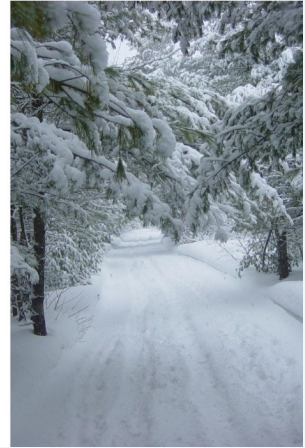
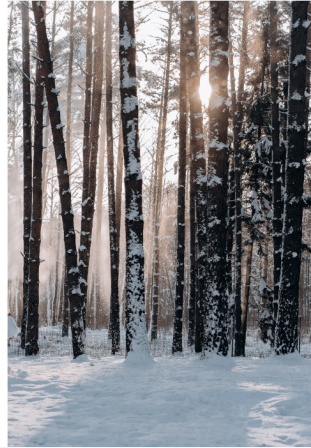




Dear Oak Ridge Church Family,

I hope and pray that you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends!

It is important for us to look back over 2025 and see how much God has blessed us. We had 25 professions of faith which includes 21 Confirmands professing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We had 20 baptisms and 10 of them were children. We had 14 people join the church by reaffirmation of faith and 21 by transfer of membership. We also had a financial challenge as a church to match \$250,000 towards the Building Loan and thanks to your extravagant generosity we have been able to meet that challenge. All of these blessings and so much more are reasons that we can celebrate the past year and look forward to this new year of 2026. I am excited to see how God wants to use Oak Ridge Methodist Church this year as we focus on our mission statement: "Rooted in God's Truth, led by Christ and saved by His grace, to love and serve others."

What would happen if we all truly lived out our membership vows? When we committed to give our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness? May we have opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ and encourage others to do the same. For this year, I would love to see everyone involved in some kind of disciple-making small group or Sunday School class. I would love to see all ages attending Sunday School classes. I remember going to Sunday School as a kid and we would sing songs as we learned about Jesus. Maybe God is calling you to be a teacher or helper in a class. As children are led to their classes, we have classes for parents and grandparents to attend. No matter how old we are, we all are disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in our faith and learning from the scriptures. Please join me in praying for this to happen and may it start with you. There is nothing greater in life than having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Go tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born! May God continue to bless us so that we can be a blessing to others.

Take Care and God bless,

Pastor Mike



Mission of the Month

January 2026



Disaster Response

Our Emergency Response Team has shifted our focus from a “reactive” to a “proactive” position. We are thankful that our state has not experienced anything recently to equal Hurricane Helene. We pray that the devastation in Western North Carolina will never repeat. Our church played a vital role in the recovery and while the focus in Western NC has moved to rebuilding with skilled tradesmen, our prayers for the victims continue.

Our congregation’s membership in our Northwest Guilford County Community Emergency Response Team is growing and generating momentum for a successful year of service in 2026. Our team continues to train monthly and has created a network of state, county, and community emergency response volunteers. The support of our congregation has been critical to the local response to a mass casualty event.

We work closely with Oak Ridge and Summerfield Fire Departments. We have collaborated with Northwest Guilford and Ragsdale High Schools in their Public Safety honors courses this year. The Red Cross has received supplies from us in response to Alamance County flood victims this summer, and we will continue to help with public safety at local events. Our group will take a certification course on group shelters. Our church could act as a temporary shelter in case of a major local disaster.

It is never a question of “if,” but “when,” as it relates to natural disasters and emergencies. Thank you again for your prayers, support, and donations of supplies & monetary gifts to help us prepare to assist others in need.

