



OLIVE KNOLLS
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

MARCH 26, 2023

PASTOR: KEVIN HARDY

Worship Sundays: 8:30 am and 10:00 am
Celebrate Recovery: Fridays: dinner 5:45pm service 6:30 pm
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groups are a tool; community is the rule

worship

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We are so glad you are here with us. If you need anything please contact a greeter located in the lobby. They will be happy to help you. We hope you picked up today's sermon notes, found on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary. They will help you follow the morning message. Please take a moment to complete our **Response Card**, on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary, so we know you worshipped with us today. We have a small gift we would like to mail to you for visiting with us.



For 400 years, the Israelite people were captive in Egypt. As slaves, they were abused by harsh masters. God's rescue took them from Egypt and slavery to the Promised Land. Like the Israelites were set free from slavery, we have been set free from the bondage of sin. This freedom starts us on a new way of living.

Title: **Let It Go!** Text: **Exodus 6-11**

Pharaoh needed extra incentive to let the Israelites go free. God made things uncomfortable before he reluctantly relented. The things in our lives that enslave us, like addiction, abuse, failure and regret are not quick to release us. You can expect that the journey to freedom will be accompanied by pain and difficulty, but it will be worth it.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

FRIDAYS | 5:45 pm dinner | 6:30 pm worship
worship center | childcare provided

CONNECTION CLASS

LIVING WATERS

SUNDAYS | 8:45 am | OKCS Library | jimbired1@gmail.com

YOUTH CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY

Middle School Group | 8:30 am | church
2nd floor worship center

High School Group | 8:30 am | church
2nd floor worship center

Junior High Breakfast Club

TUESDAY | 6:30 am | Starbucks on Coffee & Hageman

Youth Group | Jr. High & High School

WEDNESDAY | 6 - 8 pm | Gathering Place

High School Breakfast Club

THURSDAY | 6:30 am | Starbucks on Coffee & Hageman

Contact Pastor_Kyle, kkroomsick@oliveknolls.com, for all Youth Group related questions.

CONNECT 56

SUNDAY MORNINGS

10am 5th & 6th Grade Students

CHILDREN'S CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

10 am Nursery through 5th Grade

Age appropriate activities for all children each week.

Olive Knolls Church exists to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ by building an attractive community for our active reach as we **REACH, GROW, SERVE, and GO.**

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HOLY WEEK @ OLIVE KNOLLS

4/2 8:30 & 10 am Palm Sunday Worship
4/5 6 pm A Passover Seder Experience
4/7 6 pm Good Friday Communion Service
4/8 10 am Easter Egg Hunt (2 years-5th grade)
4/9 8:30 & 10 am Easter Celebration Worship
Children's Ministry available only at 10 am

CHURCH ELECTIONS TODAY

All Olive Knolls Church members are invited to stop by the voting table in the Gathering Place and vote for new 2023 Church Leadership Board Members and District Assembly Delegates today Sunday, March 26th before and after both services. A listing of nominees is available on the tables in rear of the sanctuary.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8 - 10 am
The Hunt Is On! All kids 2 years through 5th grade grab your baskets, invite a friend and get ready for a morning of fun. Use the QR Code to register in advance for speedy entrance.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

#1 Help fill eggs on Friday, 4/7 at 10am. **#2** Help hide eggs, Greet, Register, and Crowd Control on Saturday, 4/8. Use your **response card** to sign up and help us. **#3** Donate individually wrapped CANDY! We need enough candy to fill 4,000 eggs. Donations can be left in the containers in the Gathering Place and on the sanctuary floor. They can also be brought to the church office during the week. Please contact KaLee Chambers, kchambers@oliveknolls.com, with questions.

A PASSOVER SEDER EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, April 5 - 6 pm

Join us for a powerful Passover experience you'll never forget. Israel's redemption from slavery through the blood of the Passover lamb is not only one of the central narratives of the Hebrew Scriptures, but it also paints a powerful portrait of the Messiah who was to come. This interactive Seder Experience will introduce you to the elements of the Passover tradition, historic Jewish symbolism, and their spiritual significance for all people today. Use your **response card** to RSVP to reserve your seat at the table.

WOMANS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Ladies...here's a way to stay connect to all things Women's Ministry at Olive Knolls. The Women's Ministry Leadership Team invites you to subscribe to their newsletter using the QR code or go to: <http://eepurl.com/ikNoOP>



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ALL CHURCH SPRING SMALL GROUPS

For our Spring Small Group Semester we will be going on a 6 week journey together as a church. From April 16 to May 21 all of our Study Groups will be walking through the book Way, Truth, Life by Dr. David Busic. It invites us to consider the various ways God's seeking, saving, sanctifying, sustaining, and sufficient grace meets us where we are in our lives. We are encouraging everyone to take part in this time of coming together to study God's word as a church.

CONNECT 56 BOWLING

The 56ers are going bowling!! Sunday, April 16th after 2nd service. 5th and 6th grade students join us for 2 hours of bowling at Bowlero. \$20 per person (includes bowling, shoe rentals and lunch). Students will meet in the Gathering Place after 2nd service and carpool to bowling. Students will return to the church for pick up at 2:30pm. Sign up on your **response card** if your student will attend. Contact Pastor KaLee, kchambers@oliveknolls.com, or Pastor Kyle, kkroomsick@oliveknolls.com with questions.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 30 - Shotgun Start at 2 pm
River Lakes Golf Course

\$115 individual golfer/ \$400 per foursome

Use the QR Code to Register

Proceeds help our OK Students attend NYC. 4 Person Scramble Format. Tournament Fee Includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Meal by Boardie's BBQ, Snacks, Beverages, Sleeve of Balls, Entry into the Long Drive Competition, 2 Closest to the Pin Competitions, hole prizes, a putting challenge, top 3 team awards, a raffle, and other fun activities.

We are also looking for **Hole Sponsors!** If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a hole contact Pastor Brent. For hole sponsorship or any questions contact the Tournament Director at brentkall1@mac.com or 661-399-3303.



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MONTHLY

Tithes & Offerings budgeted (3/1/23-3/31/23) \$99,445
Tithes & Offerings received (3/1/23-3/12/23) \$93,137

ANNUAL

Tithes & Offerings Annual Budget (9/1/22-8/31/23) \$1,462,610
Tithes & Offerings YTD Budget (9/1/22-2/28/23) \$863,455
Tithes & Offerings Received YTD (9/1/22-2/28/23) ... \$688,609

FAITH FORWARD

Total pledged for three years \$1,704,498
Total given for April 2022 - February 2023 \$990,880

Text Giving: 661-464-1110
Online Giving: oliveknolls.com
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