



Join us as we Gather together, Grow in Jesus Christ and Go serve

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# Due West UMC

*Keeping you updated as we Gather, Grow and Go*



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dwKids is committed to providing kids with the tools to make life easier by giving them a faith that will last forever. We strive to make church a place they want to be!

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Designed for 6-12th grade students to gather together, grow in Christ, and discover how they can serve today and in the future. All are invited to discover God's love at Ignite Youth Ministry.



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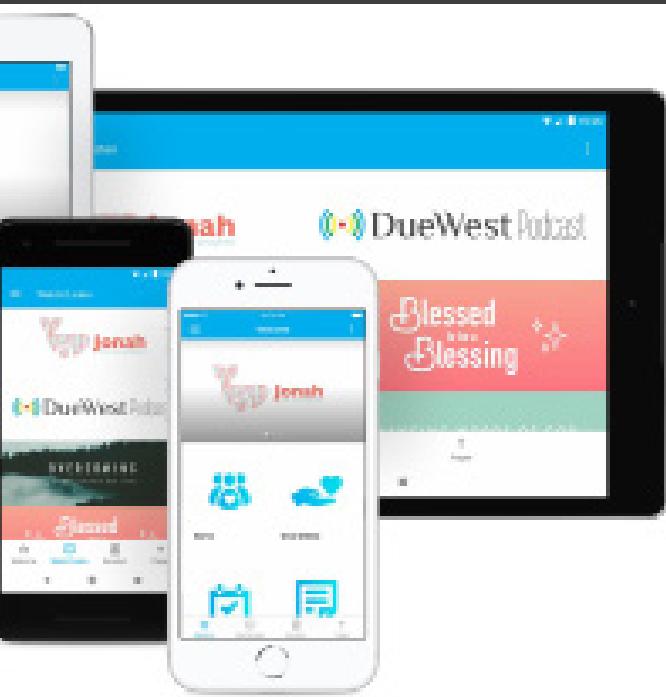
We're all looking for community -- a place to fit in, a place to get to know people, a place to connect!

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### Events

We have thousands of events every year here at Due West UMC. For more information and to see all of our events, visit the calendar on our website.



## Online Giving

You can give online using your smartphone, tablet or computer. Simply download the Vanco Give app onto your device and select our church! Or visit our website and select "Give Online" to begin giving through our system. Contact Bree Collins at [breecollins@duewest.org](mailto:breecollins@duewest.org) if you have any questions.

