



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“For the Harvest to Be Reaped, The People Must Show Up”

October 27, 2024

One of the weirdest things that I have been a part of over the last 30 years of ministry is the attitude toward Celebration Sunday. Being a part of many different churches over the years, there are many realities that I have come to realize. First, Easter Sunday was ALWAYS the highest attended Sunday of the year. Second, many times the week AFTER Easter was the LOWEST attended Sunday of the year. Thirdly, people always used the excuse of the changing of time to miss a Sunday. Finally, Stewardship Sunday was ALWAYS the SECOND lowest attended Sunday of the year.

Why is it that way? In my personal life, I have never missed any of those Sundays. Yes, I know for 32 years I have been serving the Church, but I need you to understand that for the 18 years before that I did not miss those days as well. You see, the way that I look at it is God has called us to SHOW UP! When Jesus was teaching His disciples, there were many times where they questioned why they were doing what they were doing. One of the examples recorded in Matthew 14 was a day in which Jesus was teaching and the day was running long, and all of a sudden, the disciples became very concerned about the people. Actually, they were concerned about how they were going to feed all of these people who had come to “church.” You know the story. The disciples told Jesus to send them home so that they could eat and then come back. Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” At this moment I was able to see something very interesting in the story. The people wanted to be there, and the disciples wanted them to leave.

Why is it important that they stayed and were there for what was about to happen next? Because Jesus did not want ANYONE to miss the miracle that was about to occur. You see, the world has gotten to a point where they want to direct the time and place where they believe Jesus should show up and show out. But Jesus quickly expounds on the fact that something is about to happen... a Harvest is coming. Yet the disciples who had seen Jesus do so much were not prepared for what was to come next. Why? Because they were focused more on their plans than the glory that was about to be revealed.

I invite you to join us this week and EVERY week to come and see how God is going to be revealed through the presence of His people. Jesus was able to feed well over 5,000 people with the small gift from one person who had five loaves and two fish. Through the faithfulness of the ONE, Jesus blessed it and multiplied not only enough to feed over 5,000, but had 12 basketfuls remaining. One for each disciple to behold. The HARVEST is coming, but before the blessing of the miracle will commence, God’s people have to SHOW UP! We have to be willing to stop making the excuses of why we don’t want to be there on a particular Sunday. We must realize that Jesus is ready to reveal something beyond what we can expect if we live out the steps that we have taught about over the last three weeks. First, EVERYONE Must Share the Burden. From a gift of fish and loaves, Jesus performed a miracle. It’s the spirit in which the gift is given that makes the miracle possible. Secondly, Seeds MUST be Sown if we expect God to move in this place. We have to be willing to SHOW UP and allow God to equip us to be sowers. Thirdly, We WILL Reap what we have Sown. If we continue to give our least, we cannot expect God to bless us fully. We must play our roll in God’s plan through our faithfulness to follow His lead. The Harvest is Coming... but please know that we need people who are willing to SHOW UP and help collect the gift that will be blessed and multiplied. Join us this Sunday in ALL services as we bring our offering in celebration for what God is going to do through Wynnton.

In His grip,
Jason

Giving for 2025

Please bring your pledge cards Sunday. We will have a time of commitment to bring them to the altar. Additional cards are also in the pew racks. You may also make your pledge commitment online through the Wynnton website. (wynntonmethodistchurch.org)



The Chancel Flowers are given by Shirley Moon in memory of her parents and in honor of her children.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Marsh Bolin** by New Beginnings Class; Neita & John Denny; Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; Betty Woodruff; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Sue & Bill Pope

In memory of **Frances & Lewis Hargrove** by Julie Alexander



October 30th 5-7 p.m.

Thank you to everyone that signed up for the Trunk or Treat. Registration is now closed.

All participants need to have their cars set up for the event by **4:30 on the 30th**. The Trunk or Treat will feature the cars for trick or treating, balloon animals by Josh Edwards, a dunking booth to get your favorite pastor wet, a fire truck for the kids to explore, a hayride provided by Jarrod Hart and a hotdog dinner generously organized by The New Beginnings Sunday School Class. I am so excited for this opportunity to bless the neighborhood kids with a safe place to have fun. We still need CANDY!!!!!! Drop off in the bin outside the library.

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**

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



“Those who pray sing twice” is a saying attributed to the fifth-century Bishop St. Augustine. He goes on to say, “The words of our hymns are prayers, and when we sing them, we add to them a fuller dimension of honor and praise.” In addition to prayer in song, spoken prayer helps renew our strength. It helps us remain strong during times of trial and temptation. Through prayer, we are able to maintain peace in our hearts and lives.

Dr. Loretta Bruening, author of *The Science of Positivity*, points out the many health benefits of prayer:

- Prayer helps stabilize your heart rate.
- Prayer helps reduce your blood pressure.
- Prayer helps decrease your sensitivity to pain.
- Prayer can strengthen your immune system.

