

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“And When the World Seemed Lost... Jesus Prayed”

November 10, 2024

As we move forward with the story of our saints this past week, I continue to pray for what is to come in the near future. I really want to be honest, by the time this is read, we will “possibly” have a new president of the United States and our world as we know it may be in chaos. Over the last three elections, it seems that our world is constantly in chaos when it revolves around the election of our leaders. I know that many of us have been in continual prayer, but one thing that continues to run through my mind and remains constant... God is in control.

Now, if you know me, I am not saying that flippantly. I am not a person who just sits back and waits to see what God trying to reveal and then I will react. I believe God is leading us in the direction that He has had planned all along, but I am constantly reminded that every time the world seemed to be in chaos, Jesus prayed. Go back and look in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Jesus continuously was removing himself from the situation and finding time to bathe everything in prayer. One of my favorite verses that demonstrates Jesus’ intentionality to prayer is found in Mark 1:35 which states, *Very early in the morning, before the sun arose, Jesus got up, went to a solitary place, where He prayed.* Here we see the intentionality of Jesus as a challenge for us to GET UP and GO! Whether it is for the election or the chaos throughout the world, we are called to do our part and pray.

Sunday, we will continue to celebrate those who have fought to give us the freedom to live and serve in a country that is free. I just ask that we don’t cause ourselves to be trapped by the evil of this world. We have been given freedom through those who gave their lives, but more importantly, we are free because of the ONE who gave His life to fully set us free from the death and chaos of this world. Jesus never backed down from a challenge but would meet it head on. He continued to teach and equip the disciples to be prepared for when the world hates you because of His ministry in this world (John 15:18-25). Yet, Jesus still spent time in prayer for every person He encountered to open their hearts, minds and souls so that they could understand.

I know that by the time this article is read this week, we will have a different perspective on how the world is going to look based on the results of the election. We all have our take and our side of the future of our country and our world, but I just want to remind you that we cannot be surprised if the world continues to fall to evil. Jesus warned us... the disciples have warned us... the Bible has warned us... so what is it really going to take for us to realize that none of this is a surprise to God? We, the Church of today, must realize that if it’s not now, it could be soon that everything is going to fall apart and turn into chaos. But remember God is not the God of chaos but of order. He has called us to live our lives in the same faith and manner where the first step of ANY situation should be based on prayer and action.

So, I invite you to be in prayer for the days ahead for our world... our country... our church. God is ready for His Word to be expressed in a way that no one has ever seen. God is ready to roll back the clouds and announce at any time, it is finished. But the nature of God is still found through grace and is expressed vividly through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who willingly stepped out of the chaos of the world and prayed for peace to be revealed. He humbled Himself and took on the very nature of a servant in order that He would be able to understand the hurt and struggles of God’s creation. Jesus knows what it’s like to be in the midst of the storm. What I love about Him is that when we think everything is out of control and think the world is falling apart, Jesus still responds, peace be still. May we take the stand to pray for the opportunities that will be present in the days ahead.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of my mother-in-law, Melinda Santucci, for her birthday, November 7, and in honor of Penny and Jim Lamb's 32nd Anniversary, November 7, by Katie Bass.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Marsh Bolin** by Dorothy & Mike Johnson

In memory of **Jeanine Cotton** by Lynn & Bill White; Anne Spell; Betty Woodruff; Georgia & Fred Wise; Zane Draughon; Shirley Moon; Goodwill Sunday School Class; Suzanne Supple; Kaye & Harold Hill; Mary Mims; Sue & Bill Pope; Dorothy & Mike Johnson; Betty Woodruff

Chancel Flowers

We need one donor to put flowers in the sanctuary on November 24. Please let Brenda (bwilson@wynntonmethodistchurch.org) know if you can help.



