

Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

"A New Chapter, A New Journey"

August 6, 2023

Last weekend, our lay delegates and pastors had the opportunity to attend the first annual South Georgia Conference of the Global Methodist Church at Epworth by the Sea. In the midst of this weekend, we were able to reconnect with many other churches from South Georgia and made connections with some of the new churches from North Georgia. The weekend was an amazing opportunity to step back and breathe and see how the journey that has led all of us to the people we are today.

As we begin a new journey, please know that the Church has always relied on the confidence and foundation of Christ to move forward. Looking all throughout history, we have been able to see God's fingerprints on the Church. We have been able to recognize that God has called us to follow His lead and step out in faith as we continue to apply His Word into our actions on both a personal and congregational level. I had the opportunity to breathe and feel the stirring of the Holy Spirit in the room as many who have walked through this battle found a time to be restored and renewed.

I know that it has truly been an interesting year for our Wynnton Family, and as your pastor, I am excited to say that God has so much more to come as we minister to the needs of the families here in Midtown. I was reminded of the passion that led me here to see what maybe cannot be seen as God is at work behind the scenes to open doors of opportunity in the Midtown community. I know that we have been called here for a reason and now is the time for us to put all of the preparation that God has placed in our lives into action. Now is the time that we fully rely on God to lead us into the next steps of our journey. What an exciting time to be a part of Wynnton Methodist Church.

Year two has begun, and I promise you that my passion to see people encounter the Gospel of Jesus Christ has multiplied even more. The page has turned and a new chapter is ready to be written for Wynnton Methodist Church and I cannot wait to see just how God is going to use this place for His glory. With every new chapter, we are able to remember the amazing history that continues to speak through the families that have been a part of this amazing community of faith. We are able to be reminded that it is only through God that any of this can truly be possible.

Over the last few weeks, we have been able to celebrate the lives of so many of our members through their birthdays or their service. Looking at just the lives of Shirley Moon and Joy Graham, I am blown away at the impact just these two amazing women have had on the history and lives of so many that have walked the property at Wynnton. To see the students speak last week about their River of Life experience and to recognize that God is reminding us that there is so much more to come as we begin a new school year. It truly gives me chills to see what the days ahead will bring.

So I say goodbye and thank you to my first year of service at Wynnton and I welcome the new chapter that is ready to be written in year two. I am blessed to serve as your pastor, friend, and companion in ministry. May God continue to open our hearts and minds to the amazing opportunities that were prayed over 97 years ago as people saw a vision to change Midtown and Wynnton was born. Thank you God for the journey and may we all continue to grow as a faith community Loving God, Loving People and Serving Together!

In His grip, Jason The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of our 1year anniversary by Shirley and John Richey.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Shirley Moon on her 95th birthday** by Carolyn Evans; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Shirley & John Richey

In honor of **Joy Graham on her 100th birthday** by Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Mary Mims

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! Due to the office being closed on the 3rd, game day will be Thursday, August 17th at 1:30 in the Alpha Building.

Join us for the Rock Step Cloggers on Thursday, August 24th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to bring a \$5 contribution to the food. R.S.V.P. to Michaela Walley by August 17th by calling 304.439.4204, emailing mwalley@wynntonumc.org or contacting the church office.

Rev. Michaela Walley Director of Family and Adult Ministries



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 on Tuesdays 5-8 p.m. starting August 8th in the Ministry Center.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

Ephesians 5:14 Awake, O Sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

This Sunday, we reflect on the Second Great Awakening; a time of revival that made soul-winning a focus of ministry. Sunday's hymns and anthems will follow our journey to, "Awake from sleep and rise from the dead; to walk in the light of Christ." In a dark world filled with temptation and evil, it can be a struggle to live as Christians. Sometimes we stray; we need light. The Light of Christ shines through the darkness in our lives. It is the written and living Word of God, showing us how to live. Christ's Light enables us to see the truth around us. The Wesley Choir and Chancel Choir anthems, focused on the Light of our salvation, incorporate driving rhythms and joy-filled praise. The lyrics of both anthems invite us to "let the Light in" to guide us in our prayer, in our worship, in our actions, and in our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

