

WORSHIP AT WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- Nurseries for children 3 and under are provided.
- Nursing Mothers room available.
- Restrooms are located on the right side exit by the choir loft, down the stairs to the right and or on the left and right side of the main hallway in the new building.
- Listen to sermons on our website at <http://www.whiteoakarp.org/Sermons.html>.

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are grateful you're visiting with us. Our hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will minister to you through the preaching of God's Word, the sacraments, hymns, and prayers.

If you're so inclined, please complete a contact information card located on the back of the pews. There is also a prayer request card for your requests, and they may both be placed in the offering plate.

We look forward to meeting you following the worship service!

ABOUT WHITE OAK ARP

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has been worshipping since 1836 and was organized as a congregation in 1848 in Coweta County. Our congregation is part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) denomination (arpchurch.org). We hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith and emphasize the following:

- The Bible is the Word of God; the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- God is the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the universe.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Savior from sin.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to begin and continue to live the Christian life.
- Salvation is by God's grace and is not earned but is received through faith.

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MAY 5, 2024

PRELUDE

Bokhee Min Lee

MEDITATION

1 John 4:9–10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Ronny Hull

11:00 Service: Andrew Cecil Hunter

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 98

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

People: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

† **HYMN (377)**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

In Bulletin

† **THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Worship is directed to the people by God through the Worship leader. It is a call to focus mind heart, and intention on the

Music is part of worship throughout scripture. It lifts us up and expresses our joy and celebration. Each hymn connects to the parts of worship around it.

† Those who are able, please stand.

Nothing but the Blood

1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2 For my par-don this I see— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4 This is all my hope and peace— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

1 What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
2 For my cleans-ing this my plea— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
3 Naught of good that I have done— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
4 This is all my right-eous-ness— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

O! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Sing a New Song to Jehovah

1. ¹Sing a new song to Je - ho - vah for the won - ders he has wrought;
 2. ³Truth and mer - cy toward his peo - ple he has ev - er kept in mind,
 3. ⁷Seas with all your full - ness thun - der, all earth's peo - ples now re - joice;

his right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph to his cause have brought.
 and his full and free sal - va - tion he has shown to all man - kind.
⁸floods and hills in praise u - nit - ing, to the Lord lift up your voice.

²In his love and ten - der mer - cy he has made sal - va - tion known,
⁴Sing, O earth, sing, to Je - ho - vah, prais - es to Je - ho - vah sing;
⁹For, be - hold, the Lord is com - ing, robed in jus - tice and in might;

in the sight of ev - 'ry na - tion he his righ - teous - ness has shown.
^{5/6}with the swell - ing notes of mu - sic shout be - fore the Lord, the King.
 he a - lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg - ment shall be right.

† CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions #20 & #21

20. Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. **God, having out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.**

21. Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

† OUR RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
 World without end. Amen. Amen.

Question & answer catechisms help teach and reinforce biblical truths.

The Gloria Patri is an ancient hymn of praise to our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has been part of the church's worship for centuries.

PSALTER

"Sing a New Song to Jehovah"

In Bulletin

WORSHIP IN GIVING

(PLEASE PLACE PRAYER/VISITOR CARDS IN OFFERING PLATES.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Behold the Lamb"

White Oak Choir

† DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 382

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The offering is an act of thanksgiving and worship commanded by God. By giving our tithe, we demonstrate our dependence on the Lord, the maker and sustainer of all things.

From Greek *doxa*, (glory, splendor, grandeur) & *logos*, (word/speaking); short hymns of praise to God in response to His gifts to us..

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts: 8:26-40

Rev. Ronny Hull

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Father God, we thank you for your grace and mercy, and for calling us to be your children. We who were once like the Ethiopian, foreigners and unfit for your kingdom, have now been brought near to you by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, we confess, too often we do not live out the grace and mercy we have received. Rather than live as those who have been cleansed and baptized, we sin, and do what is against your nature and your will. Forgive us, we pray for our many sins. Give us grace that we might live holy and pure lives that reflect the cleansing and faith we have received. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

The Gospel/Scripture Reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to focus our attention on the greatness and Work of Jesus.

