

## Ponderings From The Pastor

By Nick Garland, Interim Pastor

Thank you, Oak Grove, for your enthusiasm in serving the LORD with gladness! In all of the times we spend together, the hearts of God's people at Oak Grove are genuinely focused on serving the LORD in singing, praying, Bible study, giving, and in faithful attendance. Your steadfast devotion to Jesus through your church is exemplary. The impact of our prayers, financial support, outreach through mission causes, commitment to provide for children and youth, and the host of other things you do make Oak Grove a light in your community and literally, around the world! Thank you!

Now that we are back in the Fall season, life returns to more normal routine. As a result, we



are eager to welcome back everyone who has been able to take vacations. It is so good to see you return so that our Sunday crowds are all back in place. Each of you know someone in your SS class or someone who "sits on your row in worship" that has not been there in a few weeks. Now is the time with the new fall schedule to encourage them to return and join with all of us as we worship our LORD each Sunday.

I know you are daily praying for your Pastor Search Team. They are

diligently meeting with Andy Taylor, a wonderful consultant with our State Convention, in reviewing some basic principles and procedures in seeking a new pastor. Dr. Taylor is a very gifted man who is used across our state to train and to assist churches in the important task of finding a new shepherd to lead the church into the next years of ministry. Please continue to pray for Andy Taylor and for each of your Search Committee members during this critical and exciting time in the church.

I am enjoying the privilege you have afforded me to serve as your Interim Pastor. You all have surely made Jenine and me feel at home. Your greetings, smiles, handshakes, and gracious comments have endeared you to our hearts. It is easy to pray for you because we are praying for folks that have allowed us to be treated as family. We rejoice in your ministry successes, in our times of worship together, and in your devotion to serve the LORD with gladness. Your congeniality is contagious. Your faithfulness is inspiring. Your encouragement is constant. And your desire to please Jesus is exemplary.

May the LORD continue to tabernacle among us continually with His power and grace!

# 412 Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

Mini Golf Madness was a blast! We played some putt-putt, had snow cones, and maybe some Braum's ice cream was thrown in there too! It was a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship. Thank you to all that came out and a special thank you to Audie Brannon and Taylor Shepard for helping out!



Taylor and I would also like to thank our church family for all the support for the youth

group and to us these last 8 months. We are truly grateful to each and everyone of you. It

has been a beautiful thing to see our church come together in unity for the advancement of

God's kingdom.

## Dates to know:

Sept. 26 (Friday) - Glow Bowling at Broken Arrow Lanes — The van will leave the church at 6 p.m. Bowling is 7 - 9 p.m. Pick up is back at the church at 9:30 p.m.

Oct. 18 (Wednesday) - No Youth or Awana due to Fall Break.

Oct. 26 (Sunday) - 412 Youth's Pre-Fall Festival from 3:30 - 5 p.m. and Fall Festival 5 - 7 p.m.

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## September Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sept. 1 Ezek 18-19

Sept. 2. Ezek 20-21

Sept. 3 Ezek 22-23

Sept. 4 Ezek 24-27

Sept. 5 Ezek 28-31

Sept. 6 Ezek 32-34

Sept. 7 Ezek 35-37

Sept. 8 Ezek 38-39

Sept. 9 Ezek 40-41

Sept. 10 Ezek 42-43

Sept. 11 Ezek 44-45

Sept. 12 Ezek 46-48

Sept. 13 Joel 1-3

Sept. 14 Dan 1-3

Sept. 15 Dan 4-6

Sept. 16 Dan 7-9

Sept. 17 Dan 10-12

Sept. 18 Ezra 1-3

Sept. 19 Ezra 4-6, Ps 137

Sept. 20 Hag 1-2

Sept. 21 Zech 1-7

Sept. 22 Zech 8-14

Sept. 23 Est 1-5

Sept. 24 Est 6-10

Sept. 25 Ezra 7-10

Sept. 26 Neh 1-5

Sept. 27 Neh 6-7

Sept. 28 Neh 8-10

Sept. 29 Neh 11-13, Ps 126

Sept. 30 Mal 1-4

# September 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Joyce Hill bday		Carlette Binam & Mary Fritchey bdays	
7	8	9 Paula Shepard bday	10 Robin Thomas bday	11 Crafty Christians 10am	12	13
14 Church Council mtg, 5:30pm	15 Mike Shepard bday	16	17 Marlene Fritts bday	18 Piper Chambers bday	19 David Gaulding bday	20 Charles Bond & Nancy Onyon bdays; Tool Sharpening 10-4
21 Sandy Brannon bday; Business mtg, noon	22	23	24	25 Jeff Hatley bday; Crafty Christians 10am	26 Youth Glow Bowl, 6pm	27
28	29 Matt Shepard bday	30				

# Children's Church Lesson Calendar

Sept. 7 — "God Protected Moses"

Sept. 14 — "God Chose Moses"

Sept. 21 — "God Provided for the People"

Sept. 28 — "God Gave the Ten Commandments"



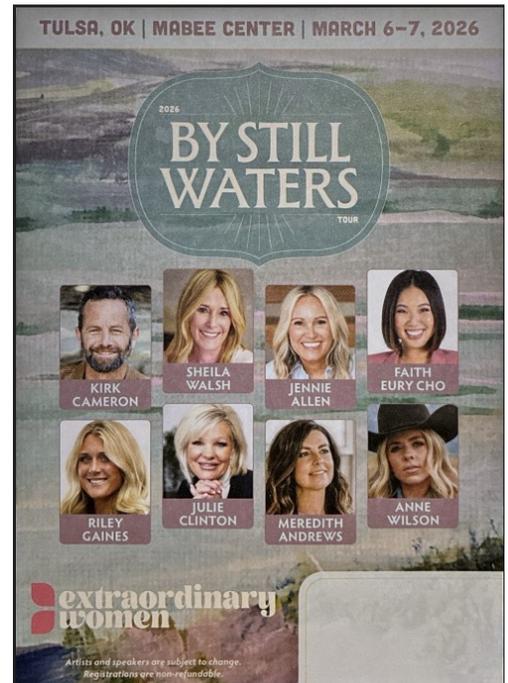
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Mobile Sharpening event with Crafty Christians 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20. Get your scissors, knives, axes and even lawnmower blades sharpened! Prices vary per item, starting at \$4!

Snacks and drinks inside while you wait. Contact Donna Foster for information.

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## Sign-ups are coming soon!