Thank you,

Thank You

Jeff Gallow/John Browning/Loren Hughes



From the Finance Committee

Dear Church Family,

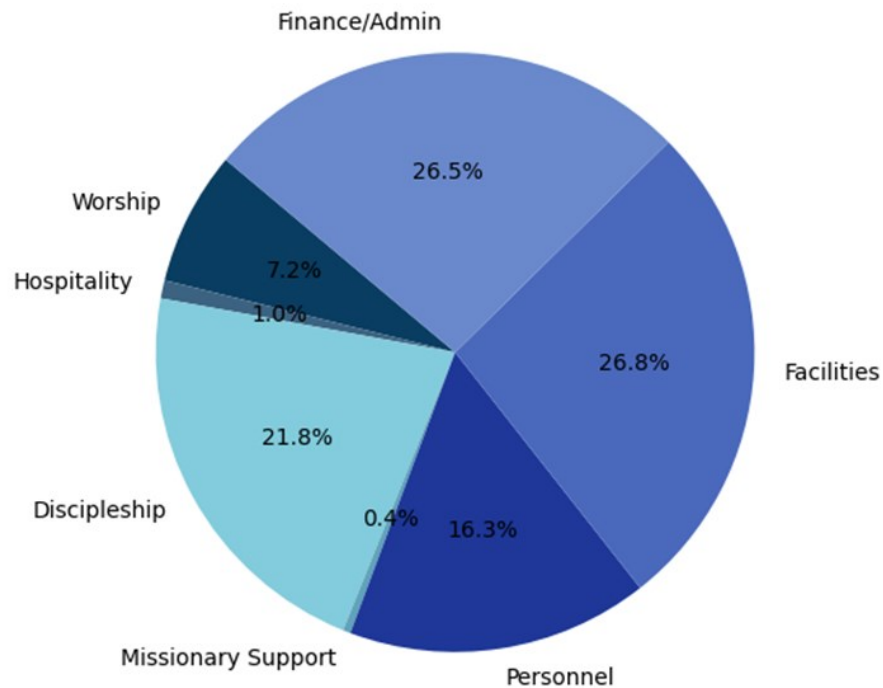
As we welcome 2026, we celebrate God's faithfulness and your continued generosity. Through your prayers and support, our church remains a beacon of hope and service in our community. The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that the 2026 Church Budget has been prayerfully reviewed and approved.

This budget reflects our shared commitment to worship and disciple together. Below is the summary of the approved budget:

Category	Annual Budget
Worship	\$86,962.16
Hospitality	\$11,725.00
Discipleship	\$261,329.69
Missionary Support	\$5,000.00
Personnel	\$195,603.44
Facilities	\$321,137.36
Finance/Admin	\$318,242.36
Total Expenses	\$1,200,000.00

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

Expense Breakdown (2026)



Children's Ministry





Practicing
THE WAY OF
Jesus

- LEARNING
- PRAYING
- GATHERING
- RESTING
- CONTRIBUTING



December Recap

What an AMAZING December we had at The Ridge! Service was at the top of our list this year! We were able to serve the community of Glenwood by participating in the Glenwood Christmas Shop! We also went caroling to the homes of some of our members here at ORMC! Lastly, we were able to help represent ORMC in this year's Stokesdale Christmas Parade and hand out candy and invite cards to those in attendance! We also had a wonderful Christmas party where we were able to celebrate this holiday season together as a Ridge Family! What a Christmas season it has been!

Confirmation Schedule

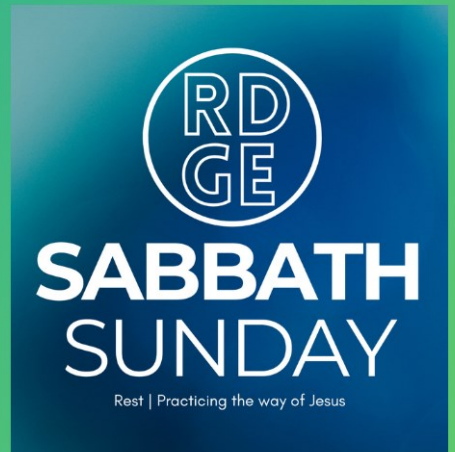
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| 1. March 1st | 6. April 19th |
| 2. March 8th | 7. April 26th |
| 3. March 15th | 8. May 3rd |
| 4. March 22nd | 9. May 10th |
| 5. April 12th | 10.*May 17th* |
- *Confirmation Sunday

Keep our leaders and students in prayer as we approach going to Resurrection. This is an incredible experience, that can be very pivotal to their relationship with Jesus!

Confirmation

Believe it or not, it is time for another confirmation class!! It begins March 1st! Confirmation Sunday will be on May 17th! Contact Pastor Jon if you have any questions, or if you would like to sign your student up!

Have you ever considered serving with teens? We are specifically looking for 1 or 2 more male leaders to join our team. Have questions? Call Pastor Jon or stop by the office!



Sabbath Sunday January 25th

As we intentionally set time aside, we encourage our students to take time to spend with family, rest, unplug and reset.



Text @theridgemc to 81010



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Our Resurrection conference signups are closed! We have reached our limit and are excited for what the Lord has prepared for us. Please keep our students in your prayers as we get closer to the conference!



January @ THE RIDGE

- 1/4 - Theme night: Movies
wear you PJ's
- 1/11 - Sunday Night
@ The Ridge
- 1/14 Community Dinner 6pm
- 1/18 - Sunday Night
@ The Ridge
- 1/23 - 1/25 - REZ Conference
- 1/25 - Sabbath Sunday
(NO YOUTH)

Notes:

- The resurrection conference details: packing list, arrival and departure times will be sent out soon.
- On Sabbath Sundays we encourage your students to rest, unplug and recharge!

