



## OCTOBER 2022 CHALLENGER

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### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHERREL

Dear Oak Grove Family,

I greet you all in the matchless name of Jesus Christ! Well, the past few weeks have been challenging for many of us with several people testing positive for covid. I hope everyone is on the mend and feeling better. I would like to express my regret over the minor outbreak we experienced. We knew of course that our anniversary/homecoming service was going to be a large gathering and so we tried to minimize the risks as much as possible. Thankfully no one became seriously ill, and I believe most everyone has recovered, for which I am very grateful.

Having said all of that I want to give praise to God for the wonderful service we experienced. It was such a blessing to see the house full and to experience the moving of the spirit in our midst. The music was fantastic and Brother Steve brought a great message. I want to thank the Anniversary Committee for the exceptional job they did in planning this very special celebration. They worked tirelessly and their efforts certainly paid off. I would like to especially thank Diane Barker and Jesse Bowser for their work on the updated church history. It is so well done and made the occasion so very memorable.

I said in the book that the light of the past will continue to illuminate the path toward the future. My hope and prayer is that God will continue to bless our church in the days ahead. We face challenges indeed, but with God all things are possible. So let us join hearts and hands and pray and serve! I love you all and I'll see you in church or online!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Sherrel



*(Excerpted with permission from Bible Studies for Life)*

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## How to Build you Life on God's Word

How important is the Bible to you? Christians generally emphasize the importance of God's Word, but our habits say something different. Only 32 percent of those who attend church read the Bible daily. Many believers have only a surface level understanding of God's Word. Yet if we truly affirm the value of Scripture, we should develop the habits and disciplines that help is deepen our understanding, appreciation and application of it. That's what this study is all about.

The Bible reveals everything we need to live victoriously. In this study, we will discover biblical principles for building our lives on God's Word.

- We should seize the opportunities to hear God's Word read and explained
- Regular study of God's Word keeps us firmly grounded
- Saturating our minds with God's Word keeps us focused on the things of God
- We display the truth and value of God's Word as we live it our
- Knowing God's Word is something we can and should pass on to others.

My prayer is that this study helps all of us more intentionally build our lives on God's Word.

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

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

October 2	Faith on Display in Facing the Enemy
October 9	Faith on Display in Your Priorities
October 16	Why we need God's Word
October 23	Hear God's Word
October 30	Study God's Word

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10 Columbus Day
  - 12 Business Meeting
  - 19 Nov. Newsletter Due
  - 20 Association Fall Meeting
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## No lone-ranger Christians

World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there's no such thing as solitary Christianity. "As Christians we're called to belong, not just to believe," writes Rick Warren. "We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ's family and be members of his body."



After all, Christian fellowship can't occur without fellow Christians. We can't learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament's very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don't be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!



October 2nd, there will be no SOS due to leaders being out of town. We are asking for much prayer for the attendance of our youth group in all services Oak Grove provides. This world is killing our children, teaching them to hate, to destroy, to believe in the lies, we're losing them! We can't fight this enemy, but Jesus can! So, let's call on Him and give Him praise for what He's going to do.

Love and prayers, Joe, Karen, Dan and Sharon

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We want to thank everyone for attending our glorious, praise-filled 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Homecoming Celebration. We felt God blessed the service and were excited to have over 230 members, former members and friends join us for worship and/or lunch!

We express grateful appreciation to those who led in prayer and provided their musical talents so beautifully in worship. We offer special thanks to former Pastor Steve Gouge for his inspiring message. We also thank the Hospitality Committee for the lovely fellowship hall decorations and for serving the delicious meal.

We praise God for His blessings during the first 90 years of Oak Grove Baptist Church history and look forward to the future as we continue to "Stand Strong for Christ".

We were thrilled to have so many members and special friends join us on September 11<sup>th</sup> and hope you will continue to join us weekly.

Jessie Bowser  
Chair, Anniversary/Homecoming Committee

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Operation Christmas Child starts Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please pick up an empty shoebox with a label inside. They are at the ramp or front entrances of the church. Pick an age group of a child then fill your shoebox with some quality items for that child, including one WOW item. Pray for that child and return your showbox by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not feel like shopping, or would like to donate towards shipping expenses, please let Tammy Yarber know. Thank you for all that you do.



What a wonderful time we had on September 15th at our last Ladies Fellowship for 2022! Our topic was on being Strong and Courageous in the Lord and serving others as Jesus would have us to do. Patricia and I would like to thank all the ladies for participating and helping support this ministry, what a wonderful, beautiful bunch of ladies each and every one of you are! Please be in prayer for the Ladies Fellowship, in 2023.

God bless, love and prayers,  
Patricia and Sharon

## Where are your wings?

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks. Does it remind you of anyone?



In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!” Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home. (Ouch)



Wanda and I want to thank you for inviting us to participate in your 90th Anniversary Celebration. The day could not have been better. It was great to see old friends and make some new ones as well. Oak Grove will always be a special place to us. Both our daughters accepted Jesus and were baptized at Oak Grove, and they send their regrets for not being able to attend. We cherish memories from Oak Grove that will last for a lifetime.

God bless you in everything and in every way.

Because He lives,

D. Steven Gouge, D.Min



The 2022 Fall meeting of HBA is scheduled for Thursday October 20 at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church at Baileyton. Please be in prayer for our messengers and church leaders as they thoughtfully make decisions on the direction of our associational ministries.



# OCTOBER 2022

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<b>2</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Morning worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PM Worship SOS Oaks & Offshoots	3	4	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study & Prayer	6	7	8
<b>9</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Morning worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PM Worship SOS Oaks & Offshoots	<b>10</b>  <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study & Prayer Business Meeting 	13	14	15
<b>16</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Morning worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PM Worship SOS Oaks & Offshoots	17	18	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study & Prayer  <b>Newsletter Article Due</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Association Fall Meeting</b>	21	22
<b>23</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Morning worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> PM Worship SOS Oaks & Offshoots	24	25	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study & Prayer	27	28	29
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