



From Tim...

Mother's Day Out Completing Their Fall Semester



Tomorrow our Mother's Day Out completes their fall semester, and then they begin their two-week Christmas break. (Our Mother's Day Out tracks with the Bartlett school calendar.)

Just like all schools, this has been a challenging semester for our MDO program, having to find new ways to meet health guidelines and still try to accomplish the same goals. But we appreciate all the work Kathy Hubbard and her crew have put in, and we congratulate them on another good semester.

We are proud of our Mother's Day Out program and its positive impact on our community. They help families and encourage preschoolers, and along with general learning goals, they also teach the Bible every day in chapel and in their classes. We thank everyone who helps with this effort, and we pray God blesses it for many years to come.

Treat Bags for Kate Bond Teachers



Chris Peak leads our encouragement efforts for Kate Bond Elementary, our adopted school, and he communicates with them to see what our congregation can do to help their students and staff. Kate Bond's learning is all virtual right now, but a couple weeks ago they decided it would still be good to make treat bags for Kate Bond's teachers and staff.

So Chris enlisted Jamie and Tommie Hannah to purchase treat bag items on behalf of our congregation and assemble 100 of them. They each had a bottle of water, bag of chips, peanut butter crackers, Slim Jim's, a brownie, and a Hershey kiss. Chris delivered them Monday morning, another way to let the Kate Bond staff know that we appreciate all they do to teach children in our community.

Please say a prayer this week for the students and staff at Kate Bond. And if you think of something we can do to encourage them, please let us know!

Baptized Into Christ: Sergio Baltazar



We are happy for Sergio Baltazar, who confessed his faith and was baptized into Christ here at the building last Sunday! Sergio is the 11 year old son of Teresa Baltazar, whose family has been part of Great Oaks for several years, worshipping in our Spanish services. Sergio is part of our weekly Tween classes also. We are happy for him on this best decision of his life, and we look forward to watching him grow in Christ in the years to come.

Prayer Requests

- **Brenda Amon:** Her oxygen level is back up to 95%. She is still having symptoms but getting better. She must have 3 days of no Covid symptoms before she can test again. She is still at her daughter's, Wendy Vermeulen Harrah's home in AR. She says she is doing fine; just keep my prayers coming, I feel them.
- **Lois Ballew:** had a follow up with her doctor. Currently they do not have plans to do any procedures regarding the spots on her kidney.
- **Kylie Burrow:** had surgery to remove an ovarian cyst. The surgery went well and she is now home recovering.
- **Zach Cutler:** Zach has a bad case of Mono. He still gets tired. The Mono symptoms have improved.
- **Ziggy Goodman:** the surgery to remove the cancer from her kidney went well. The doctors feel they got all of the cancer. They are not planning another treatment at this time. She is recovering nicely at home.
- **Connie Hannah:** is scheduled to have the cataract removed from her other eye on 12/29.
- **Steve Hannah:** Is having issues with both eyes. His right eye is worse but the doctors are giving him shots in his left eye today to keep it from getting worse. They will then determine what the plan is for the right eye.
- **Prue McBride:** GOT SPRUNG TODAY!!! I spoke to Mike and Prue at 11:00 AM. They are just waiting on the discharge paperwork. It will be a long process before she can give up the walker but she is just so excited to be able to go home.
- **Carter McKay:** is doing well after having his tonsils and adenoids removed last Friday. He still experiences occasional pain.
- **Becky Morrison:** is doing some better. She had her follow-up appointment with the COVID Clinic yesterday. They have cleared her to go back to work tomorrow as long as she takes it easy. She can still expect to have up and down days with fatigue for the next couple of months.
- **Brian Olive:** Ramona said Brian is having a good week!
- **Sue Wyatt:** Corinna is looking for a skilled nursing facility where they can provide PT and handle Sue's needs. If you have suggestions that may help her find the right facility for Sue, please let Corinna know. They are so appreciative of the support, prayers and love extended to them. Please keep those prayers coming!

Just a reminder that if you have prayer requests updates, no matter how big or small, that you would like us to put in the bulletin or email, please contact us via email, text or phone calls. We want to make sure your needs are met.

