



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Walking Them Home”

November 3, 2024

One of the hardest and most important parts of a minister’s life comes in the times when we are not in the pulpit sharing the Gospel. Actually, the most important moments of our call come when most people are not around and we are called to help walk people home. For some of us, we might not understand this reference, but for most of us, we recognize that walking people home means that we are there to help in the final steps from this world to eternity. I cannot count the millions of tears I have shed during these steps; tears of joy for those who are passing and moving towards eternity with God, and tears of sorrow for us who will miss the opportunity to receive the joy that filled our lives when we were present with them in life.

We all know that God has a plan and a purpose for us in this world; a continuous clock that begins as soon as we take our first breath and proclaim the name of God and ends with our last breath as we profess His name once again. Today is a chance for us to realize that our lives are the moments that are in between those two breaths. The time that we share that goes by too fast and cannot be held even for a second. We long for days where we can be footloose and fancy free; in control, or so we think, of every step as we continue to walk toward our eternal home.

All along the way, we are surrounded by memories that mold and make us into a masterpiece of God’s creation. God has created us to move daily toward perfection through Christ. We may slow down, but we can never truly stop to smell the roses and take in the beauty of a day that can never be recreated. As each day passes, God reminds us of the reason we have been called to be His. Even when we fail to open our eyes and see it so plainly, God continues to reveal His love, grace and mercy. We neglect to understand the precious moments of life until we look back and recognize the fleeting time that has quickly caught up to us as we wait for those final few moments that lead us home.

This Sunday, we are once again reminded of the many who have gone home before us. We celebrate their life and legacy as we continue to build upon the foundations that they helped to solidify here at Wynnton. There is so much to learn from those who have gone before us about keeping the faith, growing our families, and remembering that the greatest knowledge we can give to our children is the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Wynnton has been and will forever be a place where prayer is foundational and worship is transformational; a community of faith who welcomes the tired, weary and hungry to find a place to rest and call home. Why? Because of the love of those who were led by God to begin an amazing journey to reach the community of Midtown.

Today, I invite you to come and join us this Sunday as we celebrate those who have been able to finish their race and who have left a challenge for future generations to follow. I pray that you come with the same tears of joy and sorrow as we are reminded of those who have made such an impact on the lives of so many. I know that one day I too will complete my walk home. However, until that day comes, I pray that I will be used to help others in their journey to find Jesus ready and waiting to welcome them home with open arms.

In His grip,
Jason



IN MEMORIAM

Jeanine Cotton
October 29, 2024

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

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Bucky Dukes by Graham Dukes.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Marsh Bolin** by New Beginnings Class;
Lynn & Bill White

In memory of **Betty Garrett** by Carolyn Holland

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of you that have extended sympathy and for all of the memorial gifts given during the loss of Mom.

The Garrett Family

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



Reservations needed by: **Thursday, October 31**

Sunday, November 3

**FALL
BACK**



JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



November is a remarkable month in the Christian Year! We love and honor our Saints, and give thanks for our many blessings. It is fitting that we begin the month of November with gratitude for the lives of our Saints, both past and present. Our loved ones who rest in the Lord paved the way for all of us. They modeled the many ways we can live out God's grace in our lives. Our Wynnton choirs will offer songs of hope and faith as we gather to worship this Sunday. Our Wesley Choir will sing a well-crafted song that combines *Simple Gifts* and the *Going Home* theme from Dvorak's "New World Symphony."

Our Chancel Choir will share John Purifoy's graceful and powerful arrangement of the familiar hymn "It is Well with My Soul." Horatio G. Spafford, author of "It is Well with My Soul," reflected on his profound loss as he sailed over the very spot where his four daughters had perished at sea in a tragic accident. He thought to himself, "It is well; the will of God be done." He later wrote his famous hymn based on those words.

"It Is Well with My Soul" arr. by John Purifoy
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought: my sin, not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll. And the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul. When peace like a river attendeth my way, it is well.

Romans 5:1-4

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope and the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

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 3:



Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Pam Gilstrap

Sunday School & Children's Church:

Sabrina Hart/Annsey Corkron

**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.

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.

THE WYNNTON WRITERS

Thursday, November 7 will be the first meeting of The Wynnnton Writers, a brand-new group! Five ladies have expressed interest in being a part of this group. We will meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month in the library. This is not restricted to being a ladies group. Men are encouraged to participate as well..

The purpose of the group is to create a collection of stories to serve as a legacy for family members. These stories can be shared with the group or not as each member chooses. Members will write their stories during the month, come to the meeting to discuss the writing of those who would like to share or to simply check in and ask questions if there are any. Actually, the direction the group takes depends on what the group feels led to do.

Contact Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

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

7 Rob Garrett,
Brenda Wilson



OUR ATTENDANCE

10-27-24

8:30 a.m.....	37
9:00 a.m.....	27
11:00 a.m.....	104
Sunday School.....	75

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-27-24

General Fund	6,790.00
Loose Offering.....	115.25
Missions.....	50.00
Music	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Other Contributions	65.00
Sunday School	32.00

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.





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 box(es) you pack at party. Any questions, please see Pam Gilstrap. Spreading God's love to children everywhere.
Pam Gilstrap

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

November 3: Candice Cotton & Wes Ezzell

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD November 3

Team 4: Dave Stevenson, Andy Andresen,
Paul Therrien

SUNDAY'S SERMON

For the Joy of the Saints
John 15:10-17

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

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.



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

Neita Denny



COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS November 3



Joyful Noise

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.

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).



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 42

Scripture Readings



This week Jesus gives us the beautiful portrayal of servanthood as He washes the feet of His disciples. He also predicts His betrayal as well as Peter's denial. 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 4	John 14:1-4
November 5	John 14:5-8
November 6	John 14:9-14
November 7	John 14:15-20
November 8	John 14:21-24
November 9	John 14:25-27
November 10	John 14:28-31



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

Winter Warm Wear Drive

We are inviting the church to partner with us in collecting the following items to distribute 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**



PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: November 1-3
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.

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	Linda Jones
Mike Woodard	Joyce Hawkins

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Marsh Bolin
Family of Jeanine Cotton

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 2

12:00-1 p.m. Open Arms

Sunday, November 3

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 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, November 5

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
5:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, November 6

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
7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Activities - Basement
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
10:00 a.m. Wynnton Writers Meeting - Library

Friday, November 8

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