

Food for thought from J

After over 30 years in the banking business, attending business meetings is not at the top of my list of favorite activities. However, our Church Council meeting last week was a notable exception to this rule. After weeks of communicating the importance of this session and making sure that every church member knew they were invited to come participate in and be informed about the important business and upcoming strategies of Wynnton, it was thrilling to see 42 people show up and demonstrate their engagement in and excitement about the future of our church.

Jenny Horton began her term as our new Church Council chair by setting a challenging and positive vision for all of us. The reports of our administrative committees and staff gave an accurate depiction of Wynnton as a healthy church, with enormous potential and the quality leadership to achieve the mission God has set for us. We should all be filled with gratitude for our church's financial and material blessings, and most importantly, the people with whom God has filled this church, who are willing to lead by serving God, serving others, and being good stewards with the gifts God has given us individually and collectively.

Regardless of all these blessings, however, we still have much further to go. Wynnton faces imminent challenges that we as individuals and as a church must be prepared to face and overcome if we are to reach our potential, beginning with the simple fact that, just like with a living body, if this body is not growing and thriving, then it is dying. The body of Christ at Wynnton must take in nutrients and make good lifestyle choices if it is to remain healthy and be able to fulfill God's mission of building God's kingdom right here and now.

Some aspects of this quest for health and growth require us to focus on making sure we offer meaningful worship opportunities, high quality Christian education, and ample opportunities to build community, and to grow in our discipleship through missions, Bible study, and prayer. Subsequently, key leaders in our church are discussing exciting new plans for ministering to families holistically, implementing new small groups that will enable more people to plug into the church and be fed spiritually, and committing to more and better big outreach events to the community like our Holy-ween that brought over 300 people from our neighborhood on to our campus.

But while we work on these things as a church, each of us needs to be sure we are fulfilling our personal obligation to support Wynnton with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The best way for us to do this is by recognizing what Christ has done for us, and how this church helps us to grow in our relationship with God. Then we must want to share that with others. Simply put, we must love others enough that we want them to be a part of what we are experiencing here at Wynnton.

In the weeks ahead, we will share more details from this meeting with the church at large, including some ways we can all support the mission and the health of our church. I urge each of you to pray for the willingness to hear God's calling in your heart and for the obedience and courage to go where God leads.

*The Chancel Flowers are given today by Rachel and Mac Plummer
in honor of their 46th Anniversary.*

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of **Bill McCune** by Melinda McCune

In memory of **Cindy Mays** by Sheryl & Jim Creek;
Cindy & Randy Autry

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Judy & Bob Ottman** by Sheryl & Jim Creek

In honor of **Rubye Screws** by Graham Dukes

In honor of **Susan & Hank Holcomb** by Susan &
Tommy Hudson

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- February 16:** Hebrews 11:22-40, Exodus 15,
Proverbs 6:1-7:5
February 17: Hebrews 12, Exodus 16-17,
Proverbs 7:6-27
February 18: Hebrews 13, Exodus 18-19,
Proverbs 8
February 19: Matthew 1, Exodus 20-21, Proverbs 9
February 20: Matthew 2, Exodus 22-23,
Proverbs 10
February 21: Matthew 3, Exodus 24, Proverbs 11
February 22: Matthew 4, Exodus 25-27,
Proverbs 12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 16 Bill Fields, Charlie Hearn, Kipp Morris
17 Jim Dryman
19 Pam Woodard
20 Maddie Haines, Will Haines
22 Donna Carrion, Debby Hubbard, Paul Therrien

OUR ATTENDANCE

Sunday School.....	152
8:30 a.m.....	59
The Link.....	40
11:00 a.m.....	127
Other.....	22
Total Worship Service.....	248

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Unified Budget.....	21,312.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	25.00
Endowment.....	525.00
Missions (Sunday School).....	60.00
Music.....	150.00
School Supplies.....	25.00

SUNDAY SERVANTS

- Usher-in-Chief:** Bob Gilstrap
Ushers: 8:30 - Harold Hill
Ushers: 11:00 - CPT Steve Smith
Don Vining
John Bray, Bill Bussey, Tommy Hudson, Reggie
Kelley, Jesse Kelley, J.T. Taylor, Fred Wise
Offering Trustees: Eric Sears, John Richey
Altar Guild: Beth Kelley, Sue Pope
Flower Delivery: Vickie and Glenn Martin
Men of Courage: Team 6: Harry Lubin, Chad
Kerstetter, Chris Walker
Acolytes: 11:00 - Caroline Gatewood
Children's Church:
Infant Nursery: Pam Gilstrap
Nursery 2 & 3: Brenda Wilson, Kenny Evans
Pre-K-3rd Grades: Kim Evans, Sabrina Hart

