

We've got egg-citing news for you!



Red Oak United Methodist Church

**Red Oak's Theme for 2024
PURSUING GOD!**

**Worship Time
Sunday at 10:00 AM**

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CHOOSE THE RIGHT PATH

The Word of God provides profound wisdom for making choices in our life. Remember the advice of scripture, to rely on the guidance of God, when facing big decisions:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) May we abide in the commandments of Jesus when making decisions, seeking first the kingdom of God, and putting Him first in all things.

7 Bible Verses About Choosing the Right Path

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Standing firm in God's Word helps you choose the right path—the path God has for your life.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Psalm 32:8

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

Psalm 16:9

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

Psalm 37:23

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

Pastor's Corner



Pastor's Noon Day Bible Study | April 17, 2024 | 4 Week Study on Detoxifying Your Anger

Reading List

1. No more Stinking Thinking, Dr. Harold D. Lewis
2. The L3Xperience: A New Lord, A New Love and a New Life, LK. Pendleton
3. The Fire Next Time, James Baldwin.
4. How to be an Anti Racist, Ibram Xikendi
5. The Road Less Traveled, M. Scott Peck

Video Recommendation

Debate of James Baldwin and William F. Buckley.

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=james+baldwin+debate&type=E210US105G0#id=0&vid=9bb7c0bdbf8bd83320cb74a25426c4e6&action=click>

Spiritual Vitamin | Romans 12:16-18 (NCV)

16 Live in peace with each other. Do not be proud, but make friends with those who seem unimportant. Do not think how smart you are. 17 If someone does wrong to you, do not pay him back by doing wrong to him. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. 18 Do your best to live in peace with everyone.

Don't let your emotions override God's instruction and don't run faster than your shadow. Remember you are a spiritual creative and you receive your direction and correction from the Living God. Be careful not to soil your hands with evil and stay away from weak and toxic people who work against God's leadership for their personal gain. At the appointed time God will deal with them and their generation. At this time, the way to protect your peace is helpful if you follow John Wesley's three simple rules for life that says: Do no harm. Do good, Stay in love with God. This earth journey is a gift and it goes down the way we interact with it. Some things don't happen by chance but on purpose. So my Creative, respond to every person with equity and justice and mind your own business. Loving you is the best that I can do.

Walk this way, with Pastor K!

What's Happening at "The Oak"

- The Older Adult Team will be visiting the Beehive on April 6th @ 10am
- Expungement Clinic April 20th from 9am to 1pm (in the FLC)
- Calendar Tea April 27th @ 3pm (in the FLC)

Red Oak's Older Adults – Upcoming Events ...



Ice Cream Sundae on Sunday, May 19, 2024

The Older Adult team will once again host **"Ice Cream Sundae"** on May 19th in the Family Life Center immediately following our 10:00 AM service. Everyone is invited to participate in this 'sweet' and fun event!



Older Adult Weekend Celebration

If you are 50 years old or older, you won't want to miss our Annual Older Adult Weekend Celebration which will be held on July 27th (Social/Fellowship) and July 28th (Worship Service). More information to follow.



Red Oak's United Women in Faith (UWIF)



Red Oak's UWIF

The UWIF visited BeeHive (an assisted living and memory care) facility on Saturday March 16, 2024 to share a short devotional service and provided snacks to the residents.



Red Oak's UWIF

The UWIF host a line dancing class, once a month, to raise donations for the community food pantry. This is an inclusive event for community members, youth and "scripture shakers".



Mission/Evangelism Ministries Events

Back-Bay Mission Biloxi Miss. 2023



Our Back-Bay Mission trip is cancelled for this year. We are planning to resume in the early spring of 2025, Lord willing. Contact Minister Gary Williams gwilli7825@gmail.com or 6787334305 for additional information

Jonesboro Senior Rehabilitation Center, Jonesboro GA (Every 2nd Tuesday @ 10:45 AM)



Laundry Outreach Ministry

Veterans Support Group
Requesting Volunteers

Feed God's People (Every 3rd Saturday, 10 AM - 1PM
122 Martin Luther King Sr. Trail, Stockbridge GA)

Southern Crescent Resource Ministry
Park West McDonough GA
Requesting Volunteers

O Taste-N-See" Food Distribution Ministry
(every Sunday after morning worship)

Christian Education – “Empowering Discipleship”

At its core, Christian education is about empowering discipleship – equipping individuals to live out their faith in tangible ways. Whether through acts of service, advocacy for social justice, or bearing witness to the love of Christ in our daily lives, Christian education empowers us to be agents of change and transformation in the world. By nurturing hearts that are receptive to God's call and minds that are open

to His guidance, Christian education empowers us to live lives of purpose, meaning, and joy.

