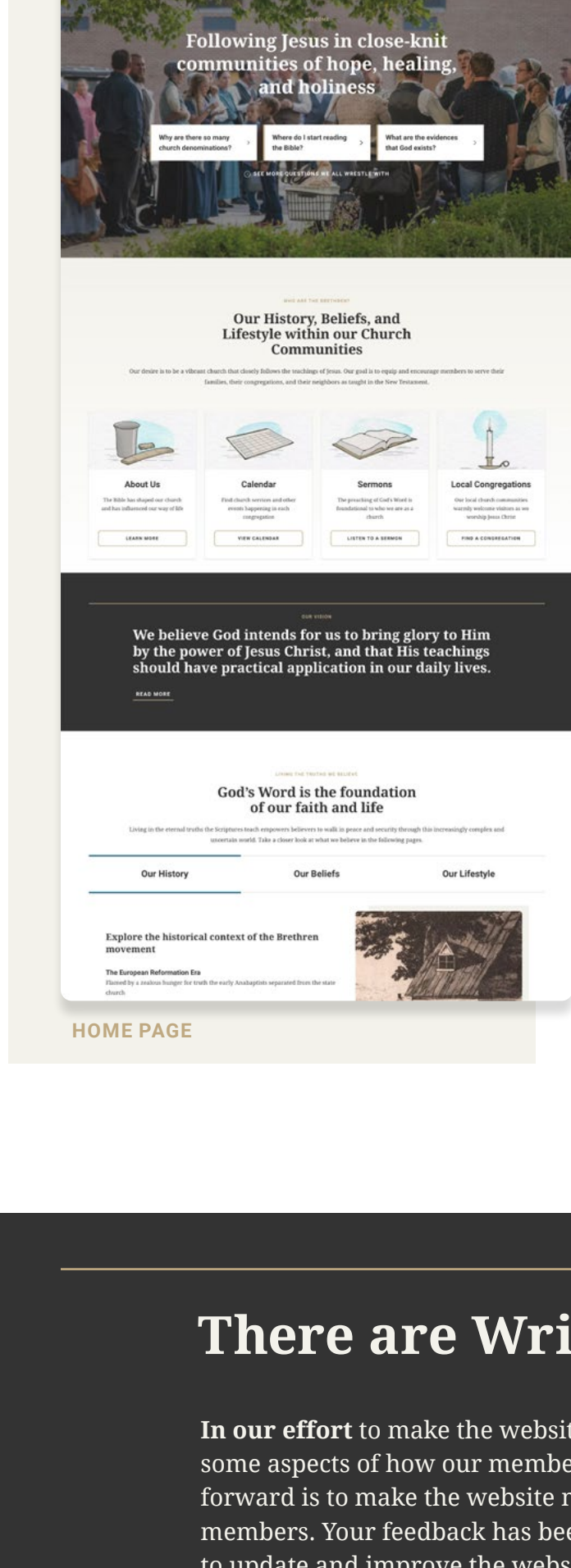


NEED TO KNOW

New Website Launch



On November 16rd, 2023

After 3+ years of researching, planning and building, we have launched the new OGBBC website.

Built for Visitors

The primary goal for our website is to glorify God. One way we are doing that is by providing resources and info for those seeking to know more about Jesus and our denomination.

Accessible Features

The website has new and improved features, like the congregation pages and sermons that are easy to play. We took care to keep the features from the old site and improve upon them. For example, you can now search for and listen to sermons much faster now.

We Messed Up...

In our busyness to launch the website, we failed to let you know about the launch in advance. To make matters worse, a bug in our email system that prevented us from viewing messages and feedback you submitted to us on the website. This has been fixed, but we recognize the confusion we caused – and for that we are sorry.

There are Wrinkles to Iron Out

In our effort to make the website helpful for seekers, we overlooked some aspects of how our members use the site. One of our goals moving forward is to make the website more friendly to use for you, our members. Your feedback has been and remains valuable. We continue to update and improve the website as we receive your feedback.

