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## From Tim...

### Encouraging One Another At Our Services



We have been blessed to have a full auditorium the past couple of weeks, and we are thankful for every soul that has been present. In both Bible classes and worship, let's all do our best to make room for others who are looking for a seat, and let's strive to greet our visitors and anyone you don't recognize.

Encouraging each other is one of the important elements of Christian assemblies, so we want to do our best! Let's keep inviting, greeting, and helping each other grow in our faith...

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### Youth Area-Wide Here This Sunday Night



***This coming Sunday night (Jan. 22) at 5pm is the Teen Area-Wide Worship here at Great Oaks, and this year they will be joining us in the auditorium!***

Instead of having the area-wide in a separate part of the building, they decided this year to join everyone else in worship in the auditorium, helping encourage the intergenerational nature of God's church. Several of our teen young men will lead us in worship, and Chase will share the sermon. It should be a great night and a great opportunity to encourage our area teens – let's be looking to welcome the teen groups and their chaperones.

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### Some Upcoming “Be Together” Events To Keep in Mind

One of our big goals this year is to build relationships – we hope you can be part of these upcoming events:



✓ ***FOCUS Re-organization for 2023, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, after 5pm worship*** – One of the best ways to connect: sign up to be part of a 2023 FOCUS team! On January 29<sup>th</sup> after our evening assembly, bring some food to share for a potluck dinner, and meet your FOCUS team for 2023!

✓ ***Chili and Pie Cookoff, Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, after Morning Worship*** – Bring some chili and/or a pie to share, and we will eat together for lunch! There will be some (unprofessionally-judged) awards given out. This will also be an opportunity for us to encourage involvement in our many Great Oaks ministries.

✓ ***Family Day, Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*** - Be thinking of who you can invite to join us for one of our biggest Sundays of each year! We will have a potluck lunch following morning worship, and then a 12:30pm afternoon worship (no 5pm worship that day). The theme this year is “The Good Hand of God.” We will have invitations and digital invitations available in the next few weeks.

***We look forward to being together again this Sunday, ready to encourage each other and worship God together!***

## Prayer Requests

### Members

- **Don and Lois Adams:** as they continue to cope with health issues.
- **Nathan Cortez:** has had a lot of pain this week but doing well.
- **Charles Earle:** is still having fatigue after having the stent put in. He will be having a defibrillator put in on 1/25 to help his heart pump more effectively.
- **Wanda Davis:** is recuperating at home. She will see her neurologist in a weeks.
- **Cynthia Grayson:** will be having an upcoming surgery.
- **Janice Harden:** is improving. She is continuing the shots in her back to alleviate the pain.
- **Brian Hatley:** is home from the hospital. Phone calls and visits are welcome.
- **Larry Leslie:** is home from the hospital. Surgery was not successful and he will have another one in a few weeks.
- **Cindy Marlar:** got good news. She will not need chemo, only radiation. Please continue to pray for her as she continues with her plan of treatment.
- **Bradley Milligan:** had his stitches removed today and is now wearing removable boots. They forced his feet 90 degrees causing intense pain. Recovery is still about 3 months.
- **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.

### Family & Friends

- **Greg Campbell:** Hunter and William's dad, will have an EKG on 1/25 to determine if the nerves will require surgery or can heal on their own.
- **Brett Douglas:** Cliff McKinney's brother-in-law, is under hospice care and is stable.
- **Alyssa Kelley:** step-granddaughter of Sherry Jackson, is now home but still experience some seizure episodes. Her address is 58 East Cherry Bark Dr. Atoka, TN 38004.
- **Ellen Matthews:** mother of Robby Matthews, has congestion of the heart and lungs and is on hospice care.
- **Ralph McCormick:** father of Tricia Brandon, is being treated at home for a blood clot in his lung. The pneumonia is getting better.
- **Emme Patterson:** close friend of Whitney Ralph, her husband (Tyler) was killed in a plane crash yesterday. She has two small children ages 3 and 2.
- **April Range:** cousin of Josh Warne, is meeting with her doctors today to go over the results of the biopsy and mastectomy.
- **Darlene Saigeon:** mother of Stacy Nance has been moved to in-patient rehab. She is experiencing a lot of pain. Recovery will be approximately 3 months.
- **Tom Taylor:** had colon surgery this morning. We are waiting for an update on how he is doing.
- **Doris Woods:** Amy Shirley's mother, had an MRI regarding her eye sight. It did not indicate any recent stroke or evidence of a tumor. She is waiting to get an appointment with a neurological ophthalmologist.
- **Teresa Zamora:** Maritza Umana's mother, is in ill health in Costa Rica. Maritza is there until 1/23.

**Jose Elias Roque:** our Honduras Missionary, is requesting prayers for his daughter Paola who is ill. Also for his son Samuel who will be coming to Memphis in August to go to preaching school.



Attendance QR Code for the Adult classes tonight, January 18, 2023 Members and Visitors are asked to use this QR Code to record your attendance.



Steve & Connie Hannah invite you to join them in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 28th from 6—9 PM here at Great Oaks church of Christ.

## Chili and Pie Cookoff

Great Oaks Gym

After A.M. services,  
February 2, All Ages

Team or individual  
Make your best chili,  
your best pie,  
or both. Bring your appetite!



Baby Girl Wayman  
Daughter of Dalton and Meredith  
is almost here!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SHOWER IN HER  
HONOR AT THE HOME OF ELSA WRIGHT  
SATURDAY JANUARY 28 @ 2:30 PM  
4291 WOODCREST DRIVE, MEMPHIS TN  
ALL LADIES ARE INVITED.  
REGISTERED AT: AMAZON.COM  
PLEASE RSVP TO 205-540-8385

Elders, Deacons & Ministers  
Meeting January 22nd  
3:30 PM



Everyone wishing to participate must sign up. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Or you can use this QR code if you prefer. If you have questions, please contact Derek Williams.



