



# The Old Is New News

Keeping our church family connected and informed.

## *A Word from our Pastor*

Wow! Can you believe it's already June?! Not so hard to I guess, given the fact that late-May temps have already graced us with scorching mid-nineties that felt at times like were exceeding 101 degrees. I suppose the temps match the season of Holy Fire (i.e. Pentecost ) With the celebrations of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday in our rearview mirrors we head into what our Church calendar calls "Regular Time." I used to find that designation such an odd thing, especially since it's the longest season on the Church calendar, and wondered what it meant to be in regular time vs... what? Not-regular time?

I think the main reason I didn't originally understand it was because I had unintentionally dissociated "Regular Time" from the other name this season goes by, "The Season After Pentecost." I didn't mean to do that, but until I entered the ministry and started studying things of the Church, I didn't know what I hadn't been taught. That's one of the things that fires my soul as a pastor; the fact that so much of what the Church represents has been lost to so much of the Body of Christ. And while most of it is not necessary to salvation, there is a lot about the Church that serves to enrich the lives of Christians and keep alive, not just the memory of Christ and all He taught, but the essentials of what it means to be a child of God.

The season of Pentecost is the perfect example of what rediscovering an important teaching that's been handed down by the Church Universal, but largely lost to the contemporary Church, has meant for me. When I finally put this season called "Regular Time" together in my head with its other designation as "The Season After Pentecost," I began to understand that what it represented was the fact that it is indeed "regular" or standard or expected for the Holy Spirit to be a part of the "regular" life of the Church. In fact, that is key to recapturing the richness and beauty of what the Church means for our regular, everyday lives as Christians who are set apart as holy unto the Lord. When we get that, it enables us to be more in-touch with the Holy Spirit residing not just in us, but in all of God's creation, which in turn it helps us have the reverence for the kingdom of God for which we were created.

As we move through the second half of our sermon series on *The Class Meeting*, my hope is that you will all catch a little of the fire for getting back to our roots as Methodists, which is to say getting back to the roots of our lives as Christians. We all know (because we've seen it happen before our very eyes) how easy it is to stray from biblical standards and 2000 years of Church tradition. It's time to fix all that and be the blessings to all the peoples of the earth we were meant to be.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Ted



"You are the sons and daughters of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'" (Acts 3:25)

## In the Know

### FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Due to the Dessert Auction, the Men's Club will not have the First Sunday Breakfast in June. The next breakfast will be July 7.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Oak Grove Church will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, June 2 from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. The shortage of blood is critical, so please consider giving. Scan the QR Code to the right to make your appointment.

### MEN'S CLUB

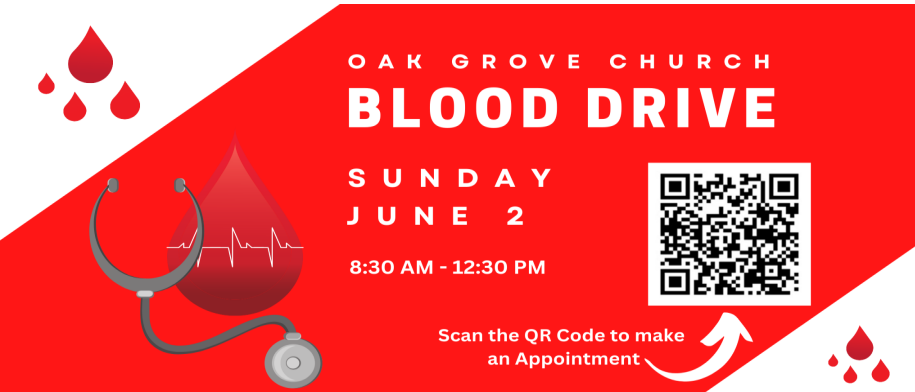
All men are invited to Men's Club on Monday, June 3 at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

### NURSING HOME VISITATION

Congregational Care will be visiting the area nursing homes on Saturday, June 15. They invite you to join them at the church at 9:30 am to go.

### MES CIRCLE

All ladies are invited to MES Circle on Monday, June 24 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

A red graphic for a blood drive. It features a large red blood drop with a stethoscope around it. To the right, the text reads "OAK GROVE CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY JUNE 2 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM". A QR code is shown with an arrow pointing to it and the text "Scan the QR Code to make an Appointment".

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## youth

A graphic for a dessert auction. It shows a hand holding a wooden gavel over a table filled with various desserts like cakes, cookies, and pastries. The text reads "OGC Youth Ministry DESSERT Auction June 2 11 am - 1 pm Jambalaya Plates \$10 \$25 Max Per Family".

