

# RED OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## MARCH/APRIL 2026 NEWLETTER

HE IS  
**RISEN**

### 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."**

**Rev. Dr. L.K Pendleton, Senior Pastor**

### Ministerial Staff

Rev. Wilmer Brown  
Rev. Renea D. Slater

Rev. Kean Sutton  
Elder David Graham  
Rev. Maestro Evans

Min. Larry Brock  
Min. Michael Brock

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**PHONE: 770-474-8863**

# RED OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Experience one of our LIVE events

Via:

**YouTube Live**

or

**Red Oak UMC Livestream**

<http://www.youtube.com/@redoakumc6163>

**Sunday School:**

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Family Life Center

**Morning Worship Service:**

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Corporate Prayer:**

Every Monday 6:30 a.m.

Teleconference: 602-610-2084(653507)

**Lenten Bible Study**

**Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Family Life Center**

**Facilitated by: Pastor L.K. Pendleton**



**Red Oak United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Dr. L. K. Pendleton, Senior Pastor**



**Beloved,**

Grace and Peace to you! As we move through March and April, we stand firmly in our church's 2026 theme: Rooted 2 Rise. Colossians 2:6-7 reminds us:

**“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith...”**

This passage calls us to a faith that is grounded, growing, and grateful. It reminds us that rising always begins with being rooted — rooted in Christ, rooted in community, and rooted in purpose. As we honor Women's History Month, we celebrate the women whose faith, wisdom, and resilience helped root us. Their prayers, sacrifices, leadership, and quiet strength have shaped our families, our communities, and our church. Their stories reflect our first pillar: **Rooted in Spiritual Formation**, grounded in the faith that has carried generations

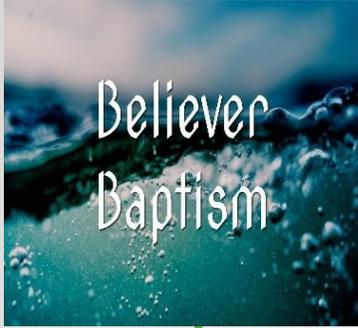
As April brings us to Easter, we celebrate the risen Christ who empowers us to rise with hope, courage, and renewed purpose. Resurrection reminds us that God is always calling us upward — into new life, new possibilities, and new strength. This is our second pillar: **Rising Through Community Presence**, showing up in the world with the same hope that raised Jesus from the dead.

And as we continue to grow as a church, we embrace our third pillar: **Rising Together by Empowering Lay Leadership**. Just as Christ entrusted the Gospel to ordinary people, we believe God is raising up leaders among us — gifted, called, and ready to serve.

During this Lenten season, and throughout our 21-day prayer and fasting journey, may we lean into these pillars with intention. May we deepen our roots in Christ, strengthen our walk through prayer, and rise together as a community shaped by grace. This spring, may we stay rooted in Christ. May we rise in purpose. And may we overflow with gratitude for the women who shaped us and the Savior who redeemed us. Stay rooted and keep rising, for the kingdom of God is near.



## BELIEVER'S BAPTISM INVITATION



If you are ready to take the next step in your walk with Christ, we invite you to participate in Believers' Baptism. Baptism is a public declaration of your faith — an outward sign of the inward work God is doing in your life. Whether you are new to the faith, recommitting your life to Christ, or simply sensing that now is your time, we welcome you to be baptized. Our pastoral team is available to support you, answer questions, and help you prepare for this meaningful moment. If you feel God leading you, sign up and take the next step in your journey with Christ.

□ CALL-TO-ACTION

## DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP

### Support the DREAMS Scholarship

Georgia's proposed DREAMS Scholarship would create the state's first need-based aid program \$25M in direct scholarships and a \$300M endowment to expand access for students across the state. Senate cuts have removed more than \$200M from this investment, threatening college affordability for thousands of Georgia families.

**Why it matters.** Strong democracies require strong educational opportunities. Need-based aid removes barriers, strengthens communities, and expand equity.

**Your voice matters:** Contact your state legislators and urge them to fully fund the \$325 million DREAMS Scholarship proposal.



Visit: <https://bit.ly/GADREAMS> and tell Lawmakers:

- Georgia students deserve equitable access to higher education.
- The full \$325 million investment is critical.
- We must not weaken this historic opportunity





## **South Central Lay Servant Ministries 2026 Spring Classes Basic**

Saturdays, 4/18, 4/25; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm; Jackson UMC  
Text: *Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course*, Sandy and Brian Jackson  
Questions contact: Randy Brown [randy.brown.0754@gmail.com](mailto:randy.brown.0754@gmail.com) or  
Darlene Bulger [deebulger@gmail.com](mailto:deebulger@gmail.com)

### **Polity**

Saturdays, 04/18, 04/25; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm; Jackson UMC  
Text: *The Method of our Mission*, by Lacey Warner  
Questions contact: Randy Brown [randy.brown.0754@gmail.com](mailto:randy.brown.0754@gmail.com) or  
Darlene Bulger [deebulger@gmail.com](mailto:deebulger@gmail.com)

