



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

"What Are We Reaping?"

October 20, 2024

I have always heard it said that you reap what you sow. I mean, I have heard it from my parents, my teachers, my coaches...basically from anyone that had some type of authority in my life. Thinking about that today, what does it mean? Recognizing the value of hard work, I always attributed the outcome of whatever I was doing to be the value of failure or success. If I waited until the last minute to study for a test, I should have not been surprised if I did not fully attain the outcome that I desired. Also, I have had the opportunity to fully be prepared for a project and come to find out that I went so fast that I missed a valuable step. I think scripture says it better in Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goes before the fall."

I ask this question to us all because I am truly curious to know what you are planning to receive from what you are currently planting. The hardest thing in life is making sure that we are properly preparing and seeding the fields with what we deem valuable to reap and multiply. I have always challenged myself to take a step back and ask if what I am doing is for my glory or for the glory of God. I know that sounds very "Sunday School Answer", but to be honest, the closer I grow to God, the more my desires have shifted from my personal interests to God's eternal gains. Truly, I know that we are all human. I know that we all have personal goals and ideals we hope to reach and so we work hard and position ourselves to be successful. I am not saying we cannot be successful in what we do, but rather asking whose definition of success are we using?

Since I have been a part of the amazing family at Wynnton, I have been blessed beyond anything I could have ever imagined, watching as fruit continues to grow and people continue to stretch their faith to take the next steps in their faith journey. Phrases like "we can't" or "in the past" have been replaced by "we are" and "in the future we will." Why, you ask? I believe because we are beginning to reap a little of what was sown in the first few months that God provided me an opportunity to walk with you and plant seeds of hope, love and possibility. We are watching as our hearts are once again on fire to reach our community and to see new families sitting in the pews and joining us in worship. I believe that we started with fervent prayer and asked God, the Farmer, to direct our next steps. We began tilling the fields and planting seeds that have taken root and have begun to bud new dreams and ideas focused on the Kingdom and not on survival.

I really do want to be honest with everyone. I have been able to currently live off of the amazing harvest from the seeds that were planted from generations past. I have continued to reap strong family values, welcoming community, strong workers, wise leaders and strong foundations built on God's Word. You have done so well to reap from the seeds that were planted in the past, but please know that the Farmer does not only grow one season of crops. No. The Farmer is calling for His workers, the SOWERS, to help rekindle and replant for the harvest again. If, in this day we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. If we pray and plan to sow generously, we will reap generously in EVERY area that we sow. So please continue to pray and see where God is calling you to participate in the **NEW SEASON** with us. We are preparing today not just for tomorrow, but for the decades and centuries that will follow the faithfulness of God's people at Wynnton Methodist Church. We WILL reap what we sow... and I pray that we sow the seeds that continue to show how much we *Love God, Love People and Service Together!*

In His grip, Jason The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Susan Chriss for her birthday on October 25 and in memory of Art Chriss for his birthday on October 12 by their children and grandchildren.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Betty Garrett** by Jenny Horton

IN MEMORIAM

Marsh Bolin October 13, 2025

"In my Father's house are many mansions..."



WE NEED YOU! October 30th 5-7 p.m.

Thank you to everyone that signed up for the Trunk or Treat. Registration is now closed.

All participants need to have their cars set up for the event by 4:30 on the 30th. The Trunk or Treat will feature the cars for trick or treating, balloon animals by Josh Edwards, a dunking booth to get your favorite pastor wet, a fire truck for the kids to explore, a hayride provided by Jarrod Hart and a hotdog dinner generously organized by The New Beginnings Sunday School Class. I am so excited for this opportunity to bless the neighborhood kids with a safe place to have fun. We still need CANDY!!!!!!

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Stewardship month is a wonderful opportunity for affirmation and renewal. Our focus on "growing" and "nurturing" our seeds of faith will challenge and develop us as we receive the Gospel, and allow the Word to deepen our faith and grow within us. We strive to be the good soil; constantly growing, and sharing the Word with others. Sunday's anthem, "People Need the Lord" is a shining example of our need to share the Gospel with all people. In our world, where truly "wrong seems right," people are anxious and hurting. The shared message of the Gospel can bring peace and provide purpose.

