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From Tim...

“Blessed and Blessing” – Our Theme for 2022



God's covenant with Abram in Genesis 12:1-3 included some amazing promises. If Abram would follow God, God promised (among other things) that Abram would be “blessed,” and that Abram would “be a blessing.” We see throughout Scripture that when people commit themselves to follow God, their lives show those same qualities: they receive God's blessings, and God uses their lives to bless other people.

Our theme for 2022 is “Blessed and Blessing.” We will reflect on God's many blessings, and we will challenge ourselves to be a blessing to our community and to the people God has put in our lives.

And we think it's a fitting theme for our congregation, because in 2022 Great Oaks will celebrate its 30-year Anniversary! ***We will have a 30-year Homecoming on the weekend of August 13-14, 2022.*** Saturday, August 13, we will have a fun day of games and food here at the building, and on Sunday, August 14, we will worship together, have a fellowship lunch together, and then have an early afternoon worship service. Be inviting your friends and family – we hope it will be one of the biggest and best weekends we have ever had!

Blessing Bags in the Lobby



Our latest round of Blessing Bags are available in the lobby! Take some of these for your vehicle, and when you see someone on the side of the road requesting help, you will have something to hand out as you pass by. These bags include a water bottle, peanut butter crackers, a granola bar, hand wipes, gloves, and note of blessing from Great Oaks. There are also some small blankets if you want to take one to hand out.

We hope these will help us share God's love in a small but meaningful way to those who are hurting around our community. Thank you to everyone who brought items for these Blessing Bags, and also those who helped put them together.

Baptized Into Christ: Chad Wyatt



Tuesday night here at the building, Chad Wyatt confessed his faith in Jesus and was baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of his sins! Chad has been making some incredible life changes over the past year, and we are excited to watch God continue to do good things in his life. Congratulations Chad! *“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Gal. 3:27).*

Chad is the husband of Heather and the father of Charlie and Hannah. He is a full time firefighter with the Arlington Fire Department. Let's be praying for Chad as he walks with Christ! 3395 Summerdale Avenue, Bartlett, TN 38133.

Prayer Requests

Members

- **Lois Adams:** has her surgery tentatively scheduled for January 14th.
- **Sergio Baltazar:** meets with a specialist today for possible hernia surgery.
- **Jana Blount:** has Covid pneumonia and is at home recovering.
- **Corinna Kayal:** has tested positive with Covid and is having bad flu-like symptoms.
- **Haley Goodman:** is recovering from Covid. She was feeling poorly but is on the mend.
- **Davis Holder:** infant son of Patrick and Samantha Holder (grandson of Elmer and Patricia and nephew of Chris and Katherine Peak) is doing well. He now weighs 1 lb. 12 oz.
- **Amanda Mitchell:** has pneumonia, dehydration and fever. It is not Covid related. She is home recovering and feeling a bit better.
- **Ann Etta Moore** (frequent visitor) will undergo an outpatient procedure today. She is expected to be able to go home this evening.

Please keep all our members, their families and friends who are currently affected, and/or recovering from Covid in your prayers.

Family & Friends

- **Jonah & Allie (Craft) Boggess:** former member, both have tested positive for Covid. She is expecting their first baby in April.
- **Thomas Brown:** Tommie Hannah's father was able to go home from the hospital last weekend. He began PT at home on Monday.
- **Nora Parrish:** Lynn Parrish's mother, is doing well. She is currently in a skilled nursing facility. Her address is 134 Taylor Street, Trenton, TN 38382
- **Diane Snider:** cousin of Donnita Craft is in a Boise hospital with Covid pneumonia. She is not doing well. Her stats keep dropping and the family has requested our prayers.
- **Avis Terry:** mother of Donna Parrish, is in critical condition at Baptist Collierville. Her address is: 8138 Pine Creek Cove West, Germantown, TN 38138
- **Sherrill Wade:** sister of David Looney (1st preacher at Great Oaks) is in Wadley Regency Hospital in Texarkana, TX. She has double pneumonia and stage 4 kidney failure. She is doing poorly.



Meet Laurie Moses Milam.

He was born January 4th. He weighed 8 lbs. His parents are former members, Carter and Emma (Ward) Milam. His proud grandparents are Jason and Kelly Ward, Gary and Angela Milam. His great grandparents are Len & Kathy Hubbard and Mike and Prue McBride. He also has many aunts, uncles and cousins here at Great Oaks.



Attendance QR Code for the Adult class in the Auditorium tonight, Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to record your attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.



We will be asking for a specific item each week to stock our food pantry.

Item for the Week of January 16th - 22nd is: Instant Potatoes

Our deepest Sympathy to the following:

Ramona and Laura Olive in the death of Brian Olive. Brian passed on January 6th. His memorial service was held on Monday here at Great Oaks. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of mourning. In lieu of flowers a college fund has been set up for Laura. If you wish to contribute, you can use the PushPay app on your phone or drop off a check in the church office. Make checks payable to Great Oaks church of Christ and note on the memo line "for Laura Olive college fund."

David McDaniel (uncle of Ryan McDaniel) whose wife passed away on Saturday, January 8th after losing her battle with cancer. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Lindsey.

Estate Planning Appointments:

For all those who have scheduled appointments with Jeremy Pharr for estate planning. Due to inclement weather, all appointments originally scheduled for January 6th have been rescheduled for February 3rd. Appointments originally scheduled for January 7th have been rescheduled for January 31st. Your appointment time has been posted on the bulletin board. If you cannot keep your appointment, please contact Larry Jackson or the church office as soon as possible.