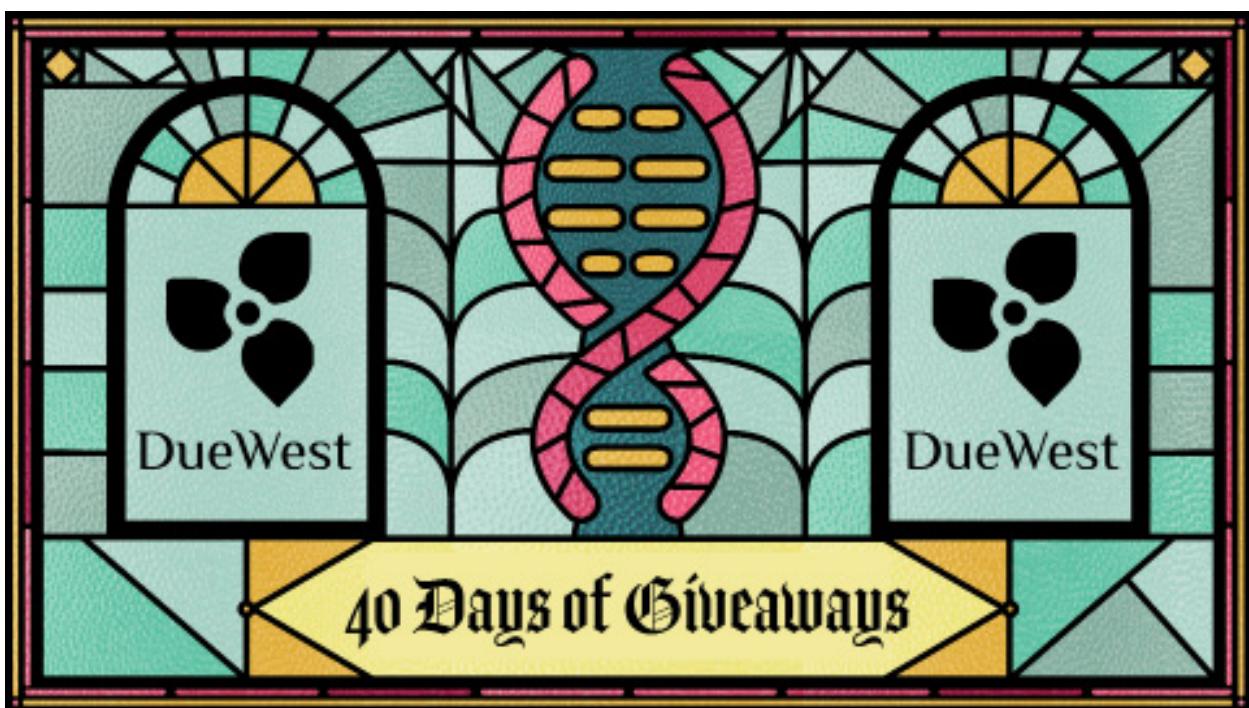
## Covid-19 Update

Phase 2 begins April 11.

Learn more at [duewest.org](http://duewest.org).

# Pastoral

## A letter from our Pastor to you. Update



In Israel, there are two different sites that claim to be the tomb in which Jesus was laid. While our group from Due West was there two years ago, we visited them both. One goes back to the fourth century. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the that site, and I believe it is the actual historic site. The other was discovered in the mid-nineteenth century. While I doubt its historical authenticity, the tomb does look like the one I imagine Jesus being placed in. You can walk into the tomb, if you can imagine voluntarily walking into a tomb! But then again...

We make decisions that are not best for us and certainly that are not God's best for us. We say things and do things that we know will cause pain to other people. We make choices on selfish desires, and not Scripture. What I am trying to say



**Dr. David Campbell**

*Senior Pastor*

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is, we sin. You. Me. All of us. And every time we do, there is a part of us that dies. Every time we sin, we are venturing into a tomb. Paul says in Romans 7:11 “For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.”

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So we went into the grave in Jerusalem. But that is not the end of the story! We did not stay in the tomb. We came out. We returned where our friends were waiting to celebrate with us. And we celebrated with them. It was a powerful moment for me to see friends come out of that grave! Just as sin led us to death, Christ gives us new life! Paul says to the Colossians in chapter 3, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” We have been raised with Christ!