FEBRUARY GREETERS

- South - 9:30** - Ramona Andresen
South - 10:30 - Nancy Hammond, Kecia Cawthorne,
Susan Hudson
North - 10:30 - Martha Daffin, Mary Mims
The Link - Robin Quinn

FEBRUARY WORSHIP FRIENDS

- Traditional - 8:30** – Marcia Therrien

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Rev. J Grantham – Link
The Mission is Ours
Acts 1:6-11

Rev. Paul Coats – Traditional
Wheat and Weeds
Matthew 13:24-30

BASEMENT NEWS



No Basement on Feb 16th (we will be on ski trip)

Ian Allen, Youth Director

PEW TO 5K IS COMING

Do not fear the Pew to 5K 2020 is near.
(translation: Wynnton church pew to walk/running in the Midtown Classic 2020)

All ages, physical fitness levels, and religious affiliations are welcome to participate in this "walk to run", "run to walk", or "walk to talk" (choice is yours as any movement is acceptable) weekly time together. This community of faithful friends will meet at Lakebottom Park - Cherokee Avenue near the band shelter each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. beginning on **February 16th** for a brief reflection on the parallels of living your best life, scriptural teachings and the mechanics of running. The only equipment requirements are: good walking/running shoes, comfortable clothes, water, and an active imagination. Perks for participating: bragging rights, new friends, discounted entry fee for the Midtown Classic 5K on **April 18, 2020**, and the potential to share wisdom, laughs and joy through exercise. If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please contact Kecia Cawthorne (Kcawthorne@charter.net) or Ramona or Andy Andreson (Andresen@knology.net). Hope to see you on February 16th!!!

Wynnton UMC College Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2020 College Scholarship. 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 May 1, 2020. For any further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.



Last week we enjoyed making Valentine's Day cards for those on the membership care list. We learned that we find joy by serving others.



This week we will worship in the Link.

February Dates to Remember
February 16th Link Worship
February 23rd WYNK Worship
February 26th Covered Dish Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
and Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 p.m.



**Heart and Health
Thursday, Feb.20**

Join us for our Heart and Health event on Feb. 20 featuring a local nutritionist sharing some great tips on eating well! Then join us for a heart-healthy lunch. The fun begins at 11:00 a.m. with a \$5.00 lunch cost.

Please make your reservations to Rev. Kim Evans by February 16th by calling the church office or emailing her at kimberly@wynntonumc.org



TAKE FIVE takes place every Fifth Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. We spend time mingling with fellow church members, enjoying breakfast and coffee. Make plans to come to the Fellowship Hall during that time in place of your usual Sunday School class. Please bring a covered dish breakfast item to share. Mark your calendar for this year's dates!

March 29, 2020 May 31, 2020
August 30, 2020

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

January was another record month for the pantry but only by three families. We served 1,962 bags of food to 491 families containing 1,256 individuals including 521 children. We were forced to close our doors early on several days because we had served so many families we were running out of food. We also assisted 24 families in paying their utility bills, spending \$1,199.79.



VIVALDI VESPERS

Sunday, February 23, 4:00 PM
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
2100 Hilton Avenue

Vivaldi Gloria and Beatus vir
 St. Thomas Choir and Schwob Singers
 Dr. Ianthe Marini, guest conductor
 Small orchestral ensemble

Benefit for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. Please bring non-perishable food to help us to build a mountain of food for the hungry in our community!

Benefit for Wynnton Neighborhood Network

The members of Wynnton Church are invited to a performance of "Vivaldi Vespers" presented by the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Choir. The choir will be accompanied by the Schwob Singers and a small orchestra under the direction of Dr. Ianthe Marini of Columbus State University. This event will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2100 Hilton Avenue, on Sunday, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. All those in attendance are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be collected and donated to The Wynnton Neighborhood Network. As quoted by Dr. Rick McKnight, Choir Director at St. Thomas, "We would like to build a mountain of food in the Narthex of St. Thomas Church to help feed the hungry in our community".

