



HOLY WEEK
Oak Ridge Methodist Church

March 29: PALM SUNDAY

(Children are invited to meet Mrs Larissa in the foyer prior to the service and process in waving palms)

April 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 PM Service: Sanctuary

April 3: GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM: Cross Walk at Oak Ridge Town Park

6:30 PM Service: Family Life Center

April 5: EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM-Sunrise Service at the church sign
(followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall)

9:00 AM: Traditional Service; Sanctuary

11:00 AM: Contemporary Service; Family Life Center

*No Sunday School or Kids Worship

*Bring flowers to place on the cross

Dear Oak Ridge Church Family,

April leads us into one of the most sacred times of the year - Holy Week. Even though we gather for special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, it is important to remember that the entire week is Holy because it leads to the great celebration of the resurrection.

The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday. You saw the children waving their palm branches as they processed into the church and then laid them down at the cross. It is a powerful contrast from shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" to the cries of Good Friday, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" It has always been difficult for me to imagine how a dramatic shift should happen so quickly.

Before we arrive at Good Friday, we have a special service called Maundy Thursday. Maundy usually brings to mind foot washing, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet before celebrating the Passover Meal. Rest assured, we are not going to be including a foot washing this year. Our Maundy Thursday service will include several readings from different people of the Bible and Holy Communion, representing the Last Supper in the Upper Room.

Our Good Friday Service will continue with readings and extinguishing of candles to symbolize the death and dark that comes from Jesus' death. However, the dark does not last because of the resurrection and light of Jesus. Sunday is coming!

As we come together on Easter morning, allow the light of Jesus to shine forth in your life so that others can see Jesus living in you.

This season of Lent leading up to Easter, we have been altar'd and transformed by God as we created space for God to work. As you look back over those 40 days of Lent, where is God calling you to go and share the Good News of Jesus Christ? We have heard a testimony from a church members each week. I hope that you have been blessed by all the testimonies. Take some time this week and reflect on the spiritual changes that you have experienced. Maybe you can share with others your testimony about how God saved you and changed your life. I would love for you to share it with me by email. mike.carr@oakridgemc.org

God Bless,
Pastor Mike

SWEET SURRENDER

What's in YOUR backpack?

Perhaps rejection, anxiety, old hurts, habits, shame, depression grief, ___ (fill in the blank).

The truth is we ALL carry something. We ALL have a Story.

Healing begins when stories are shared.

Maybe it's time to unload, lay it down, **SURRENDER**.

In God's Kingdom, surrender isn't defeat... it's where peace begins and freedom is found.

At **Storybook Farm** our mission is

"Planting Seeds of Hope and Joy with the Love of Christ for ALL God's creatures, Great & Small".

Starting **Saturday, April 11th at 9AM** we are offering you a safe space of *Sweet Surrender* at Storybook Farm. Gather with 7 women at the Farm that are ready to make a change.

We will meet for 12 weeks, using the "Recovery Alive" workbook as our resource.

For more information or to reserve your spot: www.StorybookFarminc.org.

Jeremiah 29:11



GLENWOOD TOGETHER



We Are

Glenwood Together is a community organization that seeks to strengthen relationships among neighbors and connect those in need with essential resources. We've become a second home for many children and adults in our neighborhood - where people feel welcomed, safe, and respected.

Youth & Family



Throughout the year we offer summer camp, weekly family night gatherings, and after school clubs including art, dance, and science. We've shared over 1,000 meals with our community this year!

Community Support



We serve as a safe hub during the day for adults experiencing loneliness, isolation, and homelessness, offering resource connections, health screenings, cold weather supplies, and healthy snacks.

Events



Free Produce Wednesdays / Family Night Thursdays / DSS Walk-In Services / Free Health Screenings / Fresh Mobile Market / Neighborhood Bingo and Lunch

Get Involved



Do you want to make a positive impact on your community? Don't know where to start? We are always looking for volunteers to help at our center, and we want to utilize your strengths!

