



GREAT OAKS
CHURCH OF CHRIST
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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2021 Theme
"Generation to Generation"



From Tim...

Well-Wishes to Matthew and Claire This Sunday



Matthew and Claire's last Sunday with Great Oaks is this coming Sunday, April 11. So following the Sunday morning service this week, we will have a "Wish You Well" reception for Matthew and Claire. We will have a table to write notes for them or leave cards, and we will pray for them in the next chapter of their lives. Matthew announced a few weeks ago that he has accepted a preaching position with the Dayton Church of Christ in Dayton, TN, closer to their families in East Tennessee. He begins preaching there in May.

I appreciate the good things Matthew and Claire have done with our youth over the past 2 ½ years, and most of all I appreciate their sincere Christian faith. I pray God's best blessings on them at Dayton, and I look forward to seeing God use them to strengthen His church throughout their lifetime of ministry.

Grow Really Begins This Sunday (April 11) at 4pm!



After planning and then re-planning, our 8-week Grow Class will start this coming Sunday at 4pm, running through the end of May. ***This is for all 1st-12th graders, so parents please encourage your kids to be part of it, and please try to be here a few minutes before 4 if possible.*** Over the coming 8 weeks, we will be learning about church leadership, and practicing skills for leading in worship settings.

This is a new program for us, and we will learn as we go, but I know it's going to plant good seeds in our young people, and we will have fun along the way. For those of us who were blessed to have programs like this as we grew up, we know how valuable classes like this can be.

Baptized Into Christ: Phoenix Farmer



This past Saturday morning, Phoenix Farmer was baptized into Christ! He has been studying with his parents, Aarek and Jen, and he decided this weekend that he was ready to confess his faith and have his sins washed away by the blood of Christ. We are happy for Phoenix in this biggest and best commitment of his life, and we look forward to watching him continue to grow in his faith! *11962 Brockwell Road, Arlington, TN 38002*

Prayer Request

- **Joe Gillentine:** is doing much better and was able to attend church service last Sunday morning and taught FBI Tweens class that evening. We are thankful for God's healing hand and prayers offered on his behalf.
- **Susie Martin:** has a growth on her esophagus which has been affecting her swallowing and causing weight loss. She had an endoscopy and esophagus stretching to assist with swallowing. She will be having surgery on April 9th and remain in the hospital for 4 days.
- **Anna McCorkle:** Is getting better every week and enjoys receiving the cards. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Shirley Mathews:** will have cataract surgery in the near future.
- **Violet Matthews:** is not doing well. She is bedridden and having circulation problems. The doctors believe they have done all they can for her.
- **Brian Olive:** is doing well.
- **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.

Family & Friends

- **Piper Grace Campbell:** newborn granddaughter of Trip and Cindy Campbell; former members will remain in Vanderbilt Hospital for about 3 months.
- **Betty Hanson:** friend of Jennie, Milligan met with her oncologist on Tuesday. She is recovering from having a malignant tumor removed from her neck. Chemo and radiation are the next step. Jennie and her mom will be going with her this week. She is a member of the Norfolk church of Christ in AR. Her home address is 270 Pine St, Salesville, AR 72653.
- **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.
- **Sam Reid:** brother of Noah Reid (fiancée of Mallory Wyatt) **New Update:** returned to the Med last Saturday with infection in the wound site. He did not respond as well to the treatment this time, therefore they had to do surgery to clean the original thoracotomy incision and place a medicated sponge for now to promote healing. They also made another incision higher up to access the infection pocket. To do so they had to remove 2.5" of a rib. They washed and cleaned the pocket with iodine. He will be on a 4 to 5 antibiotic regimen for several months. He will also be taking an antifungal medicine for a long time. He will be in a lot of pain at first. Please continue to pray for complete healing. We appreciate all of you and your prayers.
- **Marilyn Thomas:** sister of Charlene Parsons, is seeking other treatment at a different hospital for her pancreatic cancer. Her first round of treatment was not effective and the tumor has grown. Please pray that they can find the right treatment to eliminate the cancer. 7559 Railroad St., Trexlertown, PA



Bridal Shower for Mallory Wyatt (and fiancée Noah Reid) will be **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



Bridal Shower

In honor of Keeley Baskin and her fiancée (Michael Clanahan) will be April 25th at 3:00 PM at Great Oaks. Keeley is registered at Crate and Barrel, Amazon and Target.

Hostess is Kerri Grinder

Thank you

"A little thoughtfulness can be the greatest blessing of all."

