

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Power of Presence & Listening”

August 25, 2024

Growing up, I was always told that I have two ears and one mouth for a reason. Basically, I am to step back and take the time to listen before I say anything in response. To be honest, that is very difficult for me sometimes. The reason is because I have had to work really hard not to be a fixer but to step back and sit in the moment and just listen. There is much to be said about the power of presence and just sitting in the moment. This provides a chance for a person to minister in such a way where we don't even speak a word, but our presence speaks volumes.

As a young minister, I remember going on hospital visits with a senior pastor who was very concerned about time. It was not that he did not care, but that he was more concerned about the volume of people he could see instead of being invested into the moment. He told me that we had a maximum of 15 minutes that we had to spend visiting our members because we had to be back at the office by lunch. Of course, I didn't know any better, so I just assumed that that was how we were supposed to do visits. Quickly rush in... assess the situation... briefly speak, and then offer a prayer and head out to the next person. It was not until years later that I realized the damage that could do to my personal understanding of ministry and the mental health of our people that were in need of community and connection.

As we walk through our series Something to Say, I pray that we do not neglect the process of presence. There is power in allowing ourselves to just be in the moment with those that are in need and allowing them to know that they are not alone. Philip demonstrated the power of presence when he was willing to follow the instructions of the angel. At the right moment, Philip asked the right question and walked the Ethiopian into a full relationship with God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Just like the situation I was in as a young minister being on a schedule for visits, I missed moments that could have had eternal ramifications. We have been called to sit in the moment with God and listen as He instructs us. We are called to listen and then go and share our story to others when they are ready to ask. Philip could have easily taken over the situation and may have missed the opportunity to build trust with the Ethiopian official. He waited for the moment in which God directed him, and the rest is an amazing story of eternal change.

This week we will be stepping into another time where God intentionally connects with a young man by the name of Samuel, a youth who had been given back to God to serve in the temple with Eli. Samuel's job was to stay and protect the Ark of God that was resting in the temple. Samuel was present, and God was ready to use him to begin a new faith journey that would eventually lead to the anointing of David, another youth, who would eventually slay giants and become king - the same David whose lineage is connected to the lineage of Jesus. Samuel spent his whole life serving God through listening and being present. God is waiting for us all to be a vessel in which lives can be changed. We all have Something to Say, but it begins with the realization that God created us with two ears and one mouth so that we can listen first and speak second.

In His grip,
Jason



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Tyler Smith** by Lynn & Bill White; Candice Cotton; Beth & Larry Hendrickson; Jenny Horton

The Chancel Flowers are given by Lynda & Bennett Massey, to the glory of God, in celebration of their 58th anniversary.

Save the Date!



Welcome Back Sunday
Sept. 8th

FREE lunch!

Make your lunch reservations by Sept. 1st at <https://www.wynntonumc.org/welcomeback>

Use the QR code to reserve a table for the ministry fair.



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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



SUMMER CAMP MEETING AT WYNNTON!



This Sunday's anthem, "The Power and the Glory" by Joyce Eilers, joyfully speaks to the power of salvation through personal conversion. Joyce Eilers was recognized as one of the top choral composers in the United States. Her legacy includes hundreds of choral compositions and a best-selling method book for teaching sight-singing. The depth of her Christian faith and her commitment to God is evidenced by the jubilation and beauty of her choral compositions. We rejoice in the opportunity to share this testimony in song with Wynnton. This composition allows each of us to feel the joy of being redeemed by God's grace through the atonement of sins. It is our continued prayer that the lyrics and music combined will reach the hearts of the singer and the listener, and together with God's grace, share hope, light, and peace all held up by faith.

"The Power and the Glory" by Joyce Eilers
*I was a sinner, I was slippin' away, when the Lord laid His hand on me. "Come to the water and be born again, and my love will set you free."
Power! He is the power, and the glory! I will give Him the glory! Hallelujah, Oh Lord, and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today.
He knows the worries in a troubled mind, and the hurt in a grievin' heart. He'll take your burden if you only believe. You can have a brand new start.
Power! He is the power, and the glory! I will give Him the glory! Hallelujah, Oh Lord, and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is a gift from God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.



