



GREAT OAKS
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2021 Theme
"Generation to Generation"

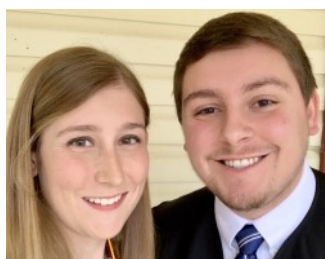


From Tim...

Matthew and Claire Ministry Transition

At the youth devo Sunday night, Matthew told our teens that he has accepted a preaching position close to home in East Tennessee. This is a good opportunity for Matthew and Claire

and we wish them all the best as they continue to serve in God's kingdom. Here's a note from Matthew...



Change is not always easy. Sunday night Claire and I announced that we will be moving to Dayton, TN in order to be closer to our families. Claire and I both just want to take a moment and say thank you to all the amazing students, parents, deacons, elders, and involved church members who have helped make these past several years so great.

I'm reminded of 1 Corinthians 12:13, "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit." It doesn't matter who we were or where we are, Christians the world over are

a part of the same body working towards the same goals.

We feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to serve with all of you at Great Oaks, and we are confident that God will continue to do great things through the congregation here. Claire and I ask that you pray for us in our new work in Dayton, TN and that you continue to pray for the church here at Great Oaks during this transition.

We love you!

In Him,

Matthew & Claire Higginbotham

We pray God's best blessings on Matthew and Claire! We will say more soon about their transition date and plans.

So we are now beginning to advertise our ministry searches, for the new Involvement Minister position and now also for our Youth Minister Position. Please be praying for God to guide the right people to us for these important roles.

Welcome to the Family: Pedro Vargas



We welcome Pedro Vargas to our Great Oaks family! Pedro has been visiting with us for awhile, and he was baptized into Christ on November 1 of last year (2020). He met with our elders on March 14 to let them know he wants to serve God as part of the Great Oaks congregation. Pedro operates a landscaping business. He was married to Rubbi in 2016, and they have two sons: Jessie (9 years old) and Pedro (8), who both enjoy taking karate classes.

We look forward to walking alongside Pedro for many years as we all continue to grow in Christ together. Welcome to the family! 7164 Plum Orchid Cove, Memphis, TN 38133

Prayer Request

- **Joe Gillentine:** his fever was gone on Tuesday. He is still very tired. He will have bloodwork and kidney levels checked today and surgery tomorrow.
- **Jimmy Grinder:** will have surgery on Friday for a blockage in his carotid artery.
- **Anna McCorkle:** is at home recovering from COVID pneumonia. She is doing much better but having trouble sleeping and breathing. Please continue to pray for her.
- **Brian Olive:** is at home receiving IV meds for the infection in the bone of his foot. He will be receiving these meds for 6 weeks. He will not have to have surgery on the toe.
- **Andra Stelbrink:** daughter of John and Brenda Belville has surgery scheduled for April 21st to remove a kidney due to a tumor they have found.
- **Ansley, William & Koen Tingle:** Prayers as they continue their adoption process for 2 siblings from South America, a boy, age 11 and a girl age 8. The home study was approved. They are now in the beginning of the international phase of this process.

Family & Friends

- **Bruce Aven,** husband of Lisa Aven our Kate Bond Elementary contact was in a bicycle accident. He has injuries to his pelvic bone and will need to walk with a walker for 4-6 weeks and will not be able to work during this time. Please pray for a quick recovery.
- **Oscar Gillespie,** a neighbor of Jesse Matthews is in need of prayer.
- **Steve Higginbotham:** Matthew Higginbotham's father had his 3 month check up with the specialists in TX. His tumors have shrunk and there is no new spread of the cancer. Doctors feel this is an indication of a long term response. He will continue his immunotherapy for another year.
- **Mike Hinton:** a friend of the McWilliams, has been diagnosed with an aggressive liver cancer that is inoperable. He will begin an aggressive chemo treatment plan.
- **Gene Jackson,** father of Robin Cavataio (Amy's daughter-in-law) had a heart attack and is scheduled for open heart surgery Thursday.
- **Mary Priestner:** Rod Priestner's mother is now cancer free. She has one last surgery left to remove the colostomy bag. They wish to thank everyone for your prayers on her behalf.
- **Sam Reid:** brother of Noah Reid (fiancée of Mallory Wyatt) **UPDATE:** was admitted to the hospital on Sunday night with a severe infection in the wound area. They are treating him and expect he will be in the hospital for 3-5 days.
- **Karl Rice:** 15 yr. old cousin of Stacey Riggs, was hit by a truck in Stafford, Virginia, resulting in a major brain injury and many broken bones.
- **Don Alan Riggs;** son of Stacey & Jeff, will have surgery on his vocal cord on March 26th.
- **Carl Rowland:** a co-worker of Jesse Matthews has been diagnosed with stage 1 liver cancer.