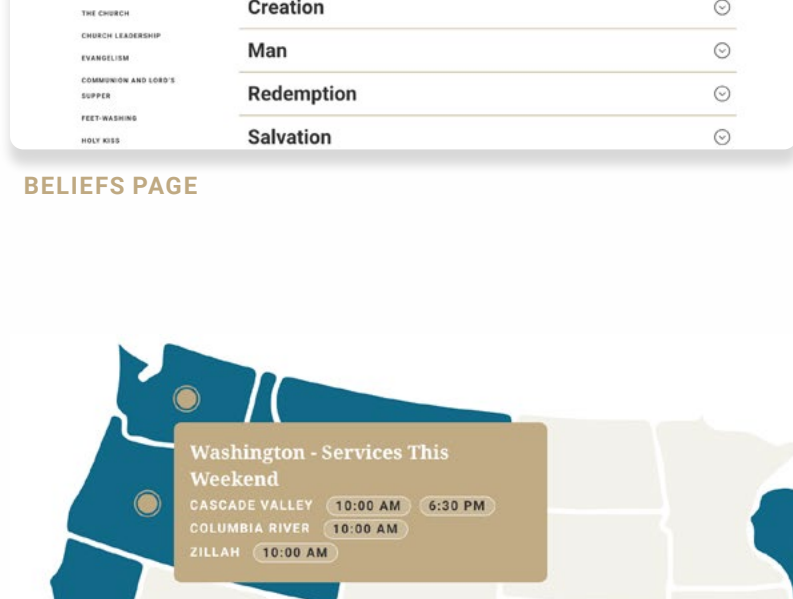
Here are a some improvements we are working on:

- Calendar Subscriptions feature – get it operational.
- Make the navigation on your phone easier to use.
- Updating and improving Congregation pages.

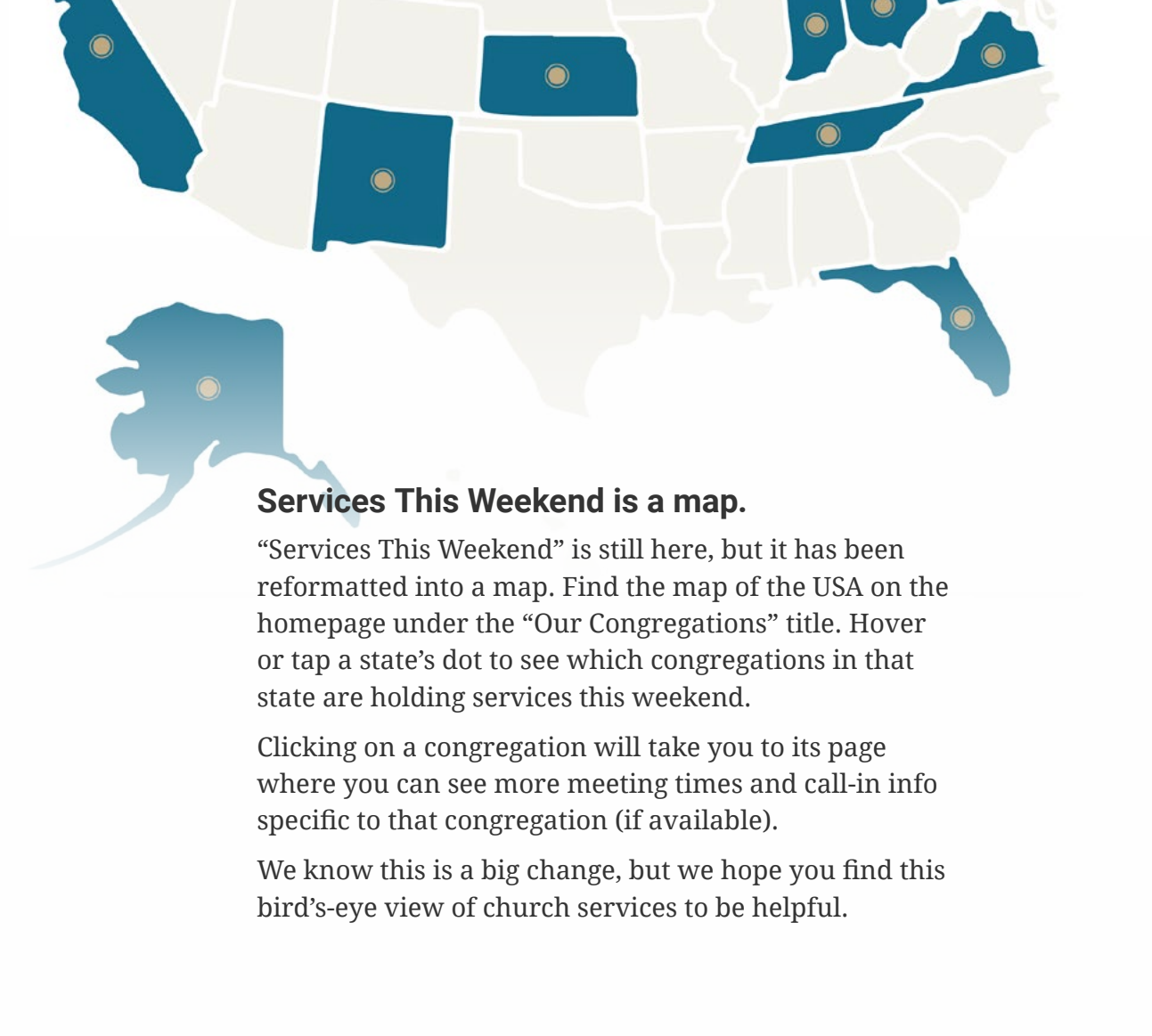
Some updates are easy and quick, while other updates may take weeks or months to resolve. We ask for your patience as we work with our web development partner to iron out the wrinkles of the new website.

