



*A Word From Our Pastor*

In a wonderful collection of stories entitled Meditations to Make You Smile, Martha J. Beckman tells the following story:

“With a critical eye, my granddaughter watched as I ladled ice cream into her dish. Since the amount I usually gave her never seemed to be enough, I asked her, “How much would you like?” She thought it over and then said, judiciously, “Give me too much!”

Thanksgiving Day will soon be upon us. It is a time in which we thank God for giving **us** “too much.” And certainly God has blessed us beyond measure. We have the blessings of our family and friends who support us and love us. We have the blessings of abundant food, good clothing and shelter. We have the blessings of a loving church where we experience the joy of God’s grace and the challenge of God’s call to serve Him and our neighbor. We have the blessings of a country which, despite its many problems, is the freest, most abundant country the world has ever known.

Most importantly, however, we have the blessing of Jesus Christ who makes the joy in our heart and the peace in our soul a reality. We thank God for the joy which we have in this world through Christ and for the promise of eternal life in the presence of God when we pass from this earth. We will have a Thanksgiving service in the morning worship on November 20 and then will worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ that evening at Calvary Baptist Church in which we will offer our thanks to God for God’s abundant blessings. These times will serve as reminders of what is truly important and how much we have truly been given by God.

Surely God has given us “too much.” But the wonderful fact of God’s grace is that God’s “too much” is just the beginning for those who commit their lives to God. This Thanksgiving, as you sit down with family and/or friends in whatever traditional way you celebrate the holiday, remember to thank God for giving you “too much.” And as you thank God for those blessings, remember also to give “too much” love to others as you share the gospel of Christ and spread the joy of those blessings to those whom you meet along the way.

Peace in Christ,  
*Chris*



**UPLIFT PRAISE**  
**Sunday**  
**November 6**  
**6 pm**

*MES Circle*  
*36th Annual*  
**Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Sunday, November 13**  
**11:00 am—2:00 pm**

Come enjoy a delicious meal of turkey, dressing, gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert.

Cost \$8.00

Children under 6 eat free.

Everyone is welcome to dine in the FLC,  
Come in for Carry Out,  
or Drive Thru for your plates.

*Community*  
**Thanksgiving Service**

OGUMC and Calvary Baptist Share  
a Time of Praise and Thanksgiving

**Sunday, November 20**  
**6:30 pm**

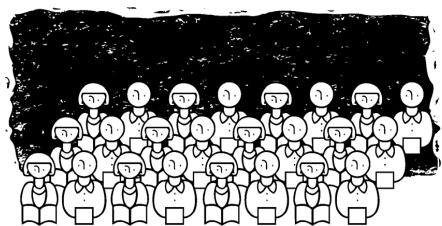
**at Calvary Baptist Church**

Join Rev. Chris Young as he delivers a special Thanksgiving Message at Calvary Baptist. After the service, you are invited to a reception hosted by Calvary Baptist Church.



# FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, November 6  
Remember to set your clocks back  
one hour before going to bed!



## Charge Conference

District Superintendent, Reverend Mike Hicks, will lead our OGUMC Charge Conference on Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 pm. Members of the Administrative Council are the members of the Charge Conference, but everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### Fellowship Meal

5:30 pm—6:15 pm

Adult Meal \$6.00 Child's Meal \$3.00 Family Meal Plan \$16.00

#### November Menu

2: Roast Beef w/Gravy, Fluffy Rice, Mixed Vegetable Casserole, Green Salad w/ Dressing, Yeast Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Pizza

9: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Italian Green Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Texas Toast, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Same

16: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baby Lima Beans, Fruit Salad, Yeast Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Chicken Drumsticks & French Fries

23: No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities

30: Pork Loin, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Fresh Broccoli Salad, Yeast Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Hot Dogs & Chips

#### November Grocery Shopper

2: Fred Boudreaux 9: Evelyn Wesley 16: Frank and Joyce Lee 30: Susan McQueen

#### November Class To Serve: Fellowship and Faith Matters

(Please sign up on sheet in S.S. classroom)

#### November Dessert List

2: Jenny Nolen, Janice Armstrong, Suzell Cain, Esther Attkisson, Jane Boudreaux

9: Vickie Durant, Felecia Carpenter, Pat Bennett, Anitra Turner, Susan McQueen

16: Gloria Bynum, Faye Blackwell, RaDonna Frazier, Evelyn Wesley, Mary Ann Cox

30: Judy Shelton, Becky Young, Nancy Amacker, Lynn Sims, Peggy Bullion



No Wednesday Night Meal  
or Activities November 23.



