



April 2026

THE OLD IS NEW NEWS

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED AND INFORMED.

...A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

As we near the end of Lent and the long days of fasting and reflection, we are called to enter Holy Week acknowledging the pain and suffering that Jesus willingly endured on our behalf before celebrating the most magnificent event in the history of the universe. It's called Holy Week for a reason...because it IS a holy time for every Christian. I love Advent and the joy of celebrating Jesus's birth at Christmas, but I cherish and adore with great humility remembering what Jesus did for me in suffering a horrible death on the cross to give me life.

At the heart of Easter is a breathtaking truth: the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. What seemed like the end became the greatest beginning. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a historical event—it's a living promise that light will always overcome darkness, and life will always triumph over death. It is the anchor of our faith, the assurance that God's love is stronger than sin, and His power is greater than the grave.

On that first Easter morning, the women approached the tomb carrying spices and expecting to honor a lifeless body. Their hearts were heavy, their hope dimmed by the shadow of the cross. But instead of sorrow, they were met with the astonishing news: "He is not here; He has risen." In that moment, despair was replaced with joy, fear with courage, and mourning with praise.

Easter is God's declaration that no situation is beyond His power to redeem. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in the lives of those who believe. It means that broken relationships can be restored, weary hearts can find strength, and even the darkest seasons can give way to new beginnings. When we face trials, it's easy to feel as though the stone in front of our own "tomb" is too heavy to move. But Easter reminds us that God is still in the business of rolling stones away. He steps into our hopelessness and breathes life where we thought there was only loss.

The empty tomb is also a call to action. Just as the women ran to tell the disciples the good news, we too are called to share the hope we have found in the risen Christ. Easter is not meant to be contained—it is meant to be proclaimed. The joy of the resurrection is a gift we carry into our homes, workplaces, and communities, shining light into the lives of those still walking in darkness.

Where in your life do you need resurrection hope today? How can you carry the joy and victory of Easter into your daily walk? What "stones" might God be ready to roll away in your circumstances? The Bible reminds us that as hard as life can be, Jesus's way, the resurrected way, offers a pathway to life, saying, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

May this Easter season bring all of us new life as we join together with Christians all across the world to reflect, remember, and revel in the knowledge that even though we must live through the darkness of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, Sunday is always coming. It always has been, always is, and always will be mere days before the Light shines into our hearts forever more.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the victory of the cross and the empty tomb. Thank You that Your resurrection power is alive and active in our lives today. Help us to live each day in the light of Your triumph, trusting that no challenge is too great for You to overcome. Fill our hearts with hope, our words with grace, and our actions with love. May all of us be living testimonies to the joy and freedom found in You. Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ted

Holy Week



...IN THE KNOW...

MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to Men's Club on Monday, April 6 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

The Men's Club BBQ will be May 9! Tickets for Boston Butts will go on sale April 7. Tickets are \$40. Pickup will be May 9 from 10 am—3 pm at the pavilion.

THREADS OF LOVE

Threads of Love Prayer Shawl Ministry now meets on Tuesdays at 10 am in the church parlor. This group knits and crochets prayer shawls to be given to those in need of special comfort and blessing. They invite you to join them!

CANCER COMPANIONS

Cancer Companions (CC) is an OGC support group tailored specifically for cancer patients and their caregivers. CC meets twice a month on the second and fourth Friday at 10:30 am. In April, we will meet on the 10th and 24th. If you know someone suffering from this awful disease, be sure and pass the word to join us.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for Breakfast on the second Sunday, April 12, compliments of Men's Club. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:45 am in the FLC. Come enjoy a delicious meal and some great fellowship before Sunday School and Worship.

NURSING HOME VISITATION

Congregational Care will be visiting the area nursing homes on Saturday, April 18. They invite you

to join them at the church at 9:30 am to go.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Admin Council will meet Sunday, April 19 at 11 am.

MES CIRCLE

All ladies are invited to MES Circle on Monday, April 27 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

FRIENDS OF WESLEY

Wesley alumni, supporters, and friends are invited to the 38th Annual Friends of Wesley to celebrate campus ministry at Southern Miss, Jones College, and PRCC. There will be a silent auction, door prizes, and a chili cook-off between local pastors. The event will be Thursday, April 30 at 6 pm at Heritage Church. Tickets are \$10 per person.

BACCALAUREATE

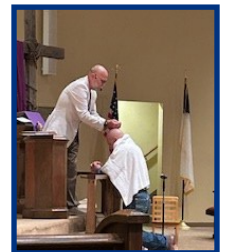
OGC will honor our Graduates at a Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 10. Graduates and their families will be served breakfast in the FLC before the service. Also, our Graduates will be honored on Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 pm at the last Fellowship Meal until fall. Please let the church office know if you have a graduating high school Senior so we can get the needed information to them. Also, we would like to recognize our college graduates in the Baccalaureate Service, so please let the church office know if you have a college graduate this year.



Welcome New Member

Nathan Yost

March 22, 2026



THANK YOU

to all who gave during our Blood Drive!

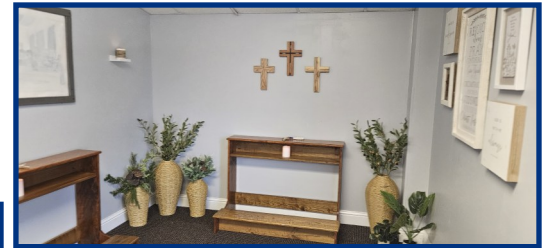


...YOUTH...

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the prayer room: Bill and Taylor Entrekin for building the altars and to Peggy Woodruff and Kaycee Hairston for decorating. Your labor of love has transformed this space into a beautiful sanctuary for peace and reflection. We are truly blessed with your talents and hearts for service. I invite everyone to come see all the hard work and spend time in prayer and reflection. The room is located upstairs in the junior high room in the youth department.