Christian Education Ministry Co-Chairs: Rev. Wilmer Brown and Rev. Renea Slater hosted a Christian Education Workshop on March 30th.

Join us for Sunday School Every Sunday (small groups) from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.!



Interested in joining our choir/music ministry?

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Join us for our weekly rehearsals, where you'll have the opportunity to meet fellow musicians, learn new songs, and practice together.

Led by our passionate music director, Brother Arnold, the music team encompasses a diverse group of individuals united by their love for music and faith. From seasoned musicians to enthusiastic beginners, each member brings a unique flavor to our worship services.

Unlock the melody within you with personalized saxophone lessons from Brother Charlie Bates! Whether you're a beginner eager to pick up this soulful instrument or an intermediate player striving to hone your skills, Brother Charlie offers tailored instruction to suit your needs and goals.



Red Oak's Membership Team: A Place to Belong ...

In our bustling church family, there is a place for everyone to belong and thrive. Whether you are seeking spiritual guidance, fellowship, or opportunities to serve, you will find a myriad of ways to connect and grow within our community. From Sunday worship services and small group gatherings to outreach ministries and social events, there are endless opportunities to forge meaningful relationships and deepen your faith journey.



*Welcome New Members: Lorraine Claybourne, Charlie Bates, and Angela Bates
Our New Members Orientation Class was held Saturday, March 23rd at Red Oak in the Family
Life Center @ 10am.*

A special thanks for the members of the Membership Team ...

- Welcome, Scripture and Prayer - Malinda Brown
- What is church Membership, and Requirements of Church Membership- Jeri Cale
- Methodism, Witness on Race, Church Governance/ Beliefs and Practices- Mildred Shaw
- The History of Red Oak - Diane Nunn
- Our Mission your Involvement, Spiritual Gift Assessments, Life thrive Results Overview - Joann Evans
- Additional team Members: Alice Brock and Mildred Shaw

(*Opportunities for Involvement at Red Oak - Identify your Gifts, Don't Mess with The Brand (poem) by Amber Pendleton)

Red Oak's Hospitality & Kitchen Ministries ...

We would like to give a huge shout out to these amazing young trailblazers! They volunteered their time and talents to help serve dinner at our Women of Faith Luncheon.

- Empress Butler
- Maliyah Molland
- Sir Micah Butler
- Gabby Martin
- Skyy Adams
- Elijeremiah McCoy-Washington
- ElijahJohn McCoy-Washington
- Destiny Brocks
- London Brocks



We thank you; we love you, and may God continue to bless you. You are the future Red Oak!



In honor of Women's History Month, here is a little-known fact about Red Oak women ...

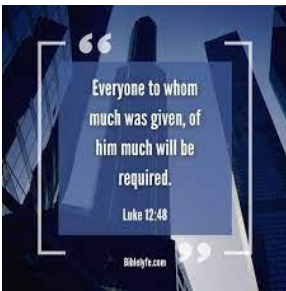
The original name used by the women's organization at Red Oak was the "Women's Christian Society". This was a very active group at the church. They worked long and hard to raise funds to send missionaries to Africa and to help the community with farming and other needs. In the early 1970's the name was changed to the "United Methodist Women". Being led by Mrs. Clifford Simmons, as President, those serving included Mrs. Ida Bryant, Ms. Mary Bryant, Mrs. Luella Clemons, Mrs. Thelma Coleman, Ms. Pinky Evans, Mrs. Etherleen Johnson, Mrs. Florence Miller, Mrs. Lula Scandrett, Mrs. Ada B. Slaughter, Mrs. Lizzie Slaughter, Mrs. Rosa Slaughter, Mrs. Willie Weems, Mrs. Louiza Welch, and others.

The UMW participated in many activities that benefited the church, community, and society. They diligently adhered to the mandates of the local district and the North GA Conference. For many years, the UMW was made up of the elder ladies of the congregation. However, Mrs. Simmons led the charge to include younger ladies, training them in all aspects of membership and preparing them for future leadership of the local organization.

Nominations and Leadership Development

The NLD is actively recruiting for various committee positions. If anyone is interested in joining a committee, please contact Shawni @ 267.600.1461.

Fun Fact: Did you know that you do not need to be a member of Red Oak UMC to serve on one of our committees? Yes, you read it correctly! We'd love to have members from the community working side by side with us to cultivate progress. Leaders facilitate change!



Children & Youth Ministry

Children & Youth Church

First & Second Sundays @ 10 am (in the FLC)

We look forward to serving God and our community during 2024. We'll keep you posted of upcoming events throughout the year. Again, a sincere thank you for all you do!

To God be the Glory for the Things he has done!!!

Rev Kean Sutton

Youth Pastor

Rise Children & Youth Ministry

Red Oak United Methodist Church



The Communications Team ...



