



AUGUST: A MONTH OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Red Oak Family,

I greet all of you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am so thankful how God is prophetically manifesting here at Red Oak. The Bible says, "The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom." 2 Cor. 3:17) The Spirit of God is moving up and down the pews, in the isles and on the heart of every believer. As I mentioned before, we have been tasked by God to exhibit radical faith in this season of ministry as God does new things in our church and for this community so that we may transform the world.

We have embarked upon a great partnership with our community school, Red Oak Elementary! Intercessory prayer for the students, administration and staff is our daily focus. In addition, we will engage in extra curricula involvement with the afterschool program as well as mentorship. On Sunday, July 29 one day prior to the reopening of the school year 24 of ROUMC prayer warriors met at the school to pray, anoint every door, the entry ways, desk and chairs. We experienced a mighty move of God! Therefore, we continue to build community relationships and leave an indelible presence through word, worship and witness.

August Homecoming 2018 celebrate good times COME ON! Our theme is: A Family United in Praise. Surely there is excitement in the atmosphere. When preparation meets opportunity success manifests. Let us adhere to what we have been ask to do and support OUR revival through prayer, worship and giving.

In Humble Service,

**WORD* WORSHIP* WITNESS*
WATCH GOD MOVE!**

Order of Service

**Call to Worship*

**Entrance of the Light of Christ*

**Affirmation of Faith.....UMH 881*

Greeting

*Children's Church 11:00am Service, ages 4 – 10 years old
(Exception: No Children's Church on 3rd Sundays & 5th Sundays)*

Selection

**Scripture*

Hymn of Prayer

Altar Prayer

Selection

Sermon

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

†Tithes & Offering

*Holy Communion.....UMH 12
(First Sundays)*

**Light of Christ Enters the World (Acolytes)*

**Benediction*

†Sacramental Offering for Land

*Our Nursery is open for ages 6 weeks – 3 years old (11:00am service)****

**Stand as you are able*

****Please hand your prayer cards to Ushers*

RED OAK UMC HOMECOMING



Our pastor will preach both services August 26, 2018 at 8:00am and 11:00am. Our theme this year is “A Family United in Praise” and the scripture references are Joshua 24:15 and Philippians 1:6. We are asking Adults to contribute \$100.00 above and beyond your tithes to support our Annual Homecoming. Dinner will be served immediately following 11:00am service.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR REVIVAL SERVICES!

August 27th through August 29th beginning at 7:00pm nightly.

We are honored to have as our guest Revivalists:

Monday, August 27th, Rev. Dr. Byron E. Thomas, Pastor of Ben Hill UMC, Atlanta, GA

Tuesday, August 28th, Rev. Minnie T. Robinson, Assistant Minister, Hoosier UMC, Atlanta, GA

August 29th, Rev. Donald K. Reed, Sr., Pastor of Andrews Chapel UMC, Jonesboro, GA

****Homecoming Sunday Dinner: We're asking you our congregation to sign up to bring desserts, powdered lemonade, and 10lb bags of sugar. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you!***

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT AUGUST, 2018

The month of July was both eventful and productive. We have changed our name from Operations Team to Executive Leadership Team to better describe our purpose within ROUMC. The July 10 Town Hall meeting was well attended and participation was encouraging and supportive of the agenda as presented by Pastor McCastle. Her stated emphasis was *"Where there is vision, the people prosper."*

She further emphasized the need for a ROUMC Strategic Plan. The plan encompasses three points:

- 1. Intentionality**
- 2. Accountability**
- 3. Transformation**

Reverend Sutton then presented an overview of the programs for our young children to young adults.

The follow-up Questions and Answers pointed out membership concerns. The concerns are

1. Parking lot repaving and striping
2. Purchase of the land adjacent to the Family Life Center
3. Security for the church
4. Website information and rebranding
5. Membership increase

These concerns are being actively addressed now. Thank you for your attendance and positive participation.