Sin is a pervasive part of our lives, and we must confess our sin to God and then receive the forgiveness that Christ gave the Church the authority to declare.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-16

SERMON

“Faith That Makes a Difference”

Rev. Dr. John Cook

+ **HYMN (266)**

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

In Bulletin

(vv. 1, 2, 3)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

+ **HYMN (266)**

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

In Bulletin

(v. 4)

+ **PRAYER & BENECTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”



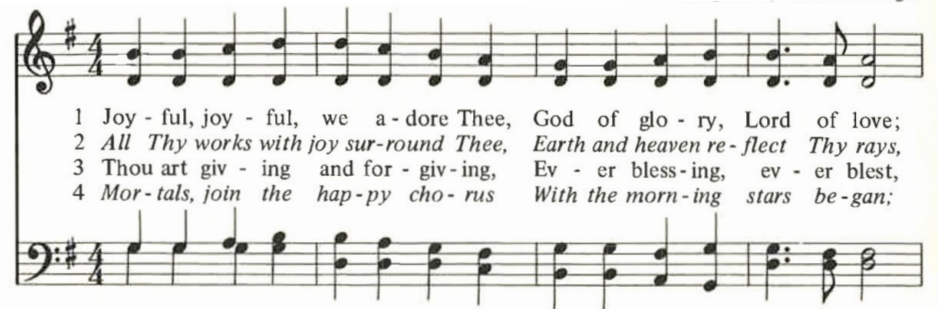
EVENING SERVICE (6:00 PM):

Join together for singing God's praise, fellowship, prayer, and the study of God's Word. Tonight we continue in John 18, as Jesus is on trial before Pilate. In her play, *A Man for All Seasons*, Dorothy L. Sayers imagines Pilate’s wife coming to report the content of a dream to her ambitious husband. Pilate asks what the dream was about. She replies, “All I can remember is a great crowd of people,” she said. “I don’t know who they were or where they were. All I remember is that they were speaking in a dozen or more languages. And they were all saying the same thing, over and over and over, ‘Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Suffered under Pontius Pilate.’”

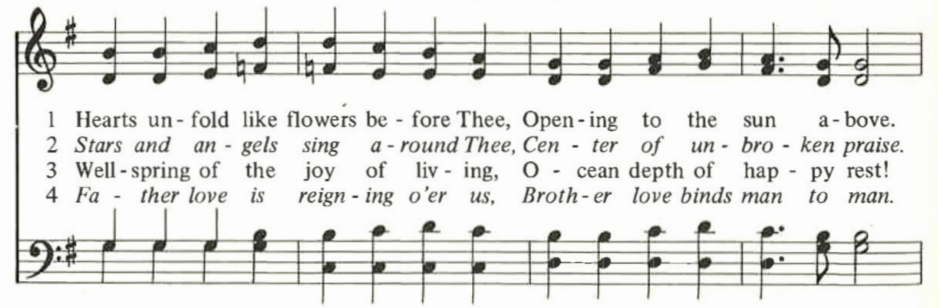
The Sermon is where we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ.

God always gets the last word in our encounter of worship. The benediction is His blessing as we go out together.

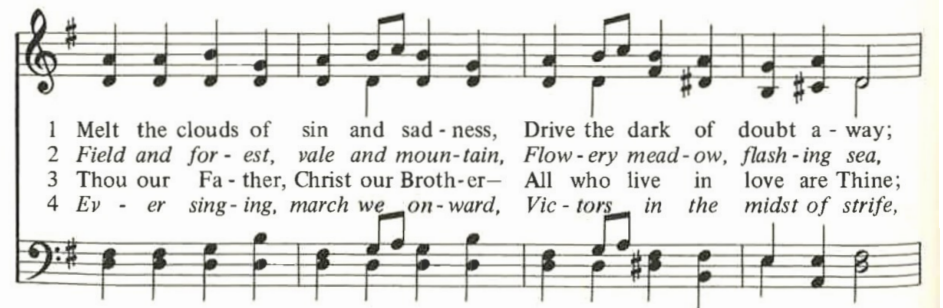
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



