



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 4, 2025 during the 11:00 AM Service

Confirmation is a sacred occasion. During this worship service our confirmands will publicly accept the salvation offered through Jesus Christ, profess their love for God and become members of the church. This is a very special time for our confirmands and our church family. Please plan to join us during the 11:00 AM service on May 4th.

Since September 24, 2024 our confirmands have been meeting each Sunday and learning about the doctrine, polity and theology of the Christian Church and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. They have learned that faith without works is dead, and works without faith is dead. And so as they have been growing in their faith they have been performing good works. This year they raised \$3,000 in gift cards for the children at the Children's Home. During spring break they spent six days in mission in Valdosta, GA repairing homes and performing other needed tasks.

Our 2025 Confirmation Class includes 12 outstanding young people. They are:

*Jose Angel Claudio II
Isabella Rose Harwood
Riley Renee Harwood
Theodore Josh Hovda
Aurora Raquel King
Jaxon Gage King*

*Charlotte Ann Ryan
Chanel Serena Stowers
Tyler Wyatt Stowers
James Walker Stowers
Zariah Nicole Terrell
Bella Mae Ullrich*

RESIDING HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME LUNCHEON

May 4, 2025 following the 11:00 AM Service

On May 4, 2025 we will be holding a second very special event, which is so fitting, on the day in which we will be confirming the twelve outstanding confirmands into the membership of the church.

Elisabeth Gadd, from the Children's Home will be sharing with us the wonderful way in which we are not only bringing up the next generation of Christian Disciples in our church but how we are bringing up those outside of our church family into the Kingdom of God through the Children's Home.

On the gate of the Children's Home it reads, "One never stands so tall as when they stoop low to help a child." The Children's Home has long been a ministry of our church family and we have not simply paid lip service to our commitment. Over the last ten years our church has given \$739,087.57 to the Children's Home.

This is truly a time of celebration. Come and join us for a complimentary lunch of Meat Loaf & Gravy, Seasoned Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash Casserole, Seasoned Italian Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Banana Pudding. Lunch is free! Reservations for lunch are required by April 27th.

For Reservations Call Debbie Frendahl at 904-264-2241, Extension 281

MUSIC MISSION AUCTION

Friday, May 9th at 5:30 PM in the Gym

The Music Auction will be an incredible opportunity to experience live entertainment, a phenomenal meal, a silent auction with wonderful offerings and a live action to follow.

The sole purpose of this auction is to provide additional funding for our choirs to be in the community. This will support transportation, travel expenses, refurbishing of instruments as required and other expenses related to our choir's expanded ministry and mission.

Tickets can be purchased from any choir member, the music office or the church office. If you have a new item or service to donate to the auction, please contact the music department at 264-2241 x245.

The cost of each ticket will be \$20.00 and will include a festive meal of Fancy Chicken Cordon Bleu, French Onion Butter Rice, Sautéed Sweet Corn, Roasted Broccoli, Green Bean Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread and Éclair Pie. Music will be provided by Stephen Fennell, yes he will be back for the auction, during dinner and entertainment will be provided by a Special Brass Quintet following dinner. The admission ticket will also provide access to the silent auction and participation to the live auction. Truly a night to be remembered!

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11th

At the 9:30 and 11:00 AM services

A Time for Us All to Celebrate the Ladies Who Have Touched Our Lives

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WEEKLY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Held during the 9:30 AM Worship Service
- Nursery & Toddlers: Room 6105 in the Family Life Center
- 3 & 4 year olds: Room 4110 in the Education Building
- K - 3rd Grade: Fellowship Hall
- 4th- 6th Grade: Room 6204 in the Family Life Center

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: 10:15 AM TO 11:00 AM

In between Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship, children can gather in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy food, drinks, and fellowship while listening to some of their favorite worship songs!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- Held during the 11:00 AM Worship Service
- Grades K-6
- Located in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

- Open 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Ages 0-2: Room 6105 in the Family Life Center
- Ages 2-4: Room 4110 in the Education Building

SUNDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS 4:30 - 7:30 PM

- All 1st- 6th graders are welcome to a night full of Faith, Food and FUN!
- The night will include Bible Discovery, Choirs, Games, Activities, and more!
- Dinner: \$5

Club 456/JAM Choir (4th - 6th graders)

- **4:30 PM:** Drop off in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- **7:30 PM:** Pick up in the Music Center (Building #2)
- **Kids Club/ Carol Choir (1st - 3rd graders)**
- **4:30 PM:** Drop off in Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- **7:30 PM:** Pick up in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH: MOTHER'S DAY KIDS CLUB & CLUB 456 TEA PARTY

Mothers and mother figures are invited to join their Kids Club & Club 456 members for a tea party during our regularly scheduled Sunday evening programming.