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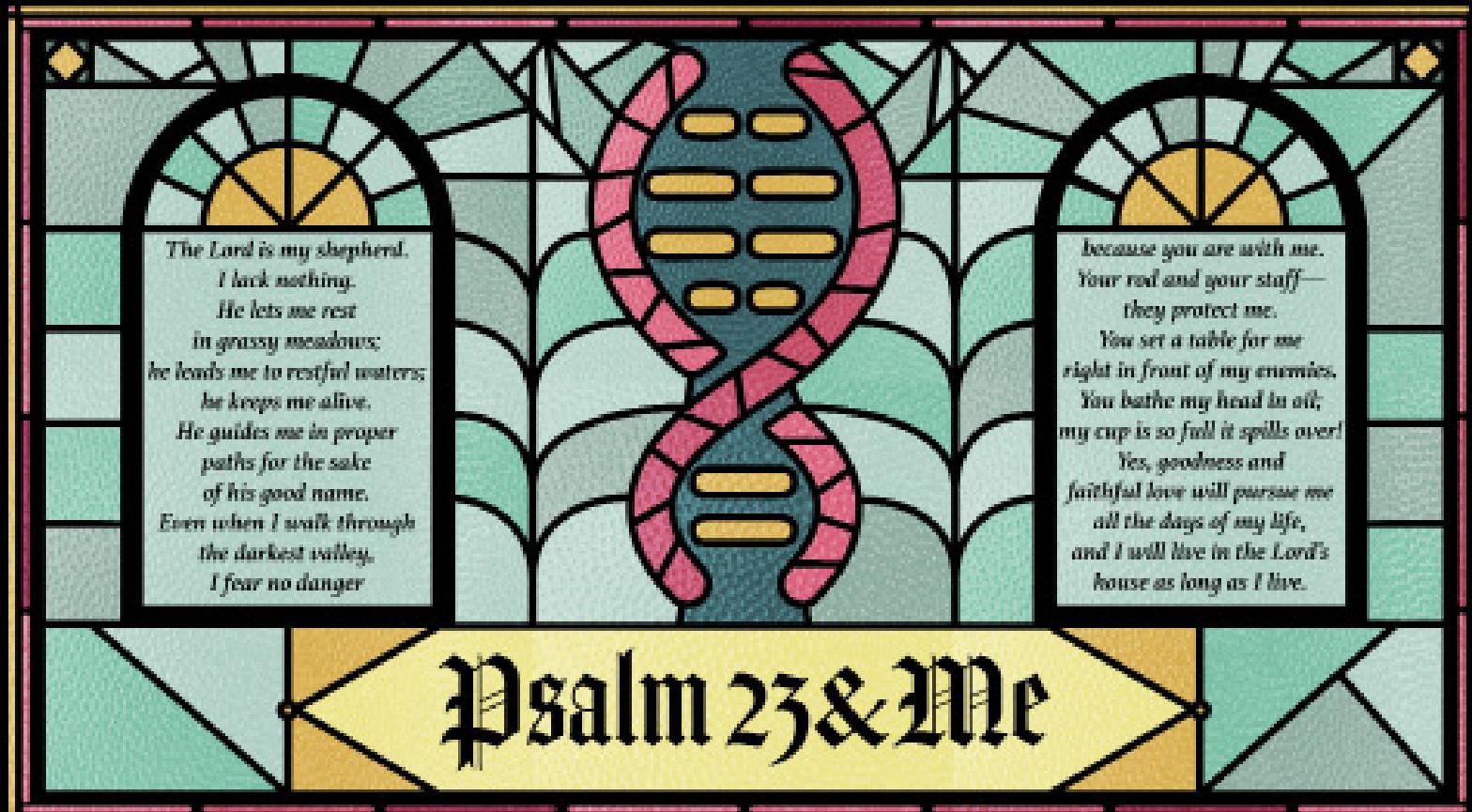
Christ  
is  
Risen!

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Easter Sunday we celebrate that death could not contain Christ Jesus. He conquered sin, death and the grave and gave that victory to us! We celebrate in Easter the fulfillment of the last line of the 23rd Psalm, “I will live in the Lord’s house, as long as I live!” Easter Sunday we celebrate Christ coming out of the grave and we celebrate that He calls us out as well! We are not bound by the death of sin, we have been raised with Christ!

So you don’t have to go to Jerusalem to come out of the grave. It doesn’t take foreign travel. It takes faith in the One who conquered the grave! We will talk about that on Easter, and I look forward to seeing you there.

If it's Easter Sunday, you want to be at Due West,  
David



# Deeper & Wider

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Isaiah 43: 18-19 (the Message Remix)

“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand new. It’s Bursting Out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, making rivers in the badlands.”

I love this verse! The imagery is very powerful, and the message is exciting and challenging. God is actually speaking to the prophet Isaiah in this verse and he is speaking pretty bluntly. He tells him to forget the past, don’t worry about what has happened, instead “be alert, and be present”. In other words, get over yourself and pay attention to what I’m about to do, because it’s going to be big time! The past is a dangerous place to be if we let it hold us back. If we let its influence keep us from making a positive future. As missionaries we have been given the wonderful opportunity to help another of God’s children move forward, out of their past and be present to witness God in all of His glory. When we take time to be the hands of God....well....watch out! It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? Amen!



### Thank you Missionaries!

Huge thanks to Kyle Moore and Melinda Hajost for coordinating yet another great Easter drive for Murphy Harpst Children's Home. And especially thanks to you, the congregation for your generous support of this program.

We had a very successful Great Day of Service! Many hands make light work, and we had "many hands!" It was great to see so many of our church family come out to help ensure that our campus is beautiful and ready for Easter!

### Serving forward!

Our Teach Love team will be blessing the staff at Pine Mountain Middle school with a blessing basket this month!

We were also able to provide local bus drivers with Daily Grind Gift cards!