Attendance QR Code for the Adult class in the Auditorium tonight, Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.

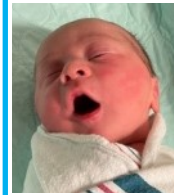


Bridal Shower for Mallory Wyatt (and fiancée Noah Reid) is being planned for **April 11th at 3:00 P.M.** here at Great Oaks church of Christ. The couple is registered on the following wedding registries: Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon Wedding Registry, Williams Sonoma, Target and The Knot.

The hostesses are Amy McKay, Kelly Ward, Donnita Craft and Tommie Hannah

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the Grinder family. Tena Grinder, aunt of Jimmy Grinder and great aunt of Steve Grinder passed away last week. Please pray for the family during this time of loss.



Congratulations to Lynn and Donna Parrish on the birth of their 4th grandchild, Holden Lynn Parrish born 3/19 to Nathan & Ashley Parrish. Holden weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and has a big brother, Jones.

New Address: Jimmy & Martha Grindor
215 Pinhurst Drive
Oakland, TN 38060



We welcome back to our Great Oaks Family Ronnie and Debbie Martin. They were one of the originating families here at Great Oaks Their address is: 6120 Brunswick Road, Memphis TN 38133. We will feature them soon.

Updated - Food Pantry Needs:

Cereal

Taco seasoning packets, taco sauce
Vegetable, Minestrone, Creamed Soups, Chicken noodle
Tooth brushes, tooth paste

PLEASE NOTE: Our pantry space is limited, therefore choose from the above list so that we can properly stock the pantry for the space available. Also check that the expiration dates are at least 3 months away from the date of purchase.

Lebonheur Children's Hospital Pantry.

This is an ongoing project all year.

These are items needed:

Microwavable: Soup, Ready to eat meals, rice, entries, chili, macaroni & cheese bowls.

Microwavable bowls for heating these items.

Individual cups of: Fruit, Apple Sauce, oatmeal, cereal, pudding and jello.

Crackers, Peanut butter, Ritz, Cheese and Saltine

Vienna Sausages, Tuna Fish, Chicken, Salad Kits

Granola, Protein and Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts

Individual Bags: Chips, cookies, fruit snacks

ALL ITEMS MUST BE: self-opening or pop top.

Individually wrapped, non-refrigerated. We

cannot accept any goods that require a can

opener or that are expired.

There is a table in the 200 Wing Hallway for these items.

CLOTHING CLOSET

WE NEED A COORDINATOR FOR THE CLOTHING CLOSET.

The closet needs a lot of TLC and organization. **We are only accepting Spring/Summer Clothes at this time.**

If you are dropping off clothing, here are a few guidelines:

- 1) We accept only gently worn clothing for all ages.
- 2) Please make sure they are not stained, torn or missing buttons, etc.
- 3) Please have them on hangers or neatly folded in a box or plastic container. If you wish to have your container back, please put your name on it. (NO PLASTIC BAGS)
- 4) **No undergarments.**
- 5) **No toys, books, strollers, car seats or household items. This space is limited to clothing and shoes only.**

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING :

- **Winter Clothing (They are now out of season and we do not have room to store them until next season.)**

CONNECT CONFERENCE

Disciples making Disciples

Hosted by the Crieve Hall church of Christ, Concord Rd church of Christ and Mt. Juliet church of Christ.

