

*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“Are You Ready For The Journey?”**

**March 9, 2025**

I have no clue what this Lenten season is going to bring to the table. I am excited, as always, to watch as God is able to open our hearts and minds to the truth that begins to be revealed when we let down our guard and provide God an avenue for direct connection into our world. As I see it, Lent should not just be a journey one time a year that causes us to focus more intently on the message God is ready to reveal, but an opportunity to change our lifestyle towards what our new norm should actually be as it pertains to our openness to God.

As we look deeper into the Wesleyan movement, we see that John Wesley viewed Lent as a time for practical divinity, prayer, fasting, and study. He believed Lent was a time of reception, not just deprivation. Wesley wanted Methodists to live out their faith in everyday life. John Wesley believed that fasting should be an integral part of our lifestyle. Lifestyle simply means a way in which an individual or group of people live. Wesley argued the more intentional we work towards our relationship with God, the more our lifestyle exhibits a desire for daily connection.

Lent should be seen as an opportunity to receive what God is wanting to give to us. Wesley argued that Lent was a time for each of us to journey with Christ through the desert and to give us a chance to fully surrender to Christ and receive that Jesus is enough. So is that true for you? Are you ready to journey through the desert and let go of all of the things that continue to keep you in a holding pattern for God’s greater purpose? Surrendering is truly difficult when everything seems to be going well. Most of us would rather surrender in the times when everything is out of control because that seems to be so much easier to allow God into our world. John Wesley was adamant that we have to change this process if we truly want to live out our best purpose for which God has called us.

As I mentioned this past week in the sermon, here are some ways that I hope will help you to surrender to God during this Season of Lent:

1. Dedicate time to God every day on this journey. This time can be used in prayer or in silence. Give God an audience of your heart, mind and soul, and be prepared for the potential strength that He may give to you in return.
2. Pray for your Pastor, Staff and Lay Leadership. In this time of growth, I am asking that you pray for God to help us discern, with wisdom, the next steps to take forward as we continue to grow in our faith and connect in our community. I am asking that you dedicate 10, 15 or 20 minutes to specifically pray for Wynnton vision and our next steps.
3. Don’t walk through this journey alone. Find someone who will walk with you and hold you accountable to persevere in the next 47 days and beyond. Pray that this journey of prayer becomes a lifestyle of change as God continues to awaken our hearts in 2025.

In His grip,  
Jason



*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Art and Susan Chriss's Wedding Anniversary by their children and grandchildren.*

**ADELINE MARIE DENBAUGH**

born March 1, 2025 to  
Grant & Danielle Denbaugh

Congratulations to the proud parents. A rosebud is placed on the altar by the church.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

In memory of **Janis Day** by Linell & David Pringle;  
Margaret Cole Whitaker

In memory of **Rob Bolin** by Ramona & Andy Andresen

In memory of **Joyce Hawkins** by Linell & David Pringle;  
Carole & Eric Sears

In memory of **Sharon Berreth** by Linell & David Pringle;  
Sue & Bill Pope; Ramona & Andy Andresen;  
Lynda & Bennett Massey

**GIFTS OF LOVE**

In honor **Doris Hicks** for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Carolyn Wilkes

**TIME CHANGE**



**A NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

Thank you for coming to the Feb. 19 supper to celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us. Your friendship, presence, and the cards are very special to us.

