

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

This month we will conclude our study of the book of Colossians and begin a new study. We are going to enjoy our experience in the Gospel of Mark.

The Gospel of Mark plays a unique and strategic role in the Bible. In this account of the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we see him fulfilling in himself the Old Testament hopes for a coming king, the Messiah, yet we also see the stark ways in which Jesus confounds public expectations of what this king will do: he will suffer. Mark's Gospel also gives us a vivid portrayal of what authentic discipleship looks like for those who follow a rejected king.

Of the four Gospels, Mark was probably the first one written. It is the shortest and also the fastest-paced Gospel account. Mark's Gospel is concerned with presenting Jesus as the Messiah, the king, the Son of David, who is rejected by the religious au-

thorities and calls his followers to radical discipleship in the kingdom of God. Do not miss a single Sunday as we learn from Mark how to be a better disciple of Jesus!

Some important dates for the future:

May

May 5 — Fish Fry & Dessert Auction, supports Pre-Teen Camp.

May 16-18 — OGBC Spring Campout Flat Rock Creek on Ft. Gibson Lake. Make your reservation now at www.recreation.gov.

June

June 10-15 — Falls Creek.

June 23-27 — Vacation Bible School.

July

July 8-11 — PreTeen Camp.





You Make All Things New

Submitted by Mindy Taylor, Worship Leader



[Verse 1]

*I've heard You can take what's broken and make it whole again
Well, here's the pieces of my heart, what can You do with them?
'Cause I can't hold them all together anymore
So I let them fall surrendered to the floor*

[Chorus]

*You make all things new
You make all things new
God of mercy and love
Do what only You can do
And make all things new*

[Verse 2]

*Only You can bring such beauty from the depths of all my pain, Only You can take this shattered heart and
make it beat again
Oh, You hold us all together in Your hands
I surrender all I have and all I am*

[Chorus]

*You make all things new
You make all things new
God of mercy and love
Do what only You can do
And make all things new
(by Big Daddy Weave)*

Spring is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is a reminder of a new season. God is in the business of making things new. He's in the business of bringing dead things to life. He's in the business of transforming His people into the image of Christ. God is constantly moving in you and through you to accomplish His will for His glory. If you are currently in a hard season, remember that the seasons change and remember that it is the Almighty God that goes before you. He has never left you.

Also it's time again to sign up for the Christmas Nativity drive through. If you have not signed up for this year OR have never been a part, we would love for YOU to be a part. The sign up will be on the Welcome Center desk in April. There will be three new scenes added, so hurry and get signed up!

April 2024

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	Ladies Exercise Class, 9am		Ladies Exercise Class, 9am; Feed RSU BCM, noon		Adult Game Day, 11am	
7 Deacons mtg, 5pm; Nicole Zugelder bday	8 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am	9	10 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am; Ashlynn Holloway bday	11 Crafty Christians, 10am	12 David Drew bday	13
14 PreTeen Day Camp mtg, 5pm	15 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am; Deloris Watson bday	16	17 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am	18	19	20 Janelle Zillman bday
21	22 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am; Bill Brownlow bday	23 Tasha Pruett bday	24 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am	25 Crafty Christians, 10am	26	27 Charles Mosely & Glenna Scott bdays
28 Jeanna Newton bday	29 Ladies Exercise Class, 9am	30				

Children's Church News

Submitted by Margaret Gaulding

April will be a good study month.

- April 7, The First Church.
- April 14, The Church Spoke Boldly.
- April 21, The Church Chose Leaders.
- April 28, The Church In Antioch.

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

This month 412 youth will have pickleball, food and music following the Morning Worship service on April 14 until 3:00.

Falls Creek is June 10 - 16. The price will be \$100 if paid by June 2. The price will go up to \$125 if paid after that date.

Parent/Camper meeting dates are posted below. Release forms this year will be digital instead of

hard copies. I will have the link sent out and posted on 412 youth group's Facebook (as well as the Oak Grove Facebook) soon.

Upcoming dates to know:

- April 14 — Pickleball, food and music.
- May 22 — Serving senior breakfast at 8 a.m. (let Matt know if you can help).
- May 26 — Parent/Camper meeting for Falls Creek at 5 p.m.
- June 2 — Last Parent/Camper meeting for Falls Creek at 5 p.m.
- June 9 — Bring bags (bags check) for Falls Creek at 5 p.m.
- June 10-15 — Falls Creek (forms will be digital this year and sent out soon).

April Sermon Calendar

April 7 — The Conversation of the New Man, Col. 4:2-6

April 14 — Help from My Friends, Col. 4:7-18

April 21 — The Sign of the New King, Mark 1:1-8

April 28 — The Importance of Jesus' Baptism, Mark 1:9-11



April Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> April 1 John 20:1–18 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 11 Ephesians 5:1–20 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 21 Isaiah 43:1–13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 2 John 20:19–31 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 12 Ephesians 5:21–6:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 22 Isaiah 44:21–28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 3 John 21:1–14 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 13 Ephesians 6:10–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 23 Isaiah 45:1–13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 4 John 21:15–25 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 14 Isaiah 25:1–9 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 24 Isaiah 48:1–22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 5 Jude 1–25 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 15 Isaiah 26:1–19 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 25 Isaiah 51:1–23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6 Ephesians 1:1–23 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 16 Isaiah 33:17–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 26 Isaiah 52:1–12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 7 Ephesians 2:1–22 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 17 Isaiah 35:1–10 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 27 Isaiah 54:1–17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 8 Ephesians 3:1–21 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 18 Isaiah 40:1–17 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 28 Isaiah 56:1–8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 9 Ephesians 4:1–16 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 19 Isaiah 40:18–31 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 29 Psalm 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 10 Ephesians 4:17–32 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 20 Isaiah 42:1–17 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 30 Psalm 34 |
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Watch OGBC Online Each Sunday

If you are unable to worship with us in person, you can log in to Facebook to watch the service online at <https://www.facebook.com/oak.grove.94043>.

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