- No cost! Just come and enjoy. Registration is not required.
- 4:30-5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- Mothers and mother figures can bring their children home after the tea party, or come back for pick up at our usual time of 7:30 PM.
- There will be tea, coffee, pastries and other snacks, as well as a special video!

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

- Dinner, crafts & activities, and watch a movie on the big screen!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- **Drop off:** 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- **Pick up:** No later than 9:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, May 11th!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2025

- Kids Camp is a single day version of our summer Vacation Bible Camp. This ministry is a full day program from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The purpose of this ministry is to meet the needs of the families in our church and community, while teaching children about Jesus Christ. The day includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, an exciting field trip & other activities. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 ext. 243
- Cost: \$40.00 per child per camp
- To register your child, please visit www.opmethodist.org or email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org
- Dates and activities are as follows:

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday, June 4th: Horseback Riding at Batton Family Ranch
- Wednesday, June 11th: Shrimping on the Amelia Island Shrimp Boat River Tour

- Wednesday, June 18th: Pinball Palace in Brunswick, GA
- Wednesday, June 25th: IMAX Theatres at Former World Golf Village
- Wednesday, July 2nd: Kingsland Train Ride in Kingsland, GA
- Wednesday, July 9th: St. Augustine Pirate Ship Cruise
- Wednesday, July 16th: Sweet Pete's Candy Making Class
- Wednesday, July 30th: Swimming at Madison Blue Springs

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2025 – EGYPT: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

At Egypt VBC, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Joseph's world. Alongside Joseph, they'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

- Dates: July 21-25, 2025
- 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips and experiences, and more!
- Grades PreK– Rising 6th Graders
- Exciting field trips and experiences including Skate Station Skate Park, Tree Hill Nature Center, live camel rides, and Shipwreck Island Waterpark!

COST AND PAYMENTS:

- Participant Cost: \$200 per child
- \$100 Refundable Deposit Due Upon Registration. (Full refunds on deposits/payments are available if cancellation is on or before June 23rd)
- Youth/Adult Volunteer Cost: \$85 per person (this cost covers field trips, shirt, and meals)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment- June 23rd
- To register your child, or to register as a volunteer, scan the QR Code:



Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 for any questions about VBC!

YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

WIFFLEBALL

- Each year we wind down the busy school semester by playing Wiffleball.
- Every Sunday Night in May.
- Open to all students 7th-12th grade.
- Dinner is \$5
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Wiffleball season t-shirt provide for free

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

- Friday, June 20th - Friday, June 27th
- Destination: Belize
- Mission Organization: Praying Pelican Missions
- Registration is closed

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH DAY

- Tuesday June 3rd, 2025
- Destination: St. Augustine
- Cost: \$10



GAME NIGHT

- Tuesday, June 10th, 2025
- Destination: OPMC
- Cost: \$5



ICHETUCKNEE RIVER FLOAT

- Tuesday, June 17th, 2025
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs
- Cost: \$25



SUMMER WAVES

- Tuesday, July 1st, 2025
- Destination: Jekyll Island
- Cost: \$35



MINI GOLF NIGHT

- Tuesday, July 8th, 2025
- Destination: Anastasia Mini Golf
- Cost: \$20



ST. SIMON'S ISLAND + PINBALL MUSEUM

- Tuesday, July 15th, 2025
- Destination: St. Simon's Island
- Cost: \$40



MOVIE NIGHT: THE FANTASTIC FOUR

- Tuesday, July 29th, 2025
- Destination: AMC Orange Park
- Cost: \$20



FUNDRAISERS

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

Youth and parents lead kids 0-6th grade in games and crafts, serve dinner, and end the night with a movie in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from PNO go directly to the accounts of the students who work the event. Contact Ellen Despres to sign up at 904-264-2241 ext. 243.