The Chancel Choir will sing a dynamic anthem this Sunday, calling God’s people to prayer. Based explicitly on 2 Chronicles 7:14, this choral arrangement offers powerful melodies and rich harmonies to support the text of this well-known scripture.

"If My People Will Pray" by Jimmy Owens

*If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray.
If My people which are called by My name shall seek my face and turn from their wicked ways.
Then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear from heaven. Then will I hear and will forgive their sin.
If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray
I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin and heal their land. If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.*

We have the blessed opportunity to be in prayer as we reflect on our season of stewardship and our commitment this Sunday. Looking forward to singing and praying with you on Sunday!

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, October 27:



Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Becky Bray

Sunday School & Children's Church:

Carol Hammock and Gloria Garrett

**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.

NEW GROUP

The series of sermons we have heard recently entitled, *Something to Say*, plus other related sermons, have sparked an idea for me. For a long time, I have been hearing God's call in my spirit to write about events in my life. A few weeks ago, I attended a church service while on vacation. During this service, I heard about a small group that met to write and share experiences meaningful to their lives. I felt God placed me there that Sunday to hear about this.

I would like to begin a similar group here at Wynnton Methodist. Remember we all have something to say. This group would give you the opportunity to share your stories. For example, with our 100th anniversary as a church coming up, you might share stories of growing up in this church. This can go in whatever direction we feel God leading us.

Please let me know if you are interested. You can call/text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890.

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

29 Zane Draughon
1 Donna Voynich



OUR ATTENDANCE

10-20-24

8:30 a.m.	42
9:00 a.m.	16
11:00 a.m.	137
Sunday School	91

OUR STEWARDSHIP

10-20-24

General Fund.....	20,063.00
Christmas Offering.....	300.00
Loose Offering	86.00
Methodist Home.....	300.00
Missions	50.00
Open Arms	321.99
Operation Christmas Child.....	75.00
Other Contributions.....	118.00
Thanksgiving.....	300.00
Wesley Glen.....	300.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	300.00
Youth Fund	20.00
Sunday School.....	48.24



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 **Wednesday, 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: 99 | Notebook paper: 46 |
| Combs: 200 | Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10 |
| Hairbrushes: 26 | 24 pk Crayons: 190 |
| Deodorant: 72 | Markers: 74 |
| Ball Caps: 16 | Sharpener: 275 |
| Colored Pencils: 326 | Note pads: 46 |
| Socks: 6 | T-Shirts: 228 |
| Erasers: 100 | Pencils: 520 (need plenty) |
| Pens: 292 | Scissors: 39 |
| Ikea bowls: 300 | Toboggan: 10 |

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.
Pam Gilstrap

SUNDAY'S SERMON

The Harvest is Coming
Galatians 6:9-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD October 27

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

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.

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

October 27:
Scott McCranie & Bob Gilstrap

Flower Delivery

Shirley & John Richey



COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS October 27



New Beginnings

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.

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.



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 41

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

October 28	John 13:1-5
October 29	John 13:6-11
October 30	John 13:12-17
October 31	John 13:18-21
November 1	John 13:22-27
November 2	John 13:28-33
November 3	John 13:34-38



Saturday, November 2, 2024

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Winter Warm Wear Drive

In connection with our Open Arms Ministry for our **November 2 event**, we will be testing a new ministry opportunity. We are inviting the church to partner with us in collecting the following items in hopes of distributing 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**



Please bring all clothes on hangers with size and gender labeled.

Dropoff begins: **Wednesday, October 16**
More details to come.



COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT CSU GOLF!

NOVEMBER 13, 2024



Bull Creek Golf Course
 Registration: 10:30 AM
 Tee Time: NOON
 MEN - WEST COURSE
 WOMEN - EAST COURSE
 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$150/Person

PRIZES FOR TOP 3 GROUP!

Hole Sponsorships: \$100

TEE GIFTS INCLUDED

- CSU HAT
- GOLF TOWEL
- SLEEVE OF BALLS

CHICK-FIL-A BOX LUNCHES PROVIDED!

To sign up, please contact Mike Greene
 greene_kenneth@columbusstate.edu
 706.593.7847

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: October 25-27
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

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
Jeanine Cotton	Ben Smith
Michelle Foote	Candace Hickman
Virginia Bonner	Larry Campbell
Lynn Christenson	Jonique Edmondson
Hazel Hope	Linda Jones
Scott Mims	Joyce Hawkins
Mike Woodard	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Evan Kelley and Charles Kelley
Family of Rodney Dean
Family of Marsh Bolin

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Giving

November is Wynnton's month for extra giving to the Network. Grocery bags with needed items listed will be available for you to pick up this Sunday. Thank you for helping provide food for those in need during this Thanksgiving season.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27

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
12:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting - Alpha Building
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, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Train Burger King
5:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 30

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)
5:00 -7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Activities - Basement
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

7:00-7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
10:00 a.m. Open Arms Set-Up

Saturday, November 2

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