Improved Website Features

We took features on the old site and bolstered them to be easier and more functional to use.



BELIEFS PAGE

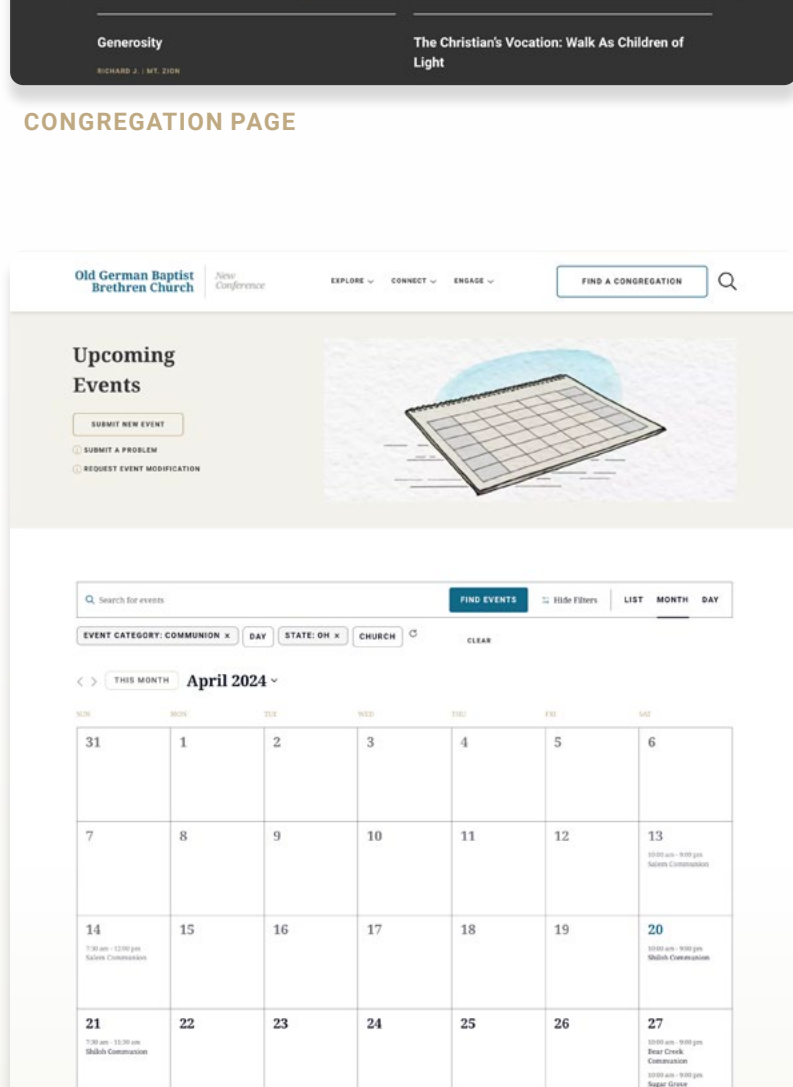


Services This Weekend is a map.

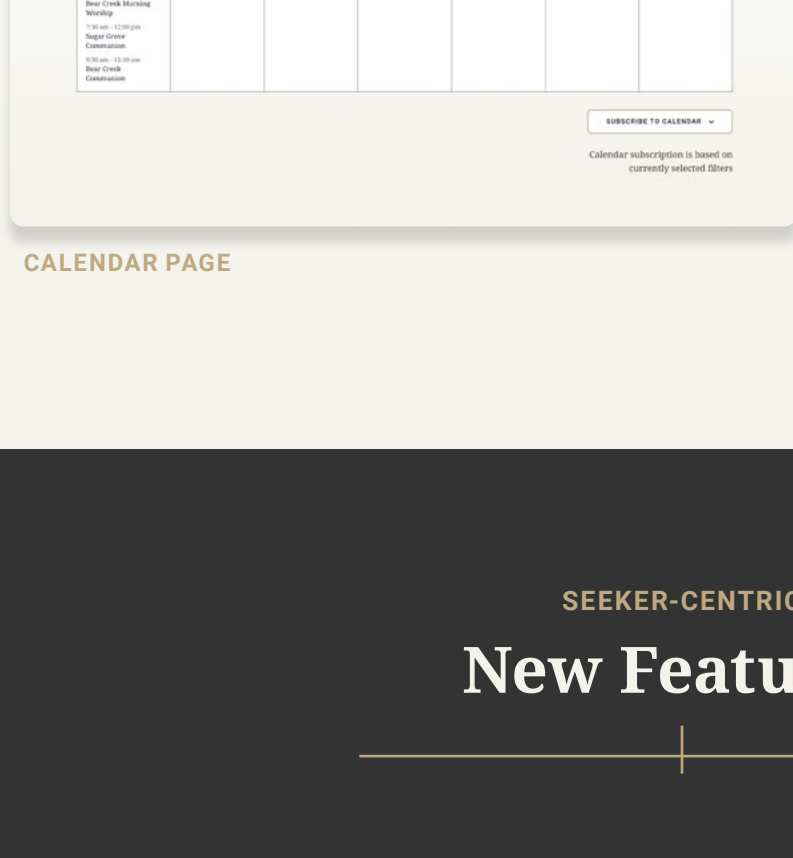
“Services This Weekend” is still here, but it has been reformatted into a map. Find the map of the USA on the homepage under the “Our Congregations” title. Hover or tap a state’s dot to see which congregations in that state are holding services this weekend.

Clicking on a congregation will take you to its page where you can see more meeting times and call-in info specific to that congregation (if available).

We know this is a big change, but we hope you find this bird’s-eye view of church services to be helpful.



CONGREGATION PAGE



CALENDAR PAGE

Beliefs topics are broken down into easy sections.

The “What We Believe” section on the old website worked, but there was no easy way to get to different belief topics. Now these topics are broken down into findable sections.

Congregation pages are more robust.

Each congregation has a dedicated page with specific details for that district. Each page is filled with relevant information, such as sermons preached, congregation news and upcoming events.

Most of the pages have a meeting house photo and street address in an effort to help seekers find a place to worship.

