

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“The Storms Show Our True Faith”

September 22, 2024

As we continue to move into this week, I would be remiss not to mention that there has been a lot of tragedy that has impacted our lives in this country; days that we cannot explain but have truly caused an impact on our lives forever. Whether we talk about wars, death, pandemics or catastrophes, we all realize that these have been dark days that have mark our lives forever. For instance, I could ask many of you where you were when September 11, 2001, occurred. I could ask others about the isolation and loneliness they felt when the world shut down in the first days of a global pandemic. For some of us, I could ask what it was like to hear the news of what occurred at Pearl Harbor resounding over the airways. And personally, I can remember the anxiety facing us as we were told of the lives that had been lost and devastation that occurred when the levies gave way during Hurricane Katrina.

These milestone events mark different times throughout our history in which we have experienced the storms of life. Storms where, like the disciples, we turn to Jesus who is sitting in the bow of the boat and ask, “Hey, are you going to do something about this before we die?” For each of us, the storms impact us in such different ways. Some see them as small squalls that are easy to navigate. Others see them as typhoons that are about to destroy all that they have done without the possibility of anything being able to survive.

As we continue to walk through the hurricane season of 2024, things definitely take on a differing perspective based on where one is located at the time. Living in Savannah brought a new meaning of concern and education when the news came of a possible weather front that could eventually turn into a massive all-encompassing hurricane; not really something I worried about living in middle Georgia for most of my life. Having an evacuation plan and hurricane proofing your house was not something I learned in college or was taught by my father growing up in the mountains of North Carolina. However, the storms were real, and my faith and trust in God was continuously renewed because of how God gave me peace amidst the storms.

In our lives, there are many things that could be defined as storms - times when we go through trials and hardships in life that God allows. Sometimes these events seem random, but they never are because we know from Romans 8:28 that ***God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are the called according to His purpose.*** We are able to look back and witness that, even in these moments of uncertainty, we are called to praise God in the storm. We are called to sing out to God because we know that we are not alone. In these moments, we cry out to God who strengthens us to weather the storms in preparation for what God is preparing to lead us through next.

I know that I can truly only speak to my personal journey in life - a journey that has had its fair share of disruptions, chaos and uncertainty-filled storms. But the greater the storm grew, the stronger God had built my foundations. The Book of James says it best in chapter 1:2-4: ***Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.***

May we continue to build our faith in such a way that we praise God in, through and after the storm. May we realize that He is our refuge and strength and that only through His power and mercy are we able to grow in our faith to face what comes next. The storms truly show in whom and what we put our faith and trust. God give me the strength to praise you in the storm as you mold me to trust you even more.

In His grip,
Jason



IN MEMORIAM

Betty Garrett
September 11, 2024

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

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Saunders, for her birthday, September 27th, by John Richey.

Chancel Flowers

We are in need of flowers for three Sundays in November. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

The dates are: **November 3, 10 and 17**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Joan Carswell** by Mary Mims; The Goodwill Class; Ramona and Andy Andresen

In memory of **Betty Garrett** by Debby and Eric Hubbard; Jennie and Ken Payne; Lynda and Bennett Massey; The New Seekers Class; Lynn and Bill White; Pam and Bob Gilstrap; Jenny Horton; The New Beginnings Class; Linda and Mike Stephens; Dorothy and Mike Johnson; Shirley Moon; Suzanne Supple; Linda and Wallace Twiggs; Neita and John Denny; Shirley and John Richey; Vicki and Billy Ragan; Candice Cotton; Ramona and Andy Andresen; Betty Woodruff; Mary Mims; The Goodwill Class; Barbara and Jimmy Motos

In memory of **Richard Holmes** by Kathy Lynn Campolicto; Theresa and Gary Haines; Linda Bolton; Judy and Mike Tabb



Family Night Supper

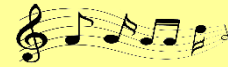
October 2, 2024

5:30 p.m.

No charge, but reservations needed by September 26.

Come eat some chili as some of our best cooks compete for the WMC Best Chili honors! Please call the church office to let us know if you will bring spicy, regular, or special chili!

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



I love that Wynnton is reading through some of the Psalms in our sermon series, "The Music in Me." This Sunday, we will be strengthened and encouraged as we read Psalm 46. Often times in our lives, trouble comes like a storm or an earthquake; it is suddenly there. Psalm 46 reminds us that God is greater than any crisis; God is bigger than our trouble. Great reformer Martin Luther said this about Psalm 46:

"We sing this Psalm to the praise of God, because God is with us and powerfully and miraculously preserves and defends his church and His word against all fanatical spirits, against the gates of hell, against the implacable hatred of the devil, and against all the assaults of the world, the flesh and sin." Though many trials or evils will come to defeat us, we can stand knowing God is with us. Sunday's anthem, "God is Our Refuge" is based on Psalm 46, and reminds us that God is ever-present, God is our refuge, and God is our strength.

"God Is Our Refuge" by Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble – though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air; we are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

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Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble – though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

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 at CFA on Whittlesey
211 Faith Connection/Sunday Night Youth - 5:00pm-7:00pm | The Basement

Also, please send your student's extra-curricular schedules to me as well. We want to be a Wynnton family, and I would love the opportunity to come support our students doing the things they love!

If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our student ministry opportunities or provide meals for our students, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. You can also go here to sign up to provide a meal for our students:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4AD23A2FD0-50790151-wynntonaoc>

Lastly, stay in the know with all things happening in the life of the student ministry at Wynnton Methodist Church by joining the GroupMe. This is the main form of communication.