1310 Glenwood Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403

GlenwoodTogether.com

Facebook & Instagram: @GlenwoodTogether

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP 2026

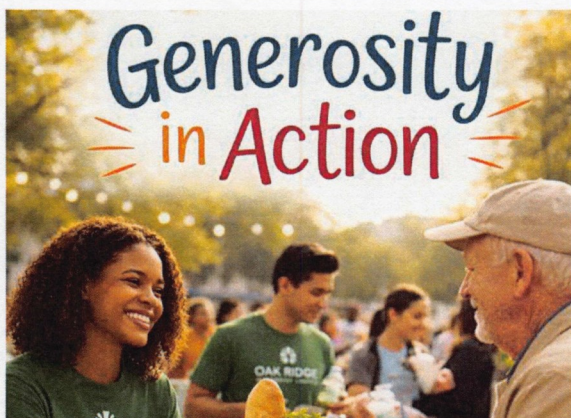
The Stewardship Committee Has been looking at ways to build upon the successes of 2025. We are looking at how other churches have increased membership, financial support, small groups, and participation in mission work. ORMC is hoping to replicate their successes through education, messaging, technology, and member talent assessment. Our goal is to provide opportunities to show our church's generosity in action every day. We will use a "Did You Know" theme throughout the year.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Global Methodist Church has grown from 17 to 7000+ churches in 4 years.
- 70% of new members come to church the first time at the invitation of a friend with the rest coming from on-line searches.
- 46% of Americans did not write a single check last year. 15% of Americans wrote 3 or more per month.
- Commitment Cards are critical for a church's annual budget. 70% of our budget was from commitments.
- On-line payment options are the easiest and tend to increase over time faster than check writers.
- Dedicated church apps show 30% more growth in giving of members time, talent and gift giving.
- 10% of our members provide 42% of our budget.

STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR 2026

- Stewardship is year-round.
- Integrated sermon messages
- Acknowledge the volunteers and staff for the work they do without recognition.
- Perform a "Spiritual Gifts Survey" to match members to mission opportunities.
- Focus on new member recognition and warm welcomes by all.
- New member information shared at both services.
- Find the "Easy Button" for all members to make it easier to give.
- Optimize online, autopay, and app usage. Update webpage.
- Increase commitment card fulfillment with mail and messaging.

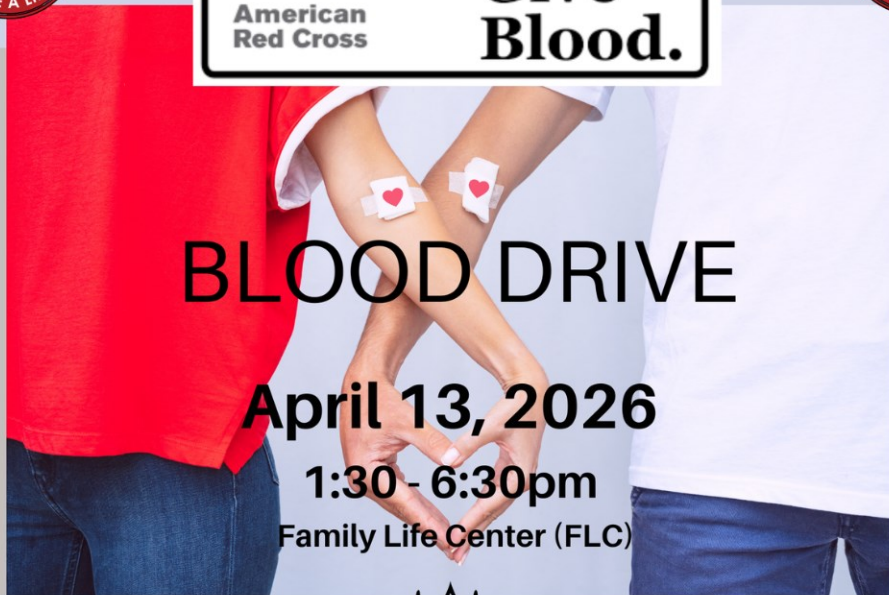


I will serve the Lord with my:

- **Prayers**
- **Presence**
- **Gifts**
- **Service**
- **Witness**

Welcome April!

what's going on at ORMC!

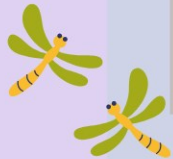


BLOOD DRIVE

April 13, 2026

1:30 - 6:30pm

Family Life Center (FLC)



METHODIST MEN SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating high school students and college undergraduates are encouraged to submit applications for the Methodist Men Scholarships. Scholarships are open to anyone attending any higher education institution, including community colleges and trade schools and are limited to undergraduates only, no advanced degrees.

The scholarships are for \$500 each. Forms are available in the Church Office lobby and the Family Life Center welcome station and on the website (click *Resources* tab on *Home* page).