Note: The location displayed in the white box is the district’s closest town. This is to help seekers find the congregation based on location instead of the district name. The district name can be found to the right (or below on phones) of the white box.

A faster calendar with helpful filters.

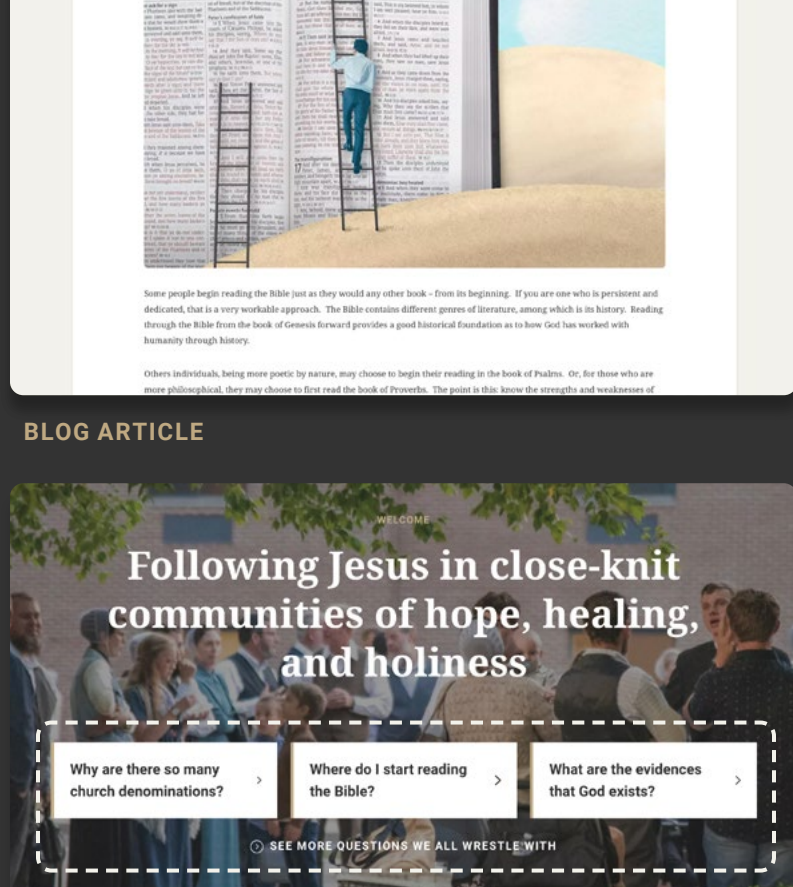
In an effort to manage the wealth of events from many different congregations, the calendar has a wide range of new tools to help you search, find and sort the events that are relevant to you.

- View events by month, day, or as a list.
- Filter events by state, event category, and/or congregation.
- Hover over events to get a preview, or click the event to access the full information.
- Submit, modify, or report event issues on the quick and easy “Submit an Event” page.

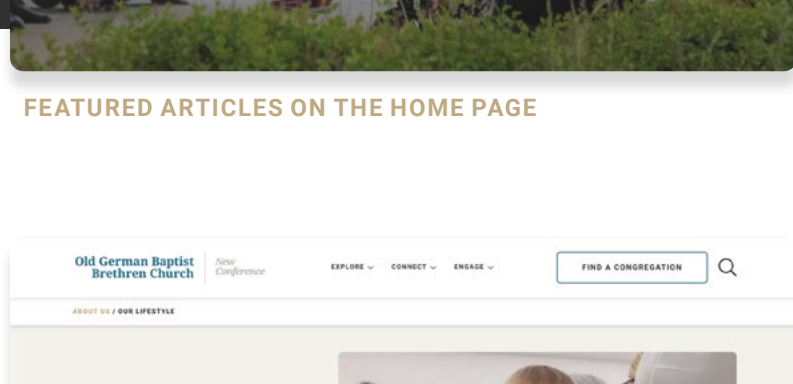
Note: the calendar subscriptions feature is not working. The calendar has many moving parts and we have been working with our web development partner to resolve the issue. We know this is a much sought-after feature and we pray for your support and patience as we find a solution.

