



MAY 2023 CHALLENGER

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHERREL

Dear Oak Grove Family,

Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus. I hope you are all well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. I want to thank the Brother Jonathon and the choir along with all of our sound and technical staff for the wonderful Easter Musical Presentation. It was such a great day and I believe everyone present was moved by the Holy Spirit. It is so important that we worship the RISEN LORD JESUS in Spirit and Truth and give Him praise and thanks for the magnificent gift of our salvation!

I would also like to thank all those who gave so generously to our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The cooperative giving of so many churches enable the efforts of church planters, chaplains, disaster relief volunteers and a host of other missionary workers to continue the vital work of spreading the Gospel throughout the United States and Canada.

This month will be very exciting here at "The Grove". On Sunday, May 7th, Evangelist Phil Glisson and his wife, Teresa, will be joining us for a one-day revival emphasis. The couple was such a blessing when they were with us this past January. Please pray and ask God to pour out His Spirit on these services. I hope you will make an effort to invite folks to join us for this special day.

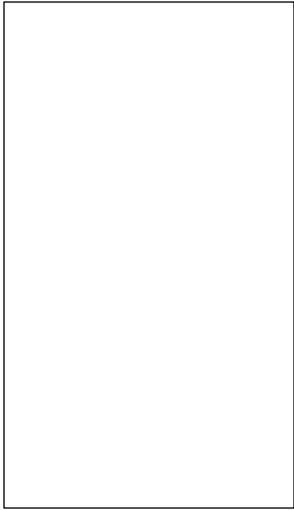
We will once again celebrate Mother's Day on May 14th. It is always a special time of fellowship and worship for all of us. I want to say HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our mothers here at Oak Grove! I would also like to take this opportunity to wish my Mom, Mary Roberts, a VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! I am so thankful for how she raised me and for the tremendous spiritual influence she has had on my life.

I love you all and I'll see you in church or online!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Sherrel





If we are missing your name on our anniversary or birthday list or if a correction is needed, please call 477-3141.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4 – National Day of Prayer
- 14 – Mother’s Day
No Evening Services
- 25- Newsletter Article Due
- 29 – Memorial Day

“The power of (God’s) light

Do most people truly feel happier in spring? Is the light brighter, the sky bluer? Meteorologists say yes. The shorter, blue wavelengths of sunlight scatter more efficiently than long, red ones; as the sun rises higher in spring, the light passes through less atmosphere, making the sky appear bluer. Outdoor levels of light have proven as effective as Prozac to combat depression — and May is the sunniest month!

The Bible frequently uses light as a metaphor for God: “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1); “Let us walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5); “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world” (John 1:9). Darkness isn’t bad; seeds sprout in dark soil, life begins in the dark womb, and darkness protected the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh and the holy family fleeing Herod.

But light is one apt image for God because most of us know the joy, health and energy light brings. Both in spring and through faith in the God who enlightens all, may we “live as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8).

— Heidi Hyland Mann

IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM SUNDAYS

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| May 7 | The Temptation to Place Something Before God |
| May 14 | Recovering from a Fall into Temptation |
| May 21 | The Strength to Stand Against Temptation |
| May 28 | Avoiding a Critical Spirit |

Honor your mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.



Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”



Hi ladies, mark your calendar for May 18th at 6:30, here at the Church for our 2nd Ladies Fellowship this year. Our guest speaker is Barbara Williams. For over twenty years, Barbara has been a member of University Parkway Baptist Church, she teaches Sunday School and is the outreach director. Barbara also works with the senior adults, and she teaches an adult Bible class each week over at the Baptist center owned by Holston Baptist Association. A little tidbit of information on Barbara, she was a nurse by profession and is the sister-in-law to Pam. We're looking forward to having Barbara as our guest speaker, so please ask a friend to join you as we fellowship together with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Pam and I apologies for canceling Ladies Fellowship for April, however, Pam will be contacting Gabi Smith to reschedule her for another time. Love and prayers to all, see you on May 18th,

Pam and Sharon



Happy Mother's Day, from all of us at SOS! This month our topic is on Anxiety, based on Philippians 4:6-7, Luke 22:39-46, John 16. The bottom line we want to take from God's Word is: God wants to give us a new perspective about anxiety, that we can count on Him in all situations! Please be in prayer for the youth and leaders as we grow in God's Word,
Love and prayers, Sharon

NOTE: THE YOUTH ARE IN NEED FOR VBS: Old hardware such as old screws, washers, nails, nuts, bolts, small metal objects, etc. Thank you in advance for helping the youth with this art project for VBS, just give them to Dan or Sharon.



VBS this year will be June 26-30. The theme will be knights, dragons, princes, and princesses. The topic of VBS will be the Armor of God. We are excited for the VBS from Answers in Genesis.



We ask for prayers for workers and children before it starts and during it. We want to reach children and their families with the Gospel of Christ. Please see Lori for any questions you might have.

Contact Lori Casteel at for more information

Final exams



A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."

—Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer	4 National Day of Prayer 	5	6
7 11:00 AM Morning worship 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM PM Worship SOS Oaks & Offshoots	8	9	10 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 11:00 AM Morning worship 	15	16	17 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer	18	19	20
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