



THE CHILDREN'S HOME HAS A NEW NAME RESIDING HOPE

Residing Hope with its main campus at Enterprise, FL and an equestrian campus in Madison, FL, has been ministering to children in Florida for over 100 years. It is recognized nationally for the quality of its care. Our church family has been supporting Residing Hope since we began in 1948. Within the last few years our church family has consistently been in the top 25 churches out of nearly 600 that support them. Our annual giving to Residing Hope exceeded over \$500,000 during the pandemic.

On Sunday, April 14, 2024 we are pleased to have Elisabeth Gadd, the Chief Development Officer on our campus for lunch. The luncheon will immediately follow the 11:00 AM Service of Worship. Once everyone has been served lunch, we will show a brief video (approximately 20 minutes) sharing with us the exciting news about Residing Hope and its plans for moving forward to reach more children. Elisabeth will be available to informally talk to anyone who has questions about Residing Hope following the film. There will be no pledge cards passed out, this is a celebration of your generosity and not a fundraiser!

RESIDING HOPE LUNCHEON

April 14, 2024

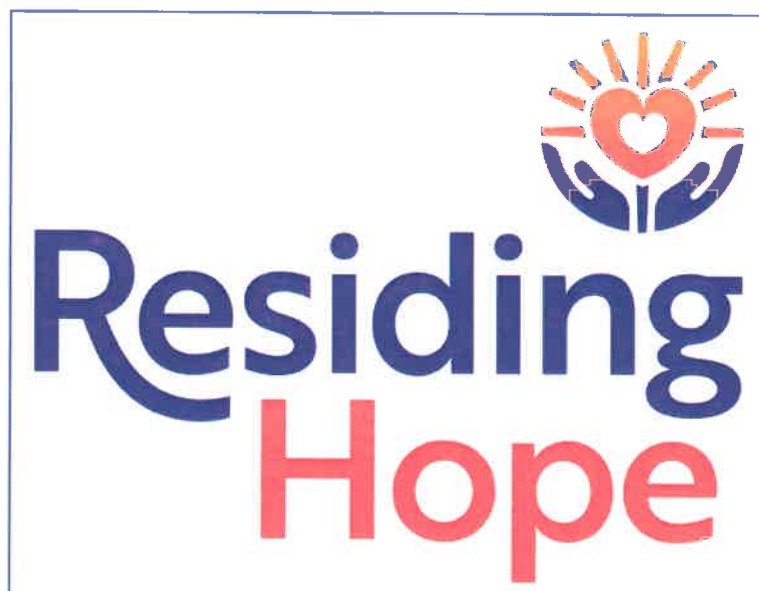
Following the 11:00 AM Service

Free to everyone

Must have a reservation to attend
RSVP due by April 8, 2024

Please call the Church office at
904-264-2241
to make your reservation

Everyone is invited to attend!



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
- Confirmation Class: Room 4221 in the Education Building

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

APRIL 12TH - PARENTS NIGHT OUT

- Infant- 6th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing games, making crafts, having pizza and fruit for dinner, as well as watching a movie!
- Cost: \$20 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child
- Drop Off: Family Life Center Gym (Building 5) at 5:30 PM
- Pick Up: Fellowship Hall (Building 7) by 9:30 PM
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, April 7th



MAY 17TH - PARENTS NIGHT OUT

- Infant- 6th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing games, making crafts, having pizza and fruit for dinner, as well as watching a movie!
- Cost: \$20 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child
- Drop Off: Family Life Center Gym (Building 5) at 5:30 PM
- Pick Up: Fellowship Hall (Building 7) by 9:30 PM
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 12th



SAVE THE DATE!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2024

- 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 date. See dates below:

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES:

- Wednesday, June 5th - Horseback Riding at Batton Family Ranch
- Wednesday, June 12th - Shrimping on the Amelia Island Shrimp Boat River Tour
- Wednesday, June 26th - Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game

- Wednesday, July 3rd - Lazer Tag, Bowling, and Arcade at Bravo Entertainment Center
- Wednesday, July 10th - St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum
- Wednesday, July 17th - Catty Shack Ranch
- Wednesday, July 31st - Madison Blue Springs

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2024- SCUBA: DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBC, kids will be immersed in the Word, and discover what living water is really all about!

- Dates: July 22-26, 2024
- 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips, and more!
- Grades PreK- Rising 6th Graders
- Field Trips include the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, Summer Waves Water Park, the Alligator Farm, and more!