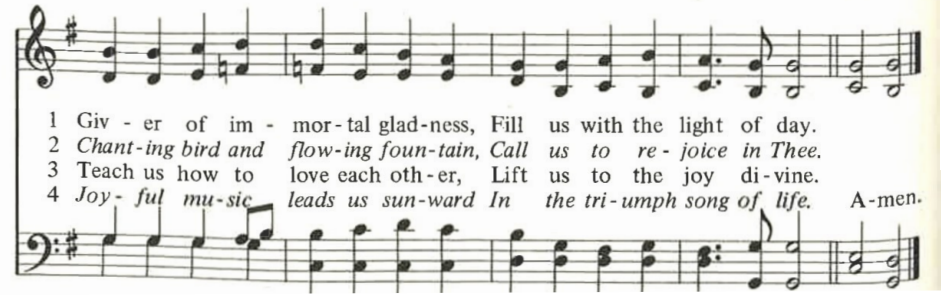
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus With the morn - ing stars be - gan;



1 Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 2 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 3 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 4 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



1 Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 2 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 3 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;
 4 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



1 Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 2 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 3 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 4 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

The Session Dr. John Cook - Moderator Rev. Ronny Hull Rob Gentry, Clerk
 2024: Jason Coffee, Rob Gentry, Bill Minton
 2025: Denny Robertson, Jake Wasdin, Jim Wessells
 2026: David Didier, Tim Fosnough, Peter Loutzenhiser

The Diaconate Tom Gridley - Chairman, D. J. Hitt - V. Chairman, Cole Beatenbough - Secretary
 2024: Tom Gridley, Adam Wade, Todd Weaver
 2025: Cole Beatenbough, Jason Headley, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips, David Troyer
 2026: Dane Beatenbough, Benjamin Clark, Alan Egerdahl, T. J. Sweetin

Cemetery Trust Ben Sewell - Chairman June Bowers - Secretary/Treasurer
 Charlie Newman, Denny Robertson, Don Smith

Christian Ed. Committee Andy Hemphill - Chmn., Tim Fosnough - V. Chmn., Robin Sewell - Sec./Treas.
 2024: Stacie Headley, Andy Hemphill, Robin Sewell, Johanna Wessells
 2025: Benjamin Clark, Tim Fosnough, Melinda Hemphill, Laura Hull, T.J. Sweetin

Sunday School Bob Abernathy - Coordinator, Robin Sewell - Secretary

Fellowship Committee David Didier - Chairman
 Debbie Didier, Katie Gridley, Tom Gridley, Sandie Hester,
 Donna Kirbow, Cammy Tidwell, Forrest Tidwell, David Troyer

Missions Committee Jake Wasdin - Chairman, Peter Loutzenhiser - V Chairman,
 Jason Headley, Andy Hemphill, John Hemphill, Peter Loutzenhiser, David King, Bill Minton,
 Sam Phillips, Pat Stewart, Denise Vermilya, Doug Vinson, Jake Wasdin

Personnel Committee Jim Wessells - Chairman, Tracy Schroeder, Donna Kirbow

Visitation Committee Mark Dodds - Chmn., Roger Schroeder - V Chmn., Dianne Minton - Secretary
 Lynne Dodds, Bill & Dianne Minton, Nancy Schroeder, Mary June Wade

Women's Ministry Helper Team Billie Gentry - Chmn., Laura Hull - V Chmn., Katie Gridley - Secretary
 Vickie Duncan - Treasurer, Tanya Roberts & Donna Weaver - Meal Train

Worship Committee: Jason Coffee - Chairman
 Tanya Roberts, Carol Robertson, Haddon Schroeder, Todd Weaver, Johanna Wessells

Other Church Officers & Staff

Rev. Ronny Hull Associate Pastor	Patrick Ward Congregational Chairman	Jason Headley Church Co-Treasurer	Todd Weaver Church Co-Treasurer	Carol Robertson Payroll Specialist
Gail Brook Church Secretary	Kari Hurst Music Director	Bokhee Min Pianist	J. Beatenbough Custodian	Patty Wade Memorial Fund Secretary

QUOTES FOR MEDITATION

When I behold the wailings in public places, the groanings over those who have departed this life, the howling and other unseemly behavior, I am ashamed before the heretics and Jews, who laugh us to scorn. What can be more unseemly than for a person who confesses to be crucified to this world, to tear his hair and shriek hysterically in the presence of death? Those who are worthy to be lamented are the ones who are still in fear and trembling at the prospect of death and have no faith in the resurrection. May God grant that you all depart this life unwailed!