Keep looking for information on some upcoming local mission trips! We are putting together a team to go on the Ocoee Mission trip in Tennessee. We will be going the week of July 11-16th. Price TBD. The teams will be engaged in building wheel chair ramps and working with kids through the local Boy's and Girls Club. This is a great family friendly mission trip! More information to follow!

We continue to deliver meal kits to over 100 kids each Wednesday. With more volunteers we could pick up another route. Time requirement is from 1 -2:30pm on Wednesday. Contact Amber Wilson for more information.

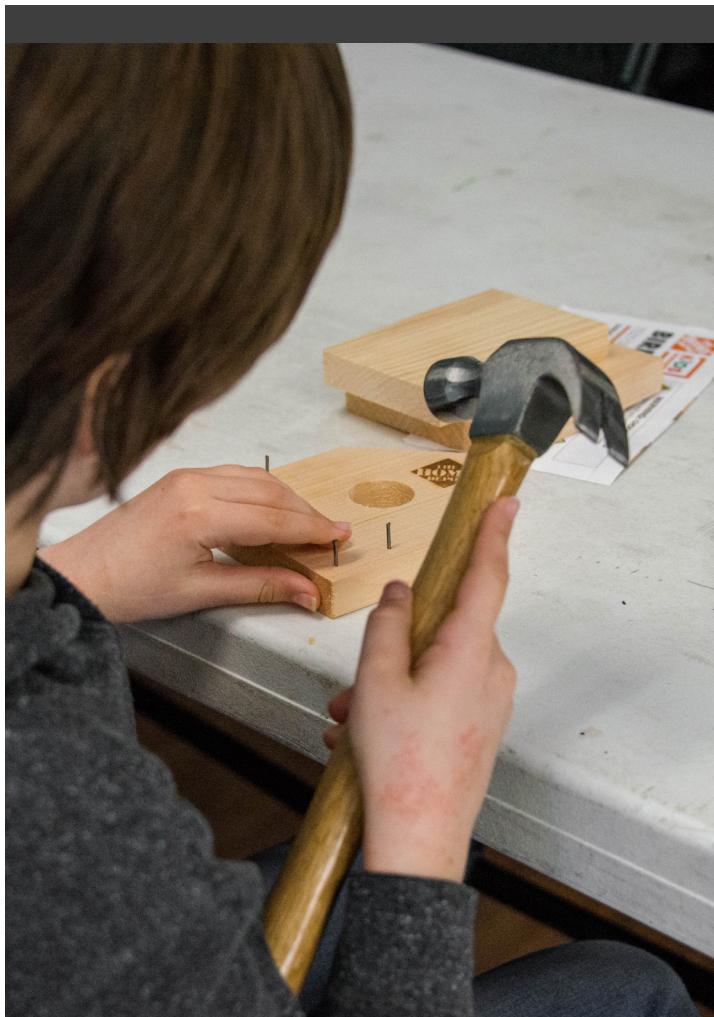
The MUST Summer lunch will be upon us soon! If your family, business, small group, Scout group etc want more information on how to get involved, please contact us now!





## SECTION

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It is our hope that through these efforts we will all be able to “Grow Young Disciples.”

### Preschool Sunday School

Jesus is Alive

Memory Verse: “I am alive for ever and ever!”

Revelation 1:18, NIV

Everywhere we look in spring we see green starting to push through the soil and trees heavy with buds getting ready to bloom. Everything just feels so ALIVE! It's the perfect picture to help teach preschoolers that Jesus is Alive! We are sharing with preschoolers that life changing truth that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We are planting seeds that we pray will grow and bloom into a faith that is as alive as Jesus. A love that will love like Jesus. A compassion that will care like Jesus. A life that will give like Jesus.

### Elementary Sunday School

Peace - Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Memory Verse: “So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.” Romans 14:19, NIRV

When Adam and Eve decided that their way was better than God's way and broke God's rule, they changed the relationship between God and His creation. Once everything and everyone could be in the presence of God, but we are at odds with God. God could have done anything He wanted, including wiping us out and starting over. But instead, God decided to make peace with us. Ultimately God did this through His Son, Jesus.



### dwCrew (3rd-5th grade)

We will be having a "Lock-In" on April 30th from 6pm - 10pm for our 3rd - 5th graders. It will be an awesome time of fellowship, food, games, and other activities.

