



# In This House

A Newsletter Dedicated to the Service of the Lord



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## From the Heart . . .

The **Empty Tomb** is the central image of Easter and a defining symbol of Christian faith. According to the Gospel accounts, women who went to Jesus' tomb on the first day of the week found the stone rolled away and the burial place empty. That moment launched the proclamation that Jesus had been raised from death—an event that shapes Christian identity, worship, and hope.



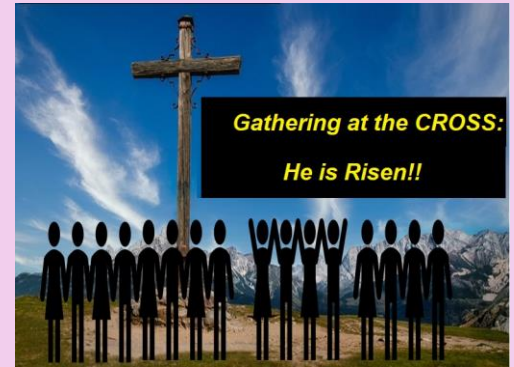
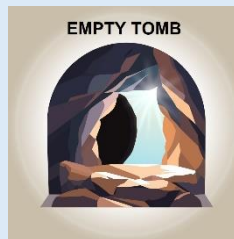
Historically and theologically, the empty tomb serves as the primary sign pointing to the resurrection. For many believers it provides confirmation that Jesus' death was not the end of his story: his promises were fulfilled, his victory over sin and death was real, and his identity as Messiah and Son of God was vindicated. The empty tomb and the subsequent appearances of the risen Jesus together form the basis for claims about bodily resurrection, forgiveness, and the inauguration of new creation.

The Easter Vigil, sunrise services, hymns, and creeds all reiterate the proclamation "He is risen." Churches mark the transition from mourning to joy, darkness to light, using the empty tomb as a visual and narrative pivot around which the season's prayers and songs revolve.

Spiritually and pastorally, the empty tomb offers personal and communal hope. It reframes human suffering and loss: death remains a reality, but it no longer has final authority. Believers draw consolation and courage from the claim that God brings life out of apparent defeat, enabling a posture of resilience, gratitude, and renewed mission in the world.

Despite these differences, the empty tomb remains the focal image that unites Christians in Easter proclamation.

In sum, the empty tomb is both an event reported in the Gospels and a powerful theological symbol: it announces a decisive reversal of death, anchors Christian worship and hope, and invites believers into a life shaped by resurrection—new life, restored relationship with God, and the promise of ultimate renewal.



## Gathering at the CROSS: He is Risen!!

- *The tomb is empty!*
- *We now reflect on Jesus' joyous Resurrection.*
- *Our hope is rooted in the triumph of the cross.*
- *We have a new life, a restored relationship with God, and the promise of ultimate renewal.*

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY MONTH!**  
9:30 EVERY SUNDAY IN PERSON  
LIVE STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK

## Question of the Month

What sign did Judas use to betray Jesus?

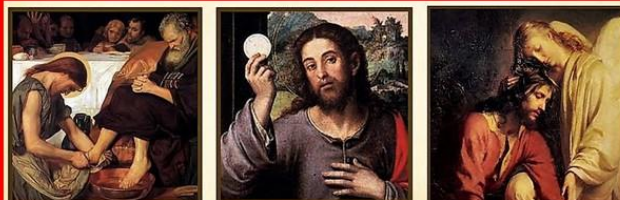
Answer: *ssik A*

# JOIN US IN-PERSON!

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



**Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr.**  
Pastor, The Lamp Christian Church



"A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
(Jn 13:34)

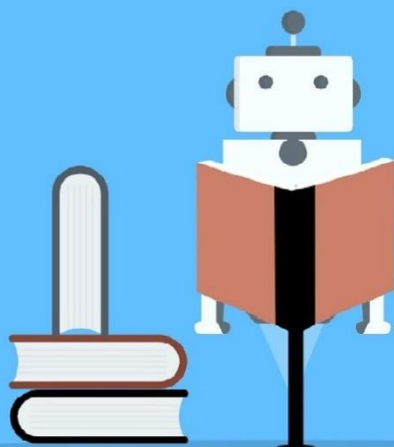
**April 2, 2026 7:00PM**  
**ANDREWS CHAPEL UMC**

