



**Come and Join Our Church Family
in a
Fourth of July Celebration
on
Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**We will be Celebrating
Our FAITH in worship,
Our FELLOWSHIP through coming together &
Our BLESSINGS through sharing a common meal.**

**JOIN US FOR THIS
TIME OF CELEBRATION**

**Lunch will be served at no cost
Following the 11:00 AM Service
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans & Dessert
Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Water**

**All members of our Military Services
will be recognized during our Services.
If you have not already sent in a picture, please
send in a picture in Military Dress
and we will include it in our Video.
Send the picture to Robyn at
rvoigt@opmethodist.org or
bring it by the church office
by June 15, 2025**

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, JUNE 15TH: FATHER'S DAY KIDS CLUB & CLUB 456 BUILD PARTY

Fathers and father figures are invited to join their Kids Club & Club 456 members for a wood craft building 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
- Fathers and father figures can bring their children home after the party, or come back for pick up at our usual time of 7:30 PM.
- There will be wood craft building sets for families to build together and light refreshments!

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
- To register your child, please visit opmethodist.org or email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org as soon as possible, as space is limited.

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 Theatre at the Former World Golf Village
- Wednesday, July 2nd - Kingsland Station 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/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

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School - 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

We join together in the Youth Classroom and then break into smaller conversation groups.

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 4:30 - 5:30 PM - Service opportunities: Youth Choir, Children's Ministry, or Church A/V training
- 5:30 - 5:55 PM - Activity/Game in the Gym
- 6:00 - 6:20 PM - Dinner (\$5) in the Gym
- 6:25 - 7:00 PM - Worship in the youth worship center
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM - Age appropriate small groups

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

- Friday, June 20th - Friday, June 27th
- Destination: Belize

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH DAY

- Tuesday June 3rd, 2025
- Destination: St. Augustine
- Time: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- Cost: \$10



GAME NIGHT

- Tuesday, June 17th, 2025
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs
- Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Cost: \$25



ICHETUCKNEE RIVER FLOAT

- Tuesday, June 17th, 2025
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs
- Time: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Cost: \$25



SUMMER WAVES

- Tuesday, July 1st, 2025
- Destination: Jekyll Island
- Time: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- Cost: \$35



MINI GOLF NIGHT

- Tuesday, July 8th, 2025
- Destination: Anastasia Mini Golf
- Time: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Cost: \$20



ST. SIMON’S ISLAND + PINBALL MUSEUM

- Tuesday, July 15th, 2025
- Destination: St. Simon’s Island
- Time: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- Cost: \$40



MOVIE NIGHT: THE FANTASTIC FOUR

- Tuesday, July 29th, 2025
- Destination: AMC Orange Park
- Time: 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM
- Cost: \$20



EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

We thank God for the wonderful school year we have just completed. We are so proud of our VPK children. They all scored above average in their VPK assessments. Thank you, Ms. Lynne and Ms. Susan for all your hard work.

Our summer themes will begin this month on June 2nd with our theme balloons, bubbles, and super sponge balls. Following that we will be doing Camping under the sky.

The next week we will talk about the beach, shells and water safety followed by Shark Week and Ocean Commotion. June will start our patriotic theme which will run for two weeks.

Our Bible Lessons will be: God Gave Us Summer, Salt of the Earth, Moses and the Ten Plagues, David and Goliath, Jesus Calms the Sea, and Jesus Gives Us Freedom from Sin. During the summer we will have water play for the children, which will include a foam truck. The children will experience many playground science experiments on the playground.

Please let your friends know that we are a full-time facility, and they can call to come visit our facilities, just give us a call at 904 264-7330, or (904) 704-9762.

We wish all of you a wonderful, safe, and blessed summer. Our children will pray for you at chapel, and we ask for your prayers for all our families.

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

June 4 - Chicken Lemon with rice and gravy, lima beans, corn pudding casserole, garlic bread, Caesar salad and lemon bars

June 11 - Meatloaf with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, salad and bread pudding

June 18 - Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, coleslaw and banana pudding

June 25 - BBQ chicken, squash casserole, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad and strawberry cake

All Menus are subject to change.

MUSIC MINISTRY

REGENERATION CHOIR TOUR PERFORMANCE

Come see our ReGeneration Youth Choir, fresh from their choir tour to Pennsylvania, perform the musical, “Christianity 101, the Sequel!” The concert is Sunday, June 8, at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary, and it is free. They will sing traditional and contemporary Christian music and keep you laughing with their hilarious skits! Come join us!

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2025. The program will be “Orange Park Woman’s Club Year in Review. 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 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

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, June 3, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Bunco. Please bring a dish to go with a Taco bar. Meat, cheese and tortillas (hard and soft) will be provided.