June 2-5, 2021 at the Crieve Hall building

This conference seeks to equip men, women and youth with multiple and usable tools to reach their families, friends and neighbors with the gospel of Jesus.

There is a flyer on the foyer bulletin board noting the Keynote Speakers and other speakers.



March Events

March 24: Fwednesday: **NEW DATE**

March 25: TNT @ Mickey & Michele Barkers. The bus will leave at 5:00 p.m. from the church building.

APRIL EVENTS

April 2: Parent's Night Out

April 8: TNT

Tweens (4th -6th Grades) Lock-in

Friday night March 26th

here at Great Oaks

7 PM - 7 AM

Please bring \$5.00 for food/snacks

Egg Hunt April 3rd Ages 6th grade and below

10:00 a.m. - Noon

We will have games and activities for the following age groups: 3 & Under, 4-6 Years Old and 7 up. The day will be filled with face painting, pinatas, egg hung and prizes. Please help by supplying candy filled plastic eggs. There is a blue barrel in the lobby for you to leave the eggs. Please contact Cameron Nabors if you have any questions or would like to help with the activities.



Building Lock Up

We are looking for volunteers to assist in locking up the building after services on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings. Sign up is for one month intervals. If you have any questions, please see Wesley Hubbard or Jerry Nabors.

Men-to-Serve: Jamie Hannah and Bryan Hulen are the coordinators for scheduling our Sunday morning 10 AM service men-to-serve.



Attendance QR Code for the Sunday Morning Worship, March 28, 2021. 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	2021 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday 3/17/2021)			
Bible Study*	164		
Sunday (3/21/2021)			
AM Worship*	356		
PM: Bible Study*	234		
Contribution	\$21,931	\$21,707	\$19,750
*does not include all those participating through Livestream			

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 5:35pm - 5:40 p.m. to alert you that the Lord's Supper is available.

SCHEDULE:

Sunday Bible Study: 5 PM

Sunday Worship: 10 AM

Wednesday Devo: 7 PM

PHONE : (901) 372-4449

FAX: (901) 377-3039

SPANISH: (901) 378-2294

MINISTERS/Cell Numbers:

Pulpit: Tim Alsup 901-201-1341

Youth: Matthew Higginbotham

865-274-3472

Young Adult/College: Aarek Farmer

901-574-0192

Spanish: Moises Umana

210-919-8151

ELDERS:

Larry Jackson, Lynn Parrish,

Mark Pledge, Don Hutson,

Mickey Barker: Michael Williams

Johnny Craft

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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

♥ Las Flores church of Christ, Peru

♥ Church in Pittsfield, MA

♥ Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies/Knoxville, TN

WEBSITE: www.greatoaks.org

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A Christ-centered, Bible-based, and Family-oriented
committed to God, each other, and our community

Give Online

I'm New Get Connected Grow Missions Members Mother's Day Out How Can We Help? en Español Give

Watch Our Services Online!
Sunday Worship at 10am and 5pm

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 "Watch Live"
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.
7. Through your SmartTV or a streaming device (Roku, Firestick, Apple TV, etc.) download the Boxcast app, and search for Great Oaks Church of Christ.

Our Spanish Services for Sunday morning worship @ 10 AM and Sunday evening at 5:00 PM and Wednesday night devo @ 7 PM are also livestreamed on their FaceBook page: Iglesia de Cristo Memphis.

Attendance QR Code for Sunday Evening Class March 28, 2021.



Adult, 20's, College age class in the auditorium.

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Read through the Bible in 2021

March 25:	Deuteronomy 29; 30; 31:1-13 and Acts 25:13-27
March 26:	Deuteronomy 31:14-32 and Acts 26:1-18
March 27:	Deuteronomy 33; 34 and Acts 26:19-32
March 28:	Joshua 1; 2 and Acts 27:1-26
March 29:	Joshua 3; 4; 5:1-12 and Acts: 27:27-44
March 30:	Joshua 5:13-33; 6; 7 and Acts 28:1-16
March 31:	Joshua 8; 9 and Acts 28:17-31