

*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”**

**February 9, 2025**

January 18th, 1971, Bill Backer, creative director on the Coca-Cola account for the McCann Erickson advertising agency, was flying to London to meet up with Billy Davis, the music director on the Coca-Cola account, to write radio commercials with two successful British songwriters, Roger Cook and Roger Greenaway, to be recorded by the New Seekers, a popular British singing group. The heavy fog in London forced the plane to land in Shannon, Ireland. Passengers had to remain near the airport in case the fog lifted. Some of them were furious about their accommodations.

By the next day, Backer saw some of the most irate passengers in the airport cafe. Brought together by a common experience, many were now laughing and sharing stories over snacks and bottles of Coca-Cola. Backer wrote of the scene: “In that moment I saw a bottle of Coke in a whole new light... I began to see a bottle of Coca-Cola as more than a drink that refreshed a hundred million people a day in almost every corner of the globe. So, I began to see the familiar words, 'Let's have a Coke,' as more than an invitation to pause for refreshment. They were actually a subtle way of saying, 'Let's keep each other company for a little while.' And I knew they were being said all over the world as I sat there in Ireland. So that was the basic idea: to see Coke not as it was originally designed to be -- a liquid refresher -- but as a tiny bit of commonality between all peoples, a universally liked formula that would help to keep them company for a few minutes.”

When he finally arrived in London, Backer told Billy Davis and Roger Cook what he had seen in the airport café. After he expressed his thoughts about buying everybody in the world a Coke, Backer noticed that Davis' initial reaction was not at all what he'd expected and asked him, "Billy, do you have a problem with this idea?" Davis slowly revealed his problem. "Well, if I could do something for everybody in the world, it would not be to buy them a Coke." Backer responded, "What would you do?" "I'd buy everyone a home first and share with them in peace and love," Davis said. Backer said, "Okay, that sounds good. Let's write that and I'll show you how Coke fits right into the concept.”

I remember as a very young child watching this commercial and thinking, wow, could it be that easy to bring the world together? Could it truly be so simple as to sit on the mountain side and drink a Coca-Cola? I say that because there is an answer that we have that could help to unite the entire world in “peace and harmony” so they sang. A message of God’s love expressed through the filter of Jesus that is ready to be shared and received for every person that is willing to receive it. It is better than a coke and more refreshing. Love has been revealed in such a powerful way, and we have to continue to share it if we truly want to see the eternal power of peace and harmony. People do desire to find community, and Christ has provided us the ability to experience it in such a mighty way. I’d like to teach the world the REAL thing is not Coca-Cola but to sing the song that shares the fullness of love, grace and mercy... AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I’m found was blind but now I see. AMEN

In His grip,  
Jason

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**RIVER OF LIFE**

Sunday, Feb. 16  
12:15 p.m.

Participant Meeting - Ministry Center

\*Lunch is provided

\*Information will be inserted in your Sunday School envelope.

## IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Hawkins  
February 1, 2025

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

## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Kay and Walt Hart on the death of his brother, Jerry Hart, of Durand, MI, on February 4, 2025.

*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Diana, our musicians, Bell Choir and our great choirs by Doris Hicks.*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Ralph Hammond** by Beth & Larry Hendrickson

In memory of **Ann Moon** by Dorothy & Mike Johnson;  
New Beginnings Sunday School Class

In memory of **Joyce Hawkins** by Nancy Hammond

## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

**February 19, 2025**

**5:30 p.m. – Ministry Center**

**Covered Dish – Meat and cake will be provided**

Please bring an amazing side dish to share for our Family Night Supper as we celebrate together in honoring Freddie and Gib Richardson on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please help us to know if you will attend by calling the church office to RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 13.

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



God's Love and Ours

1 John 4:7-10

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

C. Austin Miles, author and composer of the beloved hymn "In the Garden," believed that God's love is exemplified by the Risen Christ. When Miles was asked to write a hymn that brings "hope to the hopeless and rest for the weary," he turned in his Bible to his favorite passage, John 20, the resurrection story. Following a time of meditation focused on John's account of the resurrection of Jesus, Miles envisioned himself standing at the entrance of the garden which held the tomb where Jesus was laid to rest. In his mind he saw Mary in the garden turning to see Jesus standing before her. Miles describes his vision ending as he, "...awakened in full light, gripping his Bible." Under the inspiration of his vision, he wrote quickly as his words formed the poetry to "In the Garden," just as we know it today. Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing Patti Drennan's exquisite arrangement of "In the Garden" and will be joined by cellist Kevin Zapata. Graceful poetry, fresh harmonies, expressive accompaniment, and a beautiful cello obligato combine to celebrate a joyous companionship experienced in the Garden with Jesus. Additionally, our early service Wesley choir will share a beautiful anthem simply titled "Prayer" by the award-winning duo; Don Besig and Nancy Price. With lyrics that focus on loving, living, praying and serving, it declares a unity in Christ and gathers us around prayer, love, and service.

"In the Garden" arr. by Patti Drennan

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B



**Super Bowl Sunday:** All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to watch the big game this Sunday! Doors will open at 6pm and we will go till halftime.

