

Ponderings From the Pastor

Fall Festival Approaching; Finishing Study of Daniel

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

Your help is needed as Oak Grove opens our doors to the community from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, for the Fall Festival. Please sign up to run a game, help with food or be a greeter. A set-up crew is needed immediately following worship on Oct. 29. We also need bags of candy to give as prizes. Flyers are available for you to distribute to your friends, family and neighbors.

We will be wrapping up our study of the book of Daniel this month. However, there is a lot to cover in the final two chapters. We will be looking at highly detailed prophecies about Israel that came true,



prophecies yet to be fulfilled and the unique measures God will take to preserve His chosen people during the explosive, deadly period known as the Great Tribulation.

Then we will conclude

the month of October with a powerful two-week series entitled "Dealing with Doubts." Is Jesus really who He says He is? It's not an unreasonable question, nor is it a new one. Even those who loved God, longed for

the arrival of Messiah, and lived in Israel during the miracle-filled days of Jesus' earthly ministry had times of doubt. A brief episode in Luke gives a surprisingly wide-angle look into the struggles of those early believers. The takeaway for Christians in these messages will be clear. These messages will pour out encouragement you need when you're tempted to question what you know about who Jesus is, what He accomplished, and what He's preparing for the future. And you'll see that how you respond to doubt can, in itself, prove that your faith is real.



Did You Know?



Submitted by Mindy Taylor, Worship Leader

Halloween is celebrated in a bigger and bigger way every year. But there's something else that should be commemorated and celebrated on Oct. 31. We should remember this day of long ago when the face of Christianity changed forever.

Today I'll share a great song that's significant for this day, but first, let's remember what happened on the last day of October in 1517.

October 31 is often called Reformation Day, in commemoration of the day when the German monk, Martin Luther, posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In those days, posting your thoughts on the door of a building was a way to start a conversation. Today, we post our thoughts on the internet for others to read, and it often does start conversations.

Luther certainly reached the masses by posting his theses. And what he wrote caused a furor. He not only started a conversation, he started a reformation!

Luther boldly proclaimed salvation to be by grace alone through faith in Christ. Nothing new. He was simply echoing and affirming the teachings of the apostle Paul who clearly stated in **Ephesians 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Luther's intention was to call the church back to a more faithful declaration of the doctrine of salvation and to proclaim the liberating freedom found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Most Christians know about Luther's words. His theses directed the focus of the Church upward toward Jesus.

While many are aware of Luther's teachings, many are not aware of the beautiful songs this German theologian penned. Packed with doctrinal truths, Martin Luther's songs continue to be sung to this day. One of his many songs is *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.

October Sermon Calendar

- Oct. 1 — Conflicts to Come Pt. 2
- Oct. 8 — The Tribulation Pt. 1
- Oct. 15 — The Tribulation Pt. 2
- Oct. 22 — Dealing with Doubts Pt. 1
- Oct. 29 — Dealing with Doubts Pt. 2



October 2023

Sun

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Sat

1 John Pugh bday	2	3	4	5	6 Katie Pruett bday; Adult Game Day 11am	7
8 Jeff Arp & Rodger Scott bdays; Lord's Supper; Nativity's Simeon scene mtg	9 Dicus Benton bday	10 Brandon McCormick & Robyn Shoun bdays	11	12 Crafty Christians 10 am	13	14
15 Fall Festival mtg	16	17	18 Fall Break — no Youth/ Awana	19 Jennifer Chambers & James Owen bdays	20	21
22 Nativity's Kings scene mtg	23	24 Kathy Ballard bday	25 Sara Maloney bday	26 Crafty Christians 10 am	27	28
29 Charles Zimmerman bday; Fall Festival 5-7pm	30 Martha Duvall bday	31 Curtis Green bday				



OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

In September, we took a great group of kids bowling. Lots of fun and just enough pizza!

The youth also had the opportunity to serve the Catoosa Indians football team and cheerleaders before their game. They absolutely loved the food, and the

brownies were a hit.

Big shoutout to Debbie Capps, Kathy Ballard, Gail and Mike Mayfield for cooking the food! Also thank you to Paula Shepard, Jennifer Boyer and Debbie Santmyer for all the help they provided, along with each of the youth (about 10 youth were there to

serve)!

Upcoming events:

October 15: Youth Committee Meeting following service

October 29: Youth's Pre-Fall Festival followed by helping with the Fall Festival

November 12: Youthsgiving Feast

Children's Church News

Submitted by Margaret Gaulding

October 1 — John and Cindy Tittle will be expanding on Genesis 24, the story of Isaac and Rebekah. Get ready to learn six interesting facts about this story.

Oct. 8 — Children will be reviewing the story of Abram and Lot, solving a quarrel (Gen. 12:1). Margaret and Dave Gaulding are looking forward to visiting with you children.

Oct. 15 — This Sunday the children will learn what

Moses told the people just before they went into the Promised Land.

Oct. 22 — This week will be a lesson on Ruth and Boaz.

Oct. 29 — On the fifth Sunday of the month, the youngsters will sit with their families in the sanctuary. Sermon note sheets will be available for them to use.

Welcome

Welcome to our new member:

Pam Foley

October Daily Bible Reading Plan

October

- Oct. 1 - Ezek 34, Pss 83-84
 - Oct. 2 - Ezek 35, Ps 85
 - Oct. 3 - Ezek 36, Ps 86
 - Oct. 4 - Ezek 37, Pss 87-88
 - Oct. 5 - Ezek 38, Ps 89
 - Oct. 6 - Ezek 39, Ps 90
 - Oct. 7 - Ezek 40, Ps 91
 - Oct. 8 - Ezek 41, Pss 92-93
 - Oct. 9 - Ezek 42, Ps 94
 - Oct. 10 - Ezek 43, Pss 95-96
 - Oct. 11 - Ezek 44, Pss 97-98
 - Oct. 12 - Ezek 45, Pss 99-101
 - Oct. 13 - Ezek 46, Ps 102
 - Oct. 14 - Ezek 47, Ps 103
 - Oct. 15 - Ezek 48, Ps 104
 - Oct. 16 - Dan 1, Ps 105
 - Oct. 17 - Dan 2, Ps 106
 - Oct. 18 - Dan 3, Ps 107
 - Oct. 19 - Dan 4, Pss 108-109
 - Oct. 20 - Dan 5, Pss 110-111
 - Oct. 21 - Dan 6, Pss 112-113
 - Oct. 22 - Dan 7, Pss 114-115
 - Oct. 23 - Dan 8, Ps 116
 - Oct. 24 - Dan 9, Pss 117-118
 - Oct. 25 - Dan 10, Ps 119:1-24
 - Oct. 26 - Dan 11, Ps 119:25-48
 - Oct. 27 - Dan 12, Ps 119:49-72
 - Oct. 28 - Hos 1, Ps 119:73-96
 - Oct. 29 - Hos 2, Ps 119:97-120
 - Oct. 30 - Hos 3-4, Ps 119:121-144
 - Oct. 31 - Hos 5-6, Ps 119:145-176
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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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