

Ponderings From The Pastor

By Nick Garland, Interim Pastor

This is my opportunity to greet you and to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Interim Pastor. It was my privilege to be in worship with you the last Sunday of Pastor Brad's time with you. Thank you for the way you honored him with so many good words to me about your love for him and for the work that he and Mindy did while serving your church. The LORD will continue to bless him abundantly as he seeks to follow God's will in his new pastorate. And we pray for the LORD to bless our time together as I get the privilege of serving as your Interim Pastor. We will pray regularly for your Pastor Search Team as they seek to find God's man to lead your church for the next chapter of your journey.

Just a quick word of introduction so you have some idea about who "this new preaching guy is"... You may say, "I think I



heard his name was Nick Garland"....

Well, that is my name. I was born in Ft. Worth, Texas while my father attended Southwestern Seminary there. I was reared in Humboldt, Tenn. where my father was pastor of FBC, Humboldt for all of my schooling years. I graduated from college at the University of North Alabama and married a wonderful lady from Cherokee, Ala. (a small town about 25 miles from Florence, Ala.). We have been married for 50 years. We have two wonderful children,

Josh and Jodi. They are also married with children

Josh's wife is Mary, and they have two children: Carter, 12, and Adeline who is 8.

Jodi's husband is David, and they have one daughter, Kate, who is 7.

As we begin our time together, I will be preaching from Mark 8 and "pick up" where Pastor Brad stopped. I look forward to our journey through Mark's account of Jesus' life and ministry. I hope you will be blessed weekly by what we glean from Mark's record of the wonderful ministry of our Lord Jesus.

May the LORD bless us with His insight and power as we review and renew our understanding of the life of our Savior.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday with your Bibles in hand and opened ready to worship!

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

Progressive Dinner 2024! Lots of fun, LOTS of food, reading of scripture of the birth of Jesus, AND Bible Pictionary! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen! (Jim and Nancy Onyon, Mike and Paula Shepard, Brittany Day, Murray Schoen and Taylor Shepard)

Dates to know:

January

1: No Wednesday night service

8: Wednesday night service starts back up

19: 412 Youth going Bowling after service

February

16: 412 Youth's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off & Silent Dessert Auction (Youth Fundraiser)

March

Date to be announced: Family Movie Night!



Children's Church Lesson Calendar

Submitted by Gayla Pruett

Jan. 5 — King David Thanked God, led by John and Cindy Tittle

Jan. 12 — God Protected Elijah, led by Charles and Gayla Pruett

Jan. 19 — People Praised God, led by Jeana Drew and Cassell Drew

Jan. 26 — Jesus Prayed and Raised Lazarus, led by Matt and Jennifer Chambers



Sunday Morning Services are no longer streaming via Facebook live. The live stream has moved to YouTube@OakGroveBaptistChurchCatoosa. A YouTube account is not needed and you can watch for FREE!

The link is:

<https://youtube.com/@oakgrovebaptistchurchcatoosa?si=XB8x6oa7oyBn0PgB>.

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January 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
					Adult Game Day 11am	
5 Robin Whitlock bday	6 Matthew Crook & Brittaney Day bdays	7	8	9 Crafty Christians 10am	10	11
12 Cindy Johnson & Francis Orndorff bdays	13	14	15	16	17 Mary Ann Walker bday	18 Jeana Drew bday
19	20	21	22	23 Crafty Christians 10am	24 Brandon Drew & Kathleen Henry bdays	25
26	27	28	29 Geraldine Higgins bday	30	31	

January Daily Bible Reading Plan

<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 1 Gen 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 9 Job 21-23	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 17 Gen 16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 25 Gen 38-40
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 2 Gen 4-7	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 10 Job 24-28	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 18 Gen 19-21	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 26 Gen 41-42
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 3 Gen 8-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 11 Job 29-31	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 19 Gen 22-24	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 27 Gen 43-45
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 4 Job 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 12 Job 32-34	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 20 Gen 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 28 Gen 46-47
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 5 Job 6-9	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 13 Job 35-37	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 21 Gen 27-29	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 29 Gen 48-50
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 6 Job 10-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 14 Job 38-39	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 22 Gen 30-31	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 30 Ex 1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 7 Job 14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 15 Job 40-42	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 23 Gen 32-34	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 31 Ex 4-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 8 Job 17-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 16 Gen 12-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 24 Gen 35-37	

January Sermon Calendar

Jan. 5 — “A Crowd Of Hungry People” — Mark 8:1-13

Jan. 12 — “Did You Understand?” — Mark 8:14-21

Jan. 19 — “A ‘One Of A Kind’ Healing” — Mark 8:22-26

Jan. 26 — “Life That Only Comes By Dying” — Mark 8:31-Mark 9:1

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