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2021 Theme
"Generation to Generation"



From Tim...

Winter Bible Classes Begin Tonight

Tonight we begin new Bible classes for December through February. We have slowly been resuming our full Bible class schedule over the past year, and now that all our usual children's classes are back, we are continuing to increase our adult class offerings.

The biggest changes this quarter will come in our Wednesday night adult classes. We will restart two new Wednesday night adult classes:

- Our ladies Bible class in room 201/203, taught this quarter by Carren Marvin.
- Another adult Bible class in room 306, taught this quarter by Aarek Farmer.

We will still have our auditorium adult Bible class, and Doyle Stover will return to teaching the Wednesday night auditorium class that he taught for many years before the pandemic. Doyle always brings a well-studied teaching approach with lots of Bible, and I know it will be another good class.

Come be part of our Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes!

Around the Building: Our Conversation Table is Back



Our Conversation Table has been set up again in the lobby, between the chairs outside of my office. It is full of material that may be helpful as we have faith conversations with people in our lives. You will find tracts, books, and booklets on various topics including Christian evidences (why we believe in God, Jesus, and Scripture), salvation (baptism, how to be saved), and churches of Christ (undenominational Christianity, what the Bible teaches on various topics).

Check out the conversation table, and feel free to take any of those materials as you find them helpful!

Ministry Spotlight: Involvement Committee

God has blessed Great Oaks with many new families, even during these pandemic years, and we want to do the best we can to help everyone have a place to serve. When we are all serving in our different roles, our faith grows and the church grows (Ephesians 4:15-16).

So we have been asking ourselves, "How can we do a better job getting our new members involved?" New members (understandably) don't always know how to get plugged in, beyond attending worship and Bible classes.

With that challenge in mind, we recently organized an Involvement Committee, made up of 3 of our deacons and 1 of our elders. Rick Knox and Jamie Hannah serve as deacons over involvement, Bryan Gore has now added involvement to his role (along with benevolence), and Michael Williams, our elder over involvement, is also working with this team.

The Involvement Committee has spent the last few months organizing our involvement process and beginning to reach out to our recent new members to get the process started. We are excited about what they're doing. *Please pray for this group, that it will help us be more effective at helping our new members find their places to serve God here at Great Oaks!*

Prayer Requests

Members

- **Cathy Gillentine:** the results of her tests indicate her heart is skipping beats. They are scheduling a CT scan and putting her on a new medication.
- **Janice Harden:** has two slipped discs in her back causing a lot of pain. She will see the surgeon on 12/6 and set a date for back surgery.
- **Lee Martin:** is suffering from bronchitis and feeling weak.
- **Noel Martin:** is in Baptist East. He is experiencing a low heart rate. They are running tests to evaluate the cause and changing his medication.
- **Carren Marvin:** the procedure went well. She is experiencing some soreness but doing good overall.
- **Brian Olive:** is doing pretty well. He has dialysis 3 times a week and quite a few doctor visits each week.

Family & Friends

- **Nora Parrish:** Lynn Parrish's mother, is in the hospital and not doing well. Her address is 134 Taylor Street, Trenton, TN 38382
- **Hattie Shell:** the cancer has spread to her spinal fluid and brain. The doctors at St. Jude have begun a more intensive treatment.



Ladies Care Group

Will meet December 7th to assemble and deliver care baskets. If you would like to make a monetary donation please leave it in the church office or give to Peggy Brown. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Gaither or Peggy Brown.



Attendance QR Code for the Adult class in the Auditorium tonight, Wednesday, December 1 2021. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.

Reminder to all who signed up; the Seminar is this Sunday, December 5th.



FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR



WHEN: Sunday, December 5, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

WHERE: Great Oaks church of Christ

WHO: Jeremy Pharr - Presentation, Q & A (a Nashville attorney specializing in Estate Planning.)

This seminar is being provided by Freed-Hardeman University. After the Presentation you will have the opportunity to sign up for a private meeting with Jeremy. All consultations will be completely free, strictly confidential and without any obligation or pressure to include charitable organizations in your estate plan. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, regarding the program, contact Larry Jackson.

Corinna Kayal responded to the invitation on Sunday, November 21st. She is hurting over the loss of her parents this past year, struggling with guilt and wants to be more faithful to God. Please keep her in your prayers.

LADIES ORNAMENT SWAP

KERRI GRINDER'S HOUSE
DECEMBER 7 @ 6 PM

BRING AN ORNAMENT AND FINGER FOOD

We will have a bus available. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those wanting to ride the bus. It will leave the church building promptly at 5:30 PM.



Join us for a shower for the Bride-to-Be

Kallysta Newmann, bride-elect of Seth Key

December 12th @ 3 PM

At Great Oaks church of Christ

Registered @ Target and Amazon.

Arinne Alsup is the coordinator



**LaPlace Louisiana
Disaster Relief Work Mission Trip
December 9-12**

We are planning a trip to LaPlace Louisiana to help with construction to the interior of homes damaged by the hurricane in August. We are in need of 5—10 people willing to take on this task. We have several volunteers to do the cooking.

We will be staying in the church building. There is a complete kitchen, a place for sleeping and showering.


There is a Home Depot near by where we can purchase supplies. If you would like to give a contribution to help with supplies needed gift cards to Home Depot or cash can be given to Brenda in the church office. If you would like more information on this trip or how you might help, please see Mickey Barker.

