

Ponderings From the Pastor

Easter Sunday Just A Few Weeks Away

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

It is hard to believe that Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is only a few short weeks away. This is one of the most attended worship services of the year. According to the leading Christian research organization Barna Research, "The best estimates suggest that more than half of the nation's adults and their children, at least 120 million people, will attend an Easter service this year. Churches should expect 50 percent to 100 percent jump in Easter attendance."

Now is the time to invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers and family to come with you to worship the Ris-

en Christ. This is a fantastic opportunity to share the message of Christ with people that normally do not attend a church or do not have a church home.

There are some things we need to consider in preparation for Resurrection Sunday. Parking is a challenge with our current growth. There will be even more of an influx of parking on this day. The \$6,500 needed to widen the drive into the parking area has been met and we have exceeded the need by \$1,223. The additional funds will be used to add gravel for additional parking. However, this amount will not be enough to make much difference.

More contributions are necessary to increase the parking area to meet the growing needs.

Immediately following the Resurrection service, the children will have the opportunity to participate in an egg hunt. For this event to be a success there needs to be an ample supply of non-melting candy, prizes and plastic eggs. If you can help with any of these supplies, please place them in the box in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions regarding the egg hunt please contact Jennifer Boyer.

Large attendance numbers cannot compare to the joy of seeing one

family or one person come to faith and begin walking with Jesus. Then, watching the Gospel transform the lives of people. They began to plug in and serve, and over time the gospel of Jesus Christ ransacked their "normal" and replaced it with new life. Also, witnessing believers see God's faithfulness through difficult seasons of life (funerals, miscarriages, crises). No, large attendance numbers cannot compare to these joys. However, they bring the potential of more transformation, service and growth.

Please help meet these needs so we do not impede the possibility of transformed lives.

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

February was a good month. Our youth group had a great time at the Winter Jam Concert! Nothing better than seeing thousands of youth having an awesome time with praise and worship.

The last few Sundays our numbers in Sunday School have been up on average by about five to six youth.

Our Chili Cook-Off Contest/Silent Dessert Auction will be Sunday, March 5, following the Morning Service.

If you can donate a pot of chili and/or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated! Please let Matt know. This is a fundraiser



Youth at Winter Jam 2023

for future youth events! So mark your calendars!!!

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



Great Is the Lord

Submitted by Mindy Taylor



*Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
By His mercy he proves He is love,
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise,
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up
your voice,
Great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord!*

Our God is to be praised! Whether we feel like it or not we are commanded to praise Him! Think back to your day today. Can you say you have praised Him today?

Hebrews 13:15 says, "Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."

Praise Him, Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness! There are many songs about praising Him. Choose one and start singing. He is worthy.

March 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Ladena Kibbe bday	2	3 Adult Game Day 11am	4
5 Children go roller skating; Youth chili cookoff, noon	6 Brian Holloway & Jonathan Treesh bdays	7	8	9 Patty Ast bday; Crafty Christians 10am	10	11 Terry Gerhard & Taylor Shepard bdays
12 Council meeting 5pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
Spring Break — no Awana or youth Wednesday night						
19 Business meeting after Morning Worship	20	21	22 Sandra Henry bday	23 Crafty Christians 10am	24	25 David Moreau bday
26 Donna Edmundson bday	27	28 Debbie Santmyer bday	29	30 Wanda Jones bday	31 Connie Jones bday	

Daily Bible Reading Plan To Read The Bible Through In 2023

MARCH

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| <input type="checkbox"/> March 1 - Job 30, 1 Cor. 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 11 - Job 40, 2 Cor. 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 22 - Prov. 9, Eph. 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 2 - Job 31, 2 Cor. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 12 - Job 41, 2 Cor. 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 23 - Prov. 10, Eph. 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 3 - Job 32, 2 Cor. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 13 - Job 42, 2 Cor. 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 24 - Prov. 11, Eph. 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 4 - Job 33, 2 Cor. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 14 - Prov. 1, 2 Cor. 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 25 - Prov. 12, Eph. 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 5 - Job 34, 2 Cor. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 15 - Prov. 2, Gal. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 26 - Prov. 13, Eph. 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 6 - Job 35, 2 Cor. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 16 - Prov. 3, Gal. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 27 - Prov. 14, Phil. 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 7 - Job 36, 2 Cor. 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 17 - Prov. 4, Gal. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 28 - Prov. 15, Phil. 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 8 - Job 37, 2 Cor. 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 18 - Prov. 5, Gal. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 29 - Prov. 16, Phil. 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 9 - Job 38, 2 Cor. 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 19 - Prov. 6, Gal. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 30 - Prov. 17, Phil. 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 10 - Job 39, 2 Cor. 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 20 - Prov. 7, Gal. 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 31 - Prov. 18, Col. 1 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> March 21 - Prov. 8, Eph. 1 | |

March Van Schedule

March 1 — Dawn Benson, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

March 8 — Toney Robbins, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

March 15 — Spring Break

March 22 — Toney Robbins, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Brittaney Day, Michelle Hill

March 29 — Dawn Benson, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Toney Robbins, Michelle Hill

March Sermon Calendar

March 5 — Contending for the Faith, Jude 1-4

March 12 — God is to be Praised, Psalm 150

March 19 — Jesus a Wonderful Savior, Mark 5

March 26 — Are you a Christian? John 17



Oak Grove Youth Group
Presents
Chili
Cook-Off
& SILENT
DESSERT
AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH
5TH AT 12:00

The Chili Cook Off will be held in Fellowship Hall directly following morning service!

Best Chili takes home the youth chili-cookoff trophy for the year!

MINIMUM DONATION OF \$10 AT THE DOOR

For more information:
Contact Matt Shepard at:
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Or, set your clocks forward before going to bed Saturday night on March 11.

Daylight Saving Time begins 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12.

Watch OGBC Online Each Sunday

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>.

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