Applications must be submitted by
May 1, 2026 for consideration.
(Please drop off applications at the church office)



what's going on at ORMCM!

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**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner
Taco Bar and Talent Show
April 15 at 6pm**

\$5 Adults / Children eat free

Sign-up in Realm

Please contact Glenda Hassler at (770) 778-9709 / gkhassler@hotmail.com

**Good Friday
Cross Walk**



April 3 at 12pm
Oak Ridge Town Park



Did you know?

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CHURCHES
HAVE BETWEEN FIFTY AND SEVENTY
PERCENT OF THEIR MEMBERS IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE STUDY,
MISSIONS OR SMALL GROUP
FELLOWSHIP.



**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SING FOR
SUNDAY WORSHIP APRIL 12TH**

**REHEARSALS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 AT 5:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AT 8:30AM**

**WE WILL SING DURING THE 9:00AM SERVICE, AND AGAIN AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE 11:00AM SERVICE.**



Children's Ministry

Celebrating Our Easter Eggstravaganza



BICYCLE OBSTACLE COURSE
MAY 13
6:30 PM
AFTER WEDNESDAY
NIGHT MEAL
BACK PARKING LOT

Save the Date

Rainforest Falls
 Exploring the Wonders of God

Vacation Bible School
July 20 - 23
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Four Generations Farm
 Spring Open House
Saturday, April 25
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Free Admission

- *Baked Goods
- *Farm Fresh Eggs
- *Jams/Jellies
- *Goat's Milk Soap
- *Homemade Lotion
- *Candles
- *Crafts
- *Plants
- *Photo Op
- *Bouncy House
- *Hay Ride
- *Walking Trail
- *Door Prize
- *BABY GOATS

Food Truck
 Dudley's Dugout

Live Music
 Friends with Strings

2804 Snider Road Yadkinville



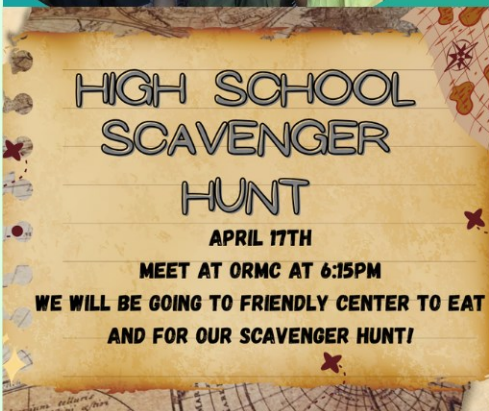
Practicing THE WAY OF Jesus

- LEARNING
- PRAYING
- GATHERING
- RESTING
- CONTRIBUTING



March Recap

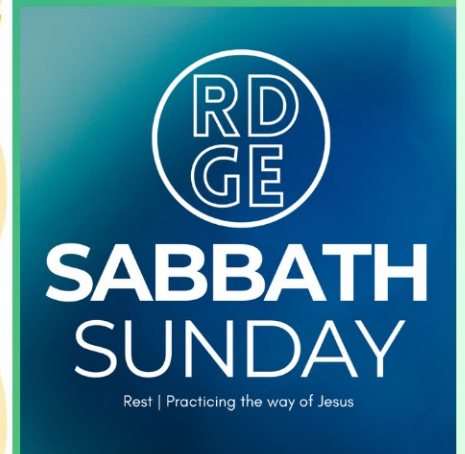
March was such a wonderful month in the life of The Ridge Student Ministry! We had the opportunity to REALLY do life together! From having a Lock-In and staying up all night together, to serving at the Easter Eggstravaganza together, all the way to journeying through this season of Lent not only on Sunday mornings, but also on Sunday evenings together! March was a month of growing, both personally and with each other! I also had the wonderful opportunity to continue our relationship with Northwest Middle school as I lead their Impact Club this month! I am excited to have TWO opportunities to lead it in April! I am so excited, and expectant, for all the good things to come this year!



High School Outing.
 On Friday, April 17th, we will have a High School Scavenger Hunt and Dinner @ Friendly Center! Please be at the church @ 6:15pm! Make sure you invite your friends because we are going to have so much fun!



A bus will leave ORMC at 3:30pm for this event, or you can bring yourself to and from the event! This will take the place of Sunday Night Youth!



April 5th
 Easter Sunday, April 5th, we will have a Sabbath Sunday that evening. We want to encourage our students to take time to spend with family, rest, unplug and reset!



