



April, 2025

Dear wonderful church family,

Easter is upon us, and we have a wonderful Resurrection season planned to assist us in our personal and corporate worship.

A special Palm Sunday service is April 13. Palm Sunday will also be our KidsMin Easter Celebration.

Easter Sunday, April 20, we have planned a sunrise service (6:45AM) at the Underground entrance. We will have a wonderful time of singing praises as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and watch the sun come up over the mountains. Afterward, at 8 o'clock, a light breakfast will be served in the gym, followed by our regular Bible Study groups at 9am.

Our 10:30 morning service will be a special time of corporate worship. I look forward to seeing you all. Please invite family and friends to join you. It is because of Easter we have hope for today and our eternity! In my mind, I comb over our many Easter's together. I am feeling the weight of the importance of the message of salvation. I am overwhelmed by God's goodness to have allowed me to celebrate Resurrection Sunday with you one more time.

A group of 14 from Towering Oaks, 7 from Jacksonville, Fla, and one from Memphis will be touring the Footsteps of Paul in Greece and Ephesus, Turkey April 1-13. Please be in prayer. Those going will have a chance to share with the church our experience when we return.

We continue to offer live streaming of our Sunday Worship service, morning devotions, and our Wednesday Bible study. All streams are archived and can be viewed on our website.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in all areas of ministry. We move forward, believing you will continue to be faithful in your service and giving. Thank you so much for being a participant in our ministry in 2025. Please continue to pray about what and how God would have you contribute to our ministry as a faithful family member, and listen for an answer. Let's get out of the traditional boxes and serve Him where we are.

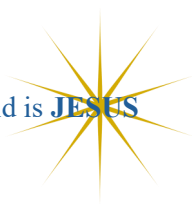
You are very much appreciated and loved, and I am still excited to be your pastor after all these years.

Bro. Tommy

PS Pray for your Pastor Search team. I will continue as your Pastor until the church votes to call a new Sr. Pastor. Please help me finish well by continuing with faithfulness in all aspects of ministry.

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin

The **LIGHT** of the world is **JESUS**



EASTER Celebration on Palm Sunday

Kids Easter Celebration will take place Palm Sunday. Here's the breakdown:



Preschool kids will have an Easter Egg Hunt during the **9:00 Sunday School** hour. We don't want any one to miss out so please plan now to have your little one present in time. The entire morning will be special. Our teachers look forward to it every year.

The **Light** of the world is **Jesus!**

Kindergarten-6th grade will begin at **9:00** with a hands-on, interactive lesson from 1 John and Palm Sunday scriptures. We look forward to looking closer at Jesus, the Light of the World. Our Bible learning will be followed by lantern crafts to prepare for a Palm Parade of Light and Praise through the sanctuary in worship. We will come through and pick up any children who arrived for worship and want to join us in the chapel for a special Palm Sunday Kids Worship.



SUMMER

I am excited about a summer of Bible learning and spiritual growth for kids and families.

4th-6th grade camp at The Oaks: Camp Who, Me? May 22-23, \$150.



Kindergarten-3rd grade Day Camp: The Wonder of Jesus, June 9-13 9:00-3:00 \$120 First 21 kids registered.

Vacation Bible School, Magnified: July 21-25, 3's-5th grade (babies-2's for volunteer's children only), 9:00-12:30, no charge.

Vacation Bible School dates to remember:

April 27 Magnified Focused Prayer 4:30-5:30

May 18 Leading a Child to Christ 4:00-5:30

June 15 Magnified Helps—Making the Most of Our Time 4:00-5:30

July 20 Magnify the Lord with Me 4:30-5:30

July 21-25 Magnify Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:30

August 17 VBS Team Appreciation Lunch and Lasting Impressions

Oh, and don't forget to VOLUNTEER to help out in VBS—3 Greene County ESP school buses will arrive each day and we need YOU! Jump in here



Text me call me,

Shelley



I invite you to be a part of something bigger than yourself: KidsMin! Share the **light** of **JESUS!**



Words from Mark

It seems just like yesterday I was writing for March's newsletter. Paul writes to the Ephesians:

¹⁵ *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,* ¹⁶ *making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.* ~Ephesians 5:15-16

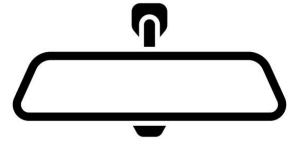
While time is a consistent aspect of reality, the busier we are, the faster it *seems/feels* to pass by. I've often wondered why that is. This is an interesting concept to ponder and google. An intriguing explanation mentions that as we get older, *the world becomes more familiar, and we encounter fewer novel situations and experiences that capture our attention and make us feel like time is passing slowly.*

While there's something to be said for familiarity, it's also something that, I believe, holds us back from experiencing God as powerfully as He intends. The psalmist tells to *taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8)*. Even in my life, I think that is something we are failing to do on a regular basis, is following that verse. Think about tasting food. When something is really good, you like to take your time to enjoy it. You don't want to rush to finish. Do we practice this in personal worship? Do we sit with God and enjoy His presence? Do we savor His Word and let it marinate in our hearts? Do we sit still long enough to hear His voice or is our mind already on the next thing to do? As we approach Easter, let me encourage all of us – me included – to develop the discipline of enjoying God's presence and not seeing it in such a familiar mindset that He does not capture our attention. May we never become so familiar with the cross and resurrection that we lose sight of what Jesus did for us. Worship with a new, intentional mindset this Easter.



Faithfully His,
Mark

Words From Greg



-Good Friday... in The Rearview Mirror –

From a human perspective, the day Jesus hung on that cruel cross was a dreadful day. It was full of tearing eyes, hate-filled jeers, and hearts full of trepidation.

