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2022 Theme



Happy New Year from the Great Oaks' Ministers and Office Staff

We hope everyone has a safe New Year's weekend!

The office will be closed this Friday (Dec. 30th) and Monday (Jan. 2nd).

Please contact us by cell phone if you need anything.



We Hope Everyone Had a Great Christmas Weekend



We made it through an extremely cold Christmas weekend, and our thoughts are with everyone who has endured problems with rolling blackouts or water lines freezing and breaking. Hopefully, all the water issues will be resolved soon.

In spite of the cold and the busy holiday schedule, I'm thankful we could worship together Sunday morning, and it was good to have so many of your family members visiting with us from out of town. We don't always get to see our church family on the Christmas holiday, so it was great to worship God and catch up with each other in the midst of our holiday traditions.

Resuming Our Regular Sunday Schedule



This coming weekend is New Year's, and please note that our Sunday assembly schedule will be back to normal. We get to start not only the week but the entire year together in worship, and I pray it will be a great beginning to 2023.

Have a safe, great rest of the week, and we will see you Sunday: **9am Bible Classes, 10am worship, and 5pm worship!**

Prayer Requests

Members

- **Don Adams:** tested positive for covid and has been moved to a different room. X-rays show some congestion.
- **Lois Adams:** is receiving treatment on a daily basis. She misses everyone and is thankful for all the prayers on Don and her behalf.
- **Naomi Bell:** recovering well from knee surgery. She is doing PT.
- **James Carden:** has a stress fracture in his fibula. He has been moved to a holding platoon until healed.
- **Nathan Cortez:** began his CAR-T (stem cell) treatment last week. He has experienced some pain but handling it all well.
- **Joe Gillentine:** has Covid and feeling poorly.
- **Cathy Gillentine:** also has Covid and not feeling too well.
- **Jimmy Grinder:** has Covid, the fever is under control. He is taking Covid medication and is beginning to improve.
- **Janice Harden:** is improving. She will continue to receive the shots in her back for a year.
- **Brian Hatley:** is home from the hospital. Phone calls and visits are welcome.
- **Long, Aubrey:** had successful surgery yesterday and is recovering.
- **Cindy Marlar:** had a follow up with her doctor on 12/27.
- **Whitney Ralph:** is dealing with severe back pain. She can't stand or sit for more than a few minutes.
- **Doyle Stover:** has the flu. Please pray for a quick recovery.
- **Pat Thomas:** is slowly improving. She is now using a walker and only resorts to the wheelchair when tired. She is currently receiving in home PT.
- **Tessa Villarreal:** had a nerve block for back pain on 12/27. Please pray it works well to relieve the pain.

Family & Friends

- **Greg Campbell:** Hunter and William's dad, is home recuperating and waiting for swelling in his arm to go down to be able to begin PT. Cards of encouragement while he is healing may be mailed to: 45 South Idlewild #605, Memphis, TN, 38104.
- **Brett Douglas:** Cliff McKinney's brother-in-law, is under hospice care and is stable. Cliff was able to come home last Thursday.
- **Leo Genovesi:** an 8th grader at Arlington Middle School was hit by a car while crossing HWY 70 on 12/15. He has shown some encouraging signs of improvement by opening his eyes, trying to talk and squeezing his parents hands. They are very thankful for all the prayers; they are working! And request continued prayers for Leo's recovery.
- **Darlene Saigeon:** mother of Stacy Saigeon, fell and was transported to the hospital via ambulance. She is home now with a bad sprain. She is to see a neurologist to determine what is causing the weakness in her legs.
- **Ukraine:** the daughter of the preacher in Prokask is pregnant and dealing with toxocosis and another illness. She is in the hospital receiving IV drips.



Attendance QR Code for the Adult classes tonight, December 28, 2022. Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to record your attendance.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming January functions:

January 8: Deanna Hutson Bridal Shower, 3 p.m.
Nest Group Devos
January 11: Ladies Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m.
January 13-15: Youth Group - Evangelism University
January 15: Mary Fairley Baby Shower, 3 p.m.
January 15: Silver Saints Prayer/Devo with Young Adults
January 22: Youth Area Wide @ Great Oaks
Elders/Deacons/Ministers meeting, 3:30 p.m.
Hearthside
January 25: F'Wednesday
January 29: Focus Kickoff
Fifth Sunday Sing



Current address for James Carden as he heals from his broken fibula. Pvt Carden, James F, CO LIMA, PLT MCT BN, SOI-E, MCB, PSC BOX 20161, Camp LeJeune, NC 28542-0161
He will be at this address until the end of January 2023

Blessing Bag needs:

We are continuing to collect gloves/mittens and socks for the Blessing Bags.



