

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

“Nothing But the Blood”

February 16, 2025

Growing up in the Baptist world, I remember singing this song a lot. Now I am not saying that only Baptists understand the meaning of this song, but that it was very instrumental in helping me to shape my understanding of God’s love. At a very young age, I felt the power of the Holy Spirit stirring in my heart. I remember that on a Sunday night my heart was beating so hard that I felt as if I was going to pass out. All of a sudden, the Pastor Joe B. Church (yes, that was his real name), opened an invitation for anyone who was feeling the call to come and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. My heart beat faster and faster, and I remember hearing in my inner ear someone telling me I needed to go. So, I did. I got out of my seat and walked down the aisle. My dad was in the pew and my mom was in the choir, and all I could think about was getting to the Pastor as fast as I could before I passed out. Pastor Joe looked at me, asked me the question, and I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior that night, never to look back or ever question my decision again. That night at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Valdese, North Carolina, I surrendered my life to Christ and began a journey that has truly been filled with mountain tops and pitfalls.

I wanted to share this part of my journey because I just want everyone to know that I did decide to follow Jesus and not look back. Even though I was just eight years old, I knew that God’s love was a gift from God through the sacrifice of Jesus. I knew that God loved me so much that He was willing to begin a journey with me that would continue to reveal the fullness of His love in action. Many of you know that I was planning on growing up and becoming an attorney like Perry Mason. I wanted to defend people who were in dire situations and had no hope for what may come next. Then God stepped in during my Freshman year at the University of Georgia and solidified my call to ministry. I could have never imagined how this journey would unfold, but one thing was for sure, I knew that God was in control and there was nothing I could do to change that fact.

What I never realized was that my plan and God’s plan had actually intertwined. You see, I thought I was going to be helping those that had lost all hope in the courtroom, but God called me to be someone to help those who had lost hope in life and eternity. God called me to grow in my love and passion for Him so that I could demonstrate the fullness of His love to others. I never imagined I would fall in love with preaching and teaching the Gospel to every person that I meet. I never imagined I would be equipped to grow in my faith to lead first, students, and now a congregation of believers who seek my guidance as we navigate this journey at Wynnnton together. I never dreamed God would use a red headed, freckled faced young boy to become a pastor who relies solely on the grace, love and mercy of God to walk through each day.

You see, on that amazing Sunday night, it was “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” that was the hymn resonating in the room; a song that reminds me that my sins are washed away and I was made whole again through the love of God represented by the blood of Jesus. All throughout this study of 1 John, I hope and pray that you too can see the impact that God has had on your life. God loves all of His creation and continues to be intentional about restoring the lives of His creation. He gave the ultimate sacrifice through His son Jesus Christ and continues to require only our obedience in return. May we truly take the time we need to push through all of the junk in this world that continues to cause us to question who we are and if we really matter. May we take hold of the fullness of God’s love which teaches us that if we are still alive we matter and God has a purpose and a plan for our lives. Simply, may we live out our call to Love God, Love People and Serve Together in everything that we do.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Jim Creek by his family on his induction into the Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Janis Day** by Lynda & Bennett Massey; Ramona & Andy Andresen; Beverly Schlitzkus

In memory of **Jerry Hart** by New Beginnings Class; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Ramona & Andy Andresen; Dorothy & Mike Johnson; Beverly Schlitzkus

In memory of **Joyce Hawkins** by Betty Woodruff; Lynn & Bill White; Katherine Smith; Lynda Gantt; Carol Hammock; New Seekers Class; Lynda & Bennett Massey; Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; Ramona & Andy Andresen; Dorothy Batastini; Shirley & John Richey; Beverly Schlitzkus; Mike and Dorothy Johnson

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Rachel & Mac Plummer** on their 51st anniversary by Sheryl & Jim Creek

In honor of the **Chancel Choir** by Kecia & Eddie Cawthorne

RIVER OF LIFE

Sunday, February 16
12:15 p.m.
Participant Meeting - Ministry Center

*Information will be inserted in your Sunday School envelope.