YOUTH ACCOUNTS

Each student can earn money for use on trips and events that are held in an account for them. Students can earn money working Parent's Night Out events and our biggest fundraiser, the Pumpkin Patch. If you have any questions about youth accounts or would like to check your student's account balance, you can contact Jason at 904-264-2241 ext. 282.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

This month we will be talking about mothers and God's World Around Us. Our children will be making special presents to honor their moms for Mother's Day on May 11th. Please pray for all the moms in our program. We will offer our prayers for all moms in the church during our weekly chapel.

May 5th through 9th is Teacher Appreciation Week where our parents will have an opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work the teachers do.

During May we will be teaching our children about things changing but how God never changes. Our character Trait for May will be Citizenship – For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus. Philippians 3:20.

On May 5th, Mrs. Laura, our Spanish teacher, will have a celebration with the children for Cinco de Mayo with piñatas and instruments that the children will make. She will have the children make instruments and march around the facilities singing a Spanish song that they have learned with her.

Our facilities will be closed on May 26th in honor of Memorial Day to remember those who gave their lives for our country.

Our Pre-K will be practicing hard for the Graduation Ceremony scheduled for May 20th at 6:45 PM. This is a wonderful ceremony for our VPK children, and they look forward to this delightful night. We will serve punch and cake for the special occasion.

Please remember to register your child or tell a friend that we still have some space available. We provide full-time care for children ages 2 months to VPK from 6:30 AM to 6 PM. Plus our teachers are the best! We now have room in our 4 year old VPK classes providing full childcare with snack and lunch for a wonderful price. Please call Pat Noonan at 904-704-9762 for information.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
ROCK "N" AGES

Start your month right by joining us at the Rock N' Ages Luncheon. It will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a fabulous program to enjoy. Our lunch theme will be salad bar and desserts. Bring a salad or dessert of any kind. Invite a friend. If you have questions, please call Cindy Koon at 904-210-3546.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

DINNER PRICES

ADULT - \$7 AND CHILD (ages 3-12) - \$5
Non-season reservations must be made weekly.
Please call 904-264-2241 ext. 278
SEASON TICKETS FOR MAY/JUNE
Adults - \$42 and Children - \$40

May 7 - Boneless Pork Chop with gravy, field peas, cheesy scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, cornbread and apple crisp
May 14 - Chicken parmesan, zucchini and squash, potatoes, garlic bread, Caesar salad and carrot cake
May 21 - Salisbury steak with gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, salad, roll and brownie
May 28 - Hawaiian pork with rice and gravy, succotash, sweet potatoes, roll, coleslaw and pineapple upside down cake

All Menus are subject to change.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The program will be presented by K9s for Warriors. All men of the church are members of the Methodist Men and are encouraged to come and enjoy one of our delicious breakfasts prepared by one of our cook teams.

METHODIST MEN'S BBQ

Come enjoy food and fellowship at the BBQ!

- Sunday, June 1st, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- Pulled pork BBQ sandwich with baked beans, coleslaw, drink and dessert
- All for only \$12.00! Dine in or take out
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OPMC MISSIONS
- For tickets, see any member of the Methodist Men

MUSIC MINISTRY

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

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Admission is \$20 and includes dinner, a silent auction, live auction and entertainment.

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ReGENERATION CHOIR TOUR

ReGeneration, our youth choir of 7th-12th graders, is going on tour to Pennsylvania from June 1st to June 7th. They will travel through history. They will visit Gettysburg Battlefield, enjoy Hershey Chocolate Factory and Amusement Park, learn about the Amish Village, experience a sensational performance of "Noah" by Sight and Sounds Theater, and a quick stop in Washington DC! They will also be performing their musical, "Gratitude" to churches and retirement villages along the way.