From God's perspective, the sight was such that the sky needfully went dark; God turned out the lights.

In the Rearview Mirror, we can see the high price He paid for you & me.

Years ago, S.M. Lockridge delivered "It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming!" It provided an exhaustive view of Friday, with a steady hope of Sunday... "Sunday Is Coming!"

Friday, absent Sunday, would have been anything but "Good".

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." 1 Corinthians 15:14

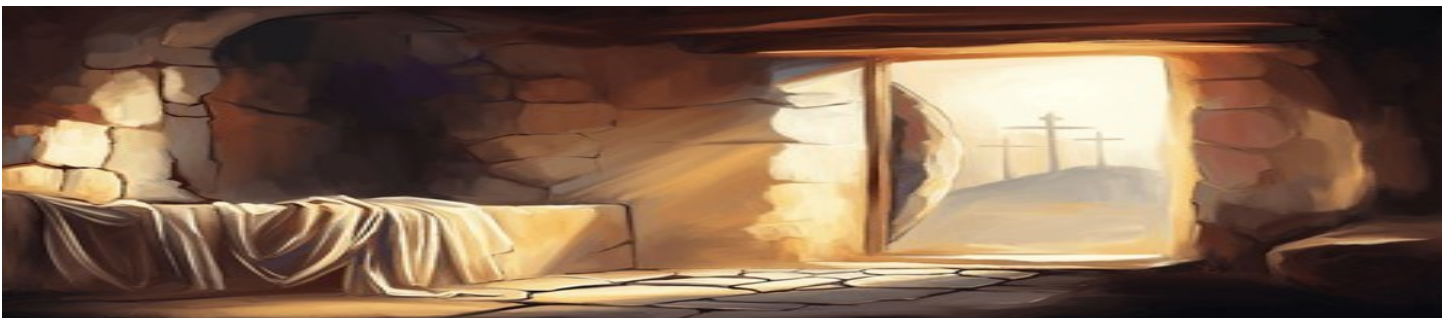
Today, our Blessed Hope is in a Risen Savior.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively Hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" 1 Peter 1:3

With that confidence, we can celebrate Good Friday... in the Rearview Mirror.

Love Y'all,

Brother Greg



School News



I hope this finds you all feeling blessed and enjoying this warmer spring weather. I am asking you, my T.O.B.C. family, to join our school ministry's efforts to fundraise by bringing your aluminum cans and aluminum scrap to drop off on Wednesdays or Sundays through the back parking lot to place in the open trailer that is parked in the corner. As I ask for your help in this, I am reminded of a former faithful member of our church family, Mr. Jim Teague. Jim always had his open trailer with him as he came on Sunday mornings and served in a unique way to help God's beautiful creation stay that way and to give back to T.O.B.C.

Amy Pfaff-Biebel

Towering Oaks Christian School Administrator



STUDENT MINISTRY

Greetings from The Underground!

The past month has been filled with weekend retreats, hiking, laser tag, games, good food, and most importantly, Bible study. Krystal and I have enjoyed being a part of this faithful group of students. The youth are the future of our church.



On February 28th and March 1st we attended the D-NOW weekend retreat at Carson Springs in Newport, TN. It was a whirlwind 36 hours of Bible study, worship, preaching and teaching. I got a first hand experience of being a “suffering servant” by spending two nights on an old church camp bunk bed....but it was worth it! Super proud of the way our youth represented our church and congrats to them because they won the team Scavenger Hunt! A special thanks to Jamie Ellison for helping organize the trip and driving us down there.

On Saturday, March 22nd, we had a youth outing. First, we all hiked up to Margarette Falls in our own beautiful Greene county. The parking spot for this hike is just a few miles down the road from our church. The hike to the falls though ... well, it’s mostly uphill but the youth toughed it out and were rewarded with a spectacular view of God’s creation.



After the hike everyone, including me, was hungry so we ate lunch together at Monterey’s and spent the rest of the afternoon at The Factory Adventure on Church Street. We had a great time playing games, laser tag, and spending a nice afternoon having fun as a group.

On Sunday’s and Wednesday’s we finished up about a six week study in Acts. Our last lesson looked at Paul standing trial before Felix, Festus, and King Agrippa. This scene at the end of Acts is similar to the scene in Luke 23 when Jesus stood trial before Pilate and Herod. For 2,000 years people have been harassed, mocked, imprisoned, and put to death for proclaiming the truth found in the Good News of Jesus Christ. I hope the youth, and all of us, realize that in some parts of this world and even in some parts of our own country that the only way you get in trouble in “society” is by telling the truth about our risen savior Jesus Christ.



Ephesians 3:8 *Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ.*



PaceSetters
 Saturday, April 12
 Van leaves
 church at 12:45
 Easter Musical at
 Lamplight
 Theater
 Tickets \$13 / due
 by April 6

"PLANTING SEEDS"



CALLING
 LADIES OF ALL AGES
 INTERESTED!

DEVOTION
 PAINTING PLANTERS
 PLANTING SEEDS
 FELLOWSHIP
 SNACKS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH | 6:00 PM

childcare
 available!

For more information:
 Ashley Musgrove or Jamie Ellison

Towering Oaks Women's Ministry



Our Lasagna fundraiser raised \$2,050!!!
 We appreciate the support shown from
 the church family for our children and
 students!



Palm Sunday at Towering Oaks

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

9:00am-12:00pm - Children's Celebration
 Toddlers - 6th Grade

9:00am - Bible Study Groups

10:30am - Worship Celebration



Easter at Towering Oaks

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

7:15am - Sunrise Service
 Covered Area at Double Glass Doors

Coffee & Doughnuts Following Sunrise

9:00am - Bible Study Groups

10:30am - Resurrection Worship