FOCUS GROUP

We will resume our Focus Groups this year. We are reorganizing for 2022. **Anyone wanting to participate MUST sign up to be**

included. For those wanting to participate but not meet in a home there is a "non-meeting" option. Please indicate which group you would like to participate in: "meet" (means a group who meets in a home quarterly) or "non-meet" (meaning you wish to be a part of a group who do not meet in the home but do outreach.) There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please check the appropriate box for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Martin.

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 breezeway hallway for these items.

ALSO NEEDED: iPhone/iPad charging cords.

Blessing Bags

Have been assembled and are on the tables in the lobby. Please take several to keep in your car to give out when you see someone in need.

Scriptures to Read through the Bible in 2022

Jan 13	Genesis 31:23; 33:1-17 and Matthew 10:1-23
Jan 14	Genesis 33:18—35 and Matthew 10:24-42; 11:1
Jan 15	Genesis 36; 36 and Matthew 11:2-30
Jan 16	Genesis 38; 39 and Matthew 12:1-21
Jan 17	Genesis 40; 41:1-49 and Matthew 12:22-50
Jan 18	Genesis 41:50-57; 42; 43 and Matthew 13:1-23
Jan 19	Genesis 44; 45 and Matthew 13:24-43

Teen Events

Youth Grades 7th through 12th

JANUARY 2022 EVENTS

January 14-16 EU (see below for details)
January 23: Teen and Young Adult Devo
January 26: F/Wednesday, Meal at 6:00 pm, singing to follow. Bring your friends!
January 30: Youth led evening service

Contact Chase Surrell, if you have questions regarding the youth group and its activities.

Evangelism University—January 14-16, 2022

EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JAN 14th	SATURDAY, JAN 15th (continued)
4:45 Meet at Great Oaks	12:20-12:45 Group C Lunch / Group D free time
5:00 Depart for Evangelism University	12:45-1:10 Group D Lunch / Group C free time
5:00-8:00 Stop for food and travel.	1:30-2:15 Elective Class 1
8:00 Evangelism University Service	2:30-3:15 Elective Class 2
9:30 Head to the Cabin	3:30 Head to the Cabin
SATURDAY, JAN 15th	6:30-7:00 Early Singing
7:30 Breakfast @ Cabin	7:00 Keynote
9:00-9:15 Singing and instructions	8:30 Head to Cabin
9:30-10:15 Keynote	SUNDAY, JAN 16th
10:30-11:15 Core Class	8:30 Breakfast
11:30-11:55 Group A to lunch / Group B free	9:30-10:30 Worship @ Cabin
11:55-12:20 Group B to lunch / Group A free	10:30-11:00 Pack up/Clean up
11:30-12:20 C/D Practice Session / Adults (gym)	11:00 Depart for Great Oaks
12:30-1:20 A/B Practice Session / Adults (gym)	1:00 Arrive at Great Oaks



It's hiring season! As we begin planning for the next school year, we are looking to fill the following positions. If you know of anyone who would be a great fit for the Harding family, please share this email with them. Thank you for partnering with us.

Little Harding Co-Director (starting spring 2022)

Little Harding Administrative Assistant (starting spring 2022)

Upper School Assistant Principal for Middle School

Upper School teacher, 6th grade science and math

Learning Specialist

[Current Openings — Harding Academy of Memphis \(hardingacademymemphis.org\)](http://hardingacademymemphis.org)

Serving January 16, 2022

Songs:

AM: Graham Carey

PM: Jonathan Long

Communion Devotional: Mike McBride

Prayers:

AM Opening: Craig Collier

AM Closing: Mark Pledge

PM: Opening: Lee Esagro

PM Closing: Larry Jackson

Scripture Reading:

AM: J. W. Riggs

PM Extended: Don Hutson

PM: Bo Scott

Presiding Elder: Mark Pledge

Elder Spotlight/AM & PM Announcements: Mark Pledge

Backup: Michael Williams

Lord's Supper AM: Jerry Nabors*, Philip Baucom, Gerry Blackwood, Randy Brown, Mark Pledge* Norris Bruff, Carter Burks, Kenton Coble

Lord's Supper PM: TBA (Library)

OTHERS TO SERVE MONTH OF January 2022

USHERS: Steve Hannah, Bill Hardman, Kevin Scott, Robbie Matthews

Backups: Chuck Barnett, Revis Gobbell, Gary Green (please be in the Library 15 min. before every service)

LOCK BUILDING: Jerry Nabors, Wesley Hubbard

SOUND ROOM: Trey Conway/Steve Ritter

STREAMING: AM: Keith Ledbury Backup: Steve Ritter

PM: Jason McKay Backup: Chris Peak

SAFETY TEAM: Mike Morrison (Team Leader) TBA

PREPARE COMMUNION: Brian and Donna Daniel

Baby Nursery 01/16 AM: Cynthia Davidson/Karen Baskin

01/16 PM: Brady Stubblefield/Regina McKinney

Toddler: 01/16 AM: Ashley Kemp/Hannah VanderMaas

01/16 PM: Brooke Brock/Meredith Wayman

FOR THE RECORD

	Week	2022 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday (01/05/2022)			
Bible Study*	252	195	
Sunday (01/09/2022)			
AM Bible Classes*	252	206	
AM Worship*	382	335	
PM Worship*	231	164	
Contribution	\$29,426	\$26,479	TBA
*Numbers do not include all those participating through Livestream			



Attendance QR Code for the Sunday Morning Worship, January 16, 2022. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.



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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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
- ♥ Christian Chronicle
- ♥ Church in India
- ♥ Church in Sambia/John Maseka



Attendance QR Code for Sunday evening January 16, 2022 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.