Family & Friends cont'd

- **Cynthia Gibbs:** mother of Karen Baskin, is having two heart tests today. Friday she will see the oncologist/hematologist for bloodwork results. Also keep Karen in your prayers as she is helping her father take care of her mother.
- **Stan Glover** (friend of Rob and Linda Crossett) is in the hospital in Searcy AR with COVID-19 in his lungs in addition to pneumonia. He is on the usual regimen for COVID-19 at this time. His wife Cara isn't allowed to be with him, so it's really hard for her. He is an elder at the Westside church of Christ in Searcy. Please pray for Cara too. If you would like to send them cards of encouragement, their address is 100 Deerwood Drive, Searcy, AR 72143.
- **Brian Harrah:** Brenda Amon's son-in-law has also tested positive with Covid. He is experiencing some symptoms. Keep Wendy and the rest of the family in your prayers that they do not get it.
- **Beverly Cannon Lattimore,** mother of Ashley Kemp has surgery scheduled for tomorrow for a lesion/cyst on her left kidney that has to be removed. Due to the location doctors are hoping not to have to remove the whole kidney due to bleeding. Pathology will be done once the lesion is removed to determine if it is benign or malignant.

Our Sympathy is extended to:

Dee Cadden Close (sister of Kathy Cadden, Operation Ukraine.) Dee's husband David was in a tragic car accident last Sunday and passed away as result of that accident. They have a son, Matthew who is 17 years old. Please keep this family in your prayers.

The family of Larry Farmer, Arinne Alsup and Aarek Farmer's uncle. He passed away after having fought his battle with cancer. His funeral service was in Benton, KY on Monday. Please pray for the family during this time of loss.

Thank You...

I want to thank each of you for all the cards, get well wishes and prayers. I feel very blessed.

Prue McBride.

Dear Great Oaks Tweens:

Thank you for the Great Oaks Christmas ornament and the sweet treats that have already passed the "taste test." I hope your Christmas will be the Merriest one yet, and as special as you are.

 *Ms. Pat Smith*



Attendance QR Code for the Adult class in the Auditorium tonight, **Wednesday, December 16, 2020.** **Members and Visitors** are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.

2021 is just around the corner.

We are looking for a few good servants!

- ✓ We need people to commit to lockup the building after services.
- ✓ We need men to serve for January in any capacity for both Sunday AM and PM services.

If you are able to fill any of the above needs, please contact Brenda Amon in the church office.



Ladies: Several of you have expressed interest in a scripture writing book for 2021. The cost will be \$10 if you are picking it up at Great Oaks or \$18.50 if you need it shipped for whatever reason. Please just indicate it

on the form. I would like all orders in by Christmas if possible so that I can get them made on my break.

Fill out this form to get your invoice:
<https://forms.gle/u74OOgfh7kUSrOUq6>

Please reach out to Haley Wilson if you have any questions. 731-414-0159

Our brother Alberto Esparza asked for forgiveness last Sunday before the church; please we pray for him. Brother Esparza attends our Spanish services.

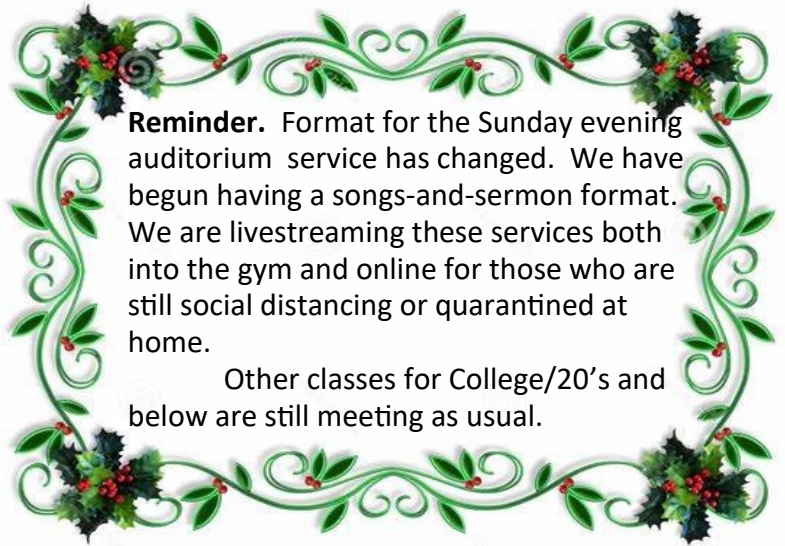


Youth Grades 7th through 12th

December 17: TNT at Nathan and Kristin Hubbard's home. Please contact Matthew to let him know you are coming. They want to plan accordingly to prepare enough food.

December 19: Christmas Caroling

Please note: activities are subject to change. Please watch for text from Matthew Higginbotham, or daily emails. Please contact Matthew if you have questions.



Reminder. Format for the Sunday evening auditorium service has changed. We have begun having a songs-and-sermon format. We are livestreaming these services both into the gym and online for those who are still social distancing or quarantined at home.

Other classes for College/20's and below are still meeting as usual.