January Birthdays

2 Edgar Ordenez	17 Emmanuel Garcia
Teresa Waller	Sherry Hulen
3 Logan Harrah	18 Cindy Marlar
4 Tommie Hannah	Isabella Hernandez
Troy Ledlow	19 Jae'den Dismuke
5 Angie Brown	Addison Clark
Keith Rochell	21 Camila Trejo
Ethan Murray	Trevor Jones
7 Hunter Campbell	Ben Polmonari
Jason Ryder	Micah Crowe
Larry Dallas	23 Rosabra Andres
9 Hailey Amaro	24 Elizabeth Scott
Paula Fuller	Maddie McDaniel
Stephanie Tucker	Wanda Davis
10 Guillermina Nunez	25 Marley Traywick
11 Laura Scott	Lucy Champion
Francis Fairley	Sherry Thorpe
12 Gary Milam	26 Michelle Carey
13 Gary Green	27 Jessica Clark
Candice Knotts	29 Joyce Anderson
Wesley Milligan	Charles Bryson
14 Lois Ballew	30 Denise Campbell
Jane Blackwood	31 Elvia Escobedo
15 Codi Kiihnl	Jake Morrison
Pat Thomas	Belle Skelton
16 Kathy Bryson	Lois Adams
Lacey Ledlow	
Lindsey White	
Mollie Yarbrow	
Rosemary Cotham	

January Anniversaries

- 2 Johnny and Donnita Craft
- 3 Michael and Pam McKay
- James and Charlene Parsons
- 4 Jeff and Kylie Burrow
- 7 Brandon and Lindsey White
- 9 Boyd & Candice Culbreath
- 14 Chuck and Carolyn Barnett
- 16 Gary and Pam Green
- 25 Montreal and Angela Douglas
- Guy and Lavoe Harber
- 31 Jeff and Karen Baskin
- John and Brenda Beville

College Age/Young Adult Party

December 31: New Years Eve Party at the home of Jordan/Whitney Ralph @ 6:00 PM to midnight. Bring a finger food and/or dessert and board games, video games, card games, etc. (10220 Mays Glade Drive, Lakeland, TN 38002)

Moises Umana's sister, Elsa in Costa Rica, had a house fire. They are in need of furniture and household items. Moises/ Maritza are collecting these items and will ship them in January. Please contact them if you can assist with items or monetarily to help with the shipping costs.



Great Oaks Youth Group
FaceBook Page

Grades 7 - 12 December Events
December 30 - 31: Lock-in

January Events

January 8: Nest Devos
January 13-15: Evangelism University
January 22: Youth Area Wide @ Bartlett Woods
January 25: F'Wednesday

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

Please frequent the **Youth Group FaceBook** Page and **texts** from Chase for updates and reminders. Invite your friends to join us in these activities.

New Year's Lock-in

Memphis Youth Area Wide

Dec 30-31, 2022 \$15 per student

Dinner	7 PM	Bartlett Woods
Urban Air	8:30 PM	Collierville
Movie	10 PM	Collierville
Treasure Hunt	1:30 AM	Great Oaks
Devotional	2:30 AM	Great Oaks
Games/Free Play	3:30 AM	Bartlett Woods
Breakfast/Clean up	6:00 AM	Bartlett Woods
Pick-up	7:00 AM	Bartlett Woods

Bartlett Woods Church of Christ



The Great Oaks Youth Group will be attending Evangelism University on Friday, January 13th through Sunday January 15th, in Savannah, TN. Our group will stay at "The Yellow Box" a

Cabin on Pickwick Lake. The Cost for the trip is \$40 for teens. Your \$40 fee covers the EU registration fee, food, and lodging; there is no cost for adult chaperones. EU money will need to be turned in by Sunday, January 8th. We will leave Friday evening at 5:00pm and return Sunday at 1:00pm. **Register by December 28th** at this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MIQ9QhdUKDpNWFK4xv6Ouljal9HKpEX1j71NvffFqv8/edit?usp=sharing>

Scriptures to Read through the Bible in 2022

Dec. 29 Zachariah 12; 13 and Revelation 20:7-15; 21:1-8
Dec. 30 Malachi 1;2;3:1-6 and Revelation 21:9-27; 22:1-5
Dec. 31 Malachi 3:7-18; 4 and Revelation 22:6-21
Congratulations you have read the entire Bible in 2022!

