

REVELATIONS

Oak Grove United Methodist Church

April 2020

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.” Psalm 46:1-3. I have held onto this scripture passage this past month, and it offers me hope for the days to come.

Our governor has issued a “shelter in place” order starting Friday (April 3rd) at 5:00 pm for the whole state of MS. What does that mean for us? Well, we are still trying to figure that out. What we know: We will continue livestreaming worship on Facebook and Youtube on Sundays at 10:00 am. The recordings will still be available after the fact on both Facebook and Youtube, and a link to the recording will be available on the church website (www.ogumc.com Click on the “media’ tab, and then click on “sermons.”) If you are searching for the livestream on Youtube, search for “Dempsey Amacker OGUMC” on Youtube, and you will find our worship services. (Dempsey is our AMAZING tech leader who set up our channel.)

More info to come on our holy week/Easter services. Check our website, emails, weekly “OneCall” phone messages, and Facebook for updated info.

These days are indeed scary and troubled. So much remains uncertain, and we long for worship together and life “as usual.” Rest assured that God is with us in the longing and the waiting. In our uncertainty, God is our constant.

God’s deepest peace be with you,

Amy

While we are worshipping via Facebook and Youtube, you may still give your tithes and offerings in a number of ways: online at www.ogumc.com, by text giving to the number 1-877-669-9414 (Text \$ your amount), or mail a check to the church office.

During this time, we will communicate with you by as many means as we have available to us.

Facebook: Oak Grove UMC, MS (Like our page)

Email: office@ogumc.com

Web: www.ogumc.com

One Call Now: Phone Messages and Emails

Instagram: [oakgroveumc.hattiesburg](https://www.instagram.com/oakgroveumc.hattiesburg)

Text Message: To sign up to receive text messages: Text 7ch29ca to the number 81010

The Church Office will remain closed. Please communicate via email or phone.

CHILDREN

Greetings everyone. Wow, what an interesting time we find ourselves in! Just like all of you, I miss seeing all of my church family. I hope everyone is enjoying the PB&J (Pajamas, Bible stories & Jesus) on our Facebook page each night. Thanks so much to everyone who has read a story. It has been great to see all your faces and hear your voices. However, we want to see more of you, so please read a bedtime story, record it on your phone or iPad and send it to me. Then we can all see more of each other! I know what you are thinking...you don't like how you look or sound on camera, but have you seen the Wednesday J.A.M. puppet shows??? If I can go that far out of my comfort zone, then surely you can find the courage to read a Bible story. So jump in and join the fun!

Every day is a new day and things change daily. At this point, we don't know about tomorrow and whether we will be able to have VBS in June, and I have yet to hear about Camp Wesley Pines. For now, we will keep them on the calendar as scheduled and if, and when I hear something different, I will let you know. Trying to do things differently and keeping up with everything while staying safe sometimes gets a bit overwhelming. But when I find myself growing a little anxious, the words to the song *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* come to my mind and I am reassured that all will be fine.

*I don't know about tomorrow
I just live from day to day
I don't borrow from the sunshine
For its skies may turn to grey.*

*I don't worry o'er the future
For I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him
For He knows what lies ahead*

*Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand.*

I hope those words bring you some peace and reassurance as we face the days ahead. I will be praying that all of you stay safe and healthy. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

Parents, please give all of your children hugs from me (I really miss my hugs) and enjoy your time with them. Think of this shelter in place as a gift to spend more time with your kids (even if you have to pray for more patience) as they truly do grow up so fast. I love and miss you all!

In His Service,

Kaycee

YOUTH

Hello OGUMC Family!

We miss you all so entirely much, and we wish we could all be together during this time. Although this is a time of unknown, I would like to give you some information on how your youth can stay involved with our youth group during this time. First, please make sure they are following the youth Instagram account @ogstudents. This is where we will do the majority of our announcements, live studies, and fun games/etc. Also, please have them download Zoom for free on their computers! This way they can have meetings with us on Sunday nights, starting next Sunday night at 6 pm!

We are also attempting a "virtual" dessert auction where we will have church members agree to make "will bake" pies/cakes/desserts, so if you are willing please email us with the name of the dessert and a photo if you have one. Also, make sure you are following our Facebook page for details of when we will host the "bidding." Thank you so much for your continued support and love during this time.

