



3355 Brunswick Rd, Memphis, TN 38133  
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## From Tim...

### FOCUS Re-Organization is This Sunday Night!



If you plan to be in a FOCUS team this year – and we hope you will! – we will meet our teams this coming ***Sunday night after the 5pm worship***.

The FOCUS re-organization will be a ***potluck dinner, so please bring some food to share***, and we will eat together in the gym as we meet our groups for 2023.

You can still sign up to be part of a FOCUS team! Let us know if you have any questions about our FOCUS ministry.

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### Another Great Sunday Together



Sunday felt like another great day for our church family! A few blessings I am thankful for from this past Sunday:

- *We were again blessed with over 360 in Bible classes (369), and over 500 together to worship God (527).* After the pandemic years, I think I appreciate our 'full auditorium' Sundays even more, and it's encouraging to have so many of us together for our weekly Bible classes.
- We had our *quarterly elders/deacons/ministers meeting Sunday afternoon*, reminding me of all the great ministries we are blessed to have ongoing, and all the effort that goes into leading them.
- The *Sunday night teen area-wide was great*. It was great to have the teens worship with us together in the auditorium: the singing was outstanding, Chase's lesson on worry was so appropriate, and I understand that their meal and dodgeball tournament after worship was a lot of fun.
- A big thank you to the *Sunday night children's class, as they assembled another round of blessing bags for us*. Take one or two of these to put in your car, for when you see someone in need.

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### Welcome to the Family: Kathy Eanes



Kathy Eanes met with our elders on January 15<sup>th</sup>, letting them know she would like to serve God here as part of the Great Oaks church family!

Kathy grew up in Alexandria, Louisiana, and she was baptized while growing up there at the Jackson Street Church of Christ. But she has lived in Memphis for many years now, and several of our members know her from the Brownsville Road or Bartlett Woods congregations. Kathy has 3 children and 6 grandchildren, and she works at the Millington Naval Base arranging transportation for active duty personnel. For hobbies, she enjoys container gardening, cooking, being an LSU fan, and she is also learning sign language.

We have enjoyed getting to know Kathy, and we are happy to have her with us here at Great Oaks. Meet her if you haven't yet, and welcome her to the family! 2845 N Shore Court, #103, Cordova, TN 38016.

***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:** continuing his cancer treatment, experiencing pain but doing well.
- **Charles Earle:** His surgery for the defibrillator/pacemaker went well. He is home and just needs to rest and recover.
- **Wanda Davis:** is recuperating at home. She will see her neurologist in a few 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 doing better. Phone calls and visits are welcome.
- **Len Hubbard:** will have outpatient surgery on 1/26 to replace his combination pacemaker/defibrillator.
- **Larry Leslie:** is having surgery today for a spot in his back.
- **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 and is now wearing removable boots. Recovery is still about 3 months.
- **Pat Thomas:** is continuing with PT and improving. She still has a way to go to complete recovery.
- **Sherry Thorpe:** will be having eye surgery on 1/30 to remove a floater.

### Family & Friends

- **Greg Campbell:** Hunter and William's dad, will have an EKG today 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 experiencing some seizure episodes. Her address is 58 East Cherry Bark Dr. Atoka, TN 38004.
- **Ralph McCormick:** father of Tricia Brandon, received a good report on both the blood clot and pneumonia. He will go back in 3 months for another scan to keep an eye on the clotting situation.
- **Emme Patterson:** close friend of Whitney Ralph, her husband (Tyler) was killed in a plane crash. She has two small children ages 3 and 2.
- **April Range:** cousin of Josh Warne, biopsy results were not favorable. She has cancerous tumors in lymph nodes on both sides. She will have a CT and bone scan, then begin chemo. Radiation will be added later down the road. Her address is: 1286 Lakeview Road, NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663
- **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 and expects to be in the hospital for several days. He will begin chemo soon. His address is: 2418 Oakwood Rd South Hernando, MS 38632.
- **Mike Willwerth:** Connie Hannah's father will have surgery in a few weeks to receive a defibrillator.

**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 25, 2023 Members and Visitors** are asked to use this QR Code to record your attendance.

### Welcome to the Great Oaks

The following families have met with our Elders and expressed their desire to be a part of our Great Oaks Family.

Jimmy and DeeDee Parsons and their children Madelyn and Mason. Their address is 56 Colonial Woods, Atoka, TN 38004.

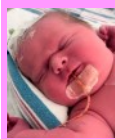
Todd & Emily Moore and their children Haidyn, Ashtyn and Jaxon. Their address is 2385 Collierville Arlington Road, Eads, TN 38028.

If you haven't already met these two great families, please take a moment to introduce yourself to them and give them a warm Great Oaks welcome.

### Deepest Sympathy is extended to

Robbie Matthews and family in the passing of his mother, Ellen Matthews last Friday. Services will be held in Nashville.

### Welcome baby girl, Annie Kate Hubbard.



Annie, daughter of Wesley and Erika was born on Monday (an early arrival).

She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. Both she and mommy Erika are doing well. They hope to come home from the hospital on Saturday.