Hosted by:



Rev. Donald K. Reed, Sr. Pastor

**The Prime Timers Ministry of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church (ACUMC)  
is pleased to announce:**



# "AI WITHOUT FEAR" SEMINAR

**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

**TIME: 11am - 1pm**

**LOCATION: DOWNSTAIRS - ARNOLD EDUCATION BUILDING**

**122 Watterson St. - Jonesboro, GA**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**For questions call Gwen Winston (678) 778-0621**

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# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

## “7 Last Words From The Cross”



**Bro. Kyle Ransom,**  
ACUMC



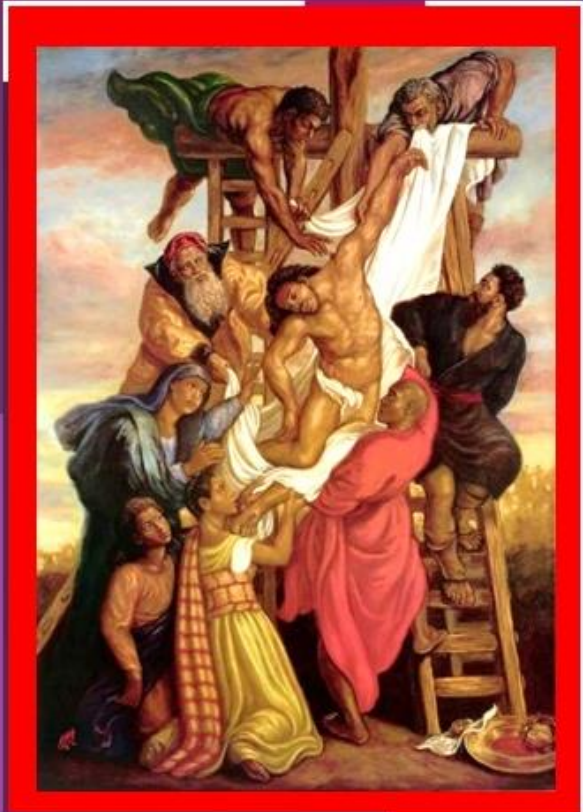
**Elder Jada Kearney,**  
Cathedral of Grace Church



**Tola Faminu,**  
Lead Pastor,  
Identity In Christ Church



**Ms. Donecia Reed,**  
ACUMC



**Min. Romell Walker,**  
Glory of God Christian Ministries



**Rev. Edward C. Cochran, Jr.,**  
Restoration Christian Ministry



**Dr. Tyler Joshua Green**

**Good Friday**  
**APRIL 3, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**



**Rev. Donald K. Reed, Sr. Pastor**

“Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” **Matthew 27:37**

**ANDREWS CHAPEL UMC**

122 WATTERSON ST., JONESBORO, GA

## SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### (Put these on an April Calendar) Meeting and Notes for April's Calendar

**Holy Week** is here, and Andrews Chapel UMC is inviting you to come experience dynamic worship led by our young adults and community. Bring the whole family, youth, young adults, and the entire community to experience two powerful nights of worship, reflection, and faith.

#### **Maunder Thursday Worship —Thurs, April 2; 7 PM Rev. David Spencer**

Come remember the night Jesus gathered with His disciples, shared the Last Supper, and gave us the commandment to love one another. This service will be a meaningful moment of worship, reflection, and preparation as we walk the final steps of Jesus' journey to the cross.

#### **Good Friday: The Seven Last Words — Friday, April 3; 7:00 PM**

This year's Good Friday service will be especially powerful as young adult ministers and speakers from Andrews Chapel and across the community take the pulpit to proclaim the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

- **April 1: April Fool's Day**
- **April 3: Good Friday**
- **April 5: Easter Sunday**
- **April 15: Tax Day (US)**
- **April 22: Earth Day**

#### **Other Notable Days**

- **April 2: World Autism Awareness Day**
- **April 6: National Tartan Day (US)**
- **April 11: National Pet Day**
- **April 13: International Plant Appreciation Day**
- **April 22: Administrative Professionals Day**
- **April 23: Take Your Daughter to Work Day**

## ON-GOING EVENTS

**Worship Service** -Every Sunday 9:30 am

#### **Sunday School**


**Children/Youth Saturdays** 10:00 am via zoom Check with Ruthie Moore and Nelder Weathersby

**Sunday School Men In-Person** 8:00 and via zoom. See Doug Miller

**Sunday School Women** 1:30 pm via phone dial up, See Dr. Connie Ward

**Bible Study**-Every Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm in-person & via zoom. Check with Church secretary for more info.

**ANDREWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**



TAKE YOUR SEAT!

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."  
Hebrew 10:24

Next meeting April 18

**Andrews Chapel UMC**  
**"PRAISE AND PRAYER" IS BACK !**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAYS AT 6:00PM**

Every First Friday



Join us on Zoom:  
**Click here to Join** or dial in at:  
+1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 848 6328 1843  
Passcode: 299025  
Hosted by Doug Miller / Ezekiel Glenn

Meeting CANCELED for April 3

ANDREWS CHAPEL UMC  
**COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**



**S. H. A. R. E. Food Pantry**  
Stopping Hunger And Restoring Everyone

Register Online: [www.andrewschapelumc.org/pantry](http://www.andrewschapelumc.org/pantry)



**S.H.A.R.E. FOOD GIVEAWAY**

We Welcome



**VOLUNTEERS**



<https://andrewschapelumc.org/pantry/>



**April is Child Abuse Awareness Month** and the Children Ministry together with the United Women in Faith will place blue pinwheels in the front of the church like we do every year. This we do to bring awareness to the community and give information to parents, the community on how to report and prevent children from being abused. Children will be given a pinwheel to put in front of the church

**Children Gearing Up for Easter Program**



Contact Mrs. Esther Alexander participate

**Call: 770-789-8720**

Children's Easter Egg Celebration— April 4  
**1:00 PM - Church Parking Lot**



**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**\* Do not miss out. \***

Class of   
**2026**

Church family if you know of members who are graduating from high school or College, or who graduated from college in December 2025, we want to recognize them.

Please provide the below information to Cheryl Bentley via email (bentley29115@gmail.com) with the Subject **Andrews Chapel Graduates 2026.**

Please provide the below information no later than **Wednesday, May 20, 2026.**

**Information that should be included:**

- Student Name
- Contact phone number
- Senior photograph
- School attended
- Diploma/degree received
- Future plans

Look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thank you.

*Cheryl Bentley, Higher Education*

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

**SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

*Lenten Day Apart*

Rev. Dr. Betty Jones, Guest Speaker

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Andrews Chapel UMC



**BLESSED BOWLS** Thank you all for an amazing fundraiser.  
Join us for a warm and delicious fellowship

— Soup & Chili Sunday — **TO GOD BE THE GLORY**


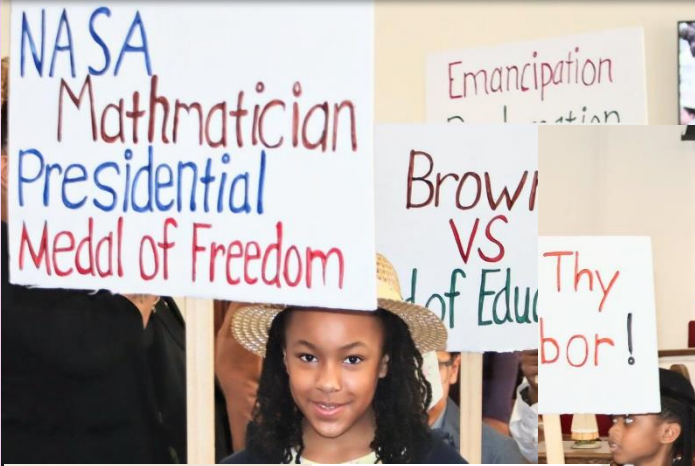
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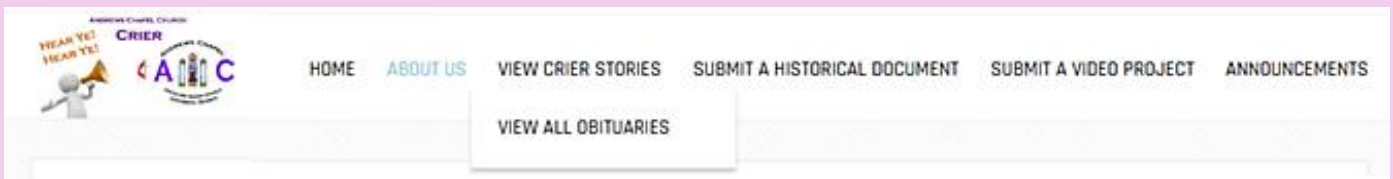
**BLACK**  
**HISTORY**  
**MONTH**