Dear brethren at Great Oaks, Thank you for your kind act of benevolence to us. We are appreciative of it and your prayers for us. Please remember us in the days ahead.

In His service, **Donald & Carol Ann Woods**
Gal 6:10.

Ministers Search

Please continue to pray for the Elders in their search for an Involvement Minister and Youth Minister. They are accepting resumes for these positions at elders@greatoaks.org

ADDRESS CORRECTION: Ronnie & Debbie Martins' address is 6120 Brunswick Road, Lakeland, TN 38002 (not Arlington as posted last week.)



Attendance QR Code for the Adult class in the Auditorium tonight, Wednesday, April 4, 2021.

Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.



West TN Children's Home

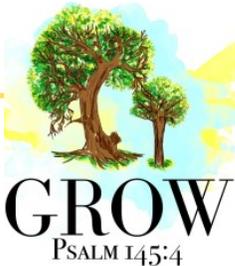
We will be collecting the following items:

- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Snack Cakes
- Totem Cheese
- Velveeta Cheese

If you would like to make a monetary donation for perishable items, you can drop one off in the office. Casey will be here 4/27th to collect these things. There is a table in the breezeway for these items.

APRIL EVENTS

- April 8: TNT
- April 14: Fwednesday
- April 16-19: Nest Weekend
- April 22: TNT
- April 24 - 25: Jr./Sr. Retreat & Banquet
- April 25: M.S./H.S. Devotional



Beginning April 11 @ 4 pm. These classes are aimed on encouraging our youth to practice skills in giving speeches, leading singing, publicly leading prayers and reading scripture. We will also have a couple of classes on the characteristics of Christian leaders and the responsibilities of church leaders.

Lebonheur Children's Hospital Pantry. This is an ongoing project all year.

These are items needed:

Microwavable: Soup, Ready to eat meals, rice, entrees, 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.

GRADUATES



If you have graduated from college since last May through this May and would like to participate in our **SENIOR'S DAY ON MAY 16TH**, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

Highlights of due dates for submitting items:

- April 28: Graduate Bulletin Insert & Display Table (Bio, picture and framed picture.)
 - May 2: Graduate Video (songs and pictures)
- Please contact Brenda Amon for instructions/details of how to prepare and present the information needed. We will set up a graduate table at the end of April for items to be dropped off and picked up.

High School Graduates

- Riley Elaine Beville
- James Franklin Carden
- Hunter James McWilliams
- Laura Olive
- Emily Vazquez
- *Laura Haynes (*frequent visitors)
- Hunter Campbell
- Karina Escobedo
- Curtis Milam
- Esmeralda Ordonez
- *Hunter Brockman

College Graduates:

- Katie Speight
- Chase Milam Kelley
- Keeley Baskin
- Lindsay Abrams

Tylin Dismuke will complete Basic training at Ft. Leonard, MO and graduate on April 8th; after graduation he will go to Ft Sills, OK for AIT (Advanced Individual Training.) where he will learn the skills he needs to perform his job in the Army. We will provide his new address after he arrives at Fort Sills, OK.

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, April 11, 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 3/31/2021)			
Bible Study*	206		
Sunday (04/04/2021)			
AM Worship*	434		
PM: Bible Study*	198		
Contribution	\$28,134	\$22,042	\$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.

<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>ELDERS: Larry Jackson, Lynn Parrish, Mark Pledge, Don Hutson, Mickey Barker: Michael Williams Johnny Craft</p> <p>Secretaries: Brenda Amon: office@greatoaks.org Pam McKay: pmckay@greatoaks.org</p> <p>FACEBOOK: Iglesia de Christo Great Oaks</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 ♥ Las Flores church of Christ, Peru ♥ Church in Pittsfield, MA ♥ Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies/Knoxville, TN</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.greatoaks.org</p>
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GREAT OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST
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A Christ-centered, Bible-based, and Family-oriented committed to God, each other, and our community.

Give Online

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 April 11, 2021. Adult, 20's, College age class in the auditorium. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.

Read through the Bible in 2021	
April 8	Judges 5; 6 and Mark 5:1-20
April 9:	Judges 7; 8 and Mark 5:21-43
April 10:	Judges 9 and Mark 6:1-29
April 11:	Judges 10; 11:1-28 and Mark 6:30-56
April 12:	Judges 11:29; 12 and Mark 7:1-23
April 13:	Judges 13; 14 and Mark 7:24—37; 8:1-10
April 14:	Judges 16; 17; and Mark 8:11-26