

WHERE WE ARE GOING

A Christ-Centered Future

Our Strategic Pathway to 2036

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Vision	God's mission is to heal and renew all things.
Mission	To practice the way of Jesus together
Message	Love God, Love People

OU Core Practices

Sacred Worship
Holy Friendship
Infectious Generosity
Sacrificial Service

OU Core Values

One - United in Christ
Holy - Growing in Grace and Holiness
Catholic - Embracing Abundant Life for All
Apostolic - Sending Spirit-led Servants

Aspirational Aim for 2036

To be a leading Christ-centered church in the American South, known for:

- 1** Gathering, forming, sending people in the way of Jesus for the sake of others
- 2** Equipping and empowering people to participate in God's mission
- 3** Loving well so that people come alive and communities flourish

Strategic Pathways to Achieve the Aspirational Aim

- Build Trust through Sacred Worship: Address the crisis of broken social trust by building space and time for sacred worship.
- Raise the Next Generation in Faith: Teach the Gospel to our children and youth in an ever changing world.
- Rediscover the Heart of Methodism in Oxford, MS: Lead the rediscovery of the way of Jesus according to Wesleyan/Methodists.
- Spread Hope through Storytelling: Tell stories to inspire others with messages of beauty, truth, and goodness.
- Develop Christ-centered Leaders: Equip people of character and hope to lead in church, community, university, and marketplace.

Operational Emphases

- Outward-Focused Evangelism
- Gospel Hospitality
- Strengthen Human Resources
- Strategic Building Use
- Culture of Generosity
- Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Christ-centered Excellence
- Love our Neighbors Well