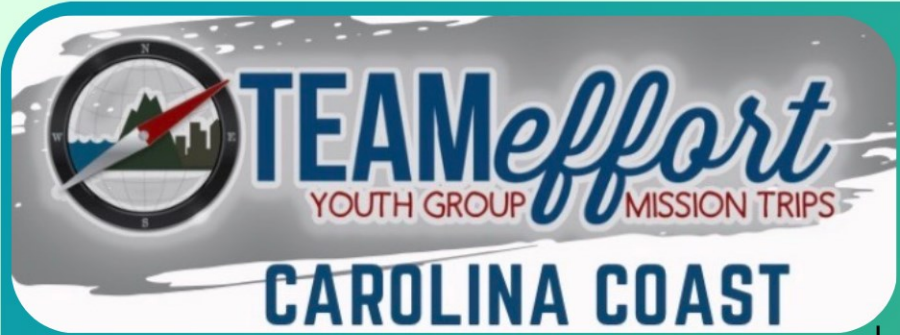
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jon.christ@oakridgemc.org



336-689-5524



CAMP DATES & DESTINATION HAVE CHANGED!

We will be joining TeamEffort this year for a Costal Carolina Mission Trip/Camp! The dates are **July 26th - 31st**! Sign-ups ARE LIVE on Realm! We have 25 spots, so get registered ASAP & get ready for an AMAZING and spiritually impactful week!

Looking for a babysitter, house or pet sitter?

We have teens and young adults eager to help and earn some extra cash! Text Kristian Christ to arrange services. Interested in becoming a sitter? Text Kristian for next steps. 336-549-0520

April
@ THE RIDGE

- 4/5 - Sabbath Sunday
NO Youth
- 4/11 - Community Youth Night
4-7pm
(This is an offsite event with other Youth Groups)
- 4/17 - High School Outing
- 4/19 - Theme Night @
The Ridge 6-8pm
- 4/26 - Sunday Night @
The Ridge 6-8pm



If you have a 2025 High School OR College Graduate you wish to have honored in our 2025 Graduation Service, PLEASE RSVP with Pastor Jon by Sunday, May 31st! No submission after May 31st will be accepted. To RSVP, please email Pastor Jon at jon.christ@oakridgemc.org and let him know the Name of your Graduate(s), the School they are graduating from, and their plans after graduation (School, job, career, etc.)

May
@ THE RIDGE

- 5/3 - Theme Night @ The Ridge
- 5/9 - Service Project
- 5/10 - Sabbath Sunday
NO YOUTH
- 5/17 - Sunday Night @ The
Ridge
- 5/24 - Sabbath Sunday
NO YOUTH
- 5/31 - Sunday Night @ The
Ridge

CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS

1ST



The Judges
John Hassler, Jon Christ, Jason Bull, Jacob Bogle



David Evans 1st place winner!



From left to right
Alice Calhoun - 2nd place / Amanda Woolen - 3rd place / David Evans - 1st place

STEPHEN MINISTERS

The After People

“What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”

Stephen Ministers are trained lay caregivers who provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through difficult times in life, providing hope and healing in the midst of their pain.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE THERE . . .

- . . . after** the phone call in the middle of the night that changes life forever.
- . . . after** after the baby comes home, demanding more of her than she ever imagined possible.
- . . . after** the funeral, when everyone has left and his emotions held at bay come crashing in.
- . . . after** the email announcing a new round of layoffs suddenly appears in her inbox.
- . . . after** the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing else we can do.”
- . . . after** the youngest child pulls out of the hug and heads into the dorm—followed by a long drive back to an empty house.
- . . . after** the retirement community director says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- . . . after** the divorce papers are served and she wonders if she’ll ever trust anyone again.
- . . . after** the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and his loved one is led away.
- . . . after** the fire, when rebuilding a home feels impossible.
- . . . after** family and friends have heard his story one too many times, but he still needs to talk it out.

Through Stephen Ministry, your congregation can build a team of Stephen Ministers ready to come alongside members of your church and community. This proven system for high-quality lay caring ministry offers the structure, training, and resources for providing distinctively Christian care for people during the “afters” in life.

To learn more about how to get Stephen Ministry started, visit

stephenministries.org/begin

UPWARD SPORTS BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Games are held on Saturdays at 10 and 11am in the Family Life Center
 Game dates - April 11 & 18

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