; Linda & Seth Harp

In memory of **Joe Batastini, Terry Bohler, John Bray, Sr., Margie Buchanan, Doris Carr, Jean Edwards, Joy Hancock, Rev. Bennie Frank Hughley, Tom Moore, Marjorie Ottman, Jack Thomas, Frances VanHorn, Zach Smith** by Linda & Seth Harp

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have openings to beautify our sanctuary. If you would like to put flowers in the church, please call Brenda in the office. The next available date is Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. We also have April 7, 14 & 21<sup>st</sup> open. If you would like to partner with someone to cut the cost, we would be happy to publish both in the Newsletter.

## BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace is an amazing opportunity that we have to minister to children in our area. Last semester, we served 103 children from Wynnton Arts Academy on a weekly basis. In January, we will be once again gearing up to serve the children in our area with weekly backpacks of food. Please help us by contributing. We are always in need of fruit cups, individually packaged snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, scooby-snacks, pudding cups, etc.), individually packaged breakfasts (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contributions so that we can purchase these items. There will be a box under the giving tree during the month of January, or you can drop the items off in the Ministry Center's ministry bins.

## TABLE CLOTHS

Please return any tablecloths you may have borrowed from the church. You may leave them in the Ministry Center. Thank you.

## WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

Watch this space for new opportunities to serve the students at Wynnton Arts Academy!!

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

The Chancel Choir will share a time-tested anthem this Sunday; *Sing and Be Not Silent*, by Mary McDonald. Based on Psalm 30, which was composed by King David during a time of celebration and gratitude, it reminds us to be thankful to God in all things. Though we may experience temporary trials and sorrows, God's favor is everlasting, and joy comes in the morning. The text of this Psalm gives us insight into our human experience; from struggles to blessings. This message still resonates with us today.

Mary McDonald's *Sing and Be Not Silent* radiates with energy from beginning to end. Contrasting meter and driving rhythms lead us to an elegant legato (slow and smooth) section then returns us to the original message and a triumphant finish.

"Sing and Be Not Silent" by Mary McDonald (Psalm 30: 4-5, 11-12)

*Sing to the Lord and be not silent. Sing to the Lord and glorify! Sing to the Lord, all ye His children. Sing to the Lord, O Most High!*

*Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing. Thou has girded me with gladness, for His anger is but a moment. His favor endures for a life.*

*He comes with joy to greet the morning. He gives us hope for each new day. Give thanks remembering His Holiness. Give thanks with songs of praise.*

God's Great peace to You!  
Diana B.



Welcome Back: Time to start over on our collecting! We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For February, we are focusing on collecting **washcloths and toothbrushes**.

If at any time you find a good deal on anything we collect, please let us know so we can let others know where to find that item.

Keep in mind, these items are **not** allowed: soap, toothpaste, candy, liquids, camouflage, and tiny toys/balls.

Thanks, Pam and Deanna  
Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

**\*ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!**

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!
- Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- We will be starting our True Love Waits Emphasis this Sunday an throughout the month of February. Please look for a letter detailing some information in the youth GroupMe Friday!
- Youth Praise Band Meeting Sunday @ 4pm in the Basement!



**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 February. 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 DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS**

Bryant Giang  
Adam Walker

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.

**COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS**  
**February 4, 2024**



**Genesis**

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

February 4

Shirley and John Richey

**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Week 4



As we begin to step closer into the season of Lent, we recongize that in the beginning there was God. Before anything else could exist, God was able to step out of His time and step into ours. I am inviting you to walk with us through the story once again with a more in depth time and concentration of how God's love has always been evident. From the beginning to the cross and out of the grave, God's Love Never Fails. He used those who were unknown and made them a part of the army of God. Please walk with us through this time with a new way to Love God, Love People and Serve Together.

Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	John 1:1-18
Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	John 1:19-28
Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	John 1:29-42
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	John 1:43-51
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	John 2:1-12
Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	John 2:13-25
Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	John 3:1-15



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.

**Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

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| Sue Rogers       | Lexy McRae         |
| Aubrey Walker    | Jennefer Spell     |
| David Woolbright | Frank Feagle       |
| Pam Feagle       | Richard Holmes     |
| Betty Garrett    | Shelley Montgomery |
| Jeanine Cotton   | Robert Garrard     |
| Michelle Foote   | Sabrina Hart       |
| Kaye Hill        | Bob Lowery         |
| Lynn Christenson | Beverly McDaniel   |
| Virginia Bonner  | Jennifer Ramey     |
| Jaleen Welch     | Abraham Cook       |

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**

- Family of Frederick Woodruff
- Family of Pam & Mike Woodard

**WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD  
February 4, 2024**

**Team 7:** Eddie Cawthorne, Jeff Yates, Ed Annable

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**1-28-24**

General Fund .....	3,906.00
Music .....	260.00
Missions.....	100.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	417.00
Other Income .....	55.00
Sunday School .....	42.45

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 6 Candice Cotton
- 7 Jill Yates
- 8 Dan Booth, Margaret Goodroe

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**1-28-24**

8:30 a.m. ....	29
9:00 a.m. ....	11
11:00 a.m. ....	131
Sunday School .....	84

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

All of the staff have new email addresses which are as follows:

- [jwade@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:jwade@wynntonmethodistchurch.org)
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- [tdorminey@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:tdorminey@wynntonmethodistchurch.org)
- [musicdirector@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:musicdirector@wynntonmethodistchurch.org)
- [modernworship@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:modernworship@wynntonmethodistchurch.org)
- [mderbypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:mderbypreschool@gmail.com)

Please check your spam or junk folder in your email to ensure that you haven't received something from the church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 4

- 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  
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement

### Monday, February 5

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library  
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

### Tuesday, February 6

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center  
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library

### Wednesday, February 7

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Building  
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, February 8

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace  
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Friday, February 9

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

## Security Team & Ushers Appreciation

Wynnton Security Squad & Ushers are invited to join Pastor Jason for a time of vision casting and appreciation. We are truly fortunate for your service and want to take time to say thank you. Please check your email from this past week and make sure that you respond by sending me an email to let me know if you can attend. Also, please click on the link inside the email and register for what you would like for dinner. Once again, we are truly grateful for all that you do to serve at Wynnton. Please allow me the privilege to thank you for your weekly service. Deadline to register is Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

In His grip, Pastor Jason

## NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTION

### **Attention All Young Families, Singles & Young Adults**

As we move into the new year, one of our major focuses is providing ministry opportunities to those who are seeking community and connection. This is an opportunity for those who may be a young family, a young adult or even single at church to come and have a conversation about how we can meet your needs and launch new discipleship ministries that meet your needs.

Please join us in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. THIS SUNDAY to begin the conversations as we prepare to LAUNCH into the new year together.

In His grip, Jason

## **SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*It All Goes Back to the Basics*  
(Matthew 6:7-13, Luke 11:1-4)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Jason Wade  
9:00 a.m. Scotty Allen

## **PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies February 2-4  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039