Blessing Bags

We have a cartful of blessing bags for the homeless you may encounter while you are out and about. Please take several to have on-hand in your car.



Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed

December 24th & 25th in celebration of the Christmas Holiday.

Men-to-Serve: Jamie Hannah and Bryan Hulen are the coordinators for scheduling our Sunday morning 10 AM service men-to-serve. Please watch the Friday e-mail each Friday for the announcement of who is to serve during these services.



Attendance QR Code for the Sunday Morning Worship, December 20, 2020. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.

FOR THE RECORD

	Week	2020 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday (12/09/2020)			
Bible Study*	182		
Sunday (12/13/2020)			
AM Worship*	265		
PM: Bible Study*	178		
Contribution	\$17,035	N/A	\$18,000
*does not include all those participating through Livestream			

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9 AM to 2 PM

REMINDER: SUNDAY EVENING: We will be serving Lord's Supper in the Library for those who were unable to attend the Sunday Morning Worship Service. We will ring a bell at approximately 5:35 to pm-5:40 p.m. to alert you that the Lord's Supper is available.



Watch Our Services Online!
Or if you prefer you can send your check to Great Oaks church of Christ, 3355 Brunswick

Sunday Morning Service, Sunday Evening Adult Class and Wednesday Night Adult Class will be live streamed for those unable to attend due to health issues.

Services Livestreamed:

1. Through our *website on your computer*: Click on "Watch Live" on the top menu.
2. Through our *website on your phone*: Click the 3 lines to open the menu. Click the '+' beside "Media." Click "Live Streaming."
3. Through *Facebook*: Go to the Great Oaks Church of Christ Facebook page.
4. Through *Youtube*: Go to the Great Oaks Church of Christ YouTube channel.
5. Through the *Great Oaks smartphone app*: Get the app by downloading "My Church by Pushpay" and search for Great Oaks Church of Christ. When you open the app, click "Media" at the bottom. Click "Watch our Livestream." Then click the triangle in the circle that says "Watch Live."
6. Through your *SmartTV or a streaming device* (Roku, Firestick, AppleTV, etc): download the Boxcast app, and search for Great Oaks Church of Christ.

Our Spanish Services for Sunday morning worship @ 10 AM and Wednesday night devo @ 7 PM are also livestreamed on their FaceBook page: Iglesia de Cristo Memphis.

<p>SCHEDULE: Sunday Bible Study: 5 PM Sunday Worship: 10 AM Wednesday Devo: 7 PM Livestreamed PHONE : (901) 372-4449 FAX: (901) 377-3039 SPANISH: (901) 378-2294</p> <p>MINISTERS/Cell Numbers: Pulpit: Tim Alsop 901-201-1341 Youth: Matthew Higginbotham 865-274-3472 College/20's: Aarek Farmer 901-574-0192 Spanish: Moises Umana 210-919-8151</p> <p>ELDERS: Larry Jackson, Lynn Parrish, Mark Pledge, Don Hutson, Mickey Barker: Michael Williams</p> <p>Secretaries: Brenda Amon: office@greatoaks.org Pam McKay: pmckay@greatoaks.org</p>	<p>WORKS SUPPORTED: ♥Voice of Truth International ♥Tennessee Children's Home ♥ Potter Children's Home ♥ Memphis School of Preaching ♥ Focus Press/Brad Harrub/Nashville ♥ Church of Mezhevaya, Ukraine ♥ Church in Pokrovsk, Ukraine ♥ Church in Zimbabwe/Noah Gonzo Church in Costa Rica/Joaquin Rojas ♥ Gary Reaves Spanish Ministry in NC ♥ Church in Brazil/Randy Short ♥ Operation Ukraine/Columbus, MS ♥ Church in San Luis Potosi, Mexico ♥ Church in Honduras ♥ Apologetics Press ♥ HopeWorks ♥ Macon Road church of Christ ♥ Las Flores church of Christ, Peru</p> <p>FACEBOOK: Iglesia de Cristo Great Oaks WEBSITE: www.greatoaks.org</p>
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Scriptures to Read through the Bible in 2020	
Dec. 17	Ezekiel 47, 48 and Revelation 9
Dec. 18	Daniel 1;2 and Revelation 10
Dec. 19	Daniel 3; 4 and Revelation 11
Dec. 20	Daniel 5; 6 and Revelation 12
Dec. 21	Daniel 7; 8 and Revelation 13
Dec. 22	Daniel 9; 10 and Revelation 14
Dec. 23	Daniel 11; 12 and Revelation 15
Dec. 24	Haggai 1; 2 and Revelation 16



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