"You Are My Light" by Dave and Jean Perry Lord, you are my Savior and my help in time of need, my refuge and my hope, O Lord, from fear now I am freed. When troubles come and skies grow dark, I'm safe within your hands. Though the nations war and people rage, by your side I'll take my stand. You are my *light and my salvation. You are my hope through all my* days. Let the people all be joyful, let the faithful sing your praise: Haleluia! Haleluia! Glory to your holy name. Sing hosannas, sing your glory evermore. Sing out your praise! Walk beside me, Lord, and speak to me. Guide me in your path each day. When I stumble, Lord, or lose my way, be my guide, my light, my stay. Open now my eyes to your wisdom, Lord; to the beauty of each hour. Show me how to care. Teach me how to pray; share your wondrous love from day to day. You are my light and my salvation. You are my hope through all my days. Let the people all be joyful. Let the faithful sing with praise: Haleluia! Haleluia! Glory to your holy name. Sing hosannas, sing your glory evermore. Sing out your praise!

In the motivating words of Joseph Hart: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B. *Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement

- *Family Faith Connection Sunday Night 4-7pm Parents PLEASE join us for this week!
- *Cross-Training TODAY 3-5 p.m. at Ambassadors of Christ 4817 Milgen Road Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
- *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
- *Color Wars Coming in August... more info to come!
- *End of the Summer Party August 6th



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 August. 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.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS Week 17

This is the last week of our Moses readings. We close out with the book of Deuteronomy. Hopefully you have gained an appreciation for these Old Testament texts over the course of our study. These last few readings continue to turn our attention back to God Almighty. Just like these Israelites, we too are called to be obedient to the Lord. While we no longer need to sacrifice burnt offerings at the altar, each animal sacrifice that was made throughout history led to the sacrifice of one who was so much more. The foundations of the New Testament were established here in the Old with the works of individuals like Moses. The covenants that God established prepared us for the covenant He would strike with humanity using the life of His Son. As you read these last few verses of our study, take them for all they are worth. They are our history, our foundation; and these lessons are the same ones that Jesus Christ would come to teach us all years later.

-Will

August 6: Deuteronomy 25-26 August 7: Deuteronomy 27 August 8: Deuteronomy 28 August 9: Deuteronomy 29 August 10: Deuteronomy 30-31 August 11: Deuteronomy 32 August 12: Deuteronomy 33-34

MODERN SERVICE

Preview date Sunday: 8/20



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer.



In August we are collecting pencils, pencil sharpeners that hold the shavings, notebook paper & short sleeved t-shirts (youth sizes). School supply sales will begin soon. Great time to collect those supplies we need for OCC children.

Just want to update you on items collected so far: 26 hairbrushes 55 combs

60 socks 71 toothbrushes 36 deodorant 180 bowls 16 ball caps 14 washcloths 230 cups

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

Flower Delivery

Carol Hammock

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD August 6: Team 2: Harold Hill, Mike Wolfe, Bart Wilson

WELCOMER

9:30 a.m.

Kenny McLaughlin

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Aug. 4 - 6 Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7 Wayne Anthony, Morgan Dryman
- 8 Inge Smith, Avery Wade
- 9 Joan Carswell, Gregory Reynolds
- 11 Lucy Hart, Paul Hart

OUR STEWARDSHIP

7-30-23

General Fund	6,849.00
Missions	50.00
Other Contributions	175.00
Endowment	20.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network	20.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

7-30-23 10:30 a.m. Service.....121

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Awakening Ephesians 5:8-14 Mike Johnson

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers Aubrey Walker David Woolbright Pam Feagle Betty Garrett Jeanine Cotton Joe Batastini Michelle Foote Kaye Hill Shirley Moon Sara Grace Hubbard Lynn Christenson Marian Wise Chuck Danner Virginia Bonner

Lexy McRae Jennefer Spell Frank Feagle Barbara McKenzie **Richard Holmes** Freddie Richardson Shelley Montgomery Tina Martinez Sarah Jessie Avant **Robert Garrard** Bobbie Edmondson Mailyn McConnell **Doris Hicks** Scott Mims

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one: The Stafford Family The Snipes Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. Family Faith Connection - Basement

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

Staff Meeting - Library 9:30 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building Finance Meeting - Alpha Building

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.