"People Need the Lord" arr. by Tom Fettke Every day they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes; empty people filled with care, headed who knows where.

On they go through private pain, living fear to fear; laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears. People need the Lord; people need the Lord; at the end of broken dreams, He's the open door. People need the Lord, people need the Lord; when will we realize people need the Lord? We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right; what could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear. They must hear the words of life only we can share.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

The quarterly statements have been emailed. If you have not received yours and would like it, please let us know.



There's no better time than now to get connected with the student ministry here at Wynnton! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us at any of our gatherings throughout the week.

Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study

6:30pm-8:00pm

Ambassadors of Christ

Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast

7:00am-7:30am

Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey

211 Faith Connection/Sunday Night Youth

5:00pm-7:00pm The Basement

This November 22nd-24th we will be heading to Epworth by the Sea for Encounter Youth Event. This will be a great Fall Retreat full of fellowship, Bible study, and worship!

For Fall Retreat information and registration please scan the QR code to view it on the church website. (black & white)





To view and import the youth calendar into your Apple or Google Calendar please scan this QR code: (orange)

If you have not joined the GroupMe please scan this QR code to join. This is the main form of communication with our parents:



Blessings, Derek Harrison

PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. The next order will be placed on **November 10th**, and a final order on **December 8th**. Thank you for supporting this mission project! Our prices remain the same.

Prices

1 lb. halves \$12.00 1/2 lb halves \$7.00 1 lb. pieces \$12.00



1/2 lb. chocolates \$9.00, white, milk or dark chocolate

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 - Fourth Grade First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)

3-year-olds - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE Sunday, October 20:



Nurserv:

Carrie Thomas and Neita Denny

Sunday School:

Melissa Derby and Katie Bass

Children's Church:

Pat Kelley and Beth Kelley

Children's Worship Bulletins™☆

Children's bulletins are available on Sunday mornings for all services. They are in the Sanctuary and in the Ministry Center.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER November 6, 2024 5:30 p.m. – Ministry Center

6:00 p.m. - Charge Conference

6:20 p.m. - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

> Thanksgiving Dinner Cost: \$7.00 \$25.00 max per family

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

Thanks to all who are sponsoring students for Christmas. You will be given the details for each student on **Sunday**, **November 10**. This allows the school time to collect the details from the parents whose children will be receiving gifts.

Your participation in this special project is much appreciated by the school, parents and children.

Always needed at WAA:

Boxes of tissue, hand sanitizer, band-aids Place all donations in the WAA bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/text Shirley at **706-332-6890** if you have any questions.

NEW GROUP

The series of sermons we have heard recently entitled, *Something to Say*, plus other related sermons have sparked an idea for me. For a long time, I have been hearing God's call in my spirit to write about events in my life. A few weeks ago, I attended a church service while on vacation. During this service I heard about a small group that met to write and share experiences meaningful to their lives. I felt God placed me there that Sunday to hear about this.

I would like to begin a similar group here at Wynnton Methodist. Remember we all have something to say. This group would give you the opportunity to share your stories. For example, with our 100th anniversary as a church coming up, you might share stories of growing up in this church. This can go in whatever direction we feel God leading us.

Please let me know if you are interested. You can call/text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890.

POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00 **Deadline to order:** Sunday, December 8th

Delivery date: Thursday, December 12th

See a New Beginnings Class member to order.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

20 Ina Davis

23 Melinda McCune

Annsley Corkron

25 Susan Chriss, Gusty Walker

26 Carol Hammock



OUR ATTENDANCE

35
21
83
78

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-13-24	
General Fund	24,093.00
Hurricane Relief	200.00
Missions	50.00
Other Contributions	124.55
Youth Fund	200.00
Sunday School	54.00
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We are collecting children's t-shirts now. Hobby Lobby has shirts for \$2.99. Quite colorful! Youth sizes are needed. We need plenty of them. You can find other needs OCC has by looking at the list on the door right past the Welcome Center. The packing party is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **November 6** after our Wednesday Night Supper. If you are collecting at home, you can get boxes and fill your own, or you can bring your box and pack with us.

