



OAK GROVE CHURCH
A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025

THE OLD IS NEW NEWS

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED AND INFORMED.

A Word from our Pastor

A friend complimented me the other day for my courageous mention of Charlie Kirk during worship this past Sunday. My first reaction was to minimize the mention, and pooh-pooh any bravado heaped my direction. After pondering this for a bit, I came to two conclusions: First, I very much agree that being willing to stand up for and lift one of the most consequential Christian apologists in our time is not only courageous, but should be a proud staple of churches throughout the Body of Christ. Second, I have been less than adequate and short on courage in this respect up to now.

That said, let me speak a little more boldly to you today. I am greatly saddened by the loss of Charlie Kirk's voice of faith to the world. His ability to engage people from all walks of life, but particularly a younger generation who has been let down in so many ways by preceding generations, was truly remarkable. He spoke boldly and eloquently about both his faith and his politics, drawing clear distinctions between the two while at the same time acknowledging their necessary interdependence. He rightly made it crystal clear that it does not matter if you are Christian or Atheist, Jew or Muslim, Hindu or any other religious affiliation, your faith will inform your politics, period. To say otherwise is just ignorant, and to label doing so as somehow improperly mixing religion and politics is, simply put, demonization by folks who are unable to defend their ideas with reasoned dialog and honest discourse.

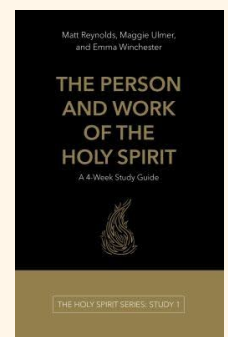
And as much as I admire and celebrate those things about Charlie Kirk, the one thing I appreciated more than anything else and have always believed is an absolute necessity for a healthy and thriving social order was his penchant for open discourse with literally anyone and everyone! Even (actually especially) those who disagreed with him. It didn't hurt that he was brilliant and articulate and able to respond to almost every situation and challenge with facts and knowledge most of us normal folks would struggle to match. But at the end of the day, it wasn't Charlie's brilliance that made him such a capable debater. It was his faith. As he would often say, "My faith informs my political positions, but each of them stands on their own merits." He knew what he believed both spiritually and politically, and he knew that while matters of faith and politics necessarily intersect at many points, they are separate from one another much the way the kingdom on earth, while intimately connected to the heavenly realm, is not the kingdom of heaven.

As Christians, we need more of what Charlie Kirk represents for the world. We need to have faith that isn't bothered by challenges from people who don't know us or understand our convictions. We need a Church that is strengthened and fortified by deep and intimate knowledge of the Word. We need people who are willing to boldly stand up for the Good News and proclaim Christ crucified to the nations. We desperately need all true brothers and sisters in Christ to embrace their faith in ways that let a world in great need see Jesus Christ through the way we live our lives. And most of all we need to get the word out that the most important thing to all of creation is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

I have said for years there are rumblings of a great awakening all throughout the Body of Christ. More people are saying it today than were before September 10th, 2025. I don't know if that is wishful thinking or prophetic utterance, but martyrdom can have a profound effect on people, especially among a youthful and exuberant following like that which makes up much of Kirk's audience. Regardless, it is an exciting prospect and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for we Christians to experience something unique and immeasurably impactful to the Body of Christ and humanity in general. Charlie's death asks a question of all people today: Is the most important thing in your life Jesus? And if so, are you sharing that awesome news with the world? The way you answer those questions could have inestimable impact on the world.

God's Peace Be With You All!
Pastor Ted

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)



Wednesday Bible
Study led by
Pastor Ted begins
Oct 8 at 6:30 pm
Books \$10



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is recognized as **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH** and it is our opportunity to show Ted and Valerie just how much we love and appreciate them for all their hard work and dedication to Oak Grove Church.

October 12, 2025 is Pastor Sunday, and there will be a table set up in the foyer for you to place cards or gifts for them. Anyone looking for an idea on how to honor Ted and Valerie may choose from the list below:

- * Volunteer to mow and take care of their yard during the month
- * Get pine straw to dress their flower beds and put it out
- * Decorate their front door or their home for the fall
- * Provide a cleaning service for them during the month
- * Take them to lunch or dinner or provide a meal for them
- * Make a donation to charitable groups in their names
- * Send them gift cards of appreciation
- * Wear CROSS necklaces or jewelry on Sundays in honor of Ted (he loves his crosses)
- * Pray for the two of them daily
- * Ted loves different versions of the Bible. Look for versions that he may not have and present it to him.

The list can go on and on.

We hope you will take the time to demonstrate your love and appreciation for Ted and Valerie, not only in October, but throughout the year. We are so honored and blessed to have them in our church.

Julie McDonald, SPRC Chair

In The Know

POINSETTIAS

October is the time to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary at Christmas in memory or in honor of someone. Order forms will be available beginning Sunday, October 5. Poinsettias are \$15 each. Please make checks to MES Circle.

THE GROVE @ OGC MOMS GROUP

MoMS, Ministry of Mothers Sharing, will meet Friday, October 3 from 9:30-11:00 am. Childcare is provided. MoMS is a ministry that offers friendship and support to all mothers through prayer, faithsharing, wonderful conversations, and fellowship. For more information, contact Tish Edwards or April Brewer.

MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to Men's Club on Monday, October 6 at 5:30 pm in the FLC.

CANCER COMPANIONS

Cancer Companions (CC) is a support group at OGC tailored specifically for cancer patients and their caregivers. CC will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Friday at 10:30 am. In October, we will meet October 10 and 24. If you know someone suffering from this awful disease, be sure and pass the word to join us.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Men's Club is cooking breakfast on

October 12 for Second Sunday Breakfast. Come to the FLC from 8—9:45 am for a delicious breakfast and some great fellowship before Sunday School and Worship.