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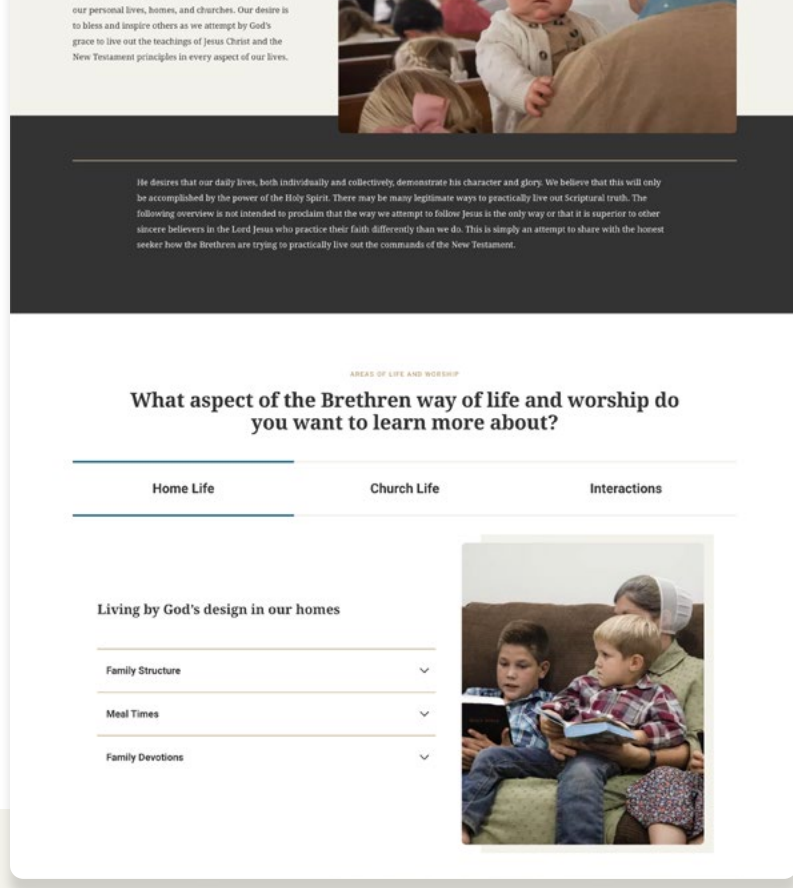
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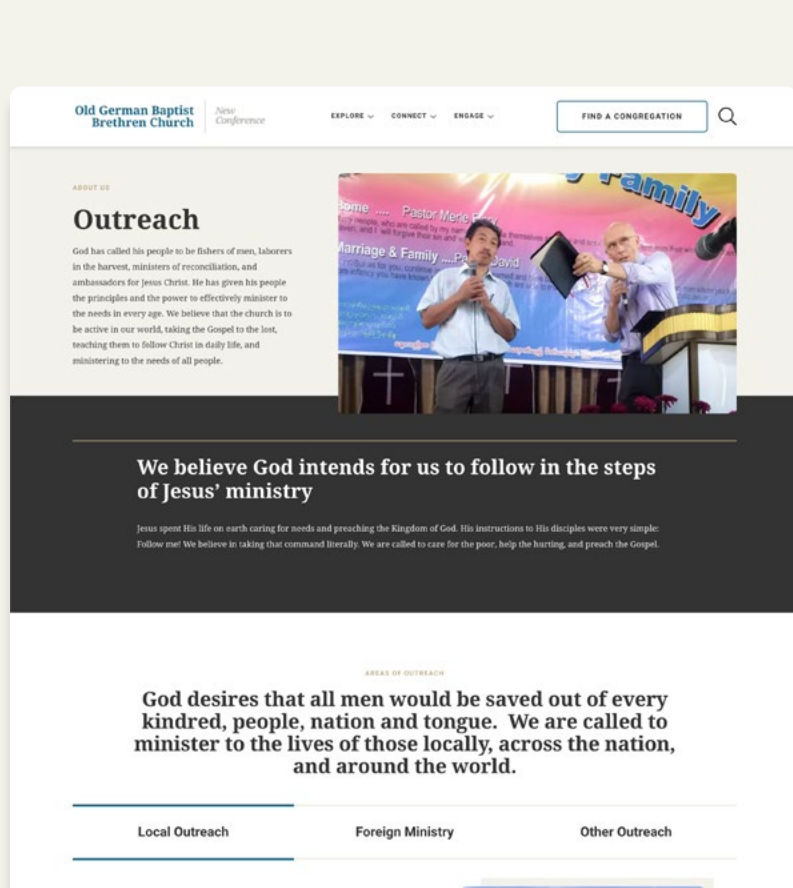
BLOG ARTICLE