July 28, the team had its first official meeting with the pastor. Among the items discussed were the steps being taken to pursue the land purchase; the efforts underway to begin live streaming of Sunday services; Nominations and Leadership Development recruitment efforts; and Red Oak website rebuilding.

Our partnership with Red Oak Elementary School was also discussed. Pastor McCastle had met previously with the principal, Dr. Sylvia Rose, to discuss ways in which our involvement might be increased. Mentoring/tutoring and after school programs were mentioned. Red Oak committed to visiting the school after the July 29 Sunday service to pray and anoint all classroom doors. A total of 24 prayer warriors to include clergy and laity participated in this endeavor. It was an awesome spiritual moment! We believe by faith that wonderful things will happen there this 2018-2019 school year. To God be the Victory!!!

RISE → Children and Youth Ministry



The Children and Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who supported our Car Wash and Fish Fry held on July 28th. We thank God for your generosity!

- ❖ The Youth Ministry needs 25 to 30 volunteers for the Rise Experience Youth Week September 11th -16th, 2018.
- ❖ Tickets for the stage play “*The Corner*” go on sale August 12, 2018. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. The dates for the production are September 14th -16th, 2018. September 14th at 7:30pm, September 15th at 7:30pm, and September 16th at 6:00pm.
- ❖ Rise Experience Youth Gathering is September 11th -16th, 2018.
- ❖ Rise is looking for 15 small businesses that will buy a marketing package for their business to be promoted in “*The Corner*” stage production program. Please see Rev. Kean for details.

Pastor Kean Sutton
Rise Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Red Oak United Methodist Church

Red Oak UMC Bible Studies

We are excited to once again offer Disciple Class Studies Classes being offered are:

- **Fast Track Disciple I** (Adults): 24 Weeks begins *October 3rd*, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Teacher: Rev. Wilmer Brown, Co-Teacher, Min. Larry Brock
- **Disciple II**: 32 Weeks begins *September 4th*, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Teacher: Alice Brock, Co-Teacher, Linda Leftridge
- **Christian Believer**: 30 Weeks begins *August 8th*, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Teacher, Rev. Renea D. Slater, Co-Teacher, Min. Gary Williams

It is not too late to sign up! Please see our Disciple Study Coordinator, Rev. Renea Slater with questions.



Announcements must be submitted via email (redoakunitedmeth@gmail.com) no later than two weeks prior to the Sunday to be announced. Newsletter announcements must be submitted two weeks prior to the first Sunday of the month. Please, no over the phone announcement requests. Thank you!

Communications/Audio Team



August 2018 Finance Corner Newsletter

The finance team has completed its 2018 Red Oak United Methodist Church (ROUMC) semi-annual review of the 2018 budget. Our actual total income (income from all sources) for the first six (6) months was **\$198,063 or 50%** of our approved budget and our actual total expenses were **\$198,417 or 50 %** of our approved budget. We only spent \$354 more than we collected within the first two quarters of this year. We are very pleased with our mid-year accomplishments.

We raised **\$137,749 or 42%** (of our budget) in tithes and offering along, plus an additional \$14,092 in “online” giving for a total of **\$151,841 or 46%** (of the 2018 budget) in total tithes and offering.

The only two (2) committees/ministries that exceeded its budget for the first two (2) quarters were: 1) administration (105%) and 2) worship (85%). These increases were necessary due to the changes we have encountered. However, we will strive to keep spending to what is needed and at a minimum for the next two quarters.

Calendars are now available from the finance committee of our “2018 Calendar Tea.” The cost of these calendars is **\$10.00** and maybe purchased from any member of the finance team. Remember, these calendars are from July 2018 to June of 2019. Please get your tea calendar now while they are still available.

The finance team is getting ready to start drafting our preliminary 2019 budget. Finance has met and held discussions with some of our committees and ministries on where you are with your 2018 spending and budget balances. We plan to meet with the remaining committees and ministries soon.

