

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

There is excitement within OGBC's ministries as they are planning and preparing for the new church year. This article is just a snippet of the exciting things that are happening in September and coming months.

It's time to do some fall cleaning and organizing at Oak Grove. Your help is needed as we clean out storage spaces and organize items for more effective ministry. We will have a workday 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 17. If you have any personal items that are in any of the storage spaces, please take them home BEFORE the workday so they will not be discarded.

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 25 beginning about noon for our Fall Fel-

lowship. This is a special time of hamburgers and hotdog fellowship for the entire church. Join us as the church will supply the burgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. YOU bring yourself and your family, and we will enjoy our time together.

With all the new members, it's hard to learn the name of everyone. Have you found yourself thinking or saying this? Well, you're not the only one who is having this problem.

The Church Council approved the recommendation to produce a new pictorial directory to help alleviate this problem. Paula Shepherd will head this project and will be contacting volunteers to help bring a new picto-

rial directory to a reality.

Believe it or not, Christmas is quickly approaching and it's time to gather items for Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. The shoeboxes will be packed with items needed by children all over the world, such as school supplies, hygiene items and toys. Each box is packed for a certain age and gender in mind. When donating supplies do not forget to provide \$10 for each box. This money is not only used for shipping, it is also used for Bible training material in the foreign language of the children.

Covid is not going anywhere anytime soon. We are also entering into flu season. Please

refrain from attending if you have any Covid symptoms (fever, persistent cough, vomiting and diarrhea). We all know by now, the CDC has issued guidelines for us to follow. Please refer to these for guidance, then join us on Facebook Live for worship.

Finally, Oak Grove is reaching out to the community through an exciting new outreach ministry, and you are invited to participate.

We will be feeding the Catoosa High School Football team the night before every home game. We will host spaghetti dinners on Sept. 15 and 29 and Oct. 12, 20 and 27. This is a fantastic way to

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Casting Crowns' 'Praise You In The Storm'

Submitted by Mindy Taylor, Worship Leader



God is worthy of our worship no matter what our situation is today. Is your worship conditional? If you're happy, are your hands up, OR if you're discouraged, are your hands down?

Romans 12:1 says, "I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship." Worship is the giving of our ENTIRE self, our thoughts, and our emotions, to God's use.

Deuteronomy 16:17 says, "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you." What does your gift look like?

Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the LORD is good!"

Step out in faith and look for ways to bless others in your storm and YOU will be blessed.

Go to YouTube and look up Praise You in the Storm (Story

behind the song). It is such an amazing story by Mark Hall.

I'll praise you in the storm and I will lift my hands.

For You are who You are, no matter where I am.

And every tear I've cried, You hold in Your hand.

You never left my side and though my heart is torn,

I will praise You in the storm.

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

Students started back to school this past month. Please keep them in your prayers through this school year!

We added another graduate to the club with Micah Blacet graduating early! Congratulations Micah!

The youth's plan for future events is the last Sunday of each month! This month we will be doing a movie 4 p.m. Sept. 25.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please email me at: ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com.

September Van Schedule

Sept. 7 — Brittaney Day, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

Sept. 14 — Dawn Benson, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

Sept. 21 — Brittaney Day, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

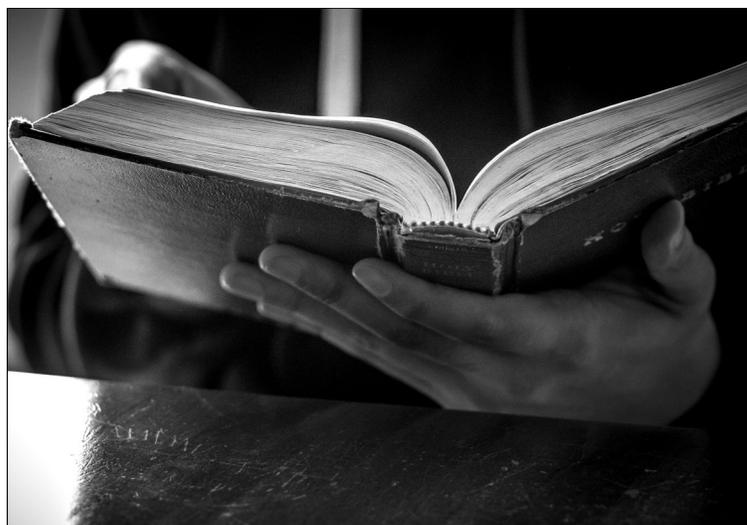
Sept. 28 — Dawn Benson, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield



September Daily Bible Reading Plan To Read The Bible Through In 2022

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day. The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year. The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year. To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

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September 2022

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				1	2	3 Joyce Hill bday
4	5 Carlette Binam & Mary Fritchey bdays	6	7	8 Frank Edmundson & Brad Taylor bdays; Crafty Christians 10-2	9 Jennifer Boyer & Paula Shepard bdays	10 Robin Thompson bday
11	12 Gail Mayfield bday	13	14	15 Mike Shepard bday; Feed CHS football team	16	17 Workday 8am-noon
18	19	20 Nancy Onyon bday	21 Sandy Brannon bday	22 Crafty Christians 10-2	23	24
25 Jeff Hatley bday; Fall Fellowship noon	26	27 Jolene Pugh bday	28	29 Matt Shepard bday; Feed CHS football team	30	

August Sermon Calendar

Sept. 4 — The Feast

Sept. 11 — The Night of Redemption

Sept. 18 — The Exodus

Sept. 25 — Doubting God's Promises

You're Invited ...

Sept. 5 — Carlette Binam's 80th birthday celebration; 2 to 4 p.m.; Welcome Center; all invited to this come-and-go-event; no presents please — your presence is a gift! R.S.V.P. to Vicki Albright.

Sept. 11 — Shepard baby shower, 5 p.m., Welcome Center; hosted by Mindy Taylor and Samantha Moss; registered at Amazon's baby registry.

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minister to these student athletes and show Christ's love to them. You may minister by being a greeter, server, cook or help clean up.

These are exciting times at Oak Grove. Do not miss a single opportunity to gather with your church family to give God the worship in which He is more than worthy to receive from you. Then, join in on the many opportunities to use your spiritual gifts to edify the body of Christ and evangelize those who are not yet part of the body of Christ. Your spiritual gifts are necessary to reach people for Christ and help others grow. In the process you will receive a blessing!

Watch OGBC Online

If you are unable to worship with us in person, you can log in to Facebook to watch the service online at <https://www.facebook.com/oak.grove.94043>.