

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“What Really Makes Us Thirsty?”

March 17, 2024

We have stepped across the midpoint of our Lenten journey, and I am amazed to watch and see how God has been walking with me daily. Growing up in my faith, I always wondered what it would be like to be at such a point in my life that I truly thirsted for God. For many of you, that may sound a little weird, but I want to take us to a moment where we are understanding the reason why we are disciples of Christ and not of this world. I want to paint a picture that allows us to clearly see the difference between desperation and dehydration.

First, let me clarify my thinking here. Dehydration is an act in which we are in a situation where we have been working or are in elements that have taken the vital nutrients out of our bodies that we need to function. For example, if you are working in the garden on a hot day and forget to hydrate on a regular basis, don't be surprised if your body begins to send you warning signs that something is going wrong. You may stop sweating... see black spots... feel light-headed. If you begin to experience any of these physical symptoms, there is a good reason to believe that you are dehydrated and in need of replenishing vital nutrients into your body. Remember from our Essentials series, someone can survive without water for about three days if they are in extreme situations.

Desperation is where we come and recognize that our situation is so dire that we are willing to do anything to find the solution. This is the point in which none of us truly wants to be, but in our spiritual journey with God, we often find ourselves here. There are so many times where we fail to see the signs of our spiritual dehydration when situations in life and in the world have sucked us dry of the vital necessities that we need to survive. We fail to see the point that we are no longer holding true to the foundational teachings of Scripture and begin to see the world continually getting worse. We believe that we can push through the small stuff as long as we are able to feel as though we are making a difference somewhere. We let down our guards... lose our sight and end up at a point of full desperation.

I pray that this is not the reason for our being thirsty. I pray that it is not because we have gotten to such a point that in our journey that there is no other answer than to turn to God, but I also realize that for many, this is how we approach God. Instead, I would pray that we approach God with a thirst to know more. I pray that we are so in tune to God's heart that we desire to quench a thirst that continues to draw us more closely to God because of a full heart that is so desperate to serve. We can approach this idea of being thirsty from two different directions, and my hope and prayer is that it is out of a compassion to serve and be filled to overflowing and not because we are so desperate and spiritually spent that everything seems futile.

In His humanity, Christ approached God with an attitude and desire to deliver His creation from the death and separation that we deserved. In His humanity, Christ felt that fullness of a fallen world and placed it directly on His shoulders. The results of our sin and the evil that surrounds it completely drained Him of all strength and ability - His ability to experience the fullness of Joy in which God created Him to exude. Christ became THIRSTY. He desired a reconnection to the wellspring of God because of the fullness of desperation that was cast on Him through the cross. Jesus was not thirsty because of physical need, but He had a spiritual thirst to once again be revived by the fullness of God that was emptied on the Cross. May we desire to be filled to overflowing and recognize that in our desperation, God is ready to refill us with the vital spiritual nutrients we need to desire even more. What are you thirsting for, and what makes US thirsty? Are we dehydrated or desperate? Do we seek to drink from the well of living water or from the cup of the world? All of these are questions that we must answer each day as we too approach the journey to the cross.

In His grip, Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Betty Woodruff on her 90th birthday by her children.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Beth and Reggie Kelley** by Betty Woodruff

In honor of **Betty Woodruff on her 90th birthday** by Ramona & Andy Andresen; Suzanne Supple; Zane Draughon; Dan Draughon; Carol Hammock

