



2026
NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHERREL

Dear Oak Grove Family,

Greetings everyone, I hope you are all doing well and enjoying these final days of summer. As we move into September there are several exciting things that will be happening. I am pleased to announce that Bart Richardson will be playing, singing, and preaching for us that day. It will be wonderful having Bart and Danielle back with us. Let's make an effort to invite folks to join us and fill the house.

Our AWANA Kickoff Party will take place on September 2nd from 7:00-8:00 PM. Weekly clubs will officially start on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. Please continue to lift up all of our leaders and workers as well as the children. I am very grateful to all of you who serve and help in this ministry.

I wanted to give you a sneak peek regarding an event coming up in October. Evangelist Terry Wilkerson will be joining us for revival services October 9th - 11th. Terry is a special friend, and I know you will all be blessed as he ministers to us. Please begin praying for these meetings and for Terry. I pray every day that revival and a time refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord for us here at "The Grove". I love you all and I will see you in church!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Sherrel



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated."

- Joseph Beaumont

"I have learned that plotting revenge only allows the people who hurt you to hurt you longer."

- Anonymous

"It is criminal to take anything in life for granted."

- Anna Quindlen

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."

- Frederick Douglass

"When man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a very small package."

- John Ruskin

VERSE OF THE MONTH

"For with You is the
fountain of life; in Your
light we see light."

PSALM 36 : 9

September

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 02 - AWANA Kickoff Party

September 06 - Homecoming Sunday

September 07 - Labor Day

September 09 - AWANA Officially Begins

September 11 - Patriot Day

September 13 - National Grandparents Day

September 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

September 22 - First Day of Autumn

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birthdays

4 LEE BOWSER
4 RUFUS HOOD
15 CHARLSIE BUCKINGHAM
18 LINDA AUER
18 KAREN PALMER
19 RICHELLE SHIPLEY
22 CASEY BUCKINGHAM
25 BETHANY ROSE MOHN
28 DONNA LEDFORD

anniversaries

2 DUSTIN & CRISSA PEARSON
3 TED & CAROL DOUGLAS
11 JAMES & DIANNE BARKER
24 CHARLES & LUCRETIA SANDERS

If we are missing your name on the
birthday or anniversary list, or if a
correction is needed, please
call 423-477-3141 or 423-292-3816.



Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11th as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to remember the lost and changed lives on that autumn morning. The resolution requests that each year the president issues a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities. Those include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.



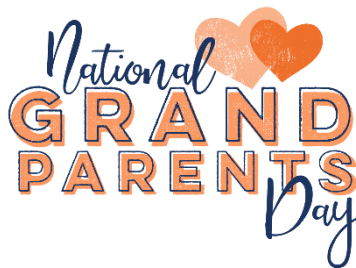
HONORING WORK AND REST

Labor Day gives us an opportunity to honor the work of our hands and the many ways people serve their families, churches, and communities. As we pause from our usual routines, may we give thanks for meaningful work.



A Harvest of Gratitude

The colors and beauty of autumn remind us that every season carries evidence of God's goodness. As we enjoy cooler days and changing leaves, may we pause to give thanks for His provision and share our blessings with those around us.

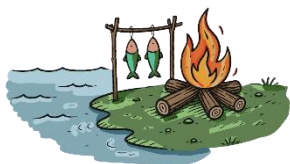


A Legacy of Faith

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer. As Psalm 145:4 says, "One generation commends your work to another; they tell of your mighty acts."





BIBLE QUIZ

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking.

Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

ANSWER : D
(See John 21:17)



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD.
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18 NIV

DEACON'S BENCH

Let's keep Harvest time in mind. The beautiful difference is that Jesus' Harvest is open 24/7 and always ready for anyone who accepts Him. Take a moment to share Jesus with someone today and be deeply thankful for this day and every blessing in it.

Thank you,
Boots Yarber & the Deacons

TAKE COURAGE: TRUSTING THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES

A young woman was deeply troubled by the suffering she saw in the world, as well as by struggles within her own family and friendships. Unsure of how to help or where to begin, she turned to her pastor for guidance. He responded with a heartfelt letter. A portion of it read:

"Life is difficult. It is sometimes like a mindless boot camp. We seem to be rehearsing for something that is beyond our present knowing. We come from a beginning that we cannot remember, and we move toward a destiny that we cannot see. Only imagination, faith and a friend here or there give us the strength to go on. When Jesus said that we would always have trouble in this world, he added an encouraging word that we should never forget: 'Take courage; I have overcome the world.' I cannot fix you. You cannot fix you. Do not put your ultimate faith in me, or in yourself, or in any human being. Trust the Lord of the Harvest. He will fix you when he comes."



A PRAYER FOR JOY AND LAUGHTER

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

—Anonymous

WISDOM BEYOND THE GAME

Basketball coach Phil Jackson, the son of a pastor, became well known not only for winning championships but also for encouraging his players to grow off the court. An avid reader, Jackson often assigned books to players that he believed would challenge and inspire them both personally and professionally. Over the years, his teams won multiple NBA championships under his unique leadership style. Yet even great coaches have difficult seasons. During one struggling year, former NBA star Charles Barkley jokingly remarked about Jackson's reading assignments, "He needs to give that team a Bible. Only God can help them."



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

September is here, and with it comes a new school year, new routines, and many opportunities for our children to learn and grow! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer filled with special memories, family time, and God's blessings. As we begin this new season, we are excited to see our children back each Sunday and look forward to all that God has in store for them.

We are so thankful for the generous response to our back-to-school supply collection. Because of your kindness and support, we were able to provide many needed supplies and help nine children get ready for the new school year. Your generosity is a wonderful blessing to these children and families. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, gave financially, or helped in any way. Your generosity made a difference and was a wonderful way to show God's love to children and families in our community.

Our AWANA program will restart on Wednesday, September 2nd! We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Bible lessons, Scripture memorization, games, fellowship, and fun. AWANA is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn God's Word and build a strong foundation of faith.

As the children return to school, please continue to pray for them, their teachers, and their families. Pray that our children will be a light for Christ in their schools, and that they will grow in wisdom, kindness, and faith.

Thank you to everyone who faithfully supports our children's ministry through your prayers, time, encouragement, and service. It is a blessing to watch our children grow, learn, and discover more about God's amazing love. We look forward to a wonderful September together!

With gratitude,
Katrina Presnell



REST FOR THE SOUL

Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it is a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused, and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down. Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith. Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

August Ladies Fellowship was awesome! The house was full of joy and the presence of the Lord, thank you Jesus! Shirley Greene's testimony was amazing! Thank you, Shirley, for sharing and we all know that very painful for you to do, so thank you for your precious heart! We also want to thank Lucretia Sanders for the beautiful giveaway gifts. Also, we want to thank everyone for participating and taking part in Ladies Fellowship for 2026!

Your Sisters in Christ,
Pam Smith & Sharon Chase



WHY BE A MISSIONARY?

Cynthia Sundman, a missionary serving in a rural village in Peru, shared these words during a talk to a church group in Snohomish, Washington: "I have struggled to learn Spanish and spent countless weeks sleeping on dirt floors surrounded by rats and bats. In an effort to assimilate into the Peruvian culture, I have learned to eat large amounts of rice, fried guinea pig and even roasted ants. "I am often asked why I chose to become a missionary. I have only one answer: 'God called me to serve there, and I must obey.'"

September

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
		1	2 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Youth
6 HOMECOMING 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service	7	8 6:30 PM Visitation	9 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Youth
13 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service	14	15 6:30 PM Visitation	16 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Youth
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<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
3	4	5
10	11	12
17	18	19
24	25	26