FEATURED ARTICLES ON THE HOME PAGE



LIFESTYLE PAGE



OUTREACH PAGE

1. Thought-provoking Questions for Seekers

Have you ever encountered someone wrestling with tough questions about faith? These blog articles tackle the kinds of questions people often turn to the internet for. Our goal is to provide helpful, thoughtful, and Christ-centered answers for those searching for deeper meaning via their Google searches.

You will always find a selection of three featured articles on the home page. As our library expands, these featured articles will rotate to keep things interesting for returning visitors. We hope you find these articles a blessing and helpful in your walk with God.

2. Lifestyle Pages

The lifestyle page gives seekers a brief glimpse of how we live out the Bible in our daily walk.

There is a wide variety of topics to read about – ranging from *Anointing to Youth Activities*. Each topic has a dedicated article with scriptures and photos.

3. Outreach Page

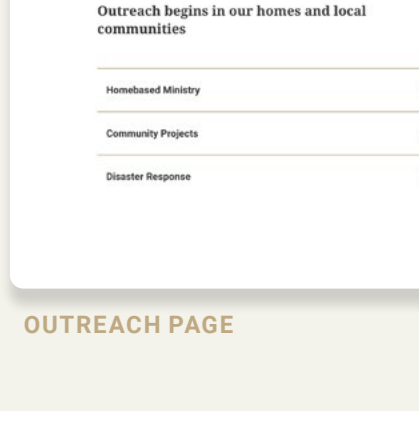
Using the same structure as the Lifestyle page, the Outreach page explains how we follow Jesus’ calling to serve others and spread the Gospel.

IT’S A LOT OF INFO

Have Questions?

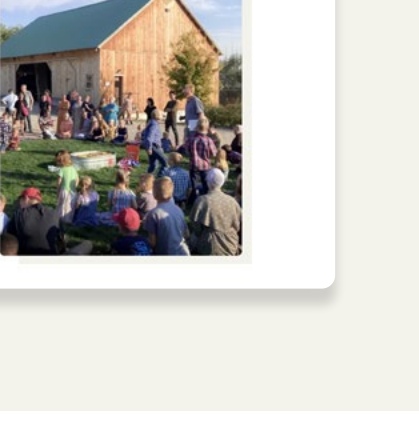
Here is how you can contact us and stay up to date on website news:

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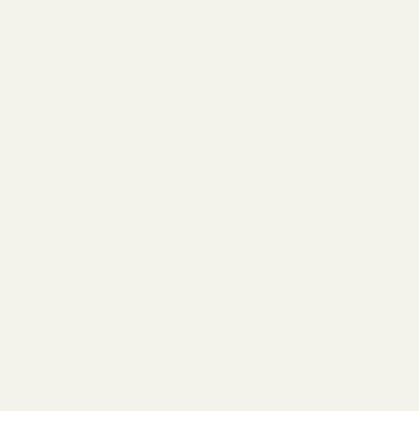
Visit ogbbc.org/contact and fill out the contact form. A member of the website team will respond to you.

2. Email Us



Email the webmasters directly by sending a message to: webmasters@ogbbc.org

3. Newsletter



Visit ogbbc.org and scroll to the bottom of any page. Enter your email address in the form field. You will receive an email notification when a newsletter is published.

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