

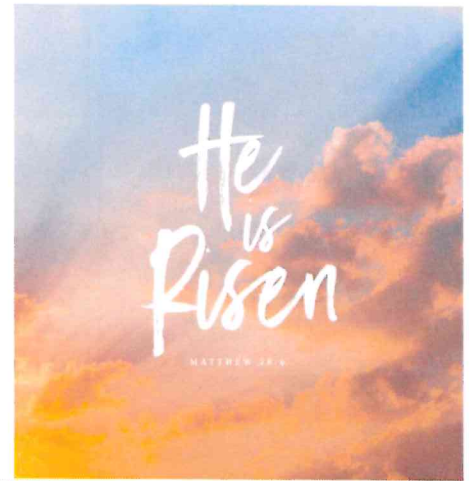


“The Messenger”

April 2026

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Suffering, Promises, and More

In March 1998 Liz was pregnant. We went to the OB/Gyn for a regular checkup and sonogram. As the sonographer was doing her job, she said “hmmm”, then she stepped out of the room. The doctor came back with her. She waved her wand again and the doctor said “yep”. Then we heard “There’s two”. Liz was pregnant with twins.

August, Liz was suffering through the heat of summer. On the 19th we went to the hospital. We got set up in a delivery room. After several hours of contractions Madelyn came into the world. Normally, the nurse will clean the baby and hand the child over to dad for a few minutes. But not this time. I had to wait. So I stood there waiting. Liz had to go through some more contractions and delivery. Finally, six minutes after Madelyn, MacKenzie appeared. Our household just changed; our world changed.

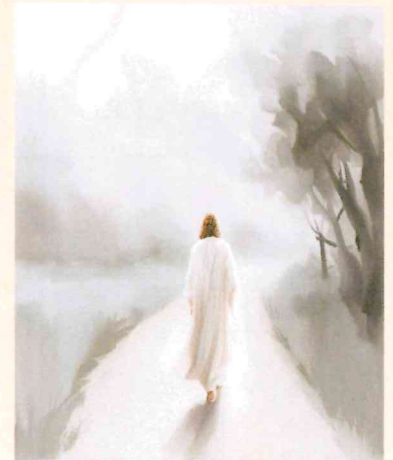
Jesus started his ministry teaching and preaching that the Kingdom of Heaven was near. Then he told the disciples, “he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Peter and the other disciples got stuck on the suffering and death. They didn’t pay attention to the part about “be raised to life.”

In John 16, Jesus tells the disciples, “²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” The road to Calvary was painted with agony and the blood of Jesus. But Calvary does not have the last word. On Sunday, there was a resurrection. The world changed that day. Eternity changed that day. In awe and gratitude, we rejoice in the good news that Jesus has gone through the pains and suffering for us; and he has defeated the power of the grave, for us. But that is not all. Jesus told his disciples, “the Father will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever”. Christmas wasn’t enough. Even Easter wasn’t enough. God was going to send Another gift.

Jesus has risen. Rejoice. But don’t forget; there’s more to come.

In peace and hope,

Bart



PRAYER requests

What can we pray for together?

Pray for those who are shut-in and those in nursing homes:

Frances Bryson, Margie Taliaferro, Charlene Wages, Eve Espinoza

Pray for those who are sick or in need of prayer for other things:

Dee Munger, Beth Gasque, Suzanne Gallo-way, Pam Hemphill, John & Cindy Adams, Beth Estes Denton, Howard Jaggers, Carla Hamm, Kruz Davenport and his family, Randy & Mendy Gray, Thomas Sledge, Liz Wyers, Denise Adcock, Tommy Jones, Ronnie Wicks, Tom & Shirley Watson, Janice Nix, Amy Maxwell, Elizabeth Wright, Sylvia Ingram, Wesley Williams, Jim Murphy, Vic Watford, Jacque Nix, McCoy Eastman (son of Savannah Eastman)

General Fund March 2026

Offerings—\$24,733.00
Expenses—\$26,611.27

Memorials

General Fund: In memory of Charles "Chuck" Beard given by Robert & Louise Taylor, The Debter Family (Dianne Debter), Phillip & Jennifer Dean, Greg & Lynn Amoroso, Sheral Belew, Becky & William Carothers, Scott & Jennifer Cornelius, Jean Estes, Farrel & Emily Southern, Braxton & Arlene Ashe, Carla Garikes, Susan & Dan Dunmire, Matt & Vicky Kirkland and Leslie & Todd Ouellette.

Faith In Action: In memory of Jim Farris given by Mike & Kris Flanagan. In memory of Charles "Chuck" Beard given by Mike & Kris Flanagan and Pat & Alton Tabereaux.

Choir Fund: In memory of Charles "Chuck" Beard given by Marion Gossett & Lynn Raby, the Howard Jaggers Class, Joe & Mary Settle Cooney, Zelda Jackson, Bill & Andrea Anderson, Reggie Claunch, Roy & Teresa Patrick and the SMC Chancel Choir.

Youth Fund: In memory of Charles "Chuck" Beard given by Teresa Miller.

Howard Jaggers Class: In memory of Charles "Chuck" Beard given by Alyson & Charles Irons, and Barbara Alexander.

Many thanks to the comfort committees under Lisa Yarbrough and Brenda Quesenberry's leadership who provided the delicious meal for our family, in town and out of town family, before Chuck's service. This was a tremendous help and much appreciated. Thank you Church Family.

I love you,
Elaine

Weds Night Meals And Fellowship!