The Communications Team has some exciting upgrades on the way. Currently, the team is completing personal installation of camera wiring throughout the church and FLC. Next, a contractor will install 36 security cameras throughout. Also, we are looking to grow! Are you creative, articulate, or have a learning spirit? We are looking for individuals to join our team who can assist with creating advertisements, announcements, and audio/visual equipment. Please reach out to redoakumcteam@gmail.com to express an interest.

Health and Wellness ...

WHY DO WE HAVE AN AED IN OUR CHURCH?

By law, churches are not required to have an automated external defibrillator (AED). However, there are many good reasons why a church should consider investing in one of these life-saving devices.

The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends that AEDs be “available in public and/or private places where large numbers of people gather.” Red Oak certainly meets the definition of being a place where large numbers of people gather. Think of how many people pass through our church each week. Now think of the weekly classes, plays, dinners and other events that bring large crowds. Having this life saving equipment in our church can make the difference between life and death.

Thank you to the UMM for providing the funds for the purchase of the AED and thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the training.



Colorectal Cancer and the Black Community

Colorectal cancer disproportionately affects Black Americans, and access to care for the highly preventable disease is thought to be behind why this group is 20% more likely to receive a colorectal cancer diagnosis than any other racial or ethnic group.

As a result, experts suggest that African- Americans get screened beginning at age 45. If you have a personal or family history of colorectal cancer, colorectal polyps or inflammatory bowel disease, talk with your health care professional. You may need to be tested earlier or more frequently.



Women's Day at The Oak (2024)



God of Hope,
On this International
Women's Day,
we give thanks for the
gifts, leadership, and
contributions of
women in our lives.
We pray for an end to
violence and
harassment, and for
safety for all. We pray
for gender justice and
respect for rights of
women. In this we
pray, Amen. Our lady
of Mercy pray for us.



























Safety and Security Updates ...

Safety is our top priority, when choosing a parking spot, please avoid parking alongside the church by the side door. We must keep this space available for emergency vehicles.



Prayers for Restoration and Healing

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Cora Anderson
Patricia Kinard Boutee
Lillie Butler
Iris Daniel
Christine Davis
Martha Dudley
Susan Dyer
Vidal Godwin
David Graham
Eloise Gresham
Roserlyn Hutchison
Berta Lemon
Mary & Charles Lloyd

Timothy McClendon II
Lynn Grady Norwood
Janene Oliviere
Cynthia Quick
Terry Quick
Joan Robinson
Estella Rowe
Charlie Scrandrett
Mary Sue Norwood Scrandrett
Virginia Scandrett
Ophelia Shambly
Joseph Simmons
Rufus Weems

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

In Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

Our Heartfelt Condolences to the Family of ...

Gerry Zanders



Her celebration of life memorial service will be on
May 4th at 11am @ Red Oak UMC

Don't think of her as gone away
Her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she/he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she/he was loved so much.



Title: Remote Customer Care Advocate

Pay: \$17.68 per hour

*DRUG TEST AND BACKGROUND CHECKS are done before an offer is extended. No Felonies *

Shift: Shift will vary due to call center being open 24/7

**** MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY SHIFT TO INCLUDE NIGHTS, OVER NIGHTS & WEEKENDS BECAUSE THE CALL CENTER IS 24/7 ****

Requirements:

-HS diploma

-Must have 2 years Customer Service experience listed on resume

- Must have 2 years of Call center exp. listed on resume

****RESUME MUST BE UPDATED TO REFLECT NEEDED EXPERIENCE****

Start date: May and June 2024

Training is paid, it will last 4-6 weeks. The training schedule is M-F from 9am to 5pm. Computer cameras **MUST** be on during training.

Candidates can email the recruiter directly at ...

tlowe@pinsourcing.com



Free notary services offered, please contact Shawni @ 267 600 1461 or
Lizzy @ 215 880 6226



Tae-Kwon-Do Classes instructed by James Hagan are offered here at Red
Oak every

Thursday from 7:00pm - 7:45pm in the Family Life Center.

Contact James Hagan for more information at 678-548-7594



Cherish All God's Children, Inc.

Therapeutic Foster/Respite Care Program

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***** NEWS FLASH *****

If you are interested in joining the RED OAK NEWSLETTER Team, see
Linda Leftridge or call the church office at 770-474-8863.



Red Oak UMC Ministerial Team

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Senior Pastor
Min. Larry Brock
Min. Michael Brock
Pastor Wilmer Brown
Rev. Maestro Evans
Elder David Graham
Pastor Renea D. Slater
Pastor Kean Sutton
Min. Gary Williams

Our Vision

"The vision of Red Oak Church is to embrace the community and share God's love to all through Word, Worship, and Witness."

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