



What's next for Ole Miss hoops after tourney run?

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What remains of the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church is seen in Rolling Fork on Sunday. PHOTOS BY HANNAH MATTIX/CLARION LEDGER

Sunday comes to Rolling Fork as churches adapt

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Sundays are sacred in Mississippi Delta towns like Rolling Fork, where people hold tightly to their faith and where churches are community pillars whose work goes far beyond spiritual guidance.

And yet, on the first Sunday morning after a devastating tornado swept through, most of the town's congregations were unable to come together.

Some churches suffered devastating damage to their buildings. Others were dark without power. More still were busy organizing aid efforts.

At Chapel of the Cross Episcopal

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Rushonda Atlas, center, prays with volunteers from First Baptist Church of Flora in Rolling Fork on Sunday. Some Rolling Fork churches had makeshift services without a standing sanctuary.

Rolling Fork mayor is funeral director in town destroyed by tornado

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Rolling Fork Mayor Eldridge Walker is a well-known figure in his community, not only because of his political ties, but because he is the town's funeral director.

It's a business he's been around most of his life, he said. He was raised by his grandparents, who ran the business for 45 years.

"My grandmother was a midwife, too," Walker said.

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Who are Mississippi natives going to battle on 'The Voice'?

Watch Holly Brand, Walker Wilson compete in upcoming Season 23

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Holly Brand became a household name in her home state when she was crowned Miss Mississippi in 2021. This year, she's wearing a new accessory: a Team Kelly jacket.

The 22-year-old from Meridian chose Kelly Clarkson as her coach on Season 23 of "The Voice" after a three-chair turn

How to watch

"The Voice" airs at 7 p.m. Mondays on NBC. Holly Brand and Walker Wilson will be featured in upcoming battle episodes, but there are no firm dates on when their episodes will air.

in the blind auditions.

"Everything kind of blew up overnight," Brand said. "I went to bed with less than a thousand followers on TikTok and woke up and had over a million views on my audition video and it keeps

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Holly Brand of Meridian, left, will be part of Team Kelly, while Walker Wilson of Raymond joined Team Blake as both Mississippians qualified to appear on Season 23 of "The Voice." PHOTOS BY CASEY DURKIN/NBC

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