

*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“The Law of Sacrifice”**

**March 10, 2024**

John Maxwell in his book 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership says, “Leadership success requires continual change, constant improvement, and ongoing sacrifice.” The higher the level of leadership, the higher the sacrifice. No matter your industry or career path, increasing leadership means increasing sacrifice. I can only imagine how that would have held true for the moment Jesus took the cross. I can only imagine the mindset that it had to take to endure so much pain to sacrifice His life for the world.

Sometimes I go back and think how many times Jesus truly referred to this moment through His teachings. I know that through what is called the Olivet Discourse found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke’s Gospels, Jesus was able to begin showing the disciples the fulfillment of what was to come in the future. But I fully believe that the disciples’ minds were not able to truly comprehend what was going to happen the next day, let alone the time when Jesus was to leave. All I know is that Jesus was continually telling them that a sacrifice would have to be made, and little did they know it was to be the ultimate sacrifice of His own life. Even as they walked the streets heading to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus shared with them these words in John 15:13-17:

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.”

In the first phrase, Jesus is offering to His disciples and to us an understanding of what He is going to do on the cross. He will be for all of creation the ultimate Sacrifice... the final Lamb who will be slain for the payment of our debt to sin. Jesus is expressing that there is no greater love than the ultimate sacrifice that will be a spectacle for the whole world to see. There is no greater love than to lay down His life for all who call Him Lord.

As we continue our Lenten journey, I continue to ask that we all take a moment and realize the sacrifice that was made for us all. The ultimate decision of a leader to give the only thing that He had left as a symbol of the sacrifice that He asks of us all on a daily basis. Jesus never said the decision to follow would ever be easy, but He did say that we would never be alone. Jesus being fully human and fully God endured the cross in order that we would have an opportunity to experience the fullness of God’s love. My only question to us all is, “What are we going to do with the life that God has given back to us through the sacrifice of Jesus?”

Each day is a chance to step back and recognize the many sacrifices that have been made for us all to be in the place that we are in today. Sacrifices from family, friends, complete strangers and even personal decisions to choose a path that leads us all to the feet of Jesus. We all have a decision to make. Are we ready to sacrifice our lives for the needs of others? Only time will tell, but there is no doubt through the sacrifice of Christ, His success has been seen and experienced through every generation since. The Law of Sacrifice was ultimately demonstrated by the sacrifice Jesus made for us all on the cross, and now it is our turn to do what we can to help lead others to experience the same freedom through His sacrifice.

In His grip, Jason

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Kecia and Eddie Cawthorne on the death of his father, Bill Cawthorne, of Sharpsburg, GA, on March 3, 2024.

*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Art and Susan Chriss's Wedding Anniversary by their children and grandchildren.*

## GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Beth & Reggie Kelley** by Larry & Beth Hendrickson

## 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).

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Composer Benjamin Harlan shared these thoughts about his anthem *He Chose the Cross*: "Jesus chose death, for us. The indignities He suffered were foretold by the prophets. No roman soldier, no leader of the Roman government, no rabid member of an angry crowd could have brought about Christ's death. It was a willing sacrifice on His part. There is no greater love." The Chancel Choir will sing "He Chose the Cross" by Benjamin Harlan this Sunday. The powerful text reflects the truth of God's love for us, and of His plan for our redemption.

*For my life He chose to die; for my gain He suffered loss. For redemption, paid the price; for my sin He chose the cross. For my love He was despised; to buy my soul He knew the cost. For my peace, the greatest pain; for my sin He chose the cross. How we thank You, Holy Jesus, took the cross so willingly. By Your blood You have redeemed us, through the cross You set us free. Halleluia! For my crown He wore the thorns, that I might live His life He lost. For my joy, such bitter tears; for my sin He chose the cross. How we thank You, Holy Jesus, through the cross You set us free.*

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.



**Sunday, March 10**

## CHURCHWIDE CELEBRATION FOR BETTY WOODRUFF

Please join us on March 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Betty Woodruff's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The celebration will be in the Fellowship Hall from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Your presence is her gift.

### \*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 6<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Camp Dates June 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>



## 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.

## 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

## HOLY WEEK

### Wednesday, March 27

Lunch & Devotion

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

Soup and Salad Lunch & Devotion

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

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5:30 p.m.

Italian Dinner

Cost: \$7.00 per person

\$25 max per family

6:30 p.m.

Cantata

### Friday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

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

## EASTER OFFERING

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

**COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS**  
March 10, 2024



**Joyful Noise**

**FLOWER DELIVERY**



Linda Harp

**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.



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.

**EASTER LILIES**



If you would like to order Easter lilies, the cost will be \$15.00 each this year. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out and return the Easter lily form located outside the Sanctuary.

**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!

**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Week 9



In the midst of His journey, Jesus is beginning to open up and truly demonstrate the fullness of His calling. We watch the humanity of Jesus revealed through His relationship, with Lazarus, and His patience as He encounters Mary and Martha for a second time. We are taught that all is done in God's timing as the fullness of Christ's power is revealed when Lazarus walked out of the grave. A foreshadowing of Christ's victory over death. So much more will take place as we draw even closer to the cross and tomb.

March 10	John 10:22-40
March 11	John 11:1-16
March 12	John 11:17-27
March 13	John 11:27-37
March 14	John 11:38-44
March 15	John 11:45-57
March 16	John 12:1-11



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:

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

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

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

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 3-3-24

General Fund.....	18,311.00
Easter Offering.....	275.00
Loose Offering.....	194.02
Missions.....	50.00
College Ministries.....	50.00
Sunday School.....	47.00
Freezer.....	510.00

### February Financial Statement

Contributions to the Church	\$53,891.40
Expenses of the Church	\$56,968.11
Our deficit was	\$3,076.71
Our Year to Date Deficit is	\$19,558.76

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11 Jamie Massey
- 13 Jennie Payne, Reese Weierick
- 14 Harry Lubin



## OUR ATTENDANCE

### 3-3-24

8:30 a.m.....	31
9:00 a.m.....	16
11:00 a.m.....	134
Sunday School.....	94

### 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.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 10

- 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 Meeting -  
Ministry Center  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. VBS Leadership Meeting - Library  
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement

### Monday, March 11

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

### Tuesday, March 12

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

### Wednesday, March 13

- 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 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace  
11:45 a.m. Preschool Father's Luncheon - Ministry  
Center  
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Friday, March 15

- 7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A -  
Whittlesey Rd.  
12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center

## **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  
Pre-K - 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 10, 2024**

**Team 5:** Jesse Kelly, Comer Alexander

## **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.

## **SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*Through Discouragement  
We are Called to Overcome*  
Mark 15:33-36  
Dr. Jason Wade

## **PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies March 8-10  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039