– St. John Chrysostom

What are our blessings? A full, free, and everlasting remission of all our sins – the enjoyment of the paternal favor of the infinitely powerful, wise, benevolent Jehovah, - the transformation of our mortal natures – a tranquil conscience – a good hope while here, and in due time, perfect purity and perfect happiness forever, in the eternal enjoyment of God. – John Brown

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT WHITE OAK

A Word about Communion at White Oak ARP - For Christians, the Sacrament of Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine (juice in many cultures) that represent His broken body and shed blood for our sin. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

GRADUATES LUNCHEON 2024

Today is the annual Graduates' Recognition and Luncheon.

We will be honoring our high school and college graduates in the Class of 2024.

High School: Andrew Cecil Hunter

College: Jannette Emmerick, Gabrielle (Loftis) Headley, Benjamin Headley, Caleb Robertson, Faith Robertson, Jordan May, and Sam Wessells

The luncheon to be held after the 11am service in White Oak Hall.

Church Calendar

Today	Communion Sunday Graduate Recognition Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service 12:15 p.m. Graduates' Luncheon in White Oak Hall 6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Monday	7:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Practice
Thursday	5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Meets
Friday	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Youth Guys Bible Study Meets
May 12	Mother's Day 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
May 13	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
May 15	Quest/Horizon Early Registration Deadline 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
May 16	7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Meets
May 17	6:00 p.m. Youth Pickleball Tourney @ the Hop (meet at the church)
May 18	12:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic -4:00 p.m.

NOTE:

The Thursday Ladies Bible Study will meet **May 9** for the last time before Summer break.



Nursery Note Concerning Mother's Day & Father's Day

The Nursery will be open for use during the evening service on Mothers Day (May 12) and Father's Day (June 16), but it will not be staffed.

missions

ThirdMil Ministries:

The church is growing fastest where there is the least opportunity for theological education. With millions of pastors needed by 2050, the opportunities are tremendous. The Thirdmill Global Network (TGN) is addressing this need with learning communities throughout the world. While it took approximately 20 years to reach one million leaders, through a network of global partners, Thirdmill is on pace to reach the second million within a five-year span. From our beginning until Summer 2020, 1.02 million ministry leaders had been equipped through Thirdmill. At the end of 2023, more than 1.95 million ministry leaders were reported to have been equipped by Thirdmill.

Outreach North America:

Pray for the ONA Executive Director Search Committee and its chairman, Duff James, as they begin the search for a new Executive Director. Alan Avera is planning to retire from the Executive Director position in early 2025.

Matters for Prayer

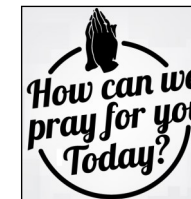
Prayer Focus: Pray that God would make us ever mindful of the needs of others.

Homebound: Joy Bowers

Sick/Recuperating: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Shirley Kirbow, Betty Newby, Joe Black, Mary Effie Bridges, Charlene McDaniel, Sonny Oliver, Sam Phillips, Kaaren Kirbow Moseley, Alan Egerdahl, June Dufour, Emma May, Jane Johnson

Expectant Parents: Laura Hull, Mary June Wade

Military: Jack Ward, Paul Lee (Son of Bokhee Min & Ken Lee), T.J. Hemphill



There are prayer cards on the back of the pews you can fill out and put in the offering basket. These are sent out to a group of people committed to pray for needs that are expressed. You can also email your prayer requests to Elder Bill Minton at bminton35@yahoo.com.