#### Hanging of the Greens

The Advent Season is a special time of the year in the life of the church. Advent marks the beginning of the Christian Year. Advent is a time set aside for focus on our preparation for Christ's coming. We tend to think of that preparation as being primarily for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's coming among us as a child. However, Advent is also a time of focusing on making sure we are ready for Christ's presence in our lives now and Christ's ultimate return when God's Kingdom is fully established on earth as it is in Heaven.

We will mark the beginning of this Advent season on November 27 with a Hanging of the Greens Service in the morning worship services. The women of the church do a beautiful job of decorating the sanctuary with items that remind us of Christmas. However, these items also have meaning within our Christian faith that point to Christ. The Hanging of the Greens Service will explore the meanings of the evergreen, the wreaths, the Advent wreath, the poinsettia, chrismons, and the lights.

As a special part of each service we will light the first Advent Candle. Lighting the first Advent candle in the 9 am service will be Jesse and Anna Lang and family and in the 11 am service will be Denny and Christie Sumrall and family.

## CHILDREN

### CONNECTING KIDS & PARENTS

#### Upcoming Events

- 11/12 Parent Date Night. OGUMC provides childcare for children ages 3 months to 5th grade. Reservations are required. See your bulletin for reservation form.
- 11/21 Family Weenie Roast. Pre-K ~ 6th Grade. 6:00 pm by the Pavilion

#### Bible Points for Children's Ministry

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| 11/6  | Jeremiah 29:11  | God Knows Everything |
| 11/13 | Luke 1:37       | God is Amazing       |
| 11/20 | Philippians 4:4 | Rejoice in the Lord  |
| 11/27 | Luke 11:9       | God is Listening     |

### Children's Ministry



### Family Weenie Roast

**~Come and Go~  
Family Fun  
at the OGUMC Fire Ring  
by the Pavilion  
Monday, November 21  
6:00 pm  
Hotdogs & S'mores  
& Soda Pop, too!**

## iSTUDENTMINISTRY



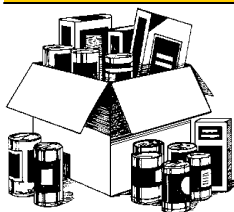
# ALIVE 2011

November 20-22, 2011

Lake Mariah Springs, Clarke County, MS

Registration price is \$45, which includes all meals and a t-shirt. To register, fill out the Retreat Registration Form located in the youth department or on the youth website and turn it into the church office or an iSM Leader, along with registration fee, on or before November 13.

## MISSIONS



### GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

November 13 is Grocery Bag Sunday. This is a time for you and your family to bring a bag of non-perishable food items that will be given to the needy in our community through the OGUMC Food Pantry.

## ADULTS

### Fill My Cup, mother's group

Feeling frazzled? Need a break? Join this group especially for mothers each Tuesday 9:30-11:00 am in the parlor. Childcare will be provided at no cost. So come and "fill your cup" with food, fellowship, laughter and God's Word. Fill My Cup will not meet Tuesday, November 22 due to Thanksgiving.

### Prayer Team

Join us each Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the library for a time of intercessory prayer as we lift up family, friends and neighbors.

### Adult Choir

Join the choir! Rehearsal is each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the choir room. We have a great time singing praises and worshipping through song.

### Health & Wellness Team

Blood Pressure Screening: Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked Sunday, November 13 and 27 at 9:45-10:15 am and 10:45-11:00 am in the FLC.

### Men's Club

All Men are invited to Men's Club on Monday, November 7 at 6:00 pm in the FLC for a time of fellowship and good food.

Put this date on your calendar! The Men's Club invites the OGUMC Family to Christmas Night Out on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 pm at Movie Star Restaurant. We will meet in the far back room of the restaurant and you can either order from the menu or enjoy the delicious foods from the buffet tables. Childcare is provided by reservation.

### Good Timers

Good Timers will not meet in November, but will be traveling to Bellingrath Gardens for December. More details are coming!

### MES Circle

MES Circle will not meet in November, but all ladies are invited to the home of Felecia Carpenter on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 pm for the MES Circle Christmas Party hosted by Felecia Carpenter and Becky Shelton. Secret Pal Christmas presents will be exchanged, and Secret Pals for 2011 will be revealed, and 2012 Secret Pals will be drawn. If you would like to participate in Secret Pals, please come to the party or contact Rita Burks. Bring a tray of finger food to share and come join the fun! Childcare is provided by reservation.