\$8 per person /\$22 per family

Join us for fellowship and hang around for small groups afterwards!

April 1-Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert

April 8-Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert

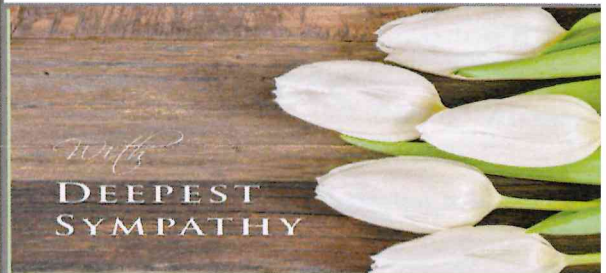
April 15- Pot Luck-Bring a dish to share

April 22-Pork Chops, Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

April 29-Ritzy Chicken, Vegetables, Roll, Dessert



LET'S
EAT!



The SMC church family offers sincere sympathy to the families and friends of **Charles "Chuck" Beard, Jim Farris** (brother of Doug Farris) and **Iris Johnston Leigh** (mother of Tim Leigh).

Please remember them in your prayers and support them with your love.

Thank you

Mission of the Month: April 2026

Sock Drive: Helping the Homeless Community

For this month's mission, we will be collecting donations of new socks for the local homeless/unhoused community. Please place donations in the marked basket outside the sanctuary by **Thursday, April 30th**.

If you prefer to donate funds, feel free to donate any amount to the church with a designation for this project/Mission of the Month. Or, donate your time by helping the mission team organize and deliver donations at the end of the month.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4-1 Phillip Dean
- 4-3 Carter Dean,
Shirley Watson
- 4-8 Greta Wages
- 4-15 Jo Henson
- 4-22 Beth Gasque
- 4-23 Shane Baker
- 4-25 Helen Edwards
- 4-29 Catherine Ezekiel
Don Waldrep

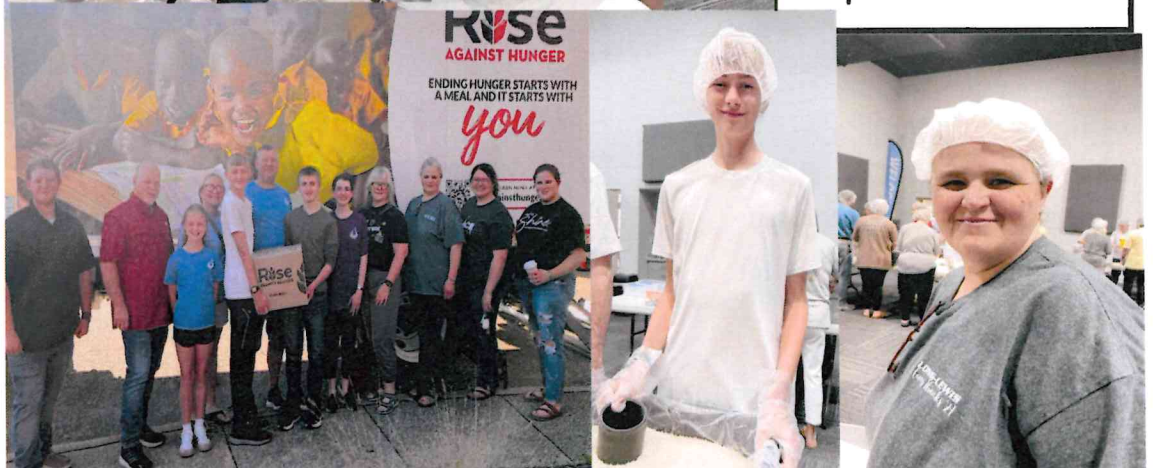


I thank
you 3x

This note was found in our Blessing Box! Our donations placed there really are appreciated. Keep those non perishables coming.



Thank you church family for your participation! We were able to reach our goal of 20,000 meals packed!!





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Our Weekly Schedule



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY**

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for **Online Worship**. Please join us on
Facebook Live Sunday mornings at 10am.

You may go to our Webpage & click on the link.

Sunday School — 9AM all ages!

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Night Meal-5:30pm

Youth, Kids, Adult Small Groups-6pm

Chancel Choir Practice -7pm



2026 SMC Event Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 10:30am Games, Dominos 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups-all ages 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	2	3 Church Office Closed Good Friday	4
<p>5 Easter 9am SMC Easter Breakfast followed by an egg hunt. 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service</p>	6 Church Office Closed	7 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group	<p>8 10:30am Games, Dominos 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups-all ages 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	9 2:30pm Shoals Order of St. Luke	10 Church Office Closed	11
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<p>19 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service 4:30pm Youth Game Day</p>	20	21 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group 6pm Shoals Emmaus Cluster-Tuscumbia Methodist	<p>22 10:30am Games, Dominos 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups-all ages 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
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Questions for Parents to Consider:

1. Can you spot God in the day-to-day and are you training your kids to do the same?
2. Do you talk to your kids about the Bible or do you engage them in discussions?
3. Who would you love to see your child emulate? What kind of person do you want them to become as an adult?
4. What are the values, priorities, and convictions of the future adult?

SUNDAY, MAY 17 ALOHA DAY!

Join us in celebrating our Kids who will join the Youth and our graduating seniors!

***These questions come from *Forming Faith: Discipling the Next Generation in a Post-Christian Culture*, by Matt Markins, Mike Handler, and Sam Luce.**