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars to attend Rocky Railway VBS June 7 - 10. Online registration for volunteers and their children begins in April. Limited space available.

### Be a Volunteer!

Volunteer to help at Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School (June 7 - 10) and help kids discover that Jesus' power pulls us through! If you have not volunteered in the past, you'll find it to be life changing for you as well as the kids! We are searching for both adult and youth leaders. Volunteers must have finished the 6th grade, love the Lord, love children, and like to have fun. Register online by following the links on the church website.

### Preschool Age Day Camp

All potty trained preschoolers are invited to join us for 4 days of fun! We will have activities involving art, crafts, STEM, music & water.

June 14 - 17

9:00-1:00

Cost: \$150

20 Spaces



The preschool has now been opened 7 months. We have 180 children enrolled and 31 teachers learning and gathering each week. The children have been going to science classes and we have added back in Storytime and Music. Although we have all been impacted by Covid 19, we are grateful to have children learning and growing together.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. We have a few openings in our ones class as well as a few in kindergarten. We have waitlists in the other classes and would be happy to add your child to them. We give tours Mon-Fri after 1:30pm. Please call Michelle Davalos at 770-316-1356 or email [mdavalos@duewest.org](mailto:mdavalos@duewest.org) to schedule a tour.

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# Ignite Youth



Whoever you are,  
Wherever you're from,  
You are welcome here.



## Sunday School

We are so thrilled that we are starting back with IGNITE and offering Sunday school! Join us again at 11am in the youth center! Masks are required while indoors, and we are currently in a construction phase downstairs - so please use the entrance from the side parking lot to join us!

## Ignite

Sunday Nights! 5-7pm

Masks are required! Please do not attend if you have been exposed to COVID or if you or any family members are experiencing any symptoms. Be sure to let us know if you need anything during your quarantine.

## April IGNITE Schedule

- 4.4 - NO IGNITE
- 4.11 - Ignite Outing!
- 4.18 - 5:30-7:30
- 4.25 - 5:30-7:30



## 2021 UMM College Scholarship

Deadline for application: May 21, 2021  
Turn in to UMM mailbox in Admin II bldg

Applications can be found at:  
[duewest.org/youth](http://duewest.org/youth)

## Spring Break!

We have some fun events on the horizon for Spring Break! Be sure to follow our social media accounts and subscribe to our REMIND text service to stay in the know!

## Senior Celebration!

Senior Celebration is May 2, followed by a family fun event with the youth choir, games, and fellowship on the Greenspace! We want to celebrate each senior and need your information! Click here to register your senior. <https://forms.gle/zaRwb3QkaYk2kHMZ6>

Interested in adopting one of our seniors to celebrate them? Contact [Lora@duewest.org](mailto:Lora@duewest.org) to join the list to be assigned a senior! Let's flood them with love from their church family!

## Save these dates:

June 7-10 is Vacation Bible School and we will need youth helpers! Information dropping on April 1!

June 12-15 A Family Mission Trip perfect for youth families to Brunswick/Epworth, GA to work with Morningstar Children's Home!

March, 2021

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# ADULTS

# MINISTRY

## OWL Event!

Dinner and a Show with Barry Lancaster  
Sponsored by OWL Ministries

April 24 | 6pm | Bldg B

Dinner will be catered by Carrabbas.

Cost for the evening: \$20.00 per person.

You must register by April 22. To choose your entrée, salad and side and make your payment, [click here](#).

Barry Lancaster is well known as a gospel singer and also performs stand-up comedy. He is regularly in the cast at The Strand Theater in Marietta. His credits include Smoke on the Mountain, The 1940's Radio Hour and The Strand Ole Opry. Barry is also the winner for Best of Cobb 2021 for Best Performing Artist.

For questions, contact Janet Holbrook at [cnjholbrook@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnjholbrook@bellsouth.net) or Lori Matthews at [lori9300@comcast.net](mailto:lori9300@comcast.net).

## Dementia Conversations

April 24 | 11am – 4pm | Virtual Event

Join us as we learn to better communicate with, better understand, better serve, and better love families facing dementia.