Let us remember our financial obligations; we need to raise **\$7,616 per week or \$33,000 per month** to pay all of our monthly bills. **We** have done an outstanding job so far this year, let us continue this race!

Thank you,

Finance Team



Restoration and Healing: Jorden McGill-Weems, Terry Quick, Inez Singletary, Iris Daniel, Rosie Williams, Eloise Gresham, Anthony Lemon, Leonard Mitchell, Timothy McClendon II, Barbara Amedee, James Pinckney, Adrian Williams, Nettie Gleaton, Ernestine Prince (Mama Steen), Lizette Williams, Constance Smith, Theejauna Kemp, Lurleen Gourdine, Catherine Norwood, Deborah Cole Sevillian.

Prayer for Nursing Home/Rehabilitation Residents: Jeffrey Denard, Woodbury Nursing Home; J.T. Slaughter, Lake City Nursing Home; Fran Stubbs, Jonesboro Assisted Living Center, Jonesboro, GA.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am – Worship Services

10:00am – Sunday School (All Ages)

10:00am - College and Young Adult Class (ages 18-30 years old) Conference Room

10:00am – New Life Class (The Teachings of Jesus) (FLC Upstairs Classroom #5)

Monday: 5:00am – Intercessory Prayer *Sanctuary*

6:30am - Corporate Prayer **Dia1.641.715.3865, access code is 359868

12noon DAILY – Recite *The Lord's Prayer*

Tuesday: 10:00am – Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 9:30am & 7:00pm – Martial Arts Class

Wednesday: Fasting every Wednesday, 6:00am to 6:00pm

(Prayer in sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm))

Wednesday: 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Bible Study

Thursday: 9:30am & 7:00pm, Martial Arts 12:00pm – 1:00pm – Noon Day Bible Study

7:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 12:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

(See schedule next page for choir rehearsal days and times)

August MEETINGS

United Methodist Women Meeting: Saturday, August 4th @ 10:00am

United Methodist Men: Saturday, August 11th @ 9:00am

Trustee Board: Saturday, August 11th @ 10:30am

Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 14th @ 6:00pm

NLD Meeting: Thursday, August 16th @ 6:30pm

Executive Leadership Team Meeting: Saturday, August 18th @ 10:00am

Nurture Team Meeting: Saturday, August 18th @ 12:00pm

Homecoming Committee Meeting: Monday, August 20th @ 6:00pm

SPRC: Monday, August 21st @ 7:00pm

CHOIR REHEARSALS

1st Sunday — *Sounds of Praise*: Thursdays (7:00pm) and Saturdays (12:00pm) before 1st Sunday

2nd Sunday — *Male Chorus*: Thursdays (7:00pm) and Saturdays (12:00pm) before 2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday — *Children and Youth Choirs*: Tuesdays (7:00pm - *Youth*) Thursdays (7:30pm - *Children*) and Saturdays (12:00pm/*Children* - 1:00pm/*Youth*) before 3rd Sunday

4th Sunday — *Praise Team*: Thursdays (7:00pm) and Saturdays (12:00pm) before 4th Sunday

5th Sunday — *Male Chorus*: Thursdays (7:00pm) and Saturdays (12:00pm) before 5th Sunday



August Weekly Bible Study Lessons

Week of August 6th

Aug 6 — Exodus 16:13-17
Aug 7 — Mark 12:38-44
Aug 8 — Philippians 2:5-11
Aug 9 — 2 Corinthians 8:1-6
Aug 10 — 2 Corinthians 9:11-15
Aug 11 — 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Aug 12 — 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Week of August 12th

Aug 13 — 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Aug 14 — Galatians 5:16-26
Aug 15 — 1 Peter 3:8-12
Aug 16 — Luke 6:27-36
Aug 17 — 2 Corinthians 10:1-5
Aug 18 — Romans 12:1-8
Aug 19 — Romans 12:9-21