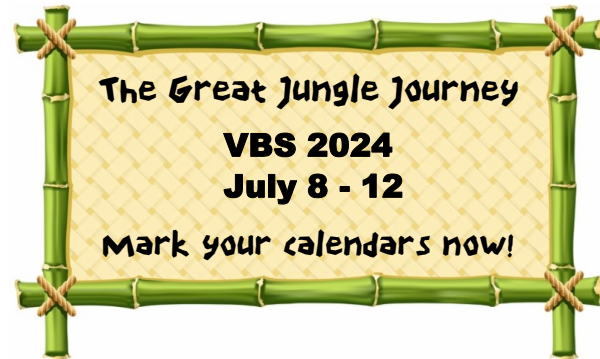
ADULT CHOIR NEEDS MEN VOLUNTEERS TO SING DURING THE MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Any MEN who would like to sing with the choir for Mother's Day, May 12, please let Kari Hurst know. You do not have to be a choir member, or join the choir.

This Men's Choir will briefly meet Wednesday, May 8 at 8PM. All men are invited!

They would love to have as many as possible!

MEN'S CHOIR



Sunday School
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

<u>Class/Ages</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	Amy Coffee, Laura Hull	Rm. 116	A Sure Foundation: His Praiseworthy Deeds
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Old's	Sally Estes, Annette Olsen, Susan Sloan, Eileen Zito	Rm. 115	Jesus is the Savior
1st & 2nd Grade	Amanda Beatenbough, Lauren Hitt	Rm. 113	Pleasing God
3rd – 5th Grade	Andy Hemphill, Jason Coffee	Rm. 112	God's Design for Worship
Middle/High School	Ronny Hull, Stacie Headley	Rm. 203	The Sword of the Spirit

Adult Classes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
Is God Really in Control?	Alan Egerdahl	Rm. 107
Life Principles from the Kings of the Old Testament (Friendship Class)	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
The Olivet Discourse	Peter Loutzenhiser	Rm. 206
Parenting and Grandparenting	Tom Gridley	Rm. 209

SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: COLE BEATENBOUGH, ADAM WADE
ELDER OF THE MONTH: JAKE WASDIN

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:

INITIAL CONTACT: JOHN & CHARLOTTE HEMPHILL (770-254-1263)
 BACK-UP CONTACT: FORREST & CAMMY TIDWELL (770-304-9585)

Small hearing devices are available from an usher or Deacon for those wishing to use them.

Church Office Hours This Week: Wednesday - Friday (8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Worship
May 5	Amanda Beatenbough Lauren Hitt Ben Sewell	Leighanna Beatenbough Tanya Roberts Carol Robertson	Karen Egerdahl Jill Fosnough Tabatha Mauriello	Mark Dodds Ronny Hull
May 12	Melinda Hemphill Haley Sweetin Donna Weaver	Joanna Beatenbough Joe Roberts Cindy Ward	Vickie Bray Cindy Ward	Nursery is Open, but not Staffed.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



8:30 Church Service	65
11:00 Church Service	120
YouTube Views	46



CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF APRIL 21, 2024

	General Fund	Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 217,438	
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 242,186	\$ 550
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 223,599	
YTD Actual Difference	\$ 18,587	