## Remember - A Window Into Our Past!

Like the Town Crier of Olde, ACUMC Church Crier is a website where the members of Andrews Chapel UMC, Jonesboro, Georgia can record their memories.

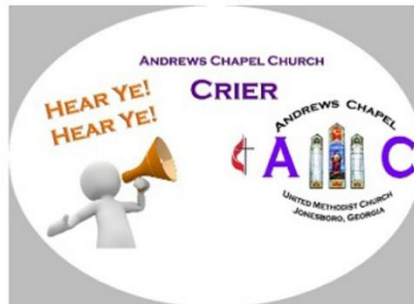
[Click For Website](#)



ANDREWS CHAPEL CHURCH





## CRIER





*Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church*

**Home-bound, Bereaved  
Prayer Requests**



**ACUMC Church Members,**

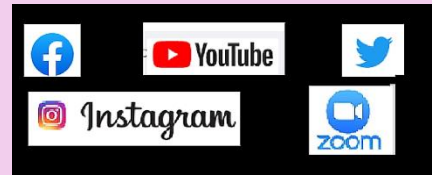
**You can report Home-bound, Bereavement  
and Prayer Request**

**By Email: [acumc7054@comcast.net](mailto:acumc7054@comcast.net)**

**By Phone: 770-471-7200**

## Andrews Chapel UMC Social Media Channels 2026

1. ACUMC Main Website: <http://andrewschapelumc.org/acumc/>
2. ACUMC United Methodist Men’s Website: <https://andrewschapelumc.org/umm/>
3. ACUMC Facebook main: <https://www.facebook.com/AndrewsChapelUMCJonesboro/>
5. ACUMC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@andrewschapelum444/videos>
7. ACUMC Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/andrewschapelum/>
8. ACUMC Twitter: <https://twitter.com/andrewschapelum>
9. ACUMC Women’s Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AcumcW>
10. ACUMC Scout pack website: <http://gapack964.50megs.com/>



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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April	Alford, Romena
April	Linning, Brieanne
April	Shelton, Calvin
April	Moody, Matthew
April	Stewart, Cynthia
April	Bright, Simone
April	Brown, Retavius
April	Brooks, Chammon
April	Delaney, Joshua
April	Johnson, Jewel
April 1	Mitchell, Robert
April 1	Linning, Ryan
April 4	Starr, Catherine
April 4	Simmons, Paskel II
April 4	Pursley, Jonathan
April 5	Sewell-Arnold, Annie
April 5	Houston, Lawrence
April 5	Jordan, Sierra
April 5	Henry, Howard
April 5	Pursley, Nabrisha
April 7	Alston, Juan
April 8	Young, Joshua
April 8	Engram, Nykia
April 8	Moore, Ruthie
April 9	Johnson, Dekam'o
April 10	Carter, Ashley
April 10	Byas, Mary
April 11	Murphy, LaShandra
April 13	Bradley, Felicia
April 13	Williams, Destiny
April 13	Norwood, Frederick
April 14	Jackson, Johnnie
April 15	Green, Aisha
April 16	Johnson, Virginia
April 16	Engram, Zaria
April 17	Brown, Relavius
April 18	Murphy, Jeffery Jr.
April 20	Brown, Ellen
April 22	Johnson, Edward Jr.
April 25	Montgomery, Jasmin
April 25	Barfield, Amari
April 29	Soares, Taylor
April 30	Ricks, Micayala
April 30	White, Sean

