

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Have You Received a Blessing?”

September 1, 2024

Growing up, I always was blessed with a grandfather who would constantly pray over me. He would lay his hands on me and pray for healing, protection, wisdom, etc... Pretty much anything that could possibly happen to a young boy, my grandfather prayed over me and asked for a blessing from God. I think that we truly miss out on that possibility today. I believe that many people fail to understand that God is still wanting to bless His creation. We always feel as if the entire world is against us because we fail to see the power of God’s blessing that is right in front of us.

I was taught from a young age as well that when one door closes, another one opens. When we focus on the negative, we fail to see the blessing that God is preparing to reveal in our lives. The world has blinded us to blessings because it only wants us to focus on the things that weigh us down. Instead, I want to encourage you to look at the blessings that God is surrounding us with on a daily basis. For example, did you see the sunrise this morning? Were you able to listen to the choir of birds that began to sing as soon as the sun hit their nests? Did you pay attention to the fact that God is painting another beautiful tapestry just for our eyes to behold today? Did you realize that God blessed you with life and another day to experience His love, grace and mercy? These are the questions that I want all of us to think about when we start each day.

The Greek word for blessing is eulogia, which means praise or blessing. Eulogia is used in the Bible only sixteen times because of the impact of the word. Basically, it is reserved to mean something given from God as a bountiful gift to us. A blessing is not something that was just randomly given to anyone, but specially given to anoint or give praise to those who had shone God favor. When we look at it that way, we have to realize that for us to receive a blessing is something that is very personal and intentional between God and us. We have to realize the impact of that as it pertains to our everyday lives.

See, for me, not only are we to receive a blessing but we are to share a blessing as well. As we have been walking through our series on Something to Say, God is issuing for us a challenge to use the blessings that we have been given and pass them on to others. The blessing of being freed from our sin should be told in hopes of helping others that need to break free from their chains. The blessing of healing should be shared to help give others hope for a situation that may seem dire. The blessing of wisdom should be passed on so that future generations will have the ability to change the world for the glory of God.

I say all of this because I still believe that everyone has Something to Say. I believe that God has been working diligently to navigate our journey together with the hopes of using it as a way forward in the life of Wynnton. God has blessed us with facilities, finances, staff, amazing laity, etc... that we are called to use this blessing to further God’s kingdom here on earth. If we are unwilling to use the blessings we have been given, then that makes us a bad steward of God’s blessings. We should give praise and use these gifts to share the Gospel with the world.

In His grip,
Jason



LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Robert Cook and family on the death of his Grandmother, Betty Ray, on August 21, 2024.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Maria Holmes on the death of her husband, Richard Holmes, on August 24, 2024.

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Sarah Croft by Steve in celebration of their 37th anniversary.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Tyler Smith** by Betty Woodruff; Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Rick McKnight** by Beth & Reggie Kelley

In memory of **Gary Wadkins** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Richard Holmes** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

Save the Date!



Welcome Back Sunday
Sept. 8th

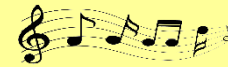
FREE lunch!

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.



JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



SUMMER CAMP MEETING AT WYNNTON!



This Sunday we close our season of Camp Meeting with songs and hymns that lead us to the river to gather, to pray, to study, and to lay down our burdens. We stand by Jordan's stormy bank and ponder who will come and go with us to the promised land? We sing about promises of an ever-increasing joy in heaven; a joy that understands that the grace and beauty of God we perceive now is but a foretaste of "glory divine!"

Our anthems this Sunday are centered around the idea of letting go of pessimism and aggression, and putting on new spiritual clothing at the side of the river. The river can represent cleansing, baptism, and in the case of the Wesley Choir anthem, the river Jordan, which was the final passage for the Hebrews before they crossed to the promised land. Our Chancel Choir will sing Mary McDonald's "Down by the Riverside" with "Standing in the Need of Prayer." This arrangement is a dynamic, gospel-style partner song; melodies of two different songs that fit together in such a way that they complement each other when performed together. Each song is presented separately then creatively blended together. The combination of these two spirituals provides exciting rhythmic energy and makes this piece truly fun to sing!

The Choirs will bring our celebration of Camp Meeting music to a rousing conclusion with our benediction response: "Great Gettin' Up Mornin'"

"In that great gettin' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well!"

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, Sept. 1:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas/Pam Gilstrap

Sunday School and Children's Church:

Elizabeth Harbison/Penny Lamb

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.



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.

Family Night Supper

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



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 nderbypreschool@gmail.com
 Theme: Superheroes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Beverly McDaniel
- 4 Tina Martinez
- 5 Larry Hendrickson,
Denton Spurlin



OUR ATTENDANCE

8-25-24

8:30 a.m.	36
9:00 a.m.	17
11:00 a.m.	118
Sunday School	85

OUR STEWARDSHIP

8-25-24

General Fund.....	4,978.00
Backpacks of Grace	300.00
Loose Offering	108.00
Open Arms Ministry	40.00
Sunday School	22.00
Missions	220.00
Other Contributions	25.00

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 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: 69
Combs: 200	Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10
Hairbrushes: 22	24 pk Crayons: 170
Deodorant: 72	Markers: 74
Ball Caps: 16	Sharpener: 226
Colored Pencils: 278	Note pads: 40
Socks: 6	T-Shirts: 91
Erasers: 100	Pencils: 250 (need plenty)
Pens: 292	Scissors: 37
Ikea bowls: 300	

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

NAME BADGES

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



SUNDAY'S SERMON

Something to Say: I Am A Blessing
2 Corinthians 9:6-9, Deuteronomy 11:18-29

8:30 a.m. – Rev. Steve Croft
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 – 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 1: John Bray & Don Davidson

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS September 1, 2024



New Seekers

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD September 1, 2024

Team 2: Scott McCranie, Harold Hill,
Mike Wolfe

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: Aug. 30-Sept. 1
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

THOUGHTS FROM MELISSA

I came across this the other day and I think it speaks volumes to how parents may be feeling about raising their children today. It is scary, but if we put all our trust and faith in our relationship with God there should be no fear.

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids/grandkids because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be. God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident. Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God. Train them up in the authority of His Word. Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control. Empower them to know they can change the world. Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it. Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan. He knew Daniel could handle the lion's den. He knew David could handle Goliath. He knew Esther could handle Haman. He knew Peter could handle persecution. He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it! Don't be scared for your children, but be honored that God chose YOU to parent the generation that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime. Rise up to the challenge. Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers and Peters! God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world. He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth. Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this. ~ Unknown

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Blessings,
Melissa

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 34



This week we have Jesus healing the lame man at the pool of Bethesda and His authority being questioned. Jesus gives a powerful testimony about His authority and why we need to hear what He has to say. 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 2	John 5:1-6
September 3	John 5:7-15
September 4	John 5:16-23
September 5	John 5:24-27
September 6	John 5:28-35
September 7	John 5:36-40
September 8	John 5:41-47

NEXT OPEN ARMS

September 7, 2024
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

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

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.

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
Grayson Graham	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Tyler Smith
Family of Richard Holmes
Family of Evan Kelley
Family of Beth Ray

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

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, September 2

OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, September 4

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. Family Night Supper - Ministry Center
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 5

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

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

12:00-1:00 p.m. Open Arms Ministry - Ministry Center