For speaker information, visit [lovingthroughdementia.org](http://lovingthroughdementia.org)

# Exercise Classes at Due West

[Click Here to Follow Us on Facebook](#)

\*All exercise classes are held in Bldg B

## Monday

Tone & Tighten  
9:30 am (Nursery)

Yoga for All

10:35 am (Nursery)

Senior Fit

11:35 am

## Tuesday

Cardio-Kick  
9:30 am

Zumba

10:35 am

## Wednesday

Cardio-Sculpt/Tabata  
9:30 am (Nursery)

Yoga for All

10:35 am (Nursery)

Senior Fit

11:35 am

## Thursday

Yoga-Pilates  
9:30 am

## Friday

Tone/Tighten/Lengthen  
8:30 am (Nursery)

Boot Camp

9:30 am (Nursery)





# Summer Camps!

## Recreation Ministry

June 7-10 - All Sports After VBS Camp

June 21-25 - Challenger Soccer Camp ([Register](#))

July 12-15 - Flag Football Camp ([Register](#))

## Center for the Arts

June 1-4 - Elementary Musical Theatre 4-Day Camp (Rising 1-6th)

10am-2pm / Friday Mini Performance at 2pm

June 13-19 - MS Musical Theatre 7-Day Camp (Rising 6-9th)

Sun 2-6 pm, M-Th 12-6pm, F 10-6, Sat performance at 5pm

July 11-18 - HS Musical Theatre 8-Day Camp (Rising 9th-College)

Sun 2-6pm, M-F 12-6pm, S 10-6, Sun performance at 5pm

July 19-23 - Sparkle Fairy Rainbow Unicorn Camp Ages 3-5

9am-12pm / [Registration Open](#)

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## From Our Music Ministry

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“We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
1 Thessalonians 1:3

A big THANK YOU to all who endured while we as a church worked to allow worship and music to happen despite a pandemic. There's no ignoring the immense impact of the past year on our ability to “do” worship well.

Thank you for working hard  
Thank you for not giving up  
Thank you for keeping a positive attitude  
Thank you for your willingness to try new things  
Thank you for your hope

Here's what your hope, encouragement, and endurance has produced:

- Adult Choir is rehearsing biweekly, with fellowship calls on the alternate weeks
- Youth Choir is rehearsing biweekly, with plans to lead worship on May 2
- Several virtual projects are already in the works for Spring!
- Orchestra is alternating small ensembles in our 11am Traditional Service, with Adult Choir (numbers limited), and Carillon Ringers
- Our 9:45 am Modern Service has some new musicians (and we are still growing our band)
- Our 8:30 am Traditional Service is back to singing their favorite hymns
- Chancel Choir will begin meeting again this spring
- We are planning a Patriotic Celebration on June 27, which should feel much closer to the traditional form than last year's mid-pandemic celebration.

Most importantly, we've been able to accomplish everything safely. Every time we step up to sing and play, it's a breath of fresh air as we remember what it's like to use our musical talents to glorify our Creator God.

Last, but not least, thank you to our Congregation for lending your voices and your hearts as an example of worship as we praise the name of Jesus!

Blessings in this time of refreshing,  
Christine Salazar  
Director of Music

With thousands of events every year, it is impossible to fit them all in one place. Here, we want to give you a quick glance at April, 2021.

## UPCOMING

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# What's happening at Due West?

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## Holy Week Information

Maundy Thursday (April 1): 7pm in North Campus

Good Friday (April 2): 7pm in North Campus

Easter (April 4): 7:15am - Sunrise Service (Large Activity Field or FLC)  
8:15, 9:45, 11:15am - North Campus  
9:45 & 11:15am - South Campus

# April at a Glance

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## VBS Registration Opens for Volunteers

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## Spring Fling

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10am - Noon | Weather Permitting  
We will have a Outdoor Petting Zoo, Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt and much more!  
This event is open to children in our church and community.

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## Easter Sunday

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7:15am - Sunrise Service (Large Activity Field or FLC)  
8:15, 9:45, 11:15am - North Campus (Traditional)  
9:45 & 11:15am - South Campus (Modern)

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## OWL Event!

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# DueWest UMC

**Volunteer at Due West! Email [info@duewest.org](mailto:info@duewest.org) for more info!**



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Devotion

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