Week of August 19th

Aug 20 — Colossians 2:6-12
Aug 21 — Matthew 5:43-48
Aug 22 — John 17:14-19
Aug 23 — Romans 8:1-11
Aug 24 — Ephesians 4:25-30
Aug 25 — Ephesians 4:31-5:2
Aug 26 — Colossians 3:1-17

Week of August 26th

Aug 27 — 1 Peter 4:15-19
Aug 28 — Colossians 3:8-11
Aug 29 — Isaiah 41:17-20
Aug 30 — Mark 4:35-41
Aug 31 — Matthew 5:43-48
Sep 1 — Psalm 33:1-9
Sep 2 — Genesis 1:1-13



Our Vision: “The vision of Red Oak United Methodist Church is to embrace the community and share God’s love to all through Word, Worship, and Witness.

Worship

Inspiration

Nurturing

Grow

Service

Red Oak UMC Staff

Rev. Belinda McCastle, Senior Pastor
Rev. Renea D. Slater, Assistant Pastor
Minister Gary Williams, Assistant Pastor
Linda M. Leftridge, Administrative Assistant
Alford Arnold, Director of Music
Rev. Kean Sutton, Director of Children and Youth Ministry
Anthron Brocks, Musician
Zoe Martin, Nursery, Ray Beasley, Custodian

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Children/Youth Sabbath Month (No Nursery or Children's Church) One Service @ 10:00am 3:00 PM RCM Summer Basketball League Game	30	31 6:00 PM Tae-Kwon-Do Classes 7:00 PM Children and Youth Meeting	1 WOW Wednesdays Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study	2 12:00 PM Noon Day Bible Study 7:00 PM Sounds of Praise	3 Pastor McCastle's Sabbath Day	4 10:00 AM UMW Meeting 12:00 PM Children & Youth Camp Fest (FLC)
5 Worship Services @ 0800 and 1100 3:00 PM RCM Summer Basketball League Game	6	7 6:00 PM Tae-Kwon-Do Classes 7:45 PM Youth Ministry Conference Call Meeting	8 WOW Wednesdays Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study	9 Male Chorus Rehearsal 12:00 PM Noon Day Bible Study 7:00 PM Male Chorus Rehearsal	10 Pastor McCastle's Sabbath Day	11 9:00 AM UMM Meeting 10:00 AM Sunday School Teachers/Assistants Meeting 10:30 AM Trustee Board Meeting 12:00 PM Male Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 PM Extreme Worship Service
12 Ministry Fair - FLC - 12:30PM - 1:30PM Worship Services @ 0800 and 1100 3:00 PM RCM Summer Basketball League Game	13	14 6:00 PM Finance Meeting 6:00 PM Tae-Kwon-Do Classes 7:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal	15 WOW Wednesdays Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study	16 12:00 PM Noon Day Bible Study 6:30 PM NLD Meeting 7:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal	17 Pastor McCastle's Sabbath Day 7:00 PM Dance Practice (Women)	18 10:00 AM Executive Leadership Team Meeting 12:00 pm Nurture Team Meeting 12:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
19 Ministry Fair - FLC - 12:30PM - 2:00PM Worship Services @ 0800 and 1100	20	21 6:00 PM Tae-Kwon-Do Classes 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting	22 WOW Wednesdays Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study	23 12:00 PM Noon Day Bible Study 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	24 Pastor McCastle's Sabbath Day 7:00 PM Dance Practice (Women)	25 12:00 PM Homecoming Set-Up 12:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
26 Worship Services @ 0800 and 1100 6:00 PM Production Full Dress Rehearsal	27 7:00 PM Homecoming Revival Service	28 6:00 PM Tae-Kwon-Do Classes 7:00 PM Homecoming Revival Service	29 7:00 PM Homecoming Revival Service	30 12:00 PM Noon Day Bible Study 7:00 PM Sounds of Praise	31 Pastor McCastle's Sabbath Day 7:00 PM Dance Practice (Women)	1 10:00 AM UMW Meeting