May God bless you all,  
Gib & Freddie Richardson

**JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!**



Charles Wesley was a prolific hymn writer. From the time of his conversion in 1738, Wesley wrote an average of two hymns a week for fifty years; between five and six thousand hymns in his lifetime. It has been said that Charles Wesley composed his hymns to bring theology to the heart, where people experience God's love in profound ways. After completing his studies at Oxford, Charles volunteered to travel to Georgia, a new colony in America, as a missionary. His experience did not go well, and he left America ill and depressed. Finding himself in a spiritual crisis, he started attending meetings led by Moravian Christian, Peter Boehler. On Sunday, May 21, 1738, Charles Wesley wrote, "I now find myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in the hope of loving Christ. I saw that by faith I stood." On Tuesday, May 23, Wesley wrote in his journal "I began a hymn upon my conversion." There is no definitive proof, but many historians believe that the hymn scripted in response to his conversion was "And Can it Be?" It is can be daunting to consider what Christ experienced before He died for our sins. The suffering He endured leading up to His crucifixion reveals the depth of His love for us. Jesus faced unimaginable pain and humiliation so that we could have eternal life. The thought of this immeasurable love can pour over you like an intense emotional wave. Perhaps, that was what Wesley experienced when he wrote "And Can it Be?" This Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing "And Can It Be?" by composer Dan Forrest. Forrest uses Wesley's profound text combined with his own tender melody, and captures the wonder of Christ's sacrifice in a way that will touch your heart and revive your spirit!

"And Can it Be?" arr. by Dan Forrest  
*And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing Love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O, my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?*  
God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B



Please sign up to help support our Youth program with a meal on Sunday Night! This is a current need and a great way to support our youth! If you feel led to support our youth this way please sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4AD23A2FD0-54301579-wynntonaoc#/> .

All meals need to be delivered to the basement by 5pm each Sunday.

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!

#### **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, March 9:**

##### **Nursery:**

Carrie Thomas and Marcia Therrien

##### **Sunday School/Children's Church:**

Nancy Hendershot & Penny Lamb



#### **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.

#### **Youth Yard Sale: Friday & Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. & Mrs. Don Davidson are having a yard sale at their house from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on these dates. All proceeds are going towards the youth group! Please come out and support our youth as they get ready for summer retreats.



**Address: 8005 Deerwood Court  
Upatoi, GA**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

It's time to begin collecting for next Christmas!

March item: **Washcloths**

Please drop off your donations in the bin inside the Ministry Center.

Thank you!



**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 17 churches bringing their youth groups to serve our community. The four-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

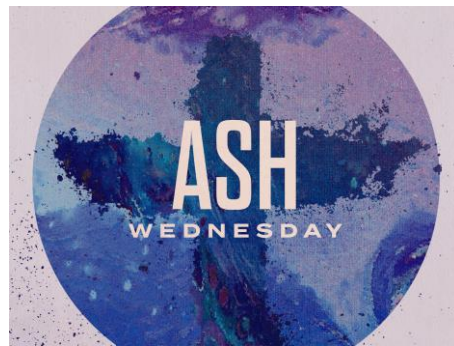
**Suppers** - Help in cooking, serving, etc. with dinners each night at Wynnton

**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.

**Decorations** - helping to decorate our Ministry Center and banners for the event

**Administration** - combining binders for youth leaders and organizing distribution of t-shirts for workers.

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



**Ash  
Wednesday  
Service**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.**

**Sanctuary**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOTES

Donations for Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. are needed. Please bring prefilled Easter eggs and place in the bin under the Endowment Tree. This is a community event prior to our Open Arms Lunch at noon.

Family Night Supper, Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> kids will be invited to eat dinner with Melissa in the Children's Ministry area. For more information, contact Melissa at 706-249-2260.

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 10

### Scripture Readings



This week we are reading the passages about speaking in tongues and worship. There is much room for discussion within our lessons for this week. 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

March 9	1 Cor 14:18-19
March 10	1 Cor 14:20-21
March 11	1 Cor 14:22-25
March 12	1 Cor 14:26-28
March 13	1 Cor 14:29-33
March 14	1 Cor 14:34-35
March 15	1 Cor 14:36-40



Dear Wynnton Church Family and Friends,

I am excited to share with you an incredible opportunity that the Lord has placed before me. God has opened the door for the **Sons of Jubal**, which I am a member, along with Jubal Ministries to travel to Havana, Cuba in October 2025, where we will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our ministry. I have been invited to serve on this Music Mission Project, and we will be collaborating with Global Missions Project, Inc., along with local missionaries and Christian workers. The dates are October 16 - 24, 2025, and the cost is \$3,875. The cost covers airfare, breakfast, accommodations, insurance, ground transportation, Project Development, and a Travel Leader. Each team member is responsible for raising 100% of their financial and prayer support.