I would like to thank everyone who helped put on a successful TRUNK OR TREAT. Thank you to everyone that sponsored a car, New Beginnings for doing the food, Josh Edwards for tirelessly tying up balloon animals, Jason, A.J and Derek for getting dunked, and every single person that donated candy!! It was an amazing event, and I can't wait to do it again next year BIGGER AND BETTER! Cheerfully in Christ--- Melissa

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer Fanny Crosby has been a source of profound inspiration for me as I continue to journey through the extraordinary world of sacred Christian music. More than 8,000 hymns and Gospel songs have been attributed to Fanny Crosby. Blind since her infancy, she lived her life with resilience, devotion, and unshakable faith in God. Fanny became a close friend and pen pal of Frances Ridley Havergal, a famous English hymnist "across the pond" from America. Havergal once wrote a poem about her American counterpart:

*Sweet, blind singer over the sea,
tuneful and jubilant! How can it be?
That the songs of gladness which float so far,
as if they fell from the evening star
are the notes of one who may never see
'visible' music of flower and tree...
Oh, but her heart can see, her heart can see!
And its sight is strong and swift and free...*

"Blessed Assurance" is one of Fanny Crosby's best-known hymns. It was born out of a collaboration with another of Fanny Crosby's many colleagues, Phoebe P. Knapp. This Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing John Ness Beck's beautiful arrangement of "Blessed Assurance." Simply titled "Assurance," the composer expertly weaves the melody of J.S. Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, with the familiar *Blessed Assurance* hymn tune.

"Assurance" arranged by John Ness Beck
*Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

2 Timothy 1:12

...nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded to keep that which I've committed to Him until that Day.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.



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. Our next order will be placed on **November 10th**, and a final order on **December 8th**. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

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, November 10:



Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Marcia Therrien

Sunday School & Children's Church:

Brenda Wilson & Kim Carroll

**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.



Party Time!!!

On Wednesday, November 6, after dinner and a brief Charge Conference, we will have our OCC Packing Party. If you would like to pack some boxes at home, there will be boxes available at the entrances to the church. **These boxes will be due back to Wynnton by November 17.** If you have special items you have purchased to include in a box and are coming to the Packing Party, please bring them to add to the box(es) you pack at party. Any questions, please see Pam Gilstrap.

POINSETTIA SALE



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

Delivery date:
Thursday, December 12th

See a New Beginnings Class member to order.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Thank you to all who have ordered wreaths for this Christmas season. Orders will be delivered the **week after Thanksgiving.** See a Genesis class member if you have questions.



The church will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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OUR ATTENDANCE

11-3-24

8:30 a.m.....	41
9:00 a.m.....	19
11:00 a.m.....	156
Sunday School.....	94

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-3-24

General Fund	21,856.00
Backpacks of Grace	100.00
Loose Offering.....	117.00
Missions.....	50.00
Operation Christmas Child	150.00
Other Contributions	376.55
Sunday School	56.00
Youth Fund.....	50.00

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 November. 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.



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.



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

November 10: Candice Cotton & Wes Ezzell

Flower Delivery

Judy Davidson



WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

November 10

Team 5: Bart Wilson, Comer Alexander,
Lance Hendershot

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

November 10



Joyful Noise

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Mine Over Matter: Jesus Prayed for His Disciples
John 17:6-19

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

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Sam Perez

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

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Giving

November 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, plus items needed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Giveaway. You can bring it to the church at any point in November or drop the items off at the church on **Saturday, November 16** between 10:00 and 12:00. 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 November. 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, Mix 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).



Saturday, December 7, 2024
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Ministry Center

PASTOR ON-CALL

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

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 43

Scripture Readings



This week Jesus is teaching about abiding in Him and it is only through abiding in Him that we are able to remain faithful. He also reminds us that as we remain in Him, the world will turn against us. 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

November 11	John 15:1-4
November 12	John 15:5-8
November 13	John 15:9-11
November 14	John 15:12-15
November 15	John 15:16-19
November 16	John 15:20-25
November 17	John 15:26-27

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Sabrina Hart
Pam Feagle	Walter Cook
Michelle Foote	Ben Smith
Virginia Bonner	Candace Hickman
Lynn Christenson	Larry Campbell
Hazel Hope	Jonique Edmondson
Scott Mims	Joan Chapman
Mike Woodard	Joyce Hawkins

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Marsh Bolin
Family of Jeanine Cotton



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10

- 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
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, November 11

- OFFICE CLOSED - Veteran's Day
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, November 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, November 13

- 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)
5:30 p.m. Open Arms Committee Meeting - Library
6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Friday, November 15

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

Saturday, November 16

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

