



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Welcome Back to Wynnton”

September 8, 2024

It is so hard to believe that we are going to have our third annual Welcome Back to Wynnton celebration. God has truly been moving over the last three years. We have been on a truly amazing journey to witness what it looks like to Love God, Love People and Serve Together. I know that it has not been an easy journey, but we have been willing to lay our hearts at God’s feet and pray in discernment about how we wanted to take the next steps together to begin to rebuild on the foundation in which God built almost 97 years ago. I still can hear the voice of that child asking for God to plant a congregation on Macon Road, and we are the fruition of that dream.

That dream produced 97 years of watching lives being changed through the preaching of God’s Word. That dream also included lives being changed through the empowerment of the people to create ministries that were meant to build community, equip disciples and live out our mission to change the world one person at a time. We are in a new season in the life of Wynnton, and God is ready to move. We have no idea the lives that are going to be impacted in the years to come, but I am confident that Wynnton is ready to be used by God to invite a new generation to grow and serve throughout our hallowed hallways.

So, who will be your ask for this coming Sunday? Who are the people that God is placing in your pathway that need to be integrated into our family? These may be people who have not been with us in a while or someone that you have just met over the last few weeks. God has been placing people in our path that need to come and meet the people of Wynnton. I have heard people say that there is a new buzz going around Wynnton, and I believe that the Holy Spirit is opening our hearts and minds to the new season that God is about to reveal. I know that there has been much fervent prayer throughout the years, and I believe that those prayers are beginning to be answered on a daily basis.

It truly is exciting to be a part of the mystery God is continuing to reveal each day. I know that we have not fully attained it, but as in Scripture, we are pressing forward to follow what God is ready to reveal. I know that there are always going to be areas in which we will need to stretch, grow and improve, but we have to get from step one to step two before we can move into something that we have not even been able to imagine. God is ready, and I pray that we will continue to be faithful by doing our part to invite every person that we encounter to join us for this journey. I fully believe that God is alive at Wynnton and that there are so many people who still need to experience the intentional love that exudes from our people.

So, saying all of this, I just wanted to challenge you again to pray about the person/people that God is intentionally placing in your path that need to join our community at Wynnton. I want to ask that you remain faithful and open to the possibilities that there are people that are seeking a place to call home, and I cannot think of a better place to have them come and raise their children, invest their time, or learn how to be a stronger disciple of Jesus than at Wynnton. I believe that we have one of the greatest churches around, and I will continue to share that with each person that I encounter. Welcome Back to Wynnton is such an important day in the life of our church. We continue to share the blessings from the last year and the expectation for what is to come this year. Take the time to celebrate with us as we gather together this Sunday following the 11am service in the Ministry Center. Thank you, God, for another amazing year of ministry and service.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given by Georgia & Fred Wise in celebration of their 68th anniversary.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Richard Holmes** by Georgia & Fred Wise; Betty Woodruff

Save the Date!



Sept. 8th - 12:00 p.m.
FREE lunch!

Donations for the cost of food will be accepted.



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!



WELCOME BACK TO WYNNTON SUNDAY!



This Sunday is a time of celebration, reunion, and spiritual renewal. We will join together to experience the enduring bonds of heritage, faith, and fellowship. We will also have the opportunity to share a meal, and to recognize the ministries and mission work that make up Wynnton's amazing community of faith. In recognition of "Welcome Back to Wynnton Sunday!" our Wynnton Choirs will sing Mary McDonald's *Coming Home*. This beautiful, lyrical anthem tells the story of the lost returning home, and reminds us that through our faith we can bring healing and redemption through Jesus Christ.

"Coming Home" by Mary McDonald

I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home. The paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord I'm coming home.

[refrain]

Coming home, coming home, never more to roam. Open wide the arms of Thy true love, Lord, I'm coming home.

My soul is sick, my heart is sore, now I'm coming home. My strength renew, my hope restore, Lord, I'm coming home.

[refrain]

Coming home, coming home, never-more to roam. Open wide Thine arms of love, Lord, I'm coming home. Lord, I'm coming home.

Jeremiah 24:7

Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and They shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

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. 8:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas/Marcia Therrien

Sunday School & Children's Church:

Melissa Derby/Katie Bass

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.

NAME BADGES

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





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
 Theme: Superheroes.



Sunday, Sept, 29th
9:15 a.m. Covered Dish Breakfast
One Service 10:30 a.m.



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. The class is limited to 15 people.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 Emily Weierick
 12 Prather Massey



OUR ATTENDANCE

9-1-24

8:30 a.m.	38
9:00 a.m.	15
11:00 a.m.	114
Sunday School	84

OUR STEWARDSHIP

9-1-24

General Fund.....	15,188.00
Backpacks of Grace	350.00
Communion.....	109.00
Endowment	25.00
Loose Offering	53.00
Missions	50.00
Sunday School	66.00
Other Contributions.....	46.00

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.





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: 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.
Pam Gilstrap

SUNDAY'S SERMON

The Music in Me: Let Our Songs Bring God Glory
Scripture: Psalm 100, Psalm 66:1-12

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 8: Harry Lubin/Rob Garrett

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS September 8, 2024



New Beginnings

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD September 8, 2024

Team 3: Rob Harbison, Bruce Boretsky,
Bennett Massey, Harry Lubin

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: Sept. 6-8
Rev. Steve Croft 706- 604-4262

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**. Please place all donations in the Wynnton Arts Academy bin in the Ministry Center.

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

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 35



This week we have Jesus doing some amazing miracles to attest to His divinity, a powerful declaration of His divinity, and a sad response to His divinity. 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 9	John 6:1-10
September 10	John 6:11-20
September 11	John 6:21-30
September 12	John 6:31-40
September 13	John 6:41-50
September 14	John 6:51-50
September 15	John 5:61-71

NEXT OPEN ARMS

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

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 Betty Ray

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 8

- 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
12:00 p.m. Welcome Back to Wynnton Lunch -
Ministry Center
5:00-7:00 p.m. 211 Family Faith Connection - Basement
7:30 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, September 11

- 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 12

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

Friday, September 13

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