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### JUNE EVENTS

- 1 Youth Meet to prepare for Dessert Auction: 9 am—12 n
- 2 Dessert Auction: 11 am—1 pm
- 16 No Youth
- 23 The Findley's are hosting the youth 2-5 pm: Meet at church at 1:30 pm.
- 30 The Carpenter's are hosting the youth 4-6 pm: Meet at church at 3:30 pm.

## Congratulations

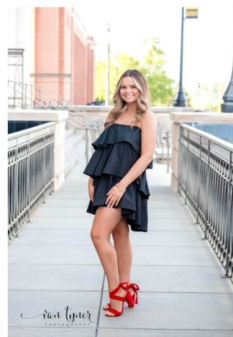
# CLASS OF 2024



**Jasmine Brewer**  
Purvis HS



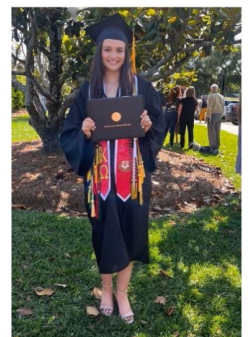
**Judah Mathias**  
Purvis HS



**Carley Richardson**  
Petal HS



**Brody Sullivan**  
Oak Grove HS



**McKenna Phillips**  
USM





It's a jungle out there! Grab your binoculars and secure your life preserver—The Great Jungle Journey is about to begin! At VBS, you'll enjoy games, snacks, and more as you set off on an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation. Join us as we swing into fun! The Great Jungle Journey will be an adventure filled with excitement, so register today and invite your friends and neighbors to join the journey!

## children

It's time for VBS! I often get asked....Why do y'all go all out with these decorations? Well, our primary goal for VBS is to bring God glory by boldly and unashamedly proclaiming him to a strategic group - young people! From both a biblical and statistical point of view, young people are a big deal. Researchers agree most people become Christians when they are children, so it's apparent this age group is a huge mission field!

Children are loved by their Creator, and Jesus said to let them come to him (Luke 18:16). We want children to come to Christ and not be hindered in any way from doing so. *It is crucial that the most exciting book in the world not come across as boring or irrelevant.* We want to reflect our creative, inspiring, joy-giving God who made laughter and fun. Our VBS is one of our biggest outreaches of the year and I want kids to hear about and personally meet our awesome God and

understand how they can receive eternal life through repentance and faith in Christ Jesus.

With that being said, I want to say THANK YOU to all the many VBS elves who have been working diligently behind the scenes to make all this happen. I know God is working in and through us to make a difference in the lives of the children in our church and community. And *thank you* to all who have agreed to help the week of VBS. I feel sure we will all be blessed by serving God with this great mission.

If you are unable to help during VBS, please be in prayer each and every day for our teachers, leaders and children. I am looking forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit will be working here at Oak Grove Church. See you all soon!

In His Service,

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## New Feature

Each month we would like to introduce you to our newest little ones that are a blessing to our church and our families. Please send a photo and information to the church office at [office@ogchurch.life](mailto:office@ogchurch.life).

### Ellison Ruth Frazier



March 25, 2024

Landon and Ellen Frazier  
Grandparents: Kirk and RaDonna Frazier

### Esme Elizabeth Eyles



May 7, 2024

Ryan and Ashley Eyles  
Grandparents: Perry and Kay Arnold

### William Wesley Wilkerson



May 15, 2024

Jonathan and Sarah Wilkerson  
Grandmother: Jamie O'Quinn

# JUNE

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

## ANNIVERSARIES

2 David/Beth Bankston  
3 Scott/Sarah Findley  
5 Jack/Katherine Shelton  
10 Larry/Julia Johnson  
15 Charles/Kathleen McCormick  
18 Robert/Tess Hammond

26 Billy/Julie McDonald  
29 Jim/Eva Ratliff  
30 Frank/Peggy Woodruff

## BIRTHDAYS

7 Ezekiel Boudreaux  
Ashley Lamar  
10 Laura Hojem  
11 Kirk Frazier

14 Lila Mathias  
15 Peggy Bullion  
Tyler Standland  
21 Lynda Arban  
23 Mark Vaughn  
24 Megan Mathias  
26 Owen McDonald

Please contact the church office to add an anniversary or birthday!



## Pentecost Sunday



## Memorial Day



## BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS



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