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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHERREL

Dear Oak Grove Family,

I greet you all in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord and hope this letter finds you all well. The summer season is moving swiftly past, but I hope you have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather and perhaps even some vacation time.

The school year swings back into session very soon and I want to wish our students and teachers all the best. Please know that we will all be praying for you. We live in troubled times and our young people face unprecedented challenges. We as a church family must pray as never before and uphold a biblical worldview standard that they can see, hear and emulate. I want to thank all of you for your generosity with regard to our back to school bash. I feel confident that it will be very helpful to our students and teachers alike. I would also like to express my gratitude to our staff and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Looking ahead just a bit, I am very excited for our 90th Anniversary Celebration coming up in September. Please let our organizing committee know how appreciative you are for all their hard work. They have done a terrific job so far and I am certain that we will have one of the best days we've ever had. Celebrating the past should inspire us to look toward the future with vision and passion. The history of this fellowship is an undeniable testimony to the faithfulness of our awesome God! My prayer, and yours too I know, is that God will continue to bless Oak Grove Baptist Church in the years to come. I love you all and I'll see you in church or online!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Sherrel



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

(Excerpted with permission from Bible Studies for Life)

As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved — and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, “When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way.”

In a review of the touching documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for *Variety* notes: “Rogers’ real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn’t a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it — it’s a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don’t see and feel that, and act on it, then you’re just another Christian with a kitchen slogan.”

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

August 7	Pray for your Neighbor
August 14	Honor your Neighbor
August 21	Forgive your Neighbor
August 28	Share Christ with your Neighbor



SOS: We’ve had a lot of fun and have been blessed! The youth threw cereal into shaving cream beards on Joe and Dan to illustrate how a father will go beyond silly to bring joy to his child. That’s what Jesus will do for us! **THE LOVE OF GOD!** We were blessed beyond measure with the Salvation of a child, her name is Allison. Please pray for her as she grows in her walk with Jesus! This month as the youth return to school, our lessons will be choosing the right friends and relying on the most Trusted Friend, Jesus! Please keep us in prayer as we teach Jesus to our youth.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 19- Newsletter Articles Due
- 25- Ladies Fellowship

Thank you, in the love of Christ,
Joe, Karen, Dan and Sharon



Our first Back to School Bash was July 30. We were so happy to help kids and teachers get the supplies they needed for school. We also had lots of fun and some snacks. Thank you to all those who donated school supplies so that we could make this event happen. Hopefully, this will continue yearly and help us to reach the community throughout the year.

We are looking forward to starting Team Kid in the fall on Wednesday night. Bring your kids and grandkids to join us. This will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day.

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...

- ... an ice cream man? Sundae school
- ... a giant? High school
- ... a surfer? Boarding school
- ... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

Student: In jail!



Ladies Fellowship: WOW what a wonderful night we had at our July Ladies Fellowship! Our message was on HOPE, Hebrews 11:1. We sure miss our ladies, who could not be there. Our August Ladies Fellowship date will be changed to August 25th. please mark your calendars and we hope everyone will be able to attend. Our title for August is Beauty Is In The Eye Of The Beholder! The Scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." We'll be looking for you, love and prayers, Patricia and Sharon

A living mystery

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."



What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!



Following God's lead

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the "father of black gospel music." At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While

Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as "the devil's music."

In 1932, after Dorsey's wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."

The water of life



Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.

—Jonathan Edwards

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!

Homecoming 2022

We are celebrating our 90th anniversary and hope you will join us!

On September 11, 2022 Oak Grove will have a special homecoming/anniversary observance. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Former pastor, Dr. D. Steven Gouge, will present the message. Special music will be presented by Rodney Hale, Donna Martin, Leanne Barker Lewallen, and the Oak Grove choir, directed by Jon Casteel.

In celebration of our 90th Anniversary, we have constructed and updated church sign that we are excited for you to see.

A copy of “Standing Strong for Christ, History of Oak Grove Baptist Church” will be available for each family.

We invite you to attend the service and join us for the catered meal afterwards.

We’re looking forward to a joyous day celebrating the Lord’s faithfulness through our 90-year history.

Please plan to be with us on September 11 at 10:30 a.m.!





2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer	4	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
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