MEMORIAL GIFTS

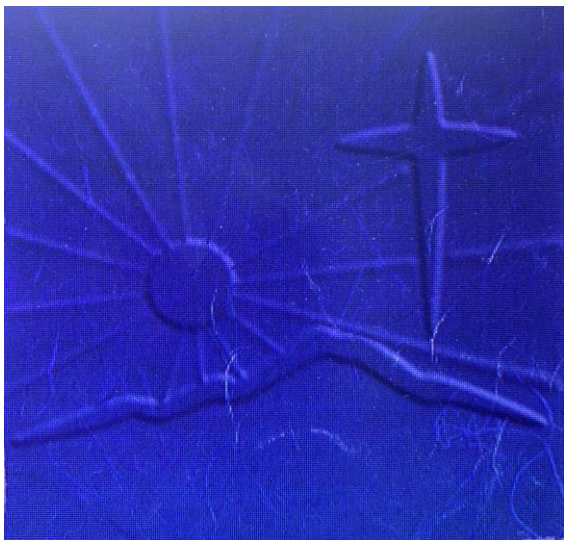
In memory of **Bill Cawthorne** by Lynn & Bill White; Martha & Johnny Daffin

CHURCHWIDE CELEBRATION FOR BETTY WOODRUFF

Please join us on March 17th to celebrate Betty Woodruff's 90th birthday. The celebration, given by her children, will be in the Ministry Center from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Your presence is her gift.

EASTER CANTATA

Risen This Day
by Benjamin Harlan



Thursday, March 21st
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



This Sunday, our Wynnton Choirs will share anthems focused on Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Our early service Wesley Choir will weave together two familiar, tranquil, and yet haunting Lenten texts: "There Is a Green Hill" and "Ah, Holy Jesus." The Chancel Choir will sing Joseph Martin's lyrical, reflective, "On a Hill Far Away" based on the text from George Bennard's hymn "The Old Rugged Cross." Martin's music will take the singer and the listener on a journey to the cross; where we will cherish not only the old rugged cross, but also the crucified Christ, the Son of God who used the cross to seek and save all believers. The Cross of Christ is largely regarded as the center of our faith as Christians. It is a contradiction; death and life, hate and love, loss and gain, defeat and victory. The Cross of Christ means many things to many people. It is a symbol that reminds us of our salvation.

"On a Hill Far Away" by Joseph Martin

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

(refrain) So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction to me; for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

(refrain)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He'll call me someday to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share.

(refrain)

1Peter 2:24-25

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

***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 7:00-7:30 a.m. -Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- Youth Praise Band Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm
- Spring and Summer dates will be out SUNDAY! Pick up a brochure!
- River of Life \$50 Deposit Due April 6th
- Summer Camp Dates June 2nd-8th



THE BRIDGE COLLEGE MINISTRIES

If anyone would like to help support our Bridge College Ministry through providing food for these amazing students each week, please contact Jason and let him know you would like to help. Secondly, if you would like to give funds towards our weekly meal, you can give through our normal giving options and earmark it for Bridge College Ministries. We are having between 20-25 college students on Thursday Nights at 7:30 pm. Thank you for your continued prayers for God to open doors into these students' lives.

In His grip,
Jason

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CONNECTION

Attention All Young Families, Singles & Young Adults

We have had a GREAT start with our new class. 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 single at church or a single adult to come and have a conversation about how we can meet your needs and launch new discipleship ministries.

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

In His grip, Jason

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

March 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 March and place the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall or under the Giving Tree. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped so many that needed it. This is our opportunity to support them, so please join us in filling the shelves this March. 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 Filling, 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, jelly, peanut butter, soup, rice, breakfast cereal, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry detergent (pods).

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 27

Lunch & Devotion

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Soup and Salad Lunch

Church will provide lunch. If you would like to make a donation for lunch, you may do so.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Lunch & Devotion

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Soup and Sandwiches Lunch

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5:30 p.m.

Italian Dinner

Cost: \$7.00 per person

\$25 max per family

6:30 p.m.

Cantata

Good Friday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Deadline to make reservations for lunch and dinner is Monday, March 18th. Call the church office or email Teresa @ tdorminey@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

BASIC ERT TRAINING & CHAINSAW SAFETY CLASS

Friday, April 26 | 6 pm - 10 pm ET
Saturday, April 27 | 8 am to 12 pm ET
Pierce Chapel

5122 Pierce Chapel Rd, Midland, GA 31820
Register now

You must register online before April 27

More information can be found at www.sgaumc.org
If you have any questions contact Bob Gilstrap.