NURSING HOME VISITATION

Congregational Care will be visiting the area nursing homes on Saturday, October 18. They invite you to join them at the church at 9:30 am to go.

FUEL TO FIGHT WALK/5K

It's almost time for the Fuel to Fight Walk/5K to support those who have to travel to the Cancer Center for treatments. Our Cancer Companions Team will meet on Saturday, October 18 between 6:30 and 7 am in the parking lot beside the Cancer Center for you to get your packets with your numbers for the walk/5K. The event begins at 7:30 am.

MES CIRCLE CORNBREAD CRUMBLING

All ladies are invited to the MES Circle on Monday, October 27 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center for our "Cornbread Crumbling" to prepare the ingredients for the dressing for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 9. We need lots of cornbread. Bring your favorite salad to share for our meal.

The ladies welcomed Julia Johnson on

Monday, September 29.

Julia shared about her recent Medical Missions Team trip to Honduras with a powerful video presentation. She told of the joy the people have in the midst of their life of poverty and hardship. While there her group, saw 14 children and 6 adults accept Christ.



THE M.E.S. CIRCLE INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR A

Bridal Shower

HONORING

Grace Cornett

BRIDE-ELECT OF JOSH ADAMS

October 12, 2025 || 2:00-3:30 pm
Oak Grove Church Parlor

REGISTERED AT AMAZON, TISH GAMMILL,
ACCENTS, KITCHEN TABLE, AND THE KNOT

Children

Growing in Faith, Friendship, and Fun!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST MONTH

- Family game night was on September 19 and we had a great time playing games and spending time getting to know each other! Thank you to everyone who came out!!



We recognize that faith grows strongest when nurtured both at church and at home. Here are a few simple ideas to help your child continue their journey of faith throughout the month:

- Carving out some family time for a devotional or prayer series weekly can foster family connections.
- Put church on your to-do list! Making it a regular habit of attending Sunday school each week can set children up for healthy habits of attending church regularly into adulthood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There's always something fun on the horizon! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Trunk-or-Treat is OCTOBER 26 from 3-4:30 pm!! Let's work together to make this our biggest and best year of outreach! You can help by signing up for a trunk, donating candy/goodies, and volunteering to help during the event!

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Our Children's Ministry thrives with the help and support of our families and church members. If you're interested in helping, please email children@ogchurch.life or contact KayCee after Sunday service. Every bit of participation brings us closer together and enriches our program!

Youth

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and the youth, I want to thank everyone who helped advertise, sell tickets, donated, and bought tickets. Because of your generosity, the youth raised \$4385. Mr. Jim Ratliff was the winner of the beach house vacation raffle!

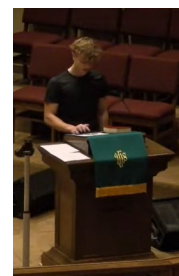
Your belief in the youth is a constant source of inspiration. Thank you for making our youth ministry a vibrant and welcoming part of our church home.

We are so blessed to have such a loving, welcoming, and Christ centered church.

April

youth

SUNDAY





trunk or TREAT

OCT 26

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Lots of candy needed! See KayCee to sign up for a trunk!

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

5:30-6:15 pm

ADULTS \$7 CHILDREN \$3 FAMILY PLAN \$20

October 1, 2025

Menu: Loaded Baked Potatoes, Chili, Garden Salad, French Bread, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Pizza and Salad

Shoppers: Tish Edwards/Susan McQueen

Servers: Self Serve

Desserts: Eva Ratliff, Molly Reynolds, Heather Richardson, KayCee Schielder, Cindy Smith, Hagan Smith

October 8, 2025

Menu: Hamburger Steak w/Onions & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Sliders/Tater Tots

Shoppers: Laura Baird/Peggy Woodruff

Servers: Hagan Smith, Elaine Callaway, Brenda Walker

Desserts: Carol Standland, Shannon Sterling, Lori Terrill, Debbie Tyrone, Teresa Viehweg, Brenda Walker

October 15, 2025

Menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Texas Toast, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Pizza and Salad

Shoppers: Fred/Jane Boudreaux

Servers: Youth

Desserts: Gloria Watkins, Sarah Wilkerson, Peggy Woodruff, Nancy Amacker, Esther Attkisson, Laura Baird

October 22, 2025

Menu: Beef Tips w/rice, English Peas, Carrots, Garden Salad, Biscuits, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets/FF

Shoppers: Kaycee Hairston/Lori Terrill

Servers: Gloria Watkins, Nancy Amacker, Laura Baird

Desserts: Beth Bankston, Pat Bennett, Jane Boudreaux, Trista Boudreaux, April Brewer, Judy Brown

October 29, 2025

Menu: Chicken and Dumplings, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuits, Assorted Desserts

Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets/Tater Tots

Shoppers:

Servers: Tish Edwards, Jane Boudreaux, Fred Boudreaux

Desserts: Peggy Bullion, Joann Burks, Gloria Bynum, Suzell Cain, M.J. Cain, Chris Camacho

Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Danny & Linda McDaniel
14 Henry & Martha Stokes
17 Kirk & RaDonna Frazier

6 Colin McDaniel
12 Clayton Madaris
15 Jason Wesley
19 Landen Smith
23 Martha Stokes
24 Gabby Brewer
25 Johnny Fisher
28 Raymond Watkins
30 Melinda Lucas
30 Brian Richardson
31 Jimmy Burger

BIRTHDAYS

1 Paxton Bell
2 Gabby Jones
4 Brynlee Zeigler
6 Penny Kochtitzky

BAPTISM



Charlotte Dickerson and Margot Jones



*Happy 100th Birthday
Mary Farmer*



*Abby Quinley
Last day in nursery*



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