



THE OLD IS NEW NEWS

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED AND INFORMED.

...A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Pentecost is more than a celebration of something God did a long time ago; it is a reminder of what God is still doing in His Church today — including here in our own community. When the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in that upper room, the wind and fire were unmistakable signs of God's presence. But the true miracle was what happened next: the disciples stepped out into the world around them.

They didn't stay in the safety of the upper room. They didn't remain tucked away in prayer, waiting for the world to come to them. The Spirit propelled them outward — into streets filled with people who didn't yet know they needed the hope of Christ.

In many ways, our community is not so different. We live in a place where most people have "just enough." Just enough income to stay afloat. Just enough stability to avoid crisis. Just enough comfort to keep deeper spiritual hunger quiet. On the surface, everything looks fine — families are busy, neighborhoods are peaceful, and life moves at a steady pace. But beneath that surface, many carry burdens they rarely speak aloud:

- quiet loneliness
- marriages under strain
- anxiety masked by busyness
- faith that has grown thin
- a longing for purpose that nothing seems to satisfy

These needs don't always shout. They whisper. And because they whisper, they are easy to overlook. Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit sends disciples precisely into places where needs are hidden. The early Church didn't wait for people to come asking for help; they went out with courage, compassion, and the message of Christ's transforming love.

As Global Methodists, we stand in a tradition that takes discipleship seriously — not as a program, but as a Spirit-shaped way of life. John Wesley believed that the Holy Spirit not only awakens faith but also empowers believers to grow in holiness, to love their neighbors deeply, and to carry the gospel into the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

That is our calling too. Discipleship in a community like ours doesn't always look dramatic. It often looks like noticing the neighbor who seems withdrawn, checking in on the coworker who "seems fine" but isn't, praying with someone who never expected to be prayed for, offering encouragement where discouragement has quietly taken root, or even just living with such Christ-shaped integrity that others feel safe opening their hearts.

The Spirit who filled the disciples is the same Spirit who fills us — not to keep us comfortable, but to send us into the hidden corners of our community with hope, truth, and love. In this season of Pentecost, that by the way is the longest season on the Church calendar, may we open our hearts again to the wind and fire of God. May the Spirit renew our courage, sharpen our awareness of the needs around us, and deepen our compassion for the people we encounter every day. And may we, like those first disciples, step boldly into the world as witnesses — not because the world looks needy, but because the Spirit knows it is. The world still needs the message the disciples carried. Our community still needs it. And the Spirit still equips us to carry it.

Holy Spirit, come and breathe new life into us. Open our eyes to the quiet needs in our community and open our hearts to the people You place in our path. Where others see "fine," help us see the places longing for hope, healing, and purpose. Fill us with Your courage, Your compassion, and Your love. Make us disciples who listen well, serve faithfully, and carry the light of Christ into the everyday places where You send us. Spirit of Pentecost, guide us, use us, and send us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pastor Ted

...IN THE KNOW...

MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to Men's Club on Monday, June 1 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

THREADS OF LOVE

Threads of Love Prayer Shawl Ministry 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 June, we will meet on the 12th and 26th. 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, June 14, 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, June 20. They invite you to join them at the church at 9:30 am to go.

GOOD TIMERS

On Monday, June 22, we will have a Good Timers reorganizational meeting at 12 noon in the FLC. It's a potluck lunch, so bring your favorite dish. Good Timers is a fun group for Seniors who meets each month. We will plan day trips to fun places and programs for here at the church. So, join us as we get Good Timers going again!

MES CIRCLE

All ladies are invited to MES Circle on Monday, June 29 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

OGC Choir will not have Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday night for the month of June. We will resume practice in July.



Jesus loves the little children...



Jonathan Thomas Wilkerson
"Jon Thomas"

May 19, 2026

7lbs 4oz // 19 1/4 inches

Son of Jonathan and Sarah Wilkerson
Grandson of Jamie O'Quinn



Youth Ministry Annual

DESSERT

Auction

Sunday, June 7
11 am - 1 pm

Enjoy the *fun*
Enjoy the *food*

Our Youth will be having their annual Dessert Auction on Sunday, June 7 following worship. Enjoy a delicious burrito and taco bar for lunch and then bid on your favorite dessert. Adult meals are \$10 and children 12 and under are \$5 with a \$25 max for a family. We need desserts for the auction, so thank you in advance! There will also be a children's table for our little ones to purchase a sweet treat. All proceeds will send our youth to camp this summer!

...CHILDREN...

Our children will be attending Camp Wesley Pines June 1-6. Parents, please make sure your children have had lunch and have them in the FLC by 11:30 am on Monday, June 1.

...YOUTH...

Our youth will be attending camp at Kentucky Mountain Bible College June 21-28. More details to come!

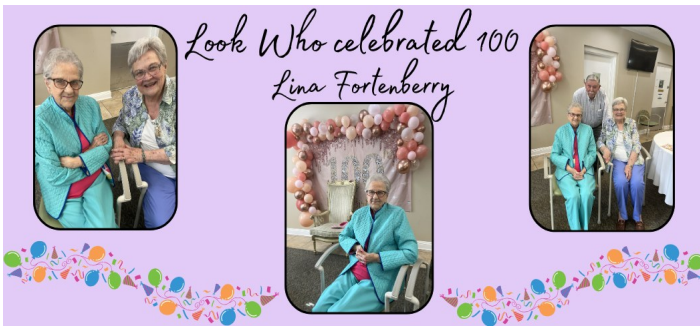
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Register Today!

JUNE 14 - 18

The countdown is on! We are just a few weeks away from VBS! Invite your friends and neighbors and join us at Emerald Crossing. Kids ages 4 through 6th grade will dive into engaging lessons, hands-on activities, and creative crafts as we take An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23. Register today by scanning the QR Code or go to www.ogchurch.life.



...ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS...

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 David & Beth Bankston
- 3 Scott & Sarah Findley
- 5 Jack & Katherine Shelton
- 10 Larry & Julia Johnson
- 18 Robert & Tess Hammond
- 26 Billy & Julie McDonald
- 29 Jim & Eva Ratliff
- 30 Frank & Peggy Woodruff



BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 KayCee Schielder | 20 Millie Smith |
| 4 Gavin Brewer | 21 Lynda Arban |
| 7 Zeke Boudreaux | 22 Sara Anne Madaris |
| 10 Laura Hojem | 23 Mark Vaughn |
| 11 Kirk Frazier | 24 Megan Mathias |
| 14 Lila Mathias | 26 Owen McDonald |
| 15 Peggy Bullion | 28 Will Madaris |
| 15 Tyler Standland | 29 Emma Madaris |

...THANK YOU...

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for the Gideon Bibles that were donated in memory of my mom, Betty Stamper. There is nothing that would have pleased her any better! God Bless you all!
 Love,
 Kathy Neese

OGC Family,
 Thank you to all our church members for the prayers, cards, calls and loving care during the challenging times we have faced these past weeks. You are indeed a blessing in our lives.
 Love,
 John and Laura Hojem

Thank You

Thank you to Perry Arnold for gifting the Threads of Love Prayer Shawl Ministry with a vintage yarn winder spinner. When we meet, it is a wonderful reminder of the generations before us who crafted items with love. Threads of Love meets Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the church parlor and we invite all who would like to join us in this special ministry.
 Threads of Love



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