All are invited to join us for a Welcome Home concert of their musical on Sunday evening, June 8th in the FLC gym (please note the date change).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

John Thielen in the death of his aunt, Peggy Morgan
Stafford Davis in the death of his mother, Margie Davis
The family of Geri Tucker
Russell Carlson in the death of his sister, Barbara Carlson
David Eden in the death of his brother, Joe Eden

CARE MINISTRY

Care Ministry - Please think about volunteering to brighten one of our shut-in's day with a visit, a phone call or a card...or all three. These are people that once attended faithfully and due to age, health issues or both are no longer able to. Let's make them know they haven't been forgotten., If you are interested in being a part of this team please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241, ext. 272.

NIMBLE NEEDLES

Looking for a ministry to share your creative, crafty talents? Or just looking to put your unused fabrics and yarn to good use? Nimble Needles welcomes you and/or your donations! Members of this unique ministry create items of comfort for Clay County residents who are in less than desirable circumstances. Those in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, assisted living and memory care centers, Quigley House, etc. Our handmade items include lap robes, wheelchair and walker totes, shawls, bibs, fidget quilts, baby blankets, and youth quilts. Perhaps you have an item of comfort, you'd like to see created. We share ideas, patterns, and donated items, as well as, create great friendships. Nimble Needles meets every second Wednesday of the month in Room 6206 in the FLC at 10:00 AM. Donations of yarn and fabric can be dropped off at the church office between 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Join us and help make a difference in our community!

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MAY RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Dvorak and Rick Schimmel	05/01	5 years
Lowell and Willette Steely	05/01	59 years
Norman and Alisa Jones	05/05	46 years
Billy and Becky Wall	05/07	59 years
Bob and MaryAnn Harvey	05/07	58 years
Grady and Pearl Boles	05/09	55 years
Paul and Debbie Frendahl	05/10	23 years
Steve and Louise Crowe	05/15	15 years
Harold and Robyn Voigt	05/19	35 years
Larry and Dianna Shivertaker	05/20	58 years
Jerry and Mary Cioffi	05/23	55 years
Dave and Diantha Owen	05/23	39 years
Marty and Tonya Wilson	05/23	57 years
Pat and Patrice Dougher	05/24	5 years
Dave and Rachel Harwood	05/24	10 years
Rick and Pam Jacobs	05/25	51 years
Jerry and Molly Sidner	05/26	58 years
Fred Nagle and Samantha King	05/26	24 years
Tony and Alma Quails	05/27	47 years
Bill and Lisa Adams	05/30	44 years
John and Carol Visaggio	05/31	45 years

BIRTHDAYS

Charlie Aiken	05/01	Ben Pledger	05/18
Ian Strong	05/01	Leslie Kennedy	05/19
Ken Johnson	05/02	Blake Griffith	05/19
Taylor White	05/02	Carol Ann Freehafer	05/20
Alex Mosborg	05/03	Tanya McCranie	05/21
Lillian Andujar	05/03	Anna Gardella	05/21
Harriet Kicklighter	05/04	Lynn Tyree	05/23
Shirley Theurich	05/04	Dee Unsicker	05/23
Stephen Adams	05/05	Dolores Pierson	05/23
Deanna Graham	05/05	David Gardella	05/23
Sue Anne Rubright	05/06	Dave Owen	05/23
Bill Kennedy	05/06	Jason Butacan	05/23
Kary Bruce	05/07	Elaine Carden	05/23
Chris Schoolfield	05/08	Stacee Reape	05/24
Chandler Cioffi	05/08	Hattie Heyer	05/25
Cera Gentry	05/08	Aaron Turpish	05/25
Russ Sessions	05/10	Brooke Tabor	05/26
Max Brooke	05/10	Connie Killian	05/27
Jim Pierson	05/11	Jenny Wagner	05/28
Nancy Mitchell	05/12	Bud Pace	05/28
Eddie Dayrit	05/12	Ron Gebhard	05/29
Tony Quails	05/12	Nerina Berberi	05/29
David Mitchell	05/13	Adelle Crawford	05/29
John Tabor	05/15	Stephanie Wilder	05/30
Tim Barnes	05/15	Larry Shivertaker	05/31
Andy Manson	05/16	Alex Turpish	05/31
Michael Moore	05/16	Keira Hernandez	05/31
Nicole Strong	05/17	Jada Butacan	05/31
Sydney Killian	05/18		