Invite a friend and join us. If you have questions, please call Cindy Koon at 904-210-3546.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

We need ushers at both the 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. Ushers are responsible for handing out bulletins, greeting the congregation members as well as helping collect the offering. They rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SERVERS

If you are interested in helping serve Communion at either the 9:30 or 11:00 AM worship service, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SET UP

We need help setting up Communion on the 5th Sunday of each month at the 9:30 AM service. Please call Mari Anne Peeples if you are interested in helping.

THE GATHERING ON SUNDAYS

Plan to join us for a time of wonderful breakfast foods as well as fellowship in the Family Life Center Gym Building 6. Coffee and breakfast foods are available each week between 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM and it is FREE!

A special gathering for children between Sunday School and Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall featuring items like tater tots and chicken nuggets.

NIMBLE NEEDLES

Nimble Needles would like to invite anyone who is interested in crafting items of comfort for Clay County residents in nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and Quigley House. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in room 6206 in the FLC at 10:00 AM. We are always in need of yarn and fabric, so if you have any unused

items and would like to donate them to our ministry, they can be dropped off at the church office 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Doug Schutter in the death of his mother, Carol Schutter

MESSAGE FROM OUR PERMANENT ENDOWMENT CHAIRMAN

The Orange Park Methodist Church Permanent Endowment fund is an instrument in which you can leave a living legacy in your estate. The funds are invested in the Florida Methodist Foundation and the income from the dividends and interest are directed each year in accordance to the will of the donor for the furtherance of the ministries of the church. We are currently set up for local missions, music ministries and the general operation of the church. Additional funds may be set up in accordance with the permanent endowment policies in memory or honor of a loved one or friend.

If you have any questions about giving to our current funds or establishing a new one, please contact Dr. Charles Lever at 904-264-2241 ext. 273.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Our Sanctuary now has new and improved hearing assistance devices available to use during our worship services. They are wireless devices that can be used with and without hearing aids. Please see Mari Anne Peeples in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, if you would like to use one.

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JUNE RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Fletcher and Holly Turner	06/04	48 years
Jeff and Julie Killian	06/08	34 years
Mark and Debi Meier	06/08	57 years
John and Linda Bowles	06/10	53 years
John and Barbara Turpish	06/11	54 years
Richard and Joanna Armistead	06/12	16 years
Dave and Dee Unsicker	06/15	62 years
Ken and Sherrie Kolz	06/15	57 years
Doug and Nancy Westberry	06/16	46 years
Cooper and Hayden Roth	06/16	2 year
David and Mona Gardella	06/17	30 years
Kevin and Martha Reid	06/18	26 years
David and Lori Condie	06/20	27 years
Jim and Sheila Gaskill	06/21	46 years
Bob and Vicky Moore	06/22	53 years
Sean and Heather Swart	06/23	18 years
Richard and Elaine Carden	06/23	52 years
Jamie and Maggie Hovda	06/25	20 years
Raymond and Beverly Bernard	06/27	55 years
Paul and Darlene Goodier	06/28	45 years
Monty and Kathleen Crook	06/30	64 years

BIRTHDAYS

Luke Reid	06/01	Cathy Akin James	06/12
Mari Anne Peeples	06/02	Bettie Adams	06/14
Ashley Morin	06/02	John Visaggio	06/14
Brady White	06/02	Suzy Williams	06/14
Melody White	06/02	Kriss Johnson	06/15
Sharon Richardson	06/02	Cole Hewett	06/15
Willette Steely	06/02	Stephen Logan	06/16
Marilyn Rodgers	06/04	Shirley Reynolds	06/17
Susan Helms	06/04	Phylis Morris	06/17
Luca Taborga	06/04	Raymond Gomez	06/17
Adam Cioffi	06/05	Carson Schmidt	06/18
Glen Godwin	06/05	Vicky Banks	06/19
Jeff Provow	06/06	Bobby Kemper	06/21
Olivia Boyle	06/06	Christina Waters	06/21
Ty Mansen	06/06	Chris Keyworth	06/22
Carrie Billinger	06/07	Julie Killian	06/22
Beverly Helganz	06/07	Steve Crowe	06/24
David Condie	06/07	Levi Cox	06/24
Lois Woodward	06/07	Valerie Despres	06/25
Sharon Wykle	06/08	David Eden	06/26
Paul Goodier	06/09	Art Russell	06/26
Russ Carlson	06/10	Charlie Bossinger	06/26
David Ballantine	06/10	Jim Gaskill	06/26
Peter Hellman	06/10	Wilbur Rubright	06/28
Jordan Condie	06/11	Brandon Condie	06/28
Addison McMaster	06/11	Sherrie Kolz	06/28
Katherine McMaster	06/11	Dylan Alack	06/28
Emme Foreman	06/11	Bella Ullrich	06/29
Debbie Wilkins	06/11	Jaxson Applegarth	06/30
Kelly Provow	06/12	Tiffany Butacan	06/30
Dayle Vickery	06/12		