### Important 2023 Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Family Day – Sunday, February 26 (Potluck Lunch followed by an afternoon worship)  
“Two Languages, One Faith” Bilingual Sundays– March 26, and September 24.  
Marriage Seminar with Lonnie Jones –May 5-7.  
Vacation Bible School – June 4-7.  
Great Oaks Church Camp – July 16-22.  
Trunk or Treat – Sunday night, October 29.  
Praying for Memphis Sunday – November 12.



### Hospital Pantry 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 expired.
- There is a table in the breezeway hallway for these items.

### Fellowship Dinner

**January 25 @ 5:45 PM**

**Roast beef, potatoes and carrots,  
Salad and rolls, Please add a dessert.**

**There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.  
please sign up if you plan to attend.**



### SILVER SAINTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS SWEETHEART BANQUET

**12 FEBRUARY  
AT NOON**

Lunch provided, Love Song Trivia  
and Fellowship

### Our Sympathy is extended to

The family and friends of Freddy Roberts, friend of Larry Jackson, who passed away last Saturday.

Volunteers need: We need people to lock up the building after Sunday and Wednesday services. Signup list is on the bulletin board.



Great Oaks Youth Group  
FaceBook Page

Grades 7 - 12

### January Events

January 22: Youth Area Wide @ Great Oaks  
January 25: F'Wednesday

### February Events

February 3: Parents' Night Out  
February 12: Sweetheart Dinner  
February 12: Teen Devo  
February 22: F'Wednesday  
February 24: Pizza, PJ's & Princesses  
February 24: Guys Grill & Games  
February 26: Teens @ Hearthside

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.

### Youth Memphis Area Wide - Sunday, February 22, 2023

We will all meet in the auditorium for pm service, young men of the youth group will lead the service, Chase will be our speaker.

**We need help** with desserts (cookies/brownies) and Servers.

We will have a dodgeball tournament. The area wide will end at 8:00 p.m.



**Friday, February 3rd, 5:30pm-8:00pm  
Games, Food, and Devotional  
Great Oaks Gym  
Please Bring \$4 for Supper.  
Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.**

Practices for L2L are as follows:



- Girls Speech:** Sundays at 4 PM (contact Ashley Kemp)
- Girls Debate:** Sundays at 4 PM (Contact Amy Shirley)
- Young Men's Song Leading:** Sundays at 4 PM (Contact Graham Carey)
- Bible Bowl:** will meet from 12 - 1 pm on 2/12; Bible Bowl test will be on March 5th at 12 noon. (contact: Jen Farmer)

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

WE NEED YOUR INPUT: PLEASE USE THIS  
LINK TO FILL OUT OUR SURVEY

<https://forms.gle/R76bvkQ4faVUJ2Xi8>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
OUR FIRST LADIES NIGHT OUT WILL BE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH AT 6PM.  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON.



## Serving January 22, 2023

### Songs:

**AM:** Tim Simpson **PM:** Youth Group

**Communion Devotional:** Gary Green

### Prayers:

**AM Opening:** Jason Ward **AM Closing:** Mark Pledge

**PM Opening:** Youth Group **PM Closing:** Youth Group

**Scripture Reading:** **AM:** Ben Bryson

**PM Extended:** Larry Jackson **PM:** Youth Group

**Presiding Elder:** Don Hutson

**Elder Spotlight/AM & PM Announcements:** Mark Pledge

**Backup:** Michael Williams

**Lord's Supper AM:** Dave Jackson\* Lee Esgro, 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 01/22 AM:** Michelle McWilliams/Leigh McWilliams

**01/22 PM:** Whitney Ralph/Keeley Jobe

**Toddler: 01/22 AM:** Sloan Scott/Alyssa Halliburton

**01/22 PM:** Candice Knotts/Haley Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

	Week	2023 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday (01/11/2023)			
Bible Study	361	363	
Sunday (01/15/2023)			
AM Bible Classes*	385**	357	
Worship* **	564**	526	
PM Worship*	330	273	
Contribution	\$29,563	\$28,974	\$25,000

\*Numbers do not include all those participating through Livestream

\*\* Sunday AM includes 25 at EU/Savannah, TN



**Attendance QR Code for the Sunday Morning Worship, January 22, 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.

### **SCHEDULE:**

Sunday Bible Study: 9 AM

Sunday Worship: 10 AM and 5 PM

Wednesday Bible Study: 2 PM and 7 PM

PHONE NUMBER: (901) 372-4449

FAX: (901) 377-3039

SPANISH: (901) 378-2294

### **MINISTERS/Cell Numbers**

Pulpit: Tim Alsup: (901) 201-1341

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

### ♥ WORKS SUPPORTED ♥

♥ 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

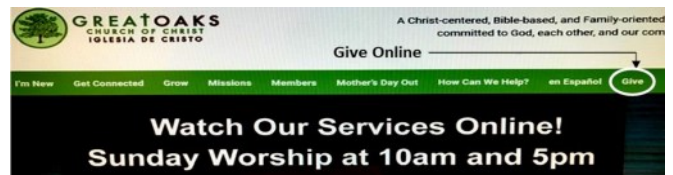
♥ Church in Pittsfield, MA

♥ Las Flores church of Christ, Peru

♥ Church in Honduras

♥ Church in India

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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 January 22, 2023 in the auditorium.**

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