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 65th Anniversary. Please help us to know if you will attend by calling the church office to RSVP by Thursday, February 13.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



As we continue our sermon series "Love Makes the World Go Round," I look around shopping malls, grocery stores, and markets and notice the bountiful selection of flowers, chocolates, and fluffy stuffed animals. Love is in the air! This Friday, February 14, we celebrate romance, but how often do we celebrate God's Love? Our love for each other, human love, is limited to our natural, earthly ability. God's love is unending; nothing can separate us from God's Love (Romans 8:38-39). God's Love is sacrificial; He loved us so much He sent His Son to die for us while we were still sinners (John 3:16). God's Love is unconditional (1 John 4:7-11). God's Love is powerful, dependable, reliable, and constant (Psalm 103:8-11). Reflecting on God's Love, it is little wonder that George Matheson wrote the words to the hymn "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." On the day of his sister's marriage, June 6, 1882, George, then blind, fell into a deep depression. Many believe it was caused by his own broken engagement. That evening, as he reflected on his suffering, he was convicted by a love that is unconditional, unending; God's Love. This Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing a beautiful setting of George Matheson's familiar hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Simply titled "O Love" by composer Elaine Hagenberg, her beautiful setting of Matheson's familiar hymn is given a fresh new melody with equally refreshing and gorgeous harmonies.

"O Love" by Elaine Hagenberg
*O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy
ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the
promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be, that
morn shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go.
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean
depths its flow shall richer, fuller be, that morn shall
tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go.*

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B



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

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

Please let me know by February 16th 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

It's time to begin collecting for next Christmas!

February item: **Washcloths**

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

Thank you!



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 16:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas and Neita Denny

Sunday School/Children's Church:

Sabrina Hart, Hallie Taylor



**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 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.



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*thank
you*

Thank you to everyone for your uplifting kindness. We are so grateful for the love shown to us as we grieve her passing.

Joyce Hawkins family



River of Life | Columbus, GA
July 9th-13th, 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 or workers.

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

NEEDS FOR BACKPACKS OF GRACE

As we continue each week to serve 88 students at Wynnton Arts Academy, we need fruit cups and breakfast items (grits, oatmeal and bars). Thank you for your generosity and for caring!

Your Backpack Crew

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.

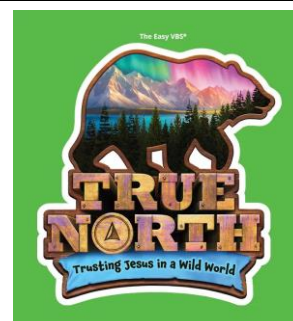
COMMUNION SERVICE



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

22 Debby Hubbard, Paul Therrien



VBS
TRUSTING JESUS
IN A WILD
WORLD
JUNE 9-13

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.

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

February 16



Sojourners

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

February 16

Team 5: Bart Wilson, Comer Alexander,
Lance Hendershot

OFFERING TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

February 16: Eddie Cawthorne, Harry Lubin

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
Ina Davis	

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

2-9-25

8:30 a.m.	35
9:00 a.m.	16
11:00 a.m.	136
Sunday School	96

OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-9-25

General Fund.....	30,940.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	25.00
College Ministries	100.00
Endowment	25.00
Missions	75.00
Music.....	460.00
Open Arms	80.00
Other Contributions.....	445.25
Sunday School.....	32.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	101.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Love Makes the World Go Round: Week 3
1 John 5:1-12

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

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 7



Scripture Readings

This week we read Paul talking about worship and the Lord's Supper. 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 16	1 Cor 11:1-6
February 17	1 Cor 11:7-12
February 18	1 Cor 11:13-16
February 19	1 Cor 11:17-22
February 20	1 Cor 11:23-26
February 21	1 Cor 11:27-32
February 22	1 Cor 11:33-34

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ

WEBSITE

Announcing our new church website address. Our website address has officially changed to 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 16

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. River of Life Informational Meeting
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Catalyst - Youth Room

Monday, February 17

- OFFICE CLOSED - President's Day
- 5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, February 18

- 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

Wednesday, February 19

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper - Ministry Center
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

- 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 21

- 7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
- 12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Abel Ministry Service - Ministry Center

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies:
Feb. 14-16
Rev. Steve Croft 706-604-4262