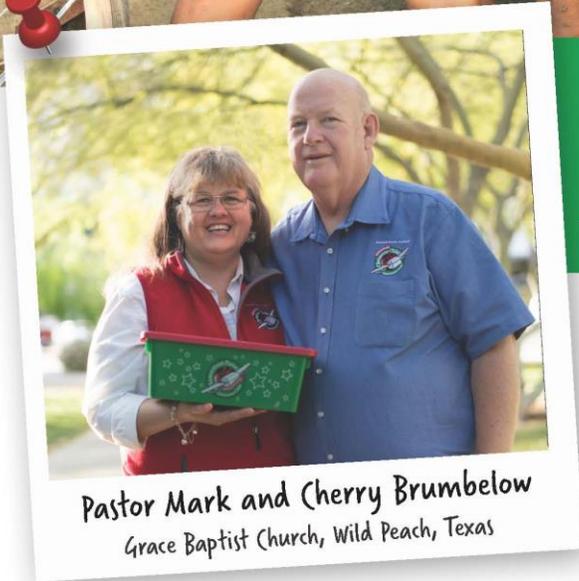


Discover how God is using Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes around the world to change lives!



Date: Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM Eastern
Place: Lakewood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

4011 Lakewood Drive Phenix City, AL 36867
Be part of our 2020 OCC Vision Event!
Chattahoochee Valley Team: occ.chattvalley@gmail.com



Pastor Mark and Cherry Brumbelow
Grace Baptist Church, Wild Peach, Texas

Pastor Mark Brumbelow and his wife, Cherry, serve a church of 30 members in Wild Peach, Texas. This small church reached a miraculous goal in 2016 to pack more than 2,000 Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. In 2017, the church packed 8,030 shoebox gifts, even though many of their homes were devastated by flooding from Hurricane Harvey. They even raised the suggested donation of nine dollars for each gift. Shortly after, the Brumbelows were invited to travel to storm-ravaged Barbuda to distribute shoebox gifts to children who had lost their homes to Hurricane Irma. Through Operation Christmas Child, this remarkable couple brought hope and joy to children worldwide in spite of tragedy. To hear more about how God has been using the Brumbelows for His glory, please join us for this special event.

Operation Christmas Child® is a project of Samaritan's Purse®, Franklin Graham, President





Looking For Midtown Classic Race Sponsors

As we prepare for our 13th Annual Midtown Classic, please contact Lisa Stephens or Mary Nell Blasingame or the church office if your business would like to sponsor our race. There are different sponsor levels available and we would appreciate your support! The race is coming up on April 18.

APRIL 18, 2020



NEW SMALL GROUP

Sunday, February 23, 2020

9:45 a.m.

Library

For more information contact Rev. Paul Coats

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the *dictum*, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." It signifies the beginning of Lent.

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with a covered dish dinner of February 26th beginning at 5:45 p.m. and followed by a worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. where we will participate in the imposition of ashes.




SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 16, 2019
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Liturgical Color: Green

WELCOME, REGISTRATION.....Rev. Paul Coats

*THE PEACE

PRELUDE: *Jesus Loves Me* (arr. by M. McDonald).....Kay Hart/Donna Thigpen

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Love Divine* (by John Behnke).....Wynntones Bell Choir

* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 131.....*We Gather Together*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881..... Rev. Paul Coats

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER.....Rev. Paul Coats

◇CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Gloria Toelle

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 405.....*Seek Ye First*

THE OFFERING

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Paul Coats

◇Offertory Anthem: *More Love to Thee* (arr. by Stan Pethel).....Wesley Choir

+Offertory Anthem: *More Love to Thee* (by Tim Shaw).....Chancel Choir
(see hymn 453 for text reference)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MESSAGE: *Wheat and Weeds* (Matthew 13:24-30).....Rev. Paul Coats

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 384.....*Love Divine, all Love's Excelling*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION.....Rev. Paul Coats

POSTLUDE: *Brethren We have Met To Worship*.....Donna Thigpen

*Please stand as you are able

◇8:30 only +11:00 only



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

7:55 a.m.	Wesley Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Break with coffee & juice
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	The Link Contemporary Service - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Wynk Worship - New Children's Center
12:15 p.m.	Family Ministry Meeting - Library

Monday, February 17

	OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson Youth Return from Ski Trip

Tuesday, February 18

10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:30 p.m.	TnT Small Group - Home of Linda and Wallace Twiggs

Wednesday, February 19

9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Sojourner's Class
6:00 p.m.	Community Prayer - Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Wynnton Rd. Burger King
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library
11:00 a.m.	Saints Alive - Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 21

12:00 p.m.	Goodwill Class Meeting - Fellowship Hall
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PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Feb.14-16,
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258