Cost and Payments

- 50% Refundable Deposit Due Upon Registration. (Full refunds on deposits/payments are available if cancellation is on or before June 12th)
- Early Registration: \$170 per Child (March 2nd- May 8th)
- General Registration: \$195 per Child (May 9th- June 12th)
- Early Youth Volunteer Registration: \$75 per Youth Volunteer (March 2nd- May 8th)
- General Youth Volunteer Registration: \$85 per Youth Volunteer (May 9th- June 12th)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment - June 12th
- 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 if you have 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

SPRING RETREAT

Our Spring Retreat on Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th will be at the North Florida Christian Retreat Center in Keystone Heights. We have a cabin on the water with a beautiful view. There are opportunities to kayak or enjoy their slip-and-slide into the lake. This year we are going to have tubing in the lake! This is first retreat that our rising 7th graders/confirmation students can participate in. We look forward to having a big group this year!

- The Spring Retreat cost is \$50



VBC Volunteer Registration is Open

- Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
- Early Registration: \$75 per Youth Volunteer (March 2nd- May 8th)
- General Registration: \$85 per Youth Volunteer (May 9th- June 12th)

YOUTH VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR VBC

- Crafts Assistant (2)
- Actor/Actress (2)



- Crew Leader Assistants (20)
- Games/Recreation Assistant (2)
- Imagination Science Station Assistant (2)
- Bible Lesson Assistant (2)

VBC FIELD TRIPS

Summer Waves Water Park, Alligator Farm, St. Augustine Lighthouse, GTM Research Reserve

SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

- Saturday, July 6th - Saturday, July 13th
- Destination: Western Kentucky (La Center
- Mission Organization: Team Effort
- All the details about the trip are available by scanning the QR code
- Registration Deadline: June 9th



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. She can be reached at 264-2241 ext. 243.



UPCOMING DATES

April 12 and May 17

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 264-2241 ext. 282.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

This month our curriculum themes will include teaching our children that they can pray, Let's Move it, How Things Grow, and Planting. Throughout gardening and planting week, we will take time to explain about God's World. We will also be talking to the children about how God makes people grow and how things in the world change.

Our Bible Stories will include The Last Supper, Easter—which we will teach through the Resurrection eggs, The Lord is My Shepherd, and The Parable of the Sower.

This month we will have a military service person come and give awards to our military children for Military Child Month. We will wear purple on April 18th to celebrate all military.

On April 22nd we will teach children about God and nature. Our Character trait for April is self-control – students will wear green on April 26th.

If you or your friends are interested in having your child attend the Early Education Center, registration is ongoing. Call Pat Noonon, Director of the Early Education Center at 9044-264-7330.

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, April 2, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be given by Christy Fitzgerald on The Shephard Center of Orange Park. Please bring a dish to go with fried chicken.

Invite a friend and join us. 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

April 3 - Meatloaf with gravy, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, salad and blueberry cake
April 10 - Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, cole slaw and banana pudding
April 17 - Herb roasted chicken with gravy, vegetable medley, macaroni and cheese, roll, Caesar salad and strawberry cake
April 24 - Beef Stroganoff, carrots, lima beans, roll, salad and Klondike bar

All Menus are subject to change.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN
COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Chair - Connie Eden (904-343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Meets in the Fellowship Hall

Elizabeth Circle

Co-Chairs - Sandy Carlson (904-945-9346) and June Butacan (707-3771)
Meets 3rd Thursday at 9:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Mary Lydia Circle

Chair - Cindy Koon (904-210-3546)
Meets 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Here is a listing of the upcoming committee meetings.

APRIL

Tuesday, April 2	Altar Guild
Monday, April 15	SPR Meeting
Tuesday, April 16	Trustee's Meeting
Monday, April 29	Finance Committee
Tuesday, April 30	Church Council

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 20, 2024. The program will be Dr. Keith Holland. Dr. Holland will be speaking about his investigation of the maritime history of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville. 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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL DAY TO SIGN UP! Our new date for taking pictures is April 24th. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at one of the sign-up Sundays during the Gathering time or you can sign up on our church's website at www.opmethodist.org. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today.