Annie has two brothers, Ethan and Henry. Her grandparents are Kathy and Len Hubbard.



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.

## THANK YOU

To our Great Oaks family,  
Thank you for all of the calls, texts, cards and emails during our recent covid infection. Most of all we are so grateful for the many prayers offered on our behalf. God blessed us by answering prayers and brought us through safely. He has also blessed us with so many Christian friends at Great Oaks.

We love you all. Peter & Yvonne Welch

## Chili and Pie Cookoff

Great Oaks Gym

After A.M. services,  
February 5, All Ages

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

Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.



**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.

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SHOWER IN HER  
HONOR AT THE HOME OF AUBREY LONG  
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

**SILVER SAINTS  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
SWEETHEART BANQUET**

**12 FEBRUARY  
AT NOON**

Lunch provided, Love Song Trivia  
and Fellowship

**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 3RD AT 6PM.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON.

**New Address:** Dorethia Blanks (Kim Dismuke's mother)  
has moved to the Cordova Wellness & Rehabilitation Cen-  
ter, 955 N. Germantown Parkway, Cordova, TN 38018.  
She would love to see some familiar faces...visitors are  
encouraged.

Grades 7 - 12

**January Events**

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

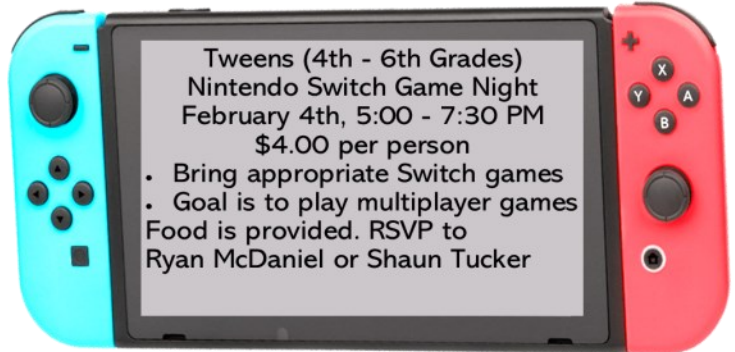
Contact Chase Surrell, if you have questions  
regarding the youth group and its activities.

Please frequent the **Youth Group FaceBook** Page and **texts** from  
Chase for updates and reminders.

Invite your friends to join us in these activities.

**Parents'  
Night Out**

**Friday, February 3rd, 5:30pm-8:00pm**  
**Games, Food, and Devotional**  
**\$4/child Great Oaks Gym**



Tweens (4th - 6th Grades)

Nintendo Switch Game Night

February 4th, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

\$4.00 per person

- Bring appropriate Switch games
  - Goal is to play multiplayer games
- Food is provided. RSVP to  
Ryan McDaniel or Shaun Tucker

**Little Acorns Valentine's Party**  
(3rd grade and under)

February 5th  
after PM Services  
Meal is provided, \$4.00/child  
Contact:  
Stacey Riggs or  
Kelley Loop

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, 1/29 at 3:30 PM in the Library. ( Contact Amy Shirley)
- **Girls Songs of Praise:** Sundays at 4 PM, Room 210. (Contact Haley Wilson)
- **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)



## Serving January 29, 2023

### Songs:

**AM:** Jonathan Long **PM:** Tim Simpson

**Communion Devotional:** Elmer Holder

### Prayers:

**AM Opening:** Peter Welch **AM Closing:** Mark Pledge  
**PM Opening:** Chis Wilson **PM Closing:** Larry Jackson

**Scripture Reading:** **AM:** Carter McKay

**PM Extended:** Lynn Parrish **PM:** Eian Alsup

**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 01/29 AM:** Kathy Hubbard/Sarah Hubbard

**01/29 PM:** Jen Farmer/Blake Warne

**Toddler: 01/29 AM:** Tommie Hannah/Dodie Mize

**01/29 PM:** Pam Green/Karen Fairley

### **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

**FACEBOOK:** Iglesia de Cristo Great Oaks

**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
- ♥ Church in Zambia/John Maseka

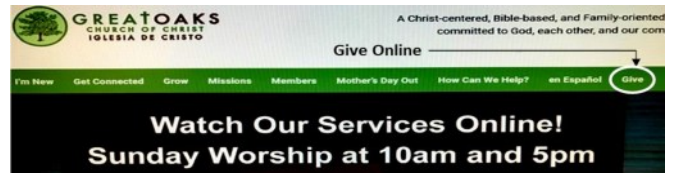
### FOR THE RECORD

	Week	2023 Avg.	Goal
Wednesday (01/18/2023)			
Bible Study	307	344	
Sunday (01/22/2023)			
AM Bible Classes*	369	360	
Worship*	527	527	
PM Worship* **	335	293	
Contribution	\$24,631	\$27,889	\$29,000
*Numbers do not include all those participating through Livestream			
** Sunday PM includes 30 at Hearthside and Youth Area Wide			



**Attendance QR Code for the Sunday Morning Worship, January 29, 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 January 29, 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.