



MARCH 2024 CHALLENGER

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHERREL

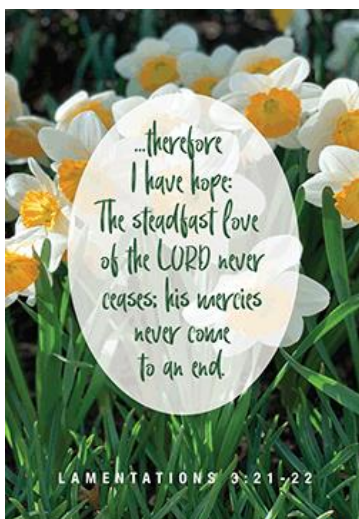
Dear Oak Grove Family,

Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus and I hope you are all doing well. It is March already; the year is flying by. The Lord has been moving in our services and attendance is up, which is such a blessing. I am so thankful! Please continue to pray that God will revive our hearts and our church in the coming days.

We will celebrate Resurrection Sunday on March 31st. I am so looking forward to that, it is always such a special day. I know that our music will be superb and hopefully we will have a packed house. Make plans to invite someone to join you that day. It marks the greatest moment in history, when Jesus stepped out of the tomb with the keys to death and hell in His hands. He says to all of us, **BECAUSE I LIVE YOU CAN LIVE ALSO!**

I want to conclude by taking a moment to express my deep appreciation for Susan Rouse, our administrative assistant. In case you didn't know, Susan worked through February 23 and will be moving on to a new and exciting job opportunity that God has provided for her. Unfortunately, many of you didn't get to know her very well. So let me just say that she is a wonderful and godly person. Susan has done a great job for us here at "The Grove". She has often gone above and beyond in her office duties, keeping us informed on all matters concerning our church. She has done a terrific job communicating event schedules and various other happenings along with the relevant prayer concerns. Susan has done so much to help the staff and others much of which has probably gone unnoticed. But I know that God has noticed. She worked tirelessly to help with the production of our anniversary book, *Standing Strong for Christ*, and indeed has done so much more. I want to say, Thank You Susan for all you have done! You will be missed!

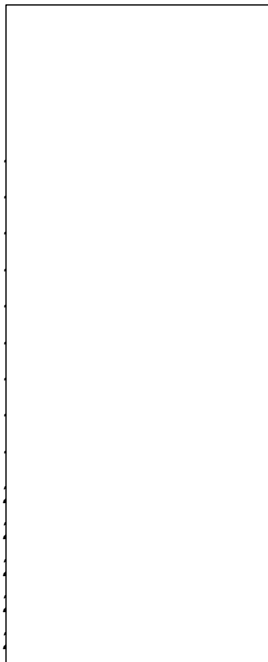
In Christ's Service,
Pastor Sherrel





It's All About Jesus

(Excerpted with permission from Bible Studies for Life)



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

Anyone who wears glasses knows the daily annoyance of having to clean the lenses. Practically anything can make them dirty- a windy day, mistakenly placing them on a counter, or even scratching your nose. For glasses wearers, it's a constant battle of fighting smudges and spots that often alter our vision.

It's kind of ironic when you think about it- that which is meant to give clarity to our vision can be so easily obscured. To have real clarity, we must be vigilant about making sure we see the world.

Perhaps the same can be said in the way we view Jesus. Like it or not, all of us have a metaphorical set of lenses through which we see everything. Those lenses are made up of our past experiences, our personal affiliations and our opinions, and they can alter the way in which we see the world around us. We must be careful then, to make sure that our "life lenses" are clean. Nowhere is that more true than when we come to Jesus. If we are not careful, we will begin to see Jesus as we might want Him to be, rather than how He actually is. In this journey through the book of Luke, we will seek to clean the lenses. We will try and see Jesus as He is truly presented, apart from outside influences, so that we might follow Him with greater devotion and clarity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1-World Day of Prayer
- March 10-Daylight saving time
- March 17- St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 -First day of Spring
- March 24- Palm Sunday
- March 29- Good Fiday
- March 31- Easter

10:00 AM SUNDAYS

Facebook Live Sunday School will begin at 10:00 AM on Sundays.

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| March 3 | The Mission of Jesus |
| March 10 | The Ministry of Jesus |
| March 17 | The Identity of Jesus |
| March 24 | The Death of Jesus |



Ladies Fellowship: Happy Easter Ladies, mark your calendar for Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 for our first Ladies Fellowship for 2024. We're going to have an Easter Bonnet contest. Ladies make a homemade Easter Bonnet, and we'll vote for the one we like the most. The three with the most votes will win a prize. Our guest speaker will be Carol Siggio. Carol is a gifted speaker and what a joy it will be to have her. Please bring your favorite finger food or dessert, drinks will be provided. Pam and I are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful Easter Bonnets you ladies will be making.

Love and prayers,
Pam and Sharon.

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North American
Mission Board

United Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we can support missions efforts in North America. One Hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

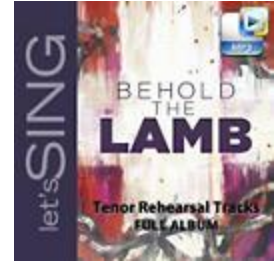
Every gift to the AAEO goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada, and their territories.

The week of Prayer for the North American missions will be observed March 3-10 to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

AAEO prayer guides and envelopes will be placed in the sanctuary pews beginning Sunday, March 3. Offering will be collected through the whole month of March with a church goal of \$1000. With your support and gift, thousands of missionaries will be resourced to serve unreached communities and make an eternal impact.

Let's do our part of spreading the hope of the gospel.

We are in full swing practicing for our Easter Cantata with our church choir. This year's Cantata is titled, "Behold The Lamb". In John 1:29 we read about John the Baptist, as he was working in his own ministry of baptizing folks in the Jordan River, the Bible tells us, *"the next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* I am extremely grateful for Jesus being the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and I am prayerful that you will be with us on Easter this year to celebrate our Risen Savior!



If you, or someone you know, would be interested in singing with us in the Cantata, please simply come join us each Sunday at 5pm for practice. Or if you'd like to sing/perform a special for us any Sunday morning, I'd love to talk to you about it. I'm excited to announce we will be having Landon Bellamy join us to sing for us on April 21st. He used to play piano for the Hoppers, and now he's traveling the country singing praises to the Lord. Look him up on YouTube!

Thank you for your continued support of all our singers and musicians in Oak Grove's music ministry. If you ever need anything at all, please let me know! I love each and every one of you and I pray our music blesses you each week as we gather together to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God bless!

~Jon Casteel

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Annie Armstrong (1850-1938)

Annie was born in Baltimore at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give, and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.

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