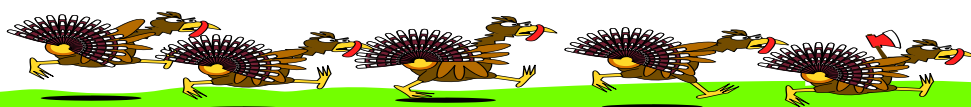
## Welcome New Members

October 9, 2011

*Mike and Kathy Jordan*



*You are invited to a Baby Shower for Stephen and Kristen Viehweg on Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 pm in the Parlor of Oak Grove United Methodist Church. Shower Hostesses are Teresa Viehweg and Kaye Viehweg.*



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Facebook: [Oak Grove UMC, MS](https://www.facebook.com/OakGroveUMC)

#### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

#### Worship Schedule

9:00 am Early Worship

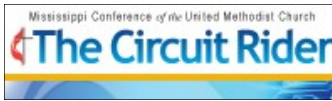
10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

#### Church Staff

Reverend Chris Young	Pastor
Dr. Jamie Standland	Minister of Music
Margie Farlow	Pianist
Chadd Watson	Music Associate
Roy Windham	Student Minister
Kaitlin Windham	Middle School Director
Shannon Waits	Children's Minister
Hannah Waits	Pre-School Director
Eva Ratliff	Nursery Director
Laureen Tuck	Nursery
Belinda Jo Mathias	Nursery
Elaine Callaway	Kids Worship
Heather Wilson	Kids Worship
Gloria Watkins	Secretary

## LINKS FOR LIFE



## HOSPITALITY CREED

### Oak Grove United Methodist Church Hospitality Creed

Since hospitality means "love of a guest" and since Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you took me in," I will always remember to...

- **Welcome** others, especially the guest, as though I was welcoming Jesus.
- **Receive** no one merely as a stranger, but rather as a dear friend.
- **Demonstrate** through every means available that my new friends are valued and an integral part of our fellowship.

I gladly join with others at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in affirming hospitality as an integral part of the Christian witness.

*"Freely you have received, freely give."*  
Matthew 10:8

## SERVING IN NOVEMBER

### Greeters

9 am	11 am
6 Bill Norris	Ann Bailey
13 Anna Lang	Eddie Smith
20 Aubrey Shrader	Esther Attkisson
27 Laura Baird	Jane Boudreaux

### Altar Guild

6 Jane Aultman
13 Esther Attkisson
20 Aubrey Shrader
27 Laura Baird

### Food Pantry

2 Frank and Joyce Lee
4 Susan McQueen
7 Faye Blackwell
9 Dawn Nuss
11 Allene Findley
14 Evelyn Wesley
16 Gloria Bynum
18 Olivia Farish
21 Mary Ann Cox
28 Pat and Barb Corry
30 Jenny Nolen

### Youth Meal

6 Greg & Lisa Carpenter
Eric & Bridget Garner
13 Jamie & Leigh Shelton
Robert & Teresa Viehwweg
20 John & Sharmon Wichman
Jamie & Carol Standland
27 Sebe & Amanda Dale
Chris & Becky Young

## MEETINGS

6 Administrative Council	4:30 pm
13 ISM Leadership	4:30 pm



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1 Darrell & Christy Maistros
2 Bus & Jeanine Cook
5 Greg & Lisa Carpenter
8 Larry & Peggy Bullion
11 Wayne & Shirley Cameron
19 Bob & Esther Attkisson
Bobby & Judy Brown
21 Jack & Helen Chachere
John & Sharmon Wichman
27 Fred & Jane Boudreaux



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Chase Anderson	14 Lisa Carpenter	24 Sandra Scardino
Bitsy Karoly	15 Deborah Bauer	Peggy Woodruff
2 Jeanine Cook	Candice Entrekin	27 Jill Bailey
Cheryl Cranford	Logan Lambeth	Amanda Dale
Ed Fore	16 Kathryn Phillips	Jeff Smith
5 Stephania Zeigler	Amanda Pierce	28 Stuart Hinton
7 Erin Dornan	Angelia Sims	Adam Waits
Joyce Lee	Kaitlin Windham	29 Scott Findley
8 Eddie Smith	18 Mike Jordan	Belinda Jo Mathias
10 Joe Shelton	22 Margie Farlow	Judah Mathias
Denny Sumrall	23 Joe Bazemore	30 Tom Allen
12 Emily Smith	Christian Smith	Zora McLemore
13 Kathleen McCormick	24 Bobby Brown	Sarah Morris
Darrell O'Quinn	Cliff Callaway	

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday,  
November 23 through Friday, November 25  
for Thanksgiving.

*Happy Thanksgiving*