If you have not joined the GroupMe, please go here to join:
https://groupme.com/join_group/96663566/YWOd9q9z

Dates to Save:

Oct 30th | Trunk or Treat 5pm-7pm
Nov 6th | Fields of Faith @ Kinnett Stadium 6:30pm-8:30pm
Nov 22nd-24th | Fall Retreat @ Epworth by the Sea
Jan 23rd-26th | Rock the Universe

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Blessings,
Derek Harrison

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, September 22:



Nursery:

Carrie Thomas/Becky Bray

Sunday School & Children's Church:

Hallie Taylor/Sabrina Hart

**Children's Worship
Bulletins™** ☀️

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

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

It seems like we just started back to school, and now we are halfway through September. As summer fades and we embrace the crisp, refreshing air of Autumn, let's remember that it is a time for new beginnings and awesome opportunities. The Trunk or Treat is just around the corner and we still need **20 cars** to make this a success!! Don't delay signing up; I do not want to cancel this amazing opportunity to have a fun and safe environment for the kids to trick or treat. Superhero theme cars are an idea, but not required when decorating. BE CREATIVE! Make it fun.

Let all that you do be done in Love. 1 Cor. 16:14

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

It's time to start planning for our opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for some students at Wynnton Arts Academy!

The first step in our participation in this project is to decide how many students you would like to support. This can be done through your Sunday School class, as a family unit, or as an individual.

Give Shirley Richey the number of students you wish to support this Christmas **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**. 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.

In addition, there is an on-going need for boxes of tissue, hand sanitizer, and band-aids for the classrooms. Also, please donate ice cream toppings for a special treat for the students who have shown exemplary attention to their school work and behavior. These include sprinkles, M&Ms, etc. No peanuts!! **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 IS THE LAST DAY FOR DONATING THESE TOPPINGS**. Place all these donations in the WAA bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/text Shirley at 706-332-6809 if you have any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 22 Tanika Colvin
- 25 Sarah Croft, Bill Pope
- 28 Kaye Hill, Jeffrey Therrien



OUR ATTENDANCE

9-15-24

8:30 a.m.....	37
9:00 a.m.....	19
11:00 a.m.....	133
Sunday School	100

OUR STEWARDSHIP

9-15-24

General Fund	13,363.00
Endowment	105.00
Loose Offering.....	64.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music	515.00
Open Door	250.00
Sunday School	45.00
Other Contributions	381.00



Sunday, Sept. 29th

9:15 a.m.

Covered Dish Breakfast

One Service 10:30 a.m.



September has arrived! 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 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.

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| Toothbrushes: 129 | Ikea cups: 300 |
| Washcloths: 75 | Notebook paper: 69 |
| Combs: 200 | Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10 |
| Hairbrushes: 22 | 24 pk Crayons: 177 |
| Deodorant: 72 | Markers: 74 |
| Ball Caps: 16 | Sharpener: 226 |
| Colored Pencils: 278 | Note pads: 40 |
| Socks: 6 | T-Shirts: 101 |
| Erasers: 100 | Pencils: 350 (need plenty) |
| Pens: 292 | Scissors: 37 |
| Ikea bowls: 300 | |

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.
Pam Gilstrap

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Praise You in the Storm
Psalm 46

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



Adam Walker
Sam Perez

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



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

September 22:
Eddie Cawthorne & Rob Harbison

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS September 22, 2024



Genesis

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD September 22, 2024

Team 5:
Dom Edwards, Comer Alexander,
Lance Hendershot

Flower Delivery

Linda Twiggs



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.



The athletic department at CSU will be hosting a golf tournament on Wednesday, November 13th. We will be partnering with them to help with registration and handing out food. They will then, in turn, make a donation to our Open Arms Ministry!! If you are interested in helping, please let Steve know as soon as possible.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Frank Feagle
David Woolbright	Shelley Montgomery
Pam Feagle	Sabrina Hart
Betty Garrett	Walter Cook
Jeanine Cotton	Ben Smith
Michelle Foote	Rodney Dean
Virginia Bonner	Candace Hickman
Lynn Christenson	Brenda Wilson
Hazel Hope	Larry Campbell
Scott Mims	Jonique Edmondson
Mike Woodard	Joyce Hawkins

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Evan Kelley
Family of Betty Ray
Family of Joan Carswell
Family of Betty Garrett

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: September 20-22

Rev. Steve Croft 706-604-4262

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 36

Scripture Readings



This week we have Jesus giving some controversies teaching and the people becoming divided over His identity. The tension between Jesus and the religious leaders is growing as we progress through the Gospel of John. 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

September 23	John 8:1-11
September 24	John 8:12-18
September 25	John 8:19-25
September 26	John 8:26-30
September 27	John 8:31-41
September 28	John 8:42-51
September 29	John 8:52-58



October 5, 2024
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Ministry Center

OPEN ARMS

Prayer Concerns for Our Community

- Prayers for themselves and family
- Leaking roof
- Food for the family
- Prayers for a pastor and his church building.
- Man dealt with addiction for 50 years but broke his addiction through a program called DRC. He is now attending our church!
- Clothing
- Housing
- Continue to check on those in the community.
- Prayers and anti-drug rallies
- Car trouble
- Pain and legs
- Prayers for depression from deceased loved ones
- Healing of a broken back from a wreck
- Can't afford a needed MRI
- Medical issues and cannot afford healthcare
- Pray for unity in families



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 22

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 a.m. Young Adult Discipleship Meeting - Ministry Center
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00-7:00 p.m. 211 Family Faith Connection - Basement
7:30 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

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, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

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