Online giving available at <https://www.whiteoakarp.org/give>

YOUTH PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

17 MAY

@ THE HOP
MEET @ THE CHURCH

6-8 P M

SECOND ANNUAL WHITE OAK CHURCH PICNIC

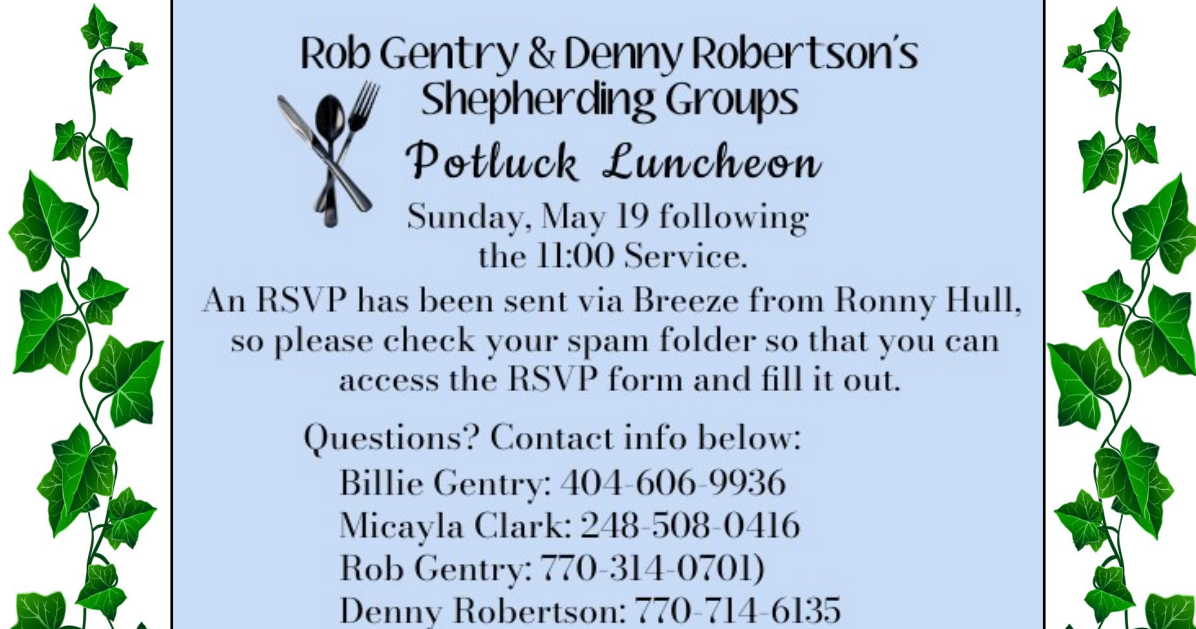
Saturday, May 18 Noon - 4PM

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18 and plan to attend our church-wide picnic at New River Farm! This scenic location is at 1048 Bo Bo Banks Rd in Grantville (about 15 minutes west of the church, west of Moreland & north of Grantville), will provide the perfect backdrop for a day of food, fellowship, and fun. Planned hours are 12 noon to 4PM.

The church will provide water and some light picnic fare, but please bring your favorite dishes for your family and to share with others. Don't forget to pack beverages in a cooler if you'd like something other than water.

There will be live music performed by talented church members and friends, hayrides around the property, fishing (bring your own gear, but no treble hooked plugs-dogs are trained at NRF), swimming (adult supervised), and plenty of wide open space for hiking and exploring. Bring your lawn chairs, pop-up canopies if you want shade.

You are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to gathering together on this late spring day for great food, conversation, fun, and most importantly, wonderful fellowship. Remember, this is also an opportunity to say farewell to Pastor John and Nancy as they prepare to leave White Oak ARP. See you on the 18th!



Rob Gentry & Denny Robertson's
Shepherding Groups
Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, May 19 following
the 11:00 Service.

An RSVP has been sent via Breeze from Ronny Hull, so please check your spam folder so that you can access the RSVP form and fill it out.

Questions? Contact info below:
Billie Gentry: 404-606-9936
Micayla Clark: 248-508-0416
Rob Gentry: 770-314-0701
Denny Robertson: 770-714-6135

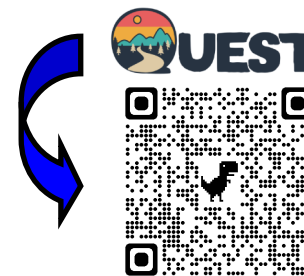
YOUTH SUMMER RETREATS!

Quest June 17-22

Each Camp Cost: \$425

Horizon June 24-29

Early registration deadline for both camps is May 15! Costs increase \$25 after this date!



use these
QR codes
to
register!



Save the Date!

Church Picnic

May 18

Vacation Bible School

July 8 - 12

Covenant Retreat at Bonclarken - More Info. Soon!

Oct. 25-27