Toothbrushes: 129 Ikea cups: 300
Washcloths: 99 Notebook paper: 46
Combs: 200 Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10
Hairbrushes: 26 24 pk Crayons: 190

Deodorant: 72 Markers: 74
Ball Caps: 16 Sharpeners: 275
Colored Pencils: 326 Note pads: 46
Socks: 6 T-Shirts: 228

Erasers: 100 Pencils: 520 (need plenty)

Pens: 292 Scissors: 39 Ikea bowls: 300 Toboggan: 10

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

SUNDAY'S SERMON

New Season: We Reap What We Sow Galatians 6:7-8

8:30 a.m.- Dr. Jason Wade 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Steve Croft

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD October 20

Team 2: Scott McCranie, Harold Hill, Mike Wolfe

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 October. 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.



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.

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

October 20: Scott McCranie & Eddie Cawthorne

Flower Delivery

Georgia Wise



COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS October 20



New Seekers

HURRICANE RELIEF

We will be helping with hurricane relief by collecting items for Angel Flight. Angel Flight will make flights delivering specific supplies to help those states affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. We will be collecting the following items over the next couple of weeks:

- 1. 16-34 oz. Dawn Dish Soap
- 2. Clorox Wipes
- 3. Duct Tape
- 4. Scrub Brush (with or without a handle)

Please bring your items to the church and put them in the bin marked Hurricane Relief that is located in the hallway, outside of the library. With the Communion offering collected, we will be purchasing Disaster Relief buckets.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Genesis Class will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year.

Orders taken: Oct 5 – Nov 3

Sizes:

28" - \$45.00

22" - \$30.00

Additional items for sale also.
Orders will be delivered the
week after Thanksgiving. See
a Genesis class member for
more information.





READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 40

Scripture Readings



This week Jesus is informed about the death of His dear friend, Lazarus. His interaction the sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha may be well known to many of you. They provide us with great hope in the face of grief. We also see the religious leaders being greatly offended by this miracle and plotting to kill Jesus. Sit with each day and listen. If you sense the Lord is speaking to you about anything specific, I would love to hear from you. Steve

October 21	John 12:1-6
October 22	John 12:7-13
October 23	John 12:14-19
October 24	John 12:20-28
October 25	John 12:29-36
October 26	John 12:37-43
October 27	John 12:44-50



Saturday, November 2, 2024 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Ministry Center

Winter Warm Wear Drive

In connection with our Open Arms Ministry for our **November 2 event**, we will be testing a new ministry opportunity. We are inviting the church to partner with us in collecting the following items in hopes of distributing in November. Please make note of these standards and stipulations for adult and children's items:

- New or gently used, clean knit hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Sweaters
- Coats
- Socks must be new



Please bring all clothes on hangers with size and gender labeled.

Dropoff begins: **Wednesday, October 16**More details to come.



A huge shout out to the Thursday Morning Men's Group for beautifying our toddler playground. We appreciate all of your hard work to make a safe place for us to play. Wynnton Preschool loves you!!!

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers Jennefer Spell Aubrey Walker Frank Feagle David Woolbright Sabrina Hart Pam Feagle Walter Cook Jeanine Cotton Ben Smith Michelle Foote Candace Hickman Virginia Bonner Larry Campbell Lynn Christenson Jonique Edmondson Hazel Hope Linda Jones

Scott Mims

Mike Woodard

Linda Jones

Joyce Hawkins

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Evan Kelley and Charles Kelley
Family of Rodney Dean
Family of Marsh Bolin

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: October 18-20 Rev. Steve Croft 706-604-4262

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Adam Walker Sam Perez

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service - Ministry Center
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Vision Committee Meeting - Library
5:00-7:00 p.m. 211 Family Faith Connection - Basement

6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Alpha Building

7:30 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, October 21

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, October 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Wednesday, October 23

9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha

Building

11:00 a.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)

4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - Basement

5:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)

6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building

9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Friday, October 25

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

Whittlesey Rd.