Grace and Peace,

Lauren

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Eddie/Dean Smith | 16 Charlie/Sarah Fulmar | 21 Mike/Kathy Jordan | 29 Bobo/Lori Terrill |
| 6 Gus/Maxyne Norwood | 17 Shane/Kim Napier | 27 Jamie/Leigh Shelton | |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| 2 Emma Entrekin
Lance McDonald | 7 Keith Hagenson | 12 Joanna Graves | 21 Owen Dickerson |
| 3 Dylan Carpenter
Jan Wilkinson | 8 Patrick Dornan
Katelyn O'Quinn
Whitney Bell | 13 Rod Courtney | 23 Emma McDonald
Jordan Wesley |
| 4 Madolyn Cross | 9 April Boudreaux | 14 Nancy Amacker | 28 Paula Atterberry
Sarah Atterberry |
| 6 Paul Dornan
Julie McDonald | 10 Bob Attkisson | 15 Sheryl Bazemore | 29 Dee Wheat |
| | 11 Hagan Barber | 17 Addison Lamar | 30 Julia Johnson |
| | | 20 Bus Cook | |
| | | 21 Ty Creel | |

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

During this time of isolation and uncertainty, please pray daily for those on our prayer list. We will try to provide a weekly prayer list update to keep you informed. If you need to add or delete a name from the prayer list, please email the office at office@ogumc.com or call 601-264-8850.

Praise & Thanksgiving

- Our Risen Savior
- God's Word
- God's healing touch

Community & World

- World Health Crisis
- Health Care Workers
- Logan Stephens-Air Force Flight Training
- Sgt. Tony Reeves – Deployed
- Persecuted Church around the world
- Our military men & women serving around the world

Hospitals

- Chris Thompson-FGH

Bereaved

- Family of Rita Burks
- Family of Lorraine Watkins
- Family of Larry Farlow
- Family of Maureen Noll
- Family of Maytle Murray
- Family of Sue Jones
- Family of Henry Farmer
- Family of John Acker

Homebound

- J.C. Arban
- Emery Burch

- Winnie Drane
- Mary Farmer
- Chellye Frazier
- Robert Luga
- Bobbye Read
- Jack Shelton

Nursing/Retirement Home

- Alden Pointe
 - Allene Findley
 - Beth Meador
 - Clarence Shannon
 - Evelyn Wesley
 - Phylis Wood
- Bedford
 - Pauline Dillinger
- Bedford Monroe Hall Petal
 - Oleta Downing
- Brookdale
 - Janet Pascale
- The Claiborne
 - Shirley Cameron
 - Madolyn Cross
 - Bill Norris-Cottage
 - Ellen Stegall
- Provisions
 - Carolyn Howell
- Out of Town
 - Elizabeth Herrington
 - Charles Pollard (Pennsylvania)
 - Kim Smith

- Vick Smith (Gulfport) Wesley Manor
- Jeanette Breland
- Alice Cooper
- Darcy Farmer
- Lina Fortenberry
- Frances Moore
- Joe Shelton

Healing & Encouragement

- Dave Able
- Cindy Aubin
- Beth Bankston
- Judith Biggert
- Quinn Boudreaux
- Samona Bray
- Butch Burks
- Laura Cade
- Florence Carlson
- Jane Chandler
- Dwain Cox
- Pattie Culpepper
- Nancy Farrar
- Bud Fulcher
- Roxanne Garcia
- Thay Gill
- Margaret Gray
- Stanley Gray
- Merritt Grimsley
- Carol Guidry
- Tess Hammond
- Laura Harper

- Liam Lamb
- Paul Langham
- Suzanne Lopez
- Pam Love
- Jim Luck
- B.J. Mathias
- Denny McLelland
- Sonya McPhail
- Vicki McQuiston
- Connie Miles
- Mike Miller
- Colin Penuel
- Satoy Perry
- Joe/Cassie Posey
- Journey Posey
- Kathy Schneider
- Karie Mathias Sorrells
- Selena Stephens
- Debbie Sullivan
- Jeff Van Pelt
- Olivia Wade
- Dwight Wesley
- Joseph Wesley
- Melissa Wheat
- Hannah Williams
- Frank Woodruff