MUSIC MINISTRY

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR TICKETS FOR DINNER THEATER YET? ReGeneration Choir is presenting their annual Dinner Theater on Friday, April 19! What does it mean to be a Christian? How do we know if we're doing it right? Our youth choir will take you through several humorous situations of WHAT and WHAT NOT to do as we grow in our faith. Come enjoy a spectacular dinner, yummy dessert, and an entertaining musical just for you! The Dinner Theater is a fundraiser for ReGeneration Choir to help with the cost of Choir Tour. This summer we are headed to Kentucky! Tickets are now on sale through any ReGeneration Choir member each Sunday morning at the Gathering and Wonderful Wednesday night Dinners, or you can call the Music Department- (904)264-2241 x245 Interested in attending a Jacksonville Symphony concert? Ever want to see the musicians up close? Come join our group! We attend several concerts throughout the year and sit together in the choral terrace. We get a unique view from behind the musicians and the sound is amazing! The best part is, you don't have to drive! Come park at the church and we provide transportation, using the church bus and van! Interested? Please contact Martha or Ruth- (904)264-2241 x245.

Here are the last 2 concerts we will attend this season for April and May-
Tickets are \$29 per person:

Friday, April 26 – 7:30 PM
Respighi Fountains of Rome and Pines of Rome
DEADLINE is Sunday, April 21

Friday, May 17 – 7:30 PM
Vahghan Williams- The Lark Ascending
Walton Symphony No. 1
DEADLINE is Sunday, May 12th

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

John Norton in the death of his mother, Barbara Norton
Hugh and Mari Anne Peeples in the death
of their nephew, Sean Lemmond

STAFF DIRECTORY

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APRIL RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Eddie And Bev Dayrit	04/05	38 years
Russ and Sandy Carlson	04/06	56 years
Charlie and Ginger Aiken	04/07	62 years
Paul and Diane Burshuliak	04/07	40 years
Nicole and Jason Strong	04/09	13 years
Dick and Chris Keyworth	04/10	58 years
Sean and Amy Cronin	04/11	37 years
David and Ruth Boyer	04/16	53 years
Jon and Adrienne Mansen	04/16	20 years
Bob and Shirley Reynolds	04/17	64 years
Bob and Pat Johnson	04/20	33 years
Scott and Kelley Drawdy	04/24	31 years
Wendell and Jackie Davis	04/25	60 years
Andrew and Michelle Mansen	04/29	7 years

BIRTHDAYS

Brady Boyle	04/01	Xiommy Lever	04/18
Delaine Robertson	04/03	Carol Smith	04/19
Aubrie Moses	04/03	Daniel LaBelle	04/19
Robbie Swart	04/03	Adeline Bryan	04/19
Mike Neglia	04/04	Pete Davis	04/20
Sandra Balestracci	04/04	Paul Frendahl	04/20
Audrey Freehafer	04/04	Evan Fuller	04/20
Janet Connolly	04/05	Robyn Voigt	04/20
Terry Stallings	04/05	Jeff Hill	04/20
Pam Jacobs	04/05	Annette Kitagawa	04/20
Diana Costea	04/05	Robert Meadows	04/21
Tina Martin	04/05	Julie Griffis	04/21
Barbara Broach	04/06	Brian Boatright	04/21
Hannah Brown	04/06	Carter Feuerborn	04/21
Hayden Roth	04/07	Terri Lee	04/22
Carol Visaggio	04/09	Glen Oakes	04/23
Betty Sullivan	04/09	David Terry	04/24
Andrea LaBelle	04/10	Anakin Yawn	04/24
Pat DeVries	04/10	Shirley Babick	04/24
Adam Drawdy	04/13	Pat Dougher	04/25
Emory Thomas	04/13	C. J. Brown	04/26
Madelyn Christofoli	04/14	Micki Kramer	04/26
Alyson Morgan	04/14	Jaye Stephens	04/27
Sue Frandsen	04/15	Martha Bruner	04/27
Carol Palmer	04/16	Tonya Wilson	04/27
Gavin Chandler	04/16	Mario Hernandez	04/27
Carlee Griffis	04/16	Kresten Mansen	04/27
Beth Walker	04/16	Bobby Williams	04/28
Ross Arrowood	04/16	Adrienne Mansen	04/28
Gray Chandler	04/17	Charley Dellinger	04/29
Hunter Bunn	04/17	Holly Turner	04/29
Keller Volpe	04/17	Holly Fuller	04/29
Anna Mather	04/17	Barbara Evans	04/29
Carol Wright	04/18	Stafford Davis	04/30
Sheila Holder	04/18	Grethen Brechler	04/30
Mark Nye	04/18	Zachary Banks	04/30
Savannah Olsson	04/18	Landon Manning	04/30