Begin reading through the Bible for 2023

Jan. 1 Genesis 1; 2 and Matthew 1
Jan. 2 Genesis 3; 4; 5 and Matthew 2
Jan. 3 Genesis 6;7; 8:1-19 and Matthew 3
Jan. 4 Genesis 8:20-34; 9; 10; 11:1-26 and Matthew 4

Serving January 1, 2023

Songs:

AM: Graham Carey **PM:** Cody Stubblefield

Communion Devotional: Revis Gobbell

Prayers:

AM Opening: Cody Stubblefield **AM Closing:** Mark Pledge

PM Opening: Floyd Weaver **PM Closing:** Barry Russell

Scripture Reading: **AM:** Jack McDaniel

PM Extended: Mickey Barker **PM:** Elijah Hubbard

Presiding Elder: Don Hutson

Elder Spotlight/AM & PM Announcements: Mark Pledge

Backup: Michael Williams

Lord's Supper AM: Dave Jackson* Draylon Dixon, Lee Esagro, Francis Fairley, Rick Knox* Joe Ford, Quentin Halliburton, Bill Hardman

Lord's Supper PM: TBA (Library)

OTHERS TO SERVE MONTH OF January 2023

USHERS: Cliff McKinney, Robbie Matthews, Steve Hannah, Scott Slocum, Mike McKay, Bill Terlecki

Backups: Michael Shirley, Darrell Speight, Don Turner (please be in the Library 15 min. before every service)

LOCK BUILDING: Wesley Hubbard, Jerry Nabors

SOUND ROOM: Trey Conway

STREAMING: **AM:** Keith Ledbury **Backup:** TBA

PM: Jason McKay **Backup:** Chris Peak

SAFETY TEAM: Jeff Riggs, Mike Morrison, Shaun Tucker, Logan Kicklighter, Don Grayson

PREPARE COMMUNION: Brian and Donna Daniel

Baby Nursery 01/03 AM: Kellie Whitfield/Kelley Loop

01/03 PM: Kim Miller/Stacey Riggs

Toddler: 01/03 AM: Jen Farmer/Blake Warne

01/03 PM: Amy McKay/Kim Miller

SCHEDULE:

Sunday Bible Study: 9 AM

Sunday Worship: 10 AM and 5 PM

Wednesday Bible Study: 2 PM and 7 PM

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MINISTERS/Cell Numbers

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Young Adult/College: Aarek Farmer : (901) 574-0192

Youth: Chase Surrell: (662) 640-5397

Associate Minister: Derek Williams (901) 569-2107

Spanish: Moises Umana (210) 919-8151

Involvement Minister: Gary Reaves (980) 242-6893

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

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WEBSITE: www.greatoaks.org; Alive in Christ! Great Oaks church of Christ, Memphis TN

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♥ Voice of Truth International

♥ Potter Children's Home

♥ FHU Bible Program

♥ Operation Ukraine/Columbus, MS

♥ HopeWorks

♥ Christian Chronicle

♥ Eastern European Missions

♥ West Tennessee Children's Home

♥ Fishers of Men/Tim Wildes

♥ Memphis School of Preaching

♥ Church of Mezhevaya, Ukraine

♥ Church in Pokrovsk, Ukraine

♥ Church in Zimbabwe/Noah Gonzo

♥ Church in Costa Rica/Joaquin Rojas

♥ Church in Brazil/Randy Short

♥ Church in Pittsfield, MA

♥ Las Flores church of Christ, Peru

♥ Church in Honduras

♥ Church in India

♥ Church in Zambia/John Maseka

FOR THE RECORD

	Week	2022 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday (12/21/2022)			
Bible Study*	282	282	
Sunday (12/25/2022)			
AM Bible Classes* **	No Classes	316	
Worship*	417	481	
PM Worship* **	No Service	249	
Contribution	\$29,911	\$25,926	\$25,000

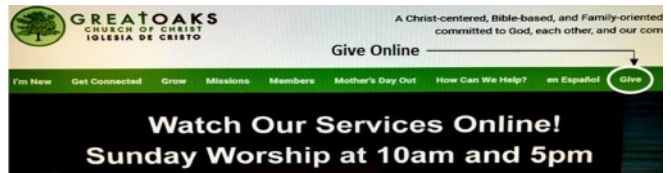
*Numbers do not include all those participating through Livestream

** Christmas Day



Attendance QR Code for the Sunday Morning Worship, January 1, 2023 **Members and Visitors** are asked to use this QR Code to complete attendance whether you are attending in person or via livestream.

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.



1. our *website* : Click on "Watch Live" on the top menu.
2. *website on your phone*: Click the 3 lines to open the menu. Click "Watch Live"
3. *Facebook*: Go to the Great Oaks Church of Christ Facebook page.
4. *YouTube*: Go to the Great Oaks Church of Christ YouTube channel.
5. 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. your *Smart TV or a streaming device* (Roku, Firestick, Apple TV, etc.): download the Box cast app, and search for Great Oaks Church of Christ.



Attendance QR Code for Sunday evening Worship, January 1, 2023 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.