Thank you,
April Brewer

Prayer Room



APRIL

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| 1 | No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities |
| 2 | 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Meal following |
| 5 | No Sunday School/No Youth Happy Easter! |
| 8 | 5:30 pm Wed Night Dinner 6:30-7:30 pm Youth |
| 12 | 9:00 am Sunday School |
| 12 | 4:45-7:30 pm City Wide at USM Wesley Foundation |
| 15 | 5:30 pm Wed Night Dinner 6:30-7:30 pm Youth |
| 19 | 9:00 am Sunday School |
| 19 | 5:00 pm Parent/Youth/Leadership Team Meeting To discuss Summer and Dessert Auction |
| 22 | 5:30 pm Wed Night Dinner 6:30-7:30 pm Youth |
| 26 | 9:00 am Sunday School 5:30-7:00 pm Youth |
| 29 | 5:30 pm Wed Night Dinner 6:30-7:00 pm Youth |



Youth Ministry Annual
DESSERT
Auction
Sunday, June 7
11 am - 1 pm

SEE APRIL TO SIGN UP FOR A DESSERT OR TO HELP WITH AUCTION



Shooting Stars Play Day



...CHILDREN...

Growing in Faith, Friendship, and Fun!

Highlights from the Past Month

- Our children has so much fun during our monthly playdate to Shooting Stars!
- Easter Bash was a great time. Thank you to all who helped make it a success!

We recognize that faith grows strongest when nurtured both at church and at home. Here are a few simple ideas to help your child continue their journey of faith throughout the month:

- Find ways to thank Jesus this season! Show your gratitude during this season of Lent and let God move in your life!
- Put church on your to-do list! Making it a regular habit of attending Sunday school each week can set children up for healthy habits of attending church regularly into adulthood.

Upcoming Events

There's always something fun on the horizon! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- April 5th is Easter Sunday. Let's make church a part of your day!
- It's time!! April 9th at 5:30, we will hold our VBS kick-off meeting. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is encourage to attend!

How You Can Get Involved

Our Children's Ministry thrives with the help and support of our families and church members. If you're interested in helping, please email children@ogchurch.life or contact KayCee after Sunday service. Every bit of participation brings us closer together and enriches our program!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MEAL 5:30 PM

ADULTS \$7 CHILDREN \$3 FAMILY PLAN \$20
CLASSES AND CHOIR 6:30 PM

April 2, 2026 (After Maundy Thursday)

Menu: Loaded Baked Potatoes, Chili, Garden Salad, French Bread, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Pizza and Salad

Shoppers: Tish Edwards/Susan McQueen

Servers: Self Serve

Desserts: Laura Baird, Beth Bankston, Pat Bennett, Jane Boudreaux, Trista Boudreaux, April Brewer

April 8, 2026

Menu: Hamburger Steak w/Onions & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Sliders/Tater Tots

Shoppers: Laura Baird/Peggy Woodruff

Servers: Molly Reynolds, Heather Richardson, Cindy Smith

Desserts: Judy Brown, Peggy Bullion, Joann Burks, Gloria Bynum, M.J. Cain, Suzell Cain

April 15, 2026

Menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Texas Toast, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Pizza and Salad

Shoppers: Fred/Jane Boudreaux

Servers: Hagan Smith, Lori Terrill, Brenda Walker

Desserts: Elaine Callaway, Chris Camacho, Felecia Carpenter, Mary Ann Cox, Grace Dickerson, Noel Dickerson

April 22, 2026

Menu: Beef Tips w/rice, English Peas, Carrots, Garden Salad, Biscuits, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets/FF

Shoppers: Kaycee Hairston/Lori Terrill

Servers: Gloria Watkins, Nancy Amacker, Laura Baird

Desserts: Paula Duren, Tish Edwards, Betty Entrekin, Candice Entrekin, LaNita Fisher, Kaycee Hairston

April 29, 2026

Menu: Breakfast at Night

Children's Menu: Same

Shopper: Gloria Bynum

Servers: Jane Boudreaux, Fred Boudreaux, Elaine Callaway

Desserts: Tess Hammond, Laura Hojem, Jessie Holmes, Sharon Schamber Jones, Penny Kochtitzky, Melinda Lucas

...THANK YOU...

To our Church Family,
Although our mother, Jimmie Weems, was not a member of our church, we appreciated the church reaching out in our time of great bereavement.

Thank you for all the calls, visits and food.

We love our church family,

David and Beth Bankston

Dear Church Family:

A word of thanks to everyone for the kindness and love shown to me during the recent illness and passing of my mother, Betty Stamper. The lovely prayer shawl and beautiful plant, as well as calls and cards and love shown to me and my family, have meant more than you know and were appreciated so much.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Kathy Neese

...ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS...

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Robert & Teresa Viehweg

17 Shane & Kim Napier

27 Jamie & Leigh Shelton

29 Bobo & Lori Terrill

6 Julie McDonald

6 McKenzie Schielder

7 Jacob Holmes

8 Katelyn O'Quinn

8 Whitney Bell

9 April Boudreaux

10 Bob Attkisson

10 Jasmine Brewer

11 Hagan Smith

12 Robert Viehweg

13 Rod Courtney

14 Nancy Amacker

17 Addison Lamar

17 Lindsay McDaniel

21 Owen Dickerson

23 Emma McDonald

23 Jordan Wesley

24 April Brewer

29 Taylor Standland

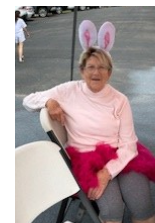
30 Julia Johnson

BIRTHDAYS

2 Emma Entrekin

5 Elaine Callaway

EASTER BASH



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