We have kicked off our school year activities and what a start it has been! It has been a privilege to get to meet our youth and their families during our Wednesday night bible study at Ambassadors of Christ, our Friday morning prayer breakfast and Jesus, and our Sunday night 211 faith connection in the basement.

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 three opportunities 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

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, August 25:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas/Becky Bray

Sunday School and Children's Church:

Alison Davis/Melissa Derby

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

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

ADULT MINISTRIES

Cell Phone Photography with Eliza

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

1:30 p.m.

If you missed the first session with Eliza, you have another opportunity to come learn.

It is a beginner-friendly class to review basic cell phone camera settings and learn how to take better photos in everyday settings. We will learn how to use phone camera settings to compose images with zoom or wide-angle view, how to shift our perspectives for portraits, how to add light to brighten images, and much more. There will be time to use this information and practice taking pictures around the church (and much more if time permits). Please contact Pam Gilstrap to sign up for the class. Text or email pgilstrap70@gmail.com. The class is limited to 15 people.

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, September 4
5:30 p.m. - Ministry Center
Dinner: Country's Barbeque
\$7 per person
\$25 max
Deadline for reservations: August 29
Turkey Creek Gospel Band

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 Betty Garrett, Eric Sears
29 Danette Allen, Scott McCranie



OUR ATTENDANCE

8-18-24

8:30 a.m.	36
9:00 a.m.	30
11:00 a.m.	130
Sunday School	96



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

We are looking for a total of 30 cars for our Trunk or Treat. Please sign up with Teresa if you would like to participate. We will have food and fun for the kids in a safe environment. For information about this event, please contact Melissa Derby mderbypreschool@gmail.com
Possible theme: Superheroes.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

8-18-24

General Fund.....	10,688.00
Loose Offering.....	164.00
Open Arms Ministry	100.00
Sunday School	25.78
Missions	50.00
Other Contributions	126.00

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

As we continue to be Partners In Education with WAA, we have many opportunities to serve the faculty and students!

- #1. Boxes of tissues (Kleenex, etc.); band-aids; and hand sanitizer. These are needed throughout the school year.
- #2. Ice cream toppings are needed to help provide a treat for those students who have shown exemplary attention to their studies during the first grading period. These items will be needed by **September 25**.

Thank you for all your donations!
Call/text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 if you have any questions.

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 September. 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 are collecting school supplies in August. Watch for some of these items on sale and get more for your money.

For August, we are collecting crayons, markers, pencils, sharpeners that hold shavings, and ball point pens. Remember, you can get deals when school sales begin. Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 129	Ikea cups: 300
Washcloths: 75	Notebook paper: 42
Combs: 200	Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10
Hairbrushes: 22	24 pk Crayons: 95
Deodorant: 72	Markers: 61
Ball Caps: 16	Sharpener: 114
Colored Pencils: 125	Note pads: 40
Socks: 6	T-Shirts: 91
Erasers: 72	Pencils: 250
Pens: 292	Scissors: 34

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.
Pam Gilstrap

NAME BADGES

Please remember to continue to wear your new name badges in the next couple months.



SUNDAY'S SERMON

Something to Say: I Hear You
1 Samuel 3:1-10

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 – Dr. Jason Wade
8:30 a.m. – Derek Harrison

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.

Flower Delivery



Carol Hammock

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

August 25: John Bray & Don Davidson

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

August 25, 2024



Pathfinders Class

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

August 25, 2024

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon,
Brett Hubbard

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: Aug. 23-25
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 33



This week we have Jesus encountering a Samaritan woman and a royal official. Both of these encounters are significant and give us some insight into the heart of God. 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

August 25	John 4:1-10
August 26	John 4:11-18
August 27	John 4:19-24
August 28	John 4:25-26
August 29	John 4:27-38
August 30	John 4:39-42
September 1	John 4:43-54

NEXT OPEN ARMS

September 7, 2024

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

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Rick McKnight
Family of Raymond Wardwell
Family of Tyler Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

5:30 p.m.	Sunday School Council - Ministry Center
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Tuesday, August 27

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Library
5:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 28

4:00-5:30 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 29

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

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