

## Ponderings From The Pastor

By Nick Garland, Interim Pastor

Some years ago, a popular Christian song's opening lyric expressed well my present dilemma. The verse stated a question that it my own presently. It stated, "How can I say thanks for all the things you have done for me?"

You are such kind, generous, and encouraging people of God! Your genuine congeniality, your kind compliments, and your love for the church and for God's people is exemplary. Your love for children and youth, your constant focus on missions, and your devotion to teach and to "live" the Word of God is so consistent. Each

week, I am blessed by your responsiveness in worship services through your singing, giving, and attentiveness to the sermon.

blessing, and in your "gift" to us through the cards and notes you wrote, we were overwhelmed! Rarely have we ever received such

Pastor.

Each Sunday, it is so refreshing to see you sitting with open Bibles, attentive hearts, and responsive expressions to the time of studying God's Word. You are an exceptional church that some pastor is going to be blessed to lead.

My prayers of thanksgiving for you and of asking our LORD to send you the man He has chosen to be your next pastor are earnest. Someone is going to be greatly blessed to be your new pastor. Great days are ahead for him and for Oak Grove!



This past Sunday on "Pastor Appreciation Day" you did something for Jenine and me that was so very unexpected, so extremely encouraging in your grace-filled words of

gracious notes or a gift from God's people demonstrating such generosity. Truly, we are so very grateful for all you have done for us during this season of serving as your Interim

# 412 Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

November is known as a time of gratitude. So it's good to pause and reflect on all that God has done. Gratitude reminds us that every blessing, big or small, comes from Him. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." God deserves all of our gratitude but not just in November. He deserves it all the time AND in every circumstance!

The Youth will have our Youthsgiving Feast from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 16. If you are able to donate towards the feast, we would greatly appreciate it! Just let Matt know if you are able to provide anything for the feast!

**Dates to know:**



Nov. 16 — Youthsgiving Feast, 5 - 7 p.m.

Nov. 23 — Church's Thanksgiving Meal, Noonish

Dec. 14 — Progressive Dinner

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## Children's Church Lesson Calendar

Nov. 2 — "Noah," led by Audrey Brannon and Taylor Shepard

Nov. 9 — "Abraham and Sarah," led by Kimberly Roberts and Sylvia Monreal

Nov. 16 — "God's Promise To Jacob," led by Nancy Onyon and Brittaney Day

Nov. 23 — "David Faced Goliath," led by John and Cindy Tittle

Nov. 30 — No Children's Church

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## OGBC News Notes

### Ladies' Luncheon

The Ladies' potluck luncheon will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14 at the Church. This event will include decorating ornaments, contests and prizes. See Pam Foley for more information.

### Thanksgiving Break

Awanas and Youth will not meet on Wednesday, Nov. 26 due to Thanksgiving Break.



Sunday Morning Services can be watched live via YouTube at YouTube@OakGroveBaptistChurchCatoosa. A YouTube account is not needed and you can watch for FREE!

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

# November Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 1  | Matt. 20-21          | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 11 | John 14-17          | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 21 | Acts 13-14               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 2  | Luke 18:15-19:48     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 12 | Matt. 27, Mark 15   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 22 | Jas. 1-5                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 3  | Mark 11, John 12     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 13 | Luke 23, John 18-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 23 | Acts 15-16               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 4  | Matt. 22, Mark 12    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 14 | Matt. 28, Mark 16   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 24 | Gal. 1-3                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 5  | Matt. 23, Luke 20-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 15 | Luke 24, John 20-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 25 | Gal. 4-6                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 6  | Mark 13              | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 16 | Acts 1-3            | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 26 | Acts 17-18:18            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 7  | Matt. 24             | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 17 | Acts 4-6            | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 27 | 1 Thes. 1-5, 2 Thes. 1-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 8  | Matt. 25             | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 18 | Acts 7-8            | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 28 | Acts 18:19-19:41         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 9  | Matt. 26, Mark 14    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 19 | Acts 9-10           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 29 | 1 Cor. 1-4               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 10 | Luke 22, John 13     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 20 | Acts 11-12          | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 30 | 1 Cor. 5-8               |

## Sign up now for Ewomen!

The sign-up sheet for the Ewomen 2026 conference is at the Welcome Desk. The conference is March 6-7, 2026. Speakers will include Kirk Cameron, Sheila Walsh, Jennie Allen, Faith Eury Cho and Riley Gaines. Praise and worship will be led by Meredith Andrews, and Anne Wilson will be in concert that Friday night.

Tickets will be order the end of December. Cost will be approximately \$75-\$80 (includes box lunch) depending on how many of us attend.

See Vicki Albright for more details.



## OGBC Deacons:

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# November 2025

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|  |                                 |                                 |                                 |   |   | <b>1</b><br>Church reserved   |
| <b>2</b><br>Jim McEntire bday; OCC packing party 5pm                         | <b>3</b><br>Carol Braden bday   | <b>4</b><br>Micah Holloway bday | <b>5</b>                        | <b>6</b><br>Abby Jines bday   | <b>7</b><br>Sue Pierce bday; Adult Game Night 6pm     | <b>8</b><br>Church reserved   |
| <b>9</b><br>Lisa Lee bday  | <b>10</b><br>Randy Brannon bday | <b>11</b>                       | <b>12</b>                       | <b>13</b><br>Crafty Christians 10am   | <b>14</b><br>Ladies Potluck luncheon/ fellowship 11am | <b>15</b><br>Eric Treech bday |
| <b>16</b><br>Phillip Ballard & Bobby Qualls bdays; Youthgiving dinner 4:30pm | <b>17</b>                       | <b>18</b><br>Katie Curtis bday  | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br>Sissy Edmundson bday                     | <b>22</b>                     |
| <b>23</b><br>Lois Gerhard bday; Church Thanksgiving dinner noonish           | <b>24</b>                       | <b>25</b>                       | <b>26</b><br>No Awanas or Youth | <b>27</b><br> | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>                     |
| <b>30</b>  |                                 |                                 |                                 |   |   |                               |

# OGBC 2025 Fall Festival





Sunday School 9:30 a.m. :: Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m. :: Praise and Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.  
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