All attendees please bring cans of soup or non-perishable food items to help with Wynnton Neighborhood Network.

There is no better time for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to join as we launch into Catalyst Student Ministry!

**Confirmation Retreat:** The 2025 Confirmation Class begins with our confirmation retreat this February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please let me know by February 16<sup>th</sup> if your child will be attending the retreat.

**Weekly Opportunities:**

**Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study**

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Ambassadors of Christ

**Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast**

7:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.  
Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey

**Catalyst Sunday Night Youth**

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Youth Room

Please check Tockify to view our youth calendar. Most of the spring is already populated on the calendar!

Here is the calendar link:

<https://tockify.com/wynnton.youth.ministry/pinboard>

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, February 9:**

**Nursery:**

Carrie Thomas and Marcia Theirren

**Sunday School:**

Melissa Derby, Brenda Wilson

**Children's Church:**

Pat Kelley, Beth Kelley



**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.

**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 February. 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.



## WYNNTON WRITERS

The next meeting is on February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Bring a notebook and pen/pencil, and anything you have written since the last meeting.

New-comers are welcome.

Shirley Richey  
706-332-6890

## COMMUNION SERVICE



Join us every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. for a communion service in the chapel



**River of Life | Columbus, GA**  
**July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

We are so excited to launch River of Life here at Wynnton this summer. There will be 16 churches bringing their youth groups to serve our community. The 4 day experience will include partnerships with CSU and Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.

To make this possible we need you to make this happen!

### Areas of need:

**Hospitality team** – Writing welcome notes. Providing Agape for participants, and help with directing participants to correct locations.

**Delivery of Lunches** - Sorting CFA meals and delivering them to worksites

**Suppers** – Help in cooking, serving, etc. with dinners each night at Wynnton

**Runners** – As the work teams begin working, they may have needs for tools, etc. to be brought to their work sites. We need people who can transport materials to sites.

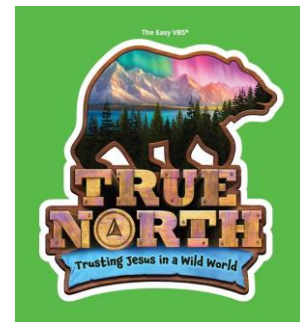
Let Derek know if you would like to serve in one of these areas: [dharrison@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:dharrison@wynntonmethodistchurch.org)

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Young couples Sunday School class has begun. We meet at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in the Grimes Building. Feel free to contact Eliza Daffin at 706-304-9074 for information.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11 Kim Carroll, Lynn White
- 12 Amelia Wade
- 15 Gwen Bolin, Dave Stevenson



**VBS**

**TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD**

**JUNE 9-13**

## COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

February 9

Genesis



## WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

February 9

Team 4: Dave Stevenson, Andy Andresen,  
Paul Therrien

## OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

February 9: Eddie Cawthorne & Rob Garrett

### 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
Mike Woodard	Mary Gene Calfee

### Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Joyce Hawkins  
Family of Jerry Hart  
Family of Janis Day

## OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Sam Perez

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

## WYNNTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2025. The scholarship is for members of Wynnton pursuing any field of study at an accredited school of higher learning. Applications, along with guidelines for the scholarship, are now available in the church office. All applications must be received in the church office no later than **March 30, 2025**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

## OUR ATTENDANCE

2-2-25

8:30 a.m. ....	32
9:00 a.m. ....	17
11:00 a.m. ....	138
Sunday School .....	91

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-2-25

General Fund.....	18,672.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	300.00
Communion.....	201.00
Missions .....	50.00
Open Arms .....	140.00
Other Contributions.....	161.70
Pastor's Discretionary .....	20.00
Sunday School.....	40.50

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

Love Makes the World Go Round: God Defined Love  
Through Christ: Week 2  
*1 John 4:7-21*

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

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 6



### Scripture Readings

This week we read as Paul warns his readers about the dangers of immorality, idols and the importance of Christian freedom. 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

February 9	1 Cor 10:1-5
February 10	1 Cor 10:6-13
February 11	1 Cor 10:14-17
February 12	1 Cor 10:18-22
February 13	1 Cor 10:23-26
February 14	1 Cor 10:27-30
February 15	1 Cor 10:31-33

### IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ

#### WEBSITE

Announcing our new church website address. Our website address has officially changed to [wynntonmethodistchurch.org](http://wynntonmethodistchurch.org). The old address will no longer work when typed in. Please change your bookmarks going forward to this new web address. There are no changes in staff emails but only the website address. Thank you!

Jenny



Saturday, March 1, 2025  
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Ministry Center

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 9

- 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, young couples class, youth & children
- 10:00 a.m. Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Catalyst - Youth Room

### Monday, February 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King
- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

### Wednesday, February 12

- 9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 11:15 a.m. Communion Service - Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - Ministry Center
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth - Ambassadors of Christ
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 13

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
- 7:30 p.m. The Bridge College - Youth Room

### Friday, February 14

- 7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Abel Ministry Service - Ministry Center

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: Feb. 7-9  
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039