### **Lead Worship**

Saturdays, 04/18, 04/25; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm; Jackson UMC Text: *Worshiping with  
United Methodists*, by Hoyt Hickman  
Questions contact: Randy Brown [randy.brown.0754@gmail.com](mailto:randy.brown.0754@gmail.com) or  
Darlene Bulger [deebulger@gmail.com](mailto:deebulger@gmail.com)

### **Conflict Resolution**

Saturdays, 04/18, 04/25; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm; Jackson UMC Text: *Conflict  
Resolution, The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation*, by Thomas Porter



# 2026 Church Retreat

## “Rooted to Rise”

**Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 8:30 to 12:30**

*(Sign up will begin as early as 8:15am)*

**and Sunday, March 15, 2026 (For the Sunday Service)**

Join us for a meaningful day of fellowship, growth, and spiritual renewal as we come together as one church family. This retreat is open to all ages and designed to help us deepen our faith and strengthen our walk with Christ.

### Registration Options

- **Online Sign-Up:** [ROUMC 2026 Retreat Sign Up Link](#)
- **On-Site Registration:** Doors open at 8:30 AM  
*(See Chyrelle Dabney onsite)*
- **Payment Details:**  
Cost: \$15.00 per person
- **Payment Options:**  
Pre-pay via Cash App: [\\$elledabney1](#)

#### Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing.”

Kindly,  
Chyrelle Dabney – Vice Chair NLD ROUMC



# MEET OUR “ROOTED TO RISE” Retreat Facilitator



**Rev. Dr. Dante R. Quick, Senior Pastor  
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens (FBCLG)  
Somerset, New Jersey.**

Rev. Dr. Danté R. Quick is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens (FBCLG) in Somerset, New Jersey. Prior to joining FBCLG, he served for over a decade as Senior Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Vallejo, California, leading the congregation through significant spiritual and numerical growth.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Dr. Quick earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Morehouse College, followed by a Master of Divinity in Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was awarded the Jean Anne Swope and James L. Mechem Prize in Christian Ethics. He later earned his Ph.D. in Philosophical/Systematic Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

Dr. Quick is internationally recognized for his dynamic preaching, commitment to justice, and ability to bridge faith, scholarship, and community transformation. His ministry is rooted in empowering believers to live out their faith with clarity, courage, and compassion.



2026 Retreat Facilitator



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# Annual Women's Day!

*Beautifully and Boldly Walking*

— Proverbs 31:25-29 —

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
She laughs without fear of the future.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
Her husband also, and he praises her."*

**Sunday, March 22, 2026 | 10 A.M.**

*Guest Speaker:*

*News Anchor*

**MONICA KAUFMAN PEARSON**

Red Oak United Methodist Church  
3894 Walt Stephens Road  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Sponsor: Women United In Christ  
Rev. Dr. L. K. Pendleton, Senior Pastor



**Red Oak United  
Methodist Church**  
Reverend Dr. L.K.  
Pendleton



**Christian Growth  
Ministries, Inc.**  
Bishop & Elder Terry G. &  
Anita Richardson

**PRESENTS**

# FAITH AND MENTAL WELLNESS ACTION SUMMIT

## *Finding Strength in Uncertain Times*



**March 28, 2026**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



**Location:**  
3894 Walt Stephens Road  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

## *Featured Speakers*



**MIN. MARTI COPELAND,  
LPC, NCC, CPCS**

*Founder of  
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**RACHEL MURPHY, MPM**

*Digital Empowerment  
Founder of  
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**SHEVANDER DYKES,  
LPC, NCC, CPCS**

*CEO of Surviving  
Transitions  
Counseling*

## *Details*

### **WHAT YOU'LL LEAVE KNOWING**

- ✓ Learn strategies for managing stress, trauma, and mental wellness
- ✓ Access to churches, organizations, and mental health pros
- ✓ Practical next steps & resources

### 🔥 **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE** 🔥

Registration Required  
Tickets: \$15 (Includes Lunch)  
First Come, First Served

*Scholarships Available Based on Need*

### **REGISTRATION OPTIONS**



Visit  
<https://buytickets.at/christiangrowthministriesi/2055222>  
Or scan the QR code above to  
secure your spot.

**Sponsors and Volunteers Requested**

Contact for More Information

(470) 775-1684





# Red Oak MC

## 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*

Cora Anderson  
Vidal Godwin  
Eloise Gresham  
Birda Lemon  
Timothy McClendonII  
Joan Robinson  
Catherine Norwood  
Paul Frugé

Charlie Scrandrett  
Mary Sue Norwood Scrandrett  
Virginia Scandrett  
Joseph Simmons  
Rufus Weems  
Michelle White  
Aline Stingley  
Adline Rennis  
William Wright

## Rehabilitation Centers/Nursing Care Facilities

*Garth Rennis*

### Our Sincerest Condolences to:

- Gina Collins (formerly Misher) and family in the passing of her father, Robert Lee Collins who passed away on February 19, 2026.
- Rev. Renea Slater and family in the passing of her eldest sister, Mary Bush Burrell of Natchitoches, Louisiana who passed away on January 1, 2026.
- Lanier (Cito) and Andrea Evans and family in the loss of Andrea's father, Andrew Mays who passed away on January 20, 2026.
- Danita Bryant and family in the passing of her brother, Booker McKissic, Jr. and her aunt, Mrs. Bertha Watson. Both passed away on January 21, 2026.
- LaSonya Rudd and family in the passing of her 36-year-old cousin, Annie Marie Flowers of Batesville, MS who passed away on December 26, 2025.

