

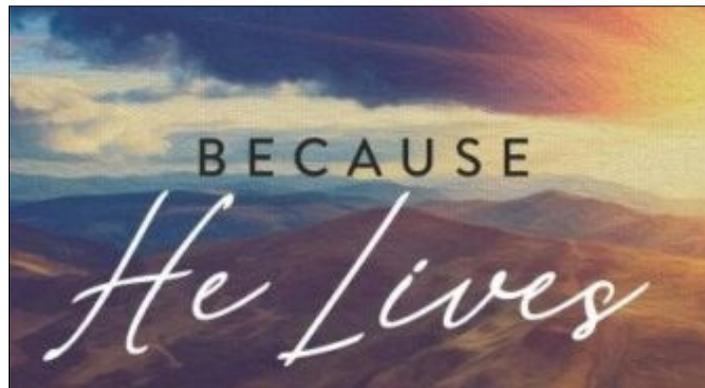
From the Pastor's Heart

By Tom Gragg, Pastor

Church family,

March brings us closer to one of the most important celebrations in our faith — Easter. As the days grow longer and the signs of spring begin to appear, we are reminded of the powerful truth at the heart of the gospel: new life comes through Jesus Christ.

Easter is not simply a date on the calendar. It is the foundation of our hope. The resurrection of Jesus is the reason we gather, the reason we sing, the reason we serve, and the reason



we have confidence in every season of life. Because He lives, we have forgiveness. Because He lives, we have purpose. Because He lives, we have eternal hope.

But before we celebrate the empty tomb, we must remember the cross. March is a wonderful time for us to

prepare our hearts intentionally. Let's not rush toward Easter casually. Let's approach it prayerfully.

I want to encourage you this month to:

- Spend daily time in God's Word.
- Reflect on Christ's sacrifice.

- Invite someone to join you for Easter Sunday.
- Ask the Lord to renew your love for Him.

May this be a season where our church family grows in gratitude for what Jesus has done and in boldness to share what He has accomplished. The resurrection is not just something we remember — it is something we live in.

Let's prepare our hearts together.

Grateful to serve you,

Pastor Tom



Sunday Morning Services are no longer streaming via FaceBook live. The live stream has moved to YouTube@OakGroveBaptistChurchCatoosa. A YouTube account is not needed and you can watch for FREE!

The link is: <https://youtube.com/@oakgrovebaptistchurchcatoosa?si=XB8x6oa7oyBn0PgB>.

March Daily Bible Reading Plan

Preparing Our Hearts for the Cross and the Empty Tomb

Church family,

As we move toward Easter, this month's readings are designed to help us fix our eyes on Christ — His mission, His sacrifice, and His victory. Take time each day not just to read, but to reflect and pray. Ask the Lord to deepen your gratitude for the cross and strengthen your hope in the resurrection. Let's prepare our hearts together.

Week 1 — Delighting in the Lord (Feb. 1–7)

- March 1 — Genesis 3:1–15
- March 2 — Isaiah 53
- March 3 — Psalm 22
- March 4 — Psalm 40:1–10
- March 5 — Jeremiah 31:31–34
- March 6 — Ezekiel 36:22–28
- March 7 — Micah 5:2–5

Week 2 — The Life and Mission of Jesus (March 8–14)

- March 8 — John 1:1–18
- March 9 — Mark 1:14–28
- March 10 — Luke 4:16–21
- March 11 — Matthew 9:35–38
- March 12 — John 3:16–21

March 13 — Luke 19:1–10

March 14 — John 10:7–18

Week 3 — The Road to the Cross (March 15–21)

- March 15 — Matthew 21:1–11
- March 16 — John 12:12–26
- March 17 — Matthew 26:36–46
- March 18 — Luke 22:39–53
- March 19 — John 18
- March 20 — John 19:1–30
- March 21 — Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Week 4 — The Resurrection and Our Hope (March 22–28)

- March 22 — Matthew 28:1–10
- March 23 — Luke 24:13–35
- March 24 — John 20:19–31
- March 25 — 1 Corinthians 15:1–11
- March 26 — Romans 6:1–11
- March 27 — Ephesians 1:15–23
- March 28 — Colossians 2:13–15

Week 5 — Living as Resurrection People (March 29–31)

- March 29 — Romans 8:1–17
- March 30 — 2 Corinthians 5:14–21
- March 31 — Revelation 21:1–7

Children's Church Lesson Calendar

March 1 — "Jesus Talked with the Teachers," led by John and Cindy Tittle

March 8 — "Jesus Taught to Love God and Others," led by Kimberly Roberts and Sylvia Monreal

March 15 — "Jesus Taught to Not Worry," led by Nancy Onyon and Brittaney Day

March 22 — "Jesus Taught About Giving," led by Audrey Brannon and Taylor Shepard

March 29 — No Children's Church

March 2026

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1 Ladena Kibbe bday	2	3	4	5	6 Adult Game Night 6pm; Brian Holloway & Jonathan Treech bdays	7
8 Council Mtg 6pm	9 Ladies Luncheon 11am	10	11 Quincy Bell & Taylor Shepard bdays	12 Crafty Christians 10am	13	14
15 Business Mtg noonish	16	17 Evan Bond bday	18 Tom Gragg bday	19	20	21
22 Lord's Supper observance	23	24	25 David Moreau bday	26 Crafty Christians 10am	27	28 Seekers Class party 5pm; Debbie Santmyer bday
29	30 Wanda Jones bday	31 Connie Jones bday				

412 Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

Our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Silent Dessert Auction was a great success! We raised \$1,012 to go towards Falls Creek this year. I, along with our youth, appreciate our church family's support. Thank you to everyone who helped make it successful!

On March 22, we will have a church-wide movie night put on by the youth group in the sanctuary. We'll have popcorn, pizza, and drinks for \$1 each. Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you so choose. Regular seating will be available as well.

Dates to know:

March 22: Church-wide movie night (put on by the youth from 6:30 - 8 p.m.)

April 5: Sunrise Easter Service, 7 a.m.



Oak Grove's Youth and Audrey Brannon's second grade Sunday School class joined with Children Church to make valentines for the residents at the Catoosa nursing home. The valentines brought many smiles of appreciation

OGBC News Notes

- Ladies Luncheon, 11 a.m. Monday, March 9 at I Don't Care.
- On Wednesdays, Awana will meet March 4, 11 and 25. They will not meet during Spring Break, March 18.
- Church Council will meet 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8.
- Quarterly Business Meeting will be after Morning Worship March 15.
- We will observe the Lord's Supper on March 22.

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