



Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Challenge Accepted”

January 19, 2025

This past Sunday we began a journey that leads us to one of the greatest critics that we have in our lives-- ourselves. As we glance into the looking glass, we see many reflections of who we are. The first reflection is the person that we see ourselves to be in the mirror. Whether we claim to see ourselves as young, confident and in control, this is a mind game that we play looking past the years that have taken over our lives. Falsity has blinded our perception, and we believe that maybe we are still as perfect as we think we have always been. This person is one that sees themselves only how they want to be seen and continues to miss the fact that the world has been moving forward day by day and year by year. They perceive the world as changing, yet they claim to still be the same person they have always been. This person lives in their personal world reflections and does not recognize the fullness of what may be happening in the bigger picture.

The second reflection is the one where we see some things and miss others. We have moved to the stage where we recognize that some things have changed, but we still have not fully grasped that the person in the mirror is not fully capable of all things. We all admit that life seems even more chaotic and crazy and time seems to truly go by faster and faster and faster. Days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and we find ourselves not as flexible or forgiving. We realize that our knowledge of the world has changed, and the hopes and dreams we once had have changed to only possibilities that may never be fulfilled. We see the person as one who has changed but realize that the changes cannot be reversed, and we just continue to accept this new stage of life and move forward.

The third reflection is one where we look in the mirror and reality has become reality. The wisdom lines are there, and our reflection sometimes seems to be a mere reflection of the person we used to be. We begin to ponder the next stage of our lives and recognize that things have changed, and we become nostalgic for the times we once remembered and begin to unfortunately forget. We see the person that has walked through many stages of life and gleaned wisdom through the school of hard knocks. Some sense of regret for the things that we are no longer able to do reflects in the reflection, but our new plan provides the opportunity for us to move from learning to teaching and equipping others who are at different stages of their journey in life.

The fourth reflection is the one where we no longer see ourselves but see the fullness of Christ. We recognize that all of the scars and blemishes that we have been covering up for so long are badges of courage and strength that helped us to rely more on God and less on the world. The picture in the mirror helps us to see the importance of every moment and teaches us to try to help others, not to squander the time that they have. We have lost all of the fear and uncertainty that we had and continue to fully rely on the strength of God to lead us in every second of our lives. The person in the mirror can tell many stories about joy and loss...love and hurt...success and failure. They have watched the reflection grow up before their eyes and have finally accepted the beautiful image of Christ's creation that stands before them now.

Today, I have a challenge that I issue to us all as we each walk through the reflections of our lives. The mirror is not the enemy but the vision of TRUTH that we need to accept as God walks with us every step of the way. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder they say. My question is who is the person beholding the beauty in which God created?

In His grip, Jason

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory **Wayne McGahee** by Ramona & Andy Andresen
In memory of **Leonard Hurley** by Ramona & Andy Andresen; Betty Woodruff

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Doris Hicks for her 90th birthday on January 9th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Donna and Ed Thigpen on the birth of a granddaughter, Jennings Mae Thigpen, on January 9, 2025. Parents are Ben and Lindsey Thigpen.

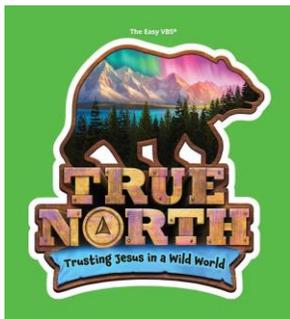
CONGRATULATIONS

To Joy and Mike Forlines on the birth of a grandson, Colin Wesley Forlines, on January 9, 2025. Parents are Laura and Wesley Forlines of Smyrna, GA. Big brother is Henry.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits. I appreciate my church family so much!

Mary Gene Calfee



**TRUSTING JESUS IN A
WILD WORLD**

VBS SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 9-13

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and Godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

We continue to reflect on our spiritual journey "Through the looking glass" this month. 1 John reveals the promise of salvation for those whose lives give evidence that they are truly living for Christ. A considerable amount of our sacred music is developed and inspired by God's promises to us. Scripture promises such as; I will protect you, I will comfort you, I will give you peace, I will listen to you, I will strengthen you, I will give you rest, I will be with you, are a small representation of God's promises that have inspired composers and lyricists. God's promises bring us hope and assurance. What an amazing foundation for the works of our faith! This Sunday, our choirs will focus on music that stands on the foundation of God's promises.

Chancel Choir

"You Are Lord" by Pepper Choplin

You are love, You are peace, and Your faithfulness and hope never cease. To the humble heart You stand as an open door. You are Lord. You are joy, You are light, and You guide us as we walk through the darkest night. You are all the human heart is searching for. You are Lord.

Your children stand before You to bring You gifts of praise, but our gifts seem so humble, for You are Lord, for You are God. You are now, You are then, and Your holiness and power never end. And we'll live within Your house forevermore. You are Lord.

Wesley Choir

"Blessed Shall They Be" by Natalie Sleeth

O blessed, blessed shall they be who serve our God most faithfully; who know and do the Lord's command, and take the truth to every land. For they shall be joyful wherever they go; the fruits of the Spirit within will they know; upon them abundance the Lord will bestow, and through them the glory will shine. O blessed, blessed all their days are those who join in grateful praise, and serve the Lord who reigns above to light the world with heavenly love.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.



I am so excited to announce the launch of our rebranded student ministry! We are beginning the new year with a new name. Catalyst Student Ministry!

Catalyst is defined as the ingredient that takes something that is motionless and brings it to motion.

Or

It is the ingredient that takes something in motion and speeds it up.

We strive to make all students realize that Jesus is the Catalyst for their life. Derived from Isaiah 43:18-19, we want to teach our students the importance of recognizing the presence of Christ in their life.

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

These are all meeting times for our students:

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

211 Faith Connection/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, January 19:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Neita Denny

Sunday School & Children's Church:

Gloria Garrett, Carol Hammock



**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 January. 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 NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK THANKS YOU

We just want to let you know how valuable your gifts to Wynnton Neighborhood Network are. The member churches associated with WNN has helped many in the Columbus area during this past year. WNN served 6,132 families, 20,512 individuals, and 9,208 children with needed groceries. WNN provided \$57,479.66 to 615 clients to help pay for part of their utilities. Your giving has helped supply these needs.

Thank you Wynnton

COMMUNION SERVICE



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



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

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 3

Scripture Readings



This week we read Paul talking about his apostleship, warning about comparing, an appeal to imitate Christ, and even some sarcasm. 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

January 19	1 Cor 5:1-5
January 20	1 Cor 5:6-8
January 21	1 Cor 5:9-12
January 22	1 Cor 6:1-3
January 23	1 Cor 6:4-6
January 24	1 Cor 6:7-11
January 25	1 Cor 6:12-17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

21 Aaron Tincher



OUR ATTENDANCE

1-12-25

8:30 a.m.....	39
9:00 a.m.....	19
11:00 a.m.....	128
Sunday School.....	97

OUR STEWARDSHIP

1-12-25

General Fund	20,612.00
Music	200.00
Mission Trip	645.00
Other Contributions	134.50
River of Life	300.00
Sunday School.....	50.00
Youth Fund.....	600.00

End of Year 2024

General Fund	26,235.78
Missions.....	50.00
Other Donations	29.55

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

January 19: John Bray & Don Davidson

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

January 19

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon,
Brett Hubbard

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

January 19



Jenny Horton

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	Joyce Hawkins
Mary Gene Calfee	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Leonard Hurley
Family of Wayne McGahee

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.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Through the Looking Glass- Week 2- Finding the
Freedom in Christ to Overcome ANY Obstacle We May
Face (1 John 2:1-17)*

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Rev. Steve Croft
9:00 a.m. – Dom Edwards

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

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
10:00 a.m. Young Adult Discipleship Class -
Ministry Center
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00-7:00 p.m. Catalyst - Youth Room
7:30 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study -
Youth Room

Monday, January 20

OFFICE CLOSED - MLK DAY
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth
Hendrickson

Tuesday, January 21

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
5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, January 22

9:30 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study-
Alpha Building
11:15 a.m. Communion Service - Chapel
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
Rock the Universe - Youth Retreat

Saturday, January 25

9:00 -2:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat - Ministry Center
3:00 p.m. Vision Committee Meeting - Ministry
Center

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies: January 17-19
Rev. Steve Croft 706-604-4262