



RED OAK UMC

**Rev. Dr. LK Pendleton,
Pastor**

Red Oak's NEWSLETTER

Jan & Feb 2025 Edition



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WORSHIP SERVICE Sundays 10:am

**Sunday School: Sunday 8:45am - 9:45 am*

**Prayer: Monday 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM*

**Prayer and Fasting:*

Wednesday 6 pm - 6:30 pm

**Bible Study: Wednesday 7 pm - 8 pm*

**Available by Zoom or Teleconference.*

602-610-2084

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Pastor's Corner

"For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; it was His right hand, His arm, and His favor that provided for you, fought for you, defended you, and gave you increase." Psalm 44:3

Beloved, Happy New Year! 2024 has been a year of immense challenges for many of us. As times become harder, we've already had a glimpse of what the coming years might bring—a dysfunctional Washington D.C. exacerbating our struggles, driven by a petulant billionaire with an insatiable hunger for power and greed, leading us into the Gilded Age.

We cannot let our setbacks erode our faith. Even if fear and uncertainty creep in, we must nurture quiet resolve. The Psalmist reassures us of God's enduring presence. His "right hand" and "arm" symbolize divine power and protection, while His countenance shines with favor and blessing. Amid this Second Gilded Age, there is a silver lining. History teaches us that when concentrated wealth and corruption become unbearable, the values of the majority drive us to demand significant change.

While we wait for the 2026 elections to possibly right some wrongs, we cannot wait for the government to fulfill the duties Jesus entrusted to the church—caring for immigrants, widows, and children, feeding the poor, clothing the naked, visiting prisoners, and supporting one another. Community within the kingdom is crucial; we must work together to build a beloved community and resist the temptation to set up personal kingdoms inside the church, as this division is a sin in God's eyes.

Pastor's Corner cont.

The guiding principle for 2025 is **Community**. I urge you not to dwell on losses or be engulfed by fear and discouragement but to be aware of God's favor. We must not let our failures, disappointments, losses in 2024, or democracy's fragility define us. While defeats may derail, determination drives destiny. Setbacks may stumble, but strength secures success. Failures may falter, but faith forges fortunes. Challenges may choke, but courage creates comebacks. Obstacles may obstruct, but optimism opens opportunities.

As we enter the new year, let's embrace the spirit of community, knowing we must persevere through personal trials and tribulations for Jesus Christ's sake. Remember, we belong to a different kingdom—one not of this world—and God grants us success when we rely on His grace, trust His Word, and walk by faith, not sight.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Pastor K



Four Key Focuses for RO2025

1.) **Deepen Our Knowledge of God:**

- Engage in daily devotional practices, Bible study, and prayer.
 - Prioritize regular worship services that deepen our connection to God.
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2.) **Join a Growth Group to:**

- Foster fellowship, accountability, and spiritual small and interest-based groups to help every member find their place within the community.

3.) **Be Intentional About Building a Beloved Community**

- Involvement in community service projects to meet the needs of the local community and beyond. Level up Freedom School, Library, discussion groups.
- Take a positive and supportive approach, refraining from negativity and criticism.

4.) **Commit to Worship:**

- Prioritize regular worship services that deepen our connection to God.

Thought for the New Year

**"The world is before you, and you need not take it or leave
it
as it was when you came in."**

Bishop Robin Dease



The
North Georgia Conference
of The United Methodist Church



Is the episcopal leader of the North Georgia Conference of the
United Methodist Church

She will be our guest speaker here at Red Oak UMC
Sunday, January 12, 2025 at the 10:am Service
DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL OCCASION!!

Sheriff Reginald Scrandrett



You are invited to attend the swearing in ceremony of
Sheriff Reginald Scrandrett

Wednesday January 8, 2025 6:00PM

Merle Manders Conference Center

Stockbridge, Ga. 30281

RSVP by Tuesday, December 31, 2025 at HCSOFoundation.org

"Transforming Challenges into Opportunities." Romans 8:28:



Dr. Harold Desantis Lewis, Retreat Facilitator

Are you ready to turn obstacles into stepping stones? Join us for an inspiring retreat designed for leaders, staff, ministers, and church members. Together, we'll explore how to embrace change, overcome challenges, and create new opportunities for growth and transformation.

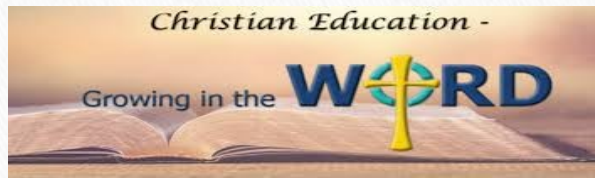
 **Date:** January 25, 2025  **Location:** Red Oak UMC Family Life Center – Cost \$10.00

Highlights:

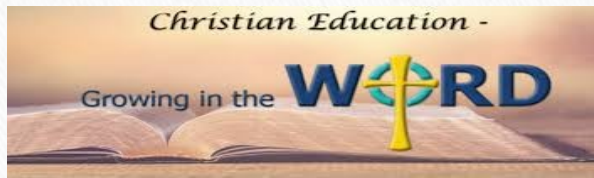
- Engaging Workshops
- Spiritual Growth Sessions
- Practical Strategies for Ministry

Don't miss this chance to renew your spirit, strengthen your faith, and connect with your church community. Let's transform challenges into opportunities and build a brighter future together!

Register Now: Scan the code, see your ministry leader or scan the QR code located in the pew.



- Recap of The year 2024 and December's report: The year 2024 has been very prosperous and productive for Christian Education. With an average attendance of about 30 members we completed several books: "Faith is the Answer, but what are the Questions?" By June 30, we started, "Standing on the Promises or Sitting on the Premises." which is completed. There are four adult classes led by: (1) Reverend Renea and Brother Larry Brock, (2) Linda Lethridge, and Florence, (3) Dr. Marshall Williams, and (4) Brother Paul Fruge.
- Summer vacation Bible school was a great success. June 17-21, 2024 consistently in attendance was about 25 persons per night. Sherryl Bright was the host each night to get VBS started and closed. There were four classes: primary class led by Angela Bates, and Diane Buckner, intermediate class, led by Lillie Jordan, teenage class, lead by Reverend Kean Sutton and the adult class Lead by Rev. Brown, & Rev. Renea—each lead two nights and Lillie Jordan and Julia Crawford lead on one night.
- Continually throughout the year there remains three adult Bible Study Classes: Pastor K leads a class Wednesdays @ noon with 5-6 persons in regular attendance with some individuals viewing. Michael Brock leads a Conference Call Bible class with approximately 12-15 in attendance Wednesday evening @ 7:00 pm and Pastor Renea has a Zoom Class each Wednesday evening 7:00 pm eastern time with 11 persons in attendance.



- December: We are in the process of offering an Advent Study where all four classes combined and discussed the book: "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Brueggemann. Each facilitation led the class one Sunday of the month. Hospitality committee provided a continental breakfast for each Sunday. We were hoping this plan would draw newer members to the Sunday classes however that plan did not attract possible new members, perhaps two or three new people joined in for the study.
- Beginning end of December we will begin a new study for two months: "Kwanzaa-Seven Principles" written by Rod Terry. Kwanzaa is celebrated and observed each year from December 26th through January 1st. However the principles are important and can be studied throughout the year.

Submitted by Pastor Slater (Christian Education is led by Pastors Renea Slater and Wilmer Brown)

The Communications Committee

The people asked and we answered. ***The Communications' Team*** heard there were members who had a difficult time viewing text on the televisions in the sanctuary, and we could not let this prevent members from fully engaging in worship. The goal that stays at the forefront of our work is to create and sustain quality auditory and visual experiences for those worshipping in-person and for our online viewers.

The need was recently met as members from the team removed the 65" TV's in the sanctuary and updated the viewing with brand new 85" TV's. We also blessed the youth ministry by installing the 65" TV's in the Family Life Center for their worship needs. You will also notice a TV installed in the narthex as you enter Red Oak UMC. Soon, you will be able to view a stream of announcements (or) stay updated on what's happening during live worship services. Stay tuned as we continue to build better experiences for your worship needs!

St. Jerome is known for the message, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best." On the Communications Team, we believe good visual and auditory experiences are never enough. We are constantly striving for better with a goal towards best. May you have the best sensory experiences every time you choose Red Oak as your place to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Submitted by: Dr. Veneschia Bryant, Communications Chair

Church Updates & Thanks from the Trustees

We are pleased to share some recent updates to our church facilities. The roof of the parsonage has been successfully repaired, ensuring its protection for years to come. Additionally, we've upgraded the lights in the church parking lot to energy-efficient LED lights, enhancing visibility and reducing energy costs.



In the mechanical room, the hot water heater unexpectedly went out, but we quickly replaced it with a new unit, which has already been installed and is up and running smoothly.



A heartfelt thank you goes to all our Trustees for their continued hard work and dedication to keeping our church and grounds in excellent condition. We appreciate the time, energy, and commitment they put into their service.



Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Kitchen Staff

As we reflect on the year 2024, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible kitchen staff for their love, dedication, and hard work. Your unwavering commitment has made a tremendous impact, and your service is truly appreciated.

A special thank you to:

Bernie McCullough

Charles Weems

Avary Brock

Jerri Teague

Alice Brock

Karen Arnold

Hazel Hardaway

Brad Miller

Mildred Shaw

Elaine Bryant

Kevin Gordon

Linda Hayes

Chablie Johnson

God loves you, and so do I! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am so blessed to work alongside such a wonderful team. May God continue to bless each of you for all that you do.

With love and gratitude,
Dianne Nunn, Hospitality Chair

***Jonesboro Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Christmas Party
Sponsored by:
Red Oak UMC Witness, Evangelism & Outreach Ministries***



We meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Jonesboro Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility for a short devotion service.

Everyone is asked to participate. Please contact Charles Weems or Lurline Gourdine for additional information



Red Oak's Rise Youth Ministry presented the Polar Express Movie & Pajama Party

Lots of fun, food and fellowship was appreciated by our





Red Oak UMC

RED OAK'S UWIF



Line Dance Class to Feed The Hungry is back!!



*Every Second Saturday
11:30AM -12:30PM Family Life Center
3894 Walt Stephens Rd.
Stockbridge Ga.30281*

**PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO
HELP SUPPORT OUR 24-HOUR FOOD PANTRY**



Red Oak UWIF Food Pantry Expansion



12/19/24 “Almost Done” **“Almost Done Again” 12/21/24**

We are so grateful to the three ladies that donated the funds to purchase the building, to Bro. David Evans, Bro. Charlie Bates and Rev. Wilmer Brown who worked diligently laying the foundation, assembling the structure two times and finding a place for those 2000 nuts, bolts and screws.

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE UWIF



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Attention Red Oak UMC Women!!!

As members of ROUMC you are automatically members of the United Women In Faith Ministry. We want to encourage all of you to become an active part of some the positive programs listed below that we are engaged in here at Red Oak, to support our church and community.

- Support the local chapter of the UWIF
- Around mother’s day each year we prepare packages of toiletries and hygiene products for female residents incarcerated in the Georgia State Detention Facilities.
- Contribute gifts to our High School and College graduates
- Partner with LOL (Living out Loud) This is a mentoring ministry for young ladies both in the church and community.
- Restarting our line dance to feed the hungry in January
- Almost completed the expansion of the food pantry.



Red Oak UWIF



We need your support to prepare the interior with shelving, cubicles and products for stocking. So far the UWIF has not organized any fund raisers. These endeavors are completely supported by the monthly contributions of ten-dollars from our active members.

**We meet bi-monthly on the second Saturday at 11:30am upstairs in the FLC. Come join us we need your support!!
Next meeting 02/08/25 11:30AM**





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**Hope
Rodney**

**Latoscha
Brown-
Battiste**

**Carol
Simmons**

**Shon &
Felicia
Edmonds**

New Members 2024

Hope Rodney
Latoscha Brown-Battiste
Carol Simmons
Shon Edmonds
Felicia Edmonds
Flora Lason - not pictured
Francis Taylor - not pictured
Linda Miranda - not pictured



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UMC
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Prayers for Restoration and Healing

*How precious is Your loving kindness, O God!
Therefore, the children of men put their trust under
the shadow of Your wings. Psalm 36:7*

<i>Cora Anderson</i>	<i>Lynn Grady Norwood</i>
<i>Frankie Arnold</i>	<i>Janene Oliviere</i>
<i>Lillie Butler</i>	<i>Cynthia Quick</i>
<i>Iris Daniel</i>	<i>Terry Quick</i>
<i>Christine Davis</i>	<i>Joan Robinson</i>
<i>Martha Dudley</i>	<i>Nichelle Ross</i>
<i>Vidal Godwin</i>	<i>Estella Rowe</i>
<i>David Graham</i>	<i>Charlie Scrandrett</i>
<i>Eloise Gresham</i>	<i>Mary Sue Norwood</i>
<i>Roserlyn Hutchison</i>	<i>Scrandrett</i>
<i>Berta Lemon</i>	<i>Virginia Scandrett</i>
<i>Mary & Charles Lloyd</i>	<i>Ophelia Shambly</i>
<i>Timothy McClendon II</i>	<i>Joseph Simmons</i>
	<i>Rufus Weems</i>
	<i>Michelle White</i>

***Rehabilitation Centers/Nursing Care
Facilities***
Garth Rennis



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No eating nor drinking in the pews of the sanctuary please ...

It has come to our attention that some of our members have picked up the habit of eating and drinking in the sanctuary during worship and practice sessions.

Please please please refrain from consuming food and drinks within the designated worship area of the church.

Your adherence to this request will help us to maintain cleanliness, while respecting the solemnity of the service, and avoiding distractions for others attending the worship session.

Your compliance is greatly appreciated!



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OFFICE HOURS

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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."

Ministerial Staff

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

JANUARY, 2025
Conference Call #1-602-610-2084, Access Code - 653507

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm via Conference Call	2. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm via Conference Call	3.	4.
5. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School - FLC 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am Children & Youth Church - FLC	6. 6:30am Corporate Prayer via Conference Call	7.	8. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm via Conference Call	9. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm via Conference Call	10.	11. 9:00am UMM Meeting 10:00am UWIF Meeting 10:00am Trustee Meeting
12. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School - FLC 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am Children & Youth Church - FLC	13. 6:30am Corporate Prayer via Conference Call	14. 11:00am Jonesboro Nursing/Rehab Devotion	15. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm via Conference Call	16. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm via Conference Call 6:30pm Admin Council Meeting	17.	18.
19. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School - FLC 10:00am Worship Service	20. 6:30am Corporate Prayer via Conference Call	21.	22. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm via Conference Call	23. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm via Conference Call	24.	25. 9:00am - 1:00pm Churchwide Leadership Retreat (FLC)
26. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School - FLC 10:00am Worship Service Installation of Leaders (during 10:00am service)	27. 6:30am Corporate Prayer via Conference Call	28.	29.	30.	31.	

**February, 2025* Conference Call #1-602-610-2084,
access code - 653507
(unless otherwise noted)**

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Are you ready for your next Par-Tay?!?!?

Book **Chunky Monkey Productions**
for a 360 photo booth, tons of fun for all ages!

Contact Lizzy for pricing and details (215 880 6226)



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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

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



***Digital (Mobile) Photographer and Videographer available
for your next event!***

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Wedding photoshoot
Professional Headshots
Brand Photoshoot
Real Estate Photography
Birthday Celebrations*

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