Young Families will have a meal together after the PM service on December 19th. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board beginning this Sunday for those planning to come.

**3rd Grade & Under
Christmas Party**

December 17th; 6:00 - 8:00 PM

We will have dinner, a devo, craft time and a special visitor...
If you have questions, please see Erika Hubbard.

 The signup sheet for 2022 to Lock up the building is on the bulletin board. Please pick a month and signup to help with this important task. Please see Jerry Nabors or Wesley Hubbard if you have questions.

Scriptures to Read through the Bible in 2021

Dec. 2	Ezekiel 16 and I John 2:12-29
Dec. 3	Ezekiel 17; 18; 19 and I John 3
Dec. 4	Ezekiel 20; 21 and I John 4
Dec. 5	Ezekiel 22; 23 and I John 5
Dec. 6	Ezekiel 24; 25; 26 and II John
Dec. 7	Ezekiel 27; 28 and III John
Dec. 8	Ezekiel 29; 30 and Revelation 1

**December
Teen Events**
Youth Grades 7th through 12th

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 4: Christmas Party
December 5: Youth Service Project
December 10: Parent's Night Out
December 12: Teen Devo after PM services @ the home of Jeff and Stacey Riggs
December 29: F Wednesday
December 31: Lock-in

Details below. Contact Chase Surrall, if you have questions regarding the youth group and its activities.

Teen Christmas Party—December 4th @5:30



here at the church building. We will have an Ugly Sweater Contest, Dirty Santa gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less. Also bring a finger food to share. If you have questions, please contact Chase Surrall.

Teen Service Project December 5th



We will meet after the am services to have lunch from 11:30—12:30 and put together gift baskets for our shut-ins. We will deliver the baskets and sing carols from 12:30—2:30. If anyone would like to make a monetary contribution to assist with this project, please give your contribution to Chase Surrall.

Tween Christmas Party
Dec 18th; 6:00—8:30 PM

We will have food, a devo, movie and a fun gift exchange game. The cost is \$3.00. Also please bring a \$10 or less gift for the exchange (something unique and fun.) Please see Nathan Hubbard or Ryan McDaniel for details.

Parent's Night Out December 10th from 5:00—8:00pm. Dinner is provided. Please bring \$4.00 per child and drop your children off in the gym. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board across the hall from the Elders office. Please signup on the form or text Chase if you plan to attend so he can plan accordingly.



Serving December 5, 2021

Songs:

AM: Jonathan Long

PM: Graham Carey

Communion Devotional: Gary Green

Prayers:

AM Opening: Darrell Speight

AM Closing: Lynn Parrish

PM: Opening: Bo Scott

PM Closing: Jerry Nabors

Scripture Reading:

AM: Jonah McKay

PM Extended: Mark Pledge

PM: Phoenix Farmer

Presiding Elder: Larry Jackson

Elder Spotlight/AM & PM Announcements: Lynn Parrish

Backup: Johnny Craft

Lord's Supper AM: Ryan McDaniel*, Clayton Whitfield, Michael Williams, Rick Arnett, Cameron Nabors,* Larry Baker, Mickey Barker, Chuck Barnett

Lord's Supper PM: TBA (Library)

OTHERS TO SERVE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

USHERS: Steve Hannah, Peter Welch, Joe Ford, Bill Hardman, Cody Stubblefield

Backups: Clayton Whitfield, Rick Arnett, Larry Baker (please be in the Library 15 min. before every service)

LOCK BUILDING: Jerry Nabors, Wesley Hubbard

SOUND ROOM: Trey Conway/Steve Ritter

STREAMING: **AM:** Chris Peak Backup: TBA

PM: Craig Collier Backup: Chris Wilson

SAFETY TEAM: Mike Morrison (Team Leader) Jason McKay, Wesley Hubbard, Jeff Riggs, Jeff Smock

PREPARE COMMUNION: Brian and Donna Daniel

Baby Nursery 11/28 AM: Kathy Hubbard/Sarah Hubbard

11/28 PM: Trish Patrick/Yvonne Welch

Toddler: 11/28 AM: Jana Blount/Melinda Crosslin

11/28 PM: Amy McKay/Kim Miller

FOR THE RECORD

	Week	2021 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday (11/23/2021)			
Bible Study*	223		
Sunday (11/28/2021)			
AM Bible Classes*	257		
AM Worship*	353		
PM Worship*	172		
Contribution	\$24,230	\$21,127	\$19,750
*Numbers do not include all those participating through Livestream			



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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 Box-cast app, and search for Great Oaks Church of Christ.

Our Spanish Services Sunday morning Bible class at 9 AM. Worship at 10 AM, Sunday evening at 5:00 PM and Wednesday night devo @ 7 PM are also livestreamed on their FaceBook page: Iglesia de Cristo Memphis.

SCHEDULE:

Sunday Bible Study: 9 AM
 Sunday Worship: 10 AM and 5 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study: 2 PM
 Wednesday Devo: 7 PM
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ELDERS:

Larry Jackson, Lynn Parrish,
 Mark Pledge, Don Hutson
 Mickey Barker, Michael Williams
 Johnny Craft

Secretaries:

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 ♥ 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
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