February @ THE RIDGE

- 2/1 - Sunday Night
@ The Ridge
- 2/8 - 9am & 11am Youth
Sunday Services
Breakfast @ 10am
Sabbath Sunday - No Youth
- 2/11 - Community Dinner 6pm
- 2/13 - Parents Night Out
Service w/ Children's Min.
- 2/15 - Sunday Night
@ The Ridge
- 2/19 - Middle School Family
night @ Burrito Shack 6pm
4016 Battleground Ave
- 2/22 - Sunday Night
@ The Ridge

HELLO

January



BLOOD DRIVE

February 9, 2026

1:30 - 6:30pm

Family Life Center (FLC)



What's going on
at ORMCC!

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

January 14 at 6pm

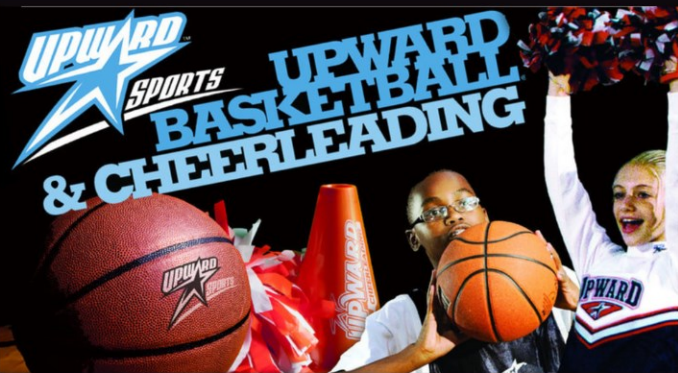
SPAGHETTI / SALAD

GARLIC BREAD / DESSERTS

GAME NIGHT!



Click [here](#) to sign up



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading for 2026

Ages 3 - 6 years

2 basketball leagues (3-4) & (5-6)

Games will be on Saturdays beginning February 14

(10am or 11am according to age)



Click [here](#) to register





Stokesdale Christmas Parade



THANK YOU

Special Recognition to Lynda Williams

For 20 years Lynda Williams has faithfully served our church through the Card Ministry. If you have received a get-well, sympathy, or birthday card from Oak Ridge Methodist Church, it has very likely passed through Lynda's hands. Through this quiet but meaningful ministry, Lynda has shared encouragement, compassion, and Christ's love with countless members of our church family. We are deeply grateful for her dedication and faithful service. Please join us in thanking Lynda for her many years of service.



Weekday School Christmas Performance
& Nativity Christmas Program





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Providing HELP, HOPE and a HOME for hurting women.

November 29, 2025

Oak Ridge Methodist Church
P.O. Box 538
Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9723

Dear Oak Ridge Methodist Church,

Thank you for selecting Tabitha Ministry as your Mission of the Month and supporting our mission through your donation of \$902.50. Tabitha Ministry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (EIN 56-2253506) that provides free transitional housing for women seeking to change the course of their lives, such as those transitioning back into society after prison, addiction, abusive situations, prostitution, sex-trafficking, or a history of abuse or other forms of trauma.

Your tax-deductible donation* will help our ministry continue its mission of helping hurting women heal by providing **free** housing for 12 months as they recover from their painful pasts. We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Vita Allgood
Executive Director

Thank you!



Oak Ridge Methodist Church
PO Box 538
Oak Ridge, NC 27310

November 2025

Dear Mike & ORMC Family,

Thank you so much for your kind donation to **TRIAD HONOR FLIGHT**.

The Triad Honor Flight program would cease to function if it were not for generous donations like yours. Our mission, to fly as many veterans to see their memorials in Washington DC, is dependent on contributions alone. We are a 100% volunteer lead organization with no government funding. Tax ID is 85-0603095.

Triad Honor Flight is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization and in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service, regarding charitable donations, we affirm that no goods or services were provided to you, in whole or in part, in consideration for your contribution. The purpose of this letter is to formally acknowledge your donation of **\$1132.00** and will act as your receipt. SO GRATEFUL!

Did you know that the average cost to provide an Honor Flight for a Veteran is \$600? This amount includes air and ground transportation, incidentals required for the veterans and meals during their travel day. The Honor Flight trip is **FREE** to all veterans. It is because of donations like yours that these trips are made possible.

On behalf of all veterans who will be able to finally visit their treasured and long-awaited memorials, we say **Thank you**. These courageous Men and Women, who fought for our freedom and way of life, appreciate your gift.

The Triad Honor Flight Team,

Alison Huber
Executive Director / Passionate Volunteer



Thank you!!
so much!!



Caroling at Wellspring 2025

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