



# THE OLD IS NEW NEWS

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED AND INFORMED.

## ...A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

I am going to keep things brief this month, but I feel the need to let you, my dear church family, know just how much your love and support has meant for me over the last months, and how much it meant for Valerie. Even when things got really tough, Valerie would swoon about how blessed we were to be a part of this church. And you have been there not just for us, but for our entire family when they were in town. You fed us (boy did you ever!!), you have been very generous financially, and most importantly, you have been so understanding of my need to care for Valerie. What's really great is that you don't just do those things for your pastor, but I've watched you do them for anyone who is going through tough times. You truly do live into the Apostle Paul's admonition that "as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

Till now, I have been remiss in my obligations to express my thankfulness both to the many of you individually who have gone above and beyond in caring for Valerie and me, as well as you corporately through your thoughts and prayers and just checking in on how we were doing. So, the compendium of my thoughts for this newsletter article is to say THANK YOU! No words will ever adequately convey the depth of my gratitude, and I can say with complete confidence that Valerie felt the same way. We love you and appreciate you more than words can say:





## ...IN THE KNOW...

### MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to Men's Club on Monday, February 2 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

### THE GROVE @ OGC MOMS GROUP

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MoMS) is a ministry that offers friendship and support to all mothers through praying, faithsharing, wonderful conversations, and support. A MoMS group meets the first Friday of each month at OGC from 9:30-11:00 am. February meeting is February 6. Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Tish Edwards or April Brewer.

### PRINCESS BALL

MES Circle is sponsoring a Princess Ball for young ladies ages 2-16 on Saturday, February 7 from 6-8 pm in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$15 and for each additional young lady in the same family, tickets are \$5. Young ladies may be escorted by father, grandfather, uncle or special friend. Escorts do not need a ticket. Tickets are available until February 3 from one of the MES ladies or in the church office.

### SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for Breakfast on the second Sunday, February 8, compliments of Men's Club. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:45 am in the FLC. Come enjoy a delicious meal and some great fellowship before Sunday School and Worship.

### SCOUTING SUNDAY

February 8 is Scouting Sunday! We welcome Troop 97 as they worship with us and join us in leading worship.

### VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

The Men's Club is hosting a Valentine's Luncheon for all Single and Single Again ladies and gentlemen on Thursday, February 12 in the Family Life Center. We will gather at 11 am, have a blessing at 11:30 am, and then enjoy a delicious meal

together. If you know someone who should be invited, please extend an invitation to them and then let Jimmy Carpenter or the church office know so we can prepare adequately.

### CANCER COMPANIONS

Cancer Companions (CC) is an OGC support group tailored specifically for cancer patients and their caregivers. CC meets twice a month on the second and fourth Friday at 10:30 am. In February, we will meet on the 13th and 27th. If you know someone suffering from this awful disease, be sure and pass the word to join us.

### PANCAKES AND BINGO

The Children's Ministry is hosting Pancakes and Bingo on Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes then have some fun playing rounds of Bingo for some great prizes. Pancake tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Bingo rounds are \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20. See KayCee for tickets. All proceeds go to send our kids to Camp Wesley Pines this summer.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 18. At our noon prayer service, we will have a time of disposition of ashes. At 5:30 pm, we will have Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary followed by our Wednesday night meal. Children, Youth, and Choir will not meet. A nursery will be provided for the service.

### NURSING HOME VISITATION

Congregational Care will be visiting the area nursing homes on Saturday, February 21. They invite you to join them at the church at 9:30 am to go.

### MES CIRCLE

All ladies are invited to MES Circle on Monday, February 23 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

Jesus Loves the little children....



Weston Kirk Frazier

January 5, 2026

7lbs 13oz

Son of Landon and Ellen Frazier  
 Grandson of Kirk and RaDonna Frazier



Daniel Oliver Hairston

January 15, 2026

9lbs 5oz

Son of Rob and Emily Hairston  
 Grandson of Lath and Kaycee Hairston

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jackie & Lisa Shelton
- 14 Keith & Cindy Mercer
- 25 Hoppo & Pat Bennett

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Shelton
- 6 Caroline Burnett
- 7 Jessie Holmes
- 7 Andrew Lott
- 13 Elizabeth Lucas Jones
- 13 Mary Lou Powell
- 15 Matt Lamar
- 15 Rayleigh Shelton
- 16 Jonah Mathias
- 17 M.J. Cain
- 18 Laura Baird
- 18 Jace Holmes
- 19 Isla McDaniel
- 20 Dean Smith
- 21 Jim Ratliff
- 25 Molly Entreklin
- 27 Esther Attkisson
- 28 Susie Barefield

# Princess Ball