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. We are always in need of fruit cups, individually packaged snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, scooby-snacks, pudding cups, etc.), individually packaged breakfast (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contributions so that we can purchase these items. Please consider helping.

EASTER OFFERING

This year's Easter Offering will be going to the Soup Kitchen. This offering is above and beyond your usual giving.

GRADUATES



Please call the church office (706-324-2424) with information on those who are completing degrees at the College or Graduate School level. We would like to mention them in the bulletin.

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS March 17, 2024



Genesis



We had a great Packing Party last October with 277 boxes packed and turned in. For March, we are focusing on collecting **washcloths, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, large combs & deodorant.**

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.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 36

Washcloths: 45

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 10

Jesus enters into the city this week. We see as things begin to unfold and the story of what is to come starts to be revealed. The voices in the crowd are ready to step into their new role with Jesus thinking everything was going to be different now. Their hearts were not in the right place. As the days progress, Jesus begins to reveal more openly who He is and why He has come to reconcile God's creation. Jesus begins to open their eyes to what is about to happen, but their ears are not ready to understand. Even the disciples missed what Jesus was teaching. Enjoy this week and I pray you see it from a new perspective this week as we approach the cross.



March 17	John 12:12-19
March 18	John 12:20-36
March 19	John 12:37-50
March 20	John 13:1-17
March 21	John 13:18-30
March 22	John 13:31-38
March 23	John 14:1-4



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 Friday 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.

PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Every Wednesday
(Drop in)

12:00-1:00 pm
5:30-6:30 pm



Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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| Sue Rogers | Jennefer Spell |
| Aubrey Walker | Frank Feagle |
| David Woolbright | Richard Holmes |
| Pam Feagle | Shelley Montgomery |
| Betty Garrett | Robert Garrard |
| Jeanine Cotton | Sabrina Hart |
| Michelle Foote | Beverly McDaniel |
| Kaye Hill | Abraham Cook |
| Lynn Christenson | Jaleen Welch |
| Casey Campbell | Rachael Casar |
| Hans F. Boensel (Uncle of Marc Boensel) | |
| Carrie Thomas | |

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

- Family of Clara Russell
- Family of Lexy McRae
- Family of Bob Lowery
- Family of Bill Cawthorne

FLOWER DELIVERY



Carol Hammock

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, April 3
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Covered Dish Dinner

We will be having family night suppers on the first Wednesday of every month starting in March. Everyone is welcome!

OUR STEWARDSHIP

3-10-24

General Fund.....	17,951.00
Backpacks of Grace	100.00
Easter Offering.....	125.00
Loose Offering.....	100.00
Missions.....	50.00
Other Income	95.00
Sunday School	29.00
Freezer.....	660.00
College Fund.....	50.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 19 Mellanie Vinyard
- 20 Joan Colquitt
- 21 Linda Jones, Leslie Weierick,
Betty Woodruff
- 22 Jo Byrd
- 23 Pam Gilstrap



OUR ATTENDANCE

3-10-24

8:30 a.m.....	41
9:00 a.m.....	19
11:00 a.m.....	110
Sunday School.....	81

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

- 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
10:00 am Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30-4:30 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Betty Woodruff - Ministry Center
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, March 20

- 9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Building
12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

- 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, March 22

- 7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

Saturday, March 23

- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Network Food Drop-Off

SUNDAY'S SERMON

What Makes Us Thirst?
John 19:28-30

Dr. Jason Wade

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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery

8:30 am - 12:15 pm
Infants - Age 2
First Floor Grimes Building

Sunday School

9:45-10:50 am
3-year-olds - Fifth Grade
First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)
3-year-olds - Fifth Grade
First Floor Grimes Building
**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

March 17, 2024

Team 6: JT Taylor, Chuck McDaniel,
Lance Hendershot

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.

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies March 15-17
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039