



**GREAT OAKS**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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**2021 Theme**  
"Generation to Generation"



## From Tim...

### Increasing Our Auditorium Capacity Starting This Sunday



Sunday morning the elders announced that we will open up more pews in the auditorium starting this coming Sunday, March 21. We will still have every third row marked off to remain empty, but the change will give us more seating space, which we are beginning to need as more people come back. As they announced, we will still have our Lord's Supper servers walking between rows to serve everyone individually (so we still won't be passing the trays down through the rows yet).

More of our members are getting vaccinated, and we happy to see a few more people each week who now feel comfortable returning to our worship services. We are prayerful that we are down to our last few months

of COVID restrictions – hang in there just a little longer!

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### Grow Date Change: Now Beginning April 11



We also announced Sunday morning that we will wait to begin our youth Grow classes on April 11, to finalize our planning and also give it more space away from Spring breaks and Easter weekend. The April 11 night will also be our Grow "Kickoff," including not only the 4pm class but also a get-together in the gym following our 5pm Bible classes.

Grow is our new in-house youth leadership training, for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. This is all new to us, and we think it is going to be great! So all 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (and parents who drive them!) make plans to be with us on Sunday afternoons at 4pm, beginning April 11!

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### Baptized Into Christ: Luke Shores



We rejoice with Luke Shores, who was baptized into Christ Sunday morning following our worship services! Luke is the 11-year old son of Don and Stephanie, and in response to Luke's questions, they have had several conversations and studies over the past year about becoming a Christian. Luke also read through the book *Am I Ready to be Baptized?* (Great Oaks gives those out to people if you or your child would like a copy!) This weekend, Luke decided he was ready, and he confessed his faith in Jesus and had his sins washed away. Keep Luke in your prayers as he begins his walk with Christ! 65 Sawgrass Cove, Oakland, TN 38060

## Prayer Request

- **Joe Gillentine:** was scheduled for surgery this morning to remove a piece of a kidney stone that was blocking his kidney and causing his fever.
- **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 in the hospital. The doctors are waiting on his kidney to get better before they decide what to do about his toe. Ramona is able to stay with him and his mom is helping with Laura.
- **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 the adoption process during the next few months for 2 siblings from South America, a boy, age 11 and a girl, age 8. They will finish their home study this week.

## Family & Friends

- **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 last week. 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.
- **Sam Reid:** brother of Noah Reid (fiancée of Mallory Wyatt) **UPDATE:** has completed his first week of physical therapy. He has done well but is really sore. He looks forward to the day that it does not hurt so much to move! His chest x-rays last week looked good. He also visited the pain clinic and had his pain meds adjusted. He has more follow up doctor visits in the weeks to come. He will start school as a homebound student next week. Please continue praying for complete healing specifically for his arm and hand. Also for Todd and Christie as the care for and encourage Sam. Sam is definitely missing being able to see his friends, his address is: 5488 Chapel Meadow Cove Arlington, TN 38002
- **Karl Rice,** 15 yr. old cousin of Stacey Riggs, was hit by a truck in Stafford, Virginia, last Thursday night resulting in a major brain injury and many broken bones.
- **Don Alan Riggs;** son of Stacey & Jeff, will have a pre-op on March 22 and surgery on his vocal cord on March 26th.
- **Carl Rowland:** a co-worker of Jesse Matthews has been diagnosed with stage 1 liver cancer.

If you have a prayer request for yourself, family or friends please let us know so that we can include your prayer request in our bulletin and emails.



Attendance QR Code for the Adult class in the Auditorium tonight, Wednesday, March 17, 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 - Date Change** 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 hostess is Amy McKay.

## Thank you

Great Oaks family, Betty and I want to offer our appreciation and thanks for all the beautiful cards, kind thoughts and prayers in the death of our sweet, oldest sister, Dorothy Whitehead. She was 99 1/2 years old, a wonderful Christian woman so we don't sorrow for her; she got to go to Glory. We only sorrow for ourselves. We will miss her but look forward to being together again soon. Thank you for the memorial to the small congregation she loved so much!

We love each of you!!  
**Peggy Brown and Betty Troup.**



Dear Great Oaks,  
We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement after the loss of Dad. Also, we appreciate the donation in his honor to St. Jude. Each kind act helps us through this difficult time. Again, thank you very much.

In Love, **The Tuckers**



Welcome to the family Pedro Vargas. Pedro met with the Elders last week to let them know he would like to be a part of the Great Oaks Family. Please take time to introduce yourself to him and welcome him to our Great Oaks family. His address is 7164 Plum Orchid Cove, Memphis, TN 38133

### Updated - Food Pantry Needs:

#### Cereal

Alfredo Sauce  
Taco seasoning packets, taco sauce  
Egg noodles  
Pizza crust mix  
Vegetable, Minestrone, Creamed Soups, Chicken Noodle  
Chili seasoning packages, Kidney beans  
Peanut butter crackers

**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.

### 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:** Wednesday: **NEW DATE**

**March 20:** Mother/Son Night Out

**March 21:** M.S./H.S. Devotional @Jeff & Stacey Riggs'. The Bus will leave from the building after PM Classes

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

Please contact Matthew Higginbotham if you have any questions.



Mother-Son Night Out. We will go to Andy B's for an evening of fun on **Saturday, March 20th @ 6:00 p.m.** There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board

*Save this date: April 3rd*

for our Kid's Egg Hunt. Details will be in next week's bulletin.



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

**Friday night March 26th  
here at Great Oaks  
7 PM - 7 AM Cost: \$5.00**

### 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 21, 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 3/10/2021)			
Bible Study*	180		
Sunday (314/2021)			
AM Worship*	297**		
PM: Bible Study*	174		
Contribution	\$16,719	\$21,687	\$19,750
*does not include all those participating through Livestream			
** Includes 17 at Youth Retreat			

### 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

#### Secretaries:

Brenda Amon: office@greatoaks.org  
Pam McKay: pmckay@greatoaks.org

**FACEBOOK:** Iglesia de Christo Great Oaks

#### 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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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.

**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 21, 2021.** Adult, 20's, College age class in the auditorium.

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#### Read through the Bible in 2021

March 18: Deuteronomy 10:2-22; 11; 12 and Acts 21:1-16  
March 19: Deuteronomy 13; 14; 15 and Acts 21:17-40  
March 20: Deuteronomy 16:17; 18:1-8 Acts 22:1-21  
March 21: Deuteronomy 18:9-21 and Acts 22:22-30; 23:1-11  
March 22: Deuteronomy 22;23;24 and Acts 23:12-35  
March 23: Deuteronomy 24; 26; 27 and Acts 24:1-23  
March 24: Deuteronomy 28 and Acts 24:24-27; 25:1-12