Financial support is of course essential to my participation, but of equal or greater importance is your commitment to pray! If you feel led to contribute financially, you can contribute directly into my account by visiting

<https://globalmissionsproject.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/billraganiii1> or scan the QR code on this letter. If you would like to write a check,

please make checks payable to Global Missions Project and send them to the address below. Please put my name on the memo line. All contributions are tax deductible.

In Christ,  
Billy Ragan



Saturday, April 5  
12:00 pm  
Ministry Center

## 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 Jamie Massey
- 13 Jennie Payne, Reese Weierick
- 14 Harry Lubin



## OUR ATTENDANCE

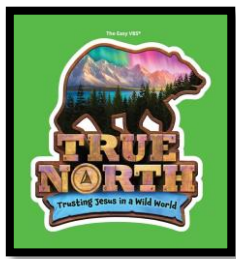
### 3-2-25

8:30 a.m.....	46
9:00 a.m.....	16
11:00 a.m.....	141
Sunday School .....	103

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 3-2-25

General Fund .....	22,252.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	400.00
Communion .....	236.00
Loose Offering.....	216.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music .....	55.00
Other Contributions .....	222.50
Sunday School .....	67.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	25.00
Youth Fund .....	20.00



## VBS TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD

**JUNE 9-13**



Please scan the QR code to register as a volunteer for VBS! It takes less than a minute! There are many jobs with their descriptions listed. Some of the jobs are not even during the week of VBS: Giving EVERYONE an opportunity to volunteer.

### READ ACROSS AMERICA

Wynnton Arts Academy is asking our church to serve as readers on Friday, March 7, in the READ ACROSS AMERICA program.



There are still some time slots left for signing up to read to students at Wynnton Arts Academy on Friday, March 7.

Contact Shirley Richey to sign up. You will be given a time unless you make a request for a specific time. Plan to arrive about 15 minutes early to receive a book in the front office, review it, and someone will take you to the classroom.

Parking will be available on the Wildwood Avenue side of the school.

You will be blessed by this experience.  
Call/text Shirley at 706-332-6890

### COMMUNION SERVICE



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



### WYNNTON WRITERS March 6 - 10:00 am.- Library

The members of this group are brainstorming ideas for collecting recipes from the congregation that are long-time favorites. These recipes would be given along with the story about how the recipe was acquired and any other interesting information about it. Start thinking about what recipe you can contribute!!

Shirley R.

Call/Text at 706-332-6890 with your questions.

### NEEDS FOR BACKPACKS OF GRACE



We are in need cookies (no nut ingredients) in addition to fruit cups and breakfast items (grits, oatmeal and bars). Thank you for remembering those children with food insecurity at Wynnton Arts Academy!  
Your Backpack Crew

### 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.

### 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 March. 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.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 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, youth & children  
10:00 a.m. Young Adult Discipleship Class - Ministry Center  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class - Youth Room  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Catalyst - Youth Room

### Monday, March 10

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

### Tuesday, March 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, March 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 p.m. Open Arms Leadership Meeting  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth - Ambassadors of Christ  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 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, March 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

## **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.

## **Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

Sue Rogers	Frank Feagle
Aubrey Walker	Sabrina Hart
David Woolbright	Walter Cook
Pam Feagle	Ben Smith
Michelle Foote	Candace Hickman
Virginia Bonner	Larry Campbell
Lynn Christenson	Jonique Edmondson
Hazel Hope	Ina Davis
Mike Woodard	Scotty Allen – Mission Trip

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**  
Family of Sharon Berreth

## **COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS** March 9



**New Beginnings**

## **WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD** March 9

Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon,  
Brett Hubbard

## **OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE**

**March 9:** Lynn White & Bart Wilson

## **SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*The Way of the Cross Leads Home: Week 1: A Journey from One Garden to Another*  
Matthew 26:36-46

9:00 a.m. – Derek Harrison  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Dr. Jason Wade

## **PASTOR ON-CALL**

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