**Our God is a God of deliverance; the Lord GOD is our rescuer from death  
Psalm 68:20**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Membership Team New Member Class Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> | 10 AM

If there is anyone who joined church and feels they did not get a class orientation and want to attend, please contact any Membership Team.

### Membership Team will hold our Membership Address Update Campaign again.

This year we are going online only. To be announced by communications 1st Sunday in March with a **QR barcode** available to take you directly to the church website to update their information. This will be ongoing and available all year.



### Outreach Ministry

Outreach ministry meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 AM for devotional service at **Jonesboro Rehabilitation Service**



### Communications Department Update

The Red Oak UMC Communications Department recently met to discuss updates and set goals for the 2026 year. One of our primary focuses is refreshing the church website, beginning with updates to the **Youth Ministry** page to ensure it reflects current programs and activities.



The church office will be closed on April 3rd in observance of Good Friday



**Daylight savings time** – Spring forward Sunday, March 8, 2026 – set clocks 1 hour ahead before bed on Saturday night March 7<sup>th</sup>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### 2025 Contributions

You may request your 2025 contributions by emailing the church at [redoakumcstockbridge.org](mailto:redoakumcstockbridge.org) or call the church office at 770.474.8863. You may pick up your contributions statement on Sunday's in the Finance office



**Installation of Red Oak Officers** will be held on **March 15, 2026** at our **10:00 AM Service**



#### **Prayer and Bible Studies** (all virtual)

Join us by dialing 602-610-2084, Access Code: 653507



**Corporate Prayer Mondays @ 6:30 am**

**Fasting & Prayer Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm to 6:30pm**



**Bible Study Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm**

**Adult Sunday School Class Sundays from 8:45am – 9:45 am**

**DAILY at 12:00pm Recite the Lord's Prayer**

**Note:** Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays in March are in-person.

For the last quarter of 2025 the Adult Sunday School classes have been in the study, "Parables from the Backside." A new study is scheduled to begin on March 8, 2026 which should take us through to the end of May, 2026. The new study is "Discerning the Voice of God", by author Priscilla Shirer. Adult Sunday School is held each Sunday from 8:45 am to 9:45 am. All are invited and encouraged to join us as we seek to know more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what he requires.





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***March 2026***

8. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service 10:00am Children & Youth Church - FLC	9.  6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	10. 11:00am Jonesboro Nursing & Rehab Center in Jonesboro Devotion **All are invited**	11. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer (via Conference Call)  Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (IN-PERSON)	12.	13.	14. 9:00am – 12:00pm Leadership Retreat
15.  8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service	16.  6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	17.	18. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer (via Conference Call)  Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (IN-PERSON)	19.	20.	21.
22. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service UWIF Women's Day Program	23.  6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	24.	25. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer (via Conference Call)  Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (IN-PERSON)	26.	27.	28. 10:00am – 3:00pm  Faith & Mental Wellness Action Summit
29. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service	30.  6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	31.				

## ***Thought of the Month***

***Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ forgave you.***

***Ephesians 4:32***

**Conference Call No. 1-602-610-2084**

**Access Code – 653507**



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***April 2026***

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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) 6:30pm Local Missions Meeting (via conference call)	7. 6:30pm NLD Meeting (FLC)	8. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm <small>(both via Conference Call)</small>	9.	10.	11. 9:00am UMM 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 Center in Jonesboro Devotion <b>**All are invited**</b>  6:30pm Witness Team Meeting	15. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm <small>(both via Conference Call)</small>	16. 6:30pm Admin Council Meeting FLC	17.	18.
19. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC 10:00am Worship Service	20. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)  6:30PM Older Adult Team Meeting FLC	21. 6pm – 7:30pm Girl Scouts Recruitment Event (FLC)	22. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm <small>(both via Conference Call)</small>	23.	24.	25.
26. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC 10:00am Worship Service	27. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	28.	29. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm <small>(both via Conference Call)</small>	30. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)		

## ***Thought of the Month***

***Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”***

***Isaiah 43:19***

**Conference Call No. 1-602-610-2084**

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**Stockbridge, Ohio**

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**Tae-Kwon-Do  
Classes**

Red Oak UMC Family Life  
Center  
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**Thursday 7:00 pm-7:45  
pm**

**Instructor: James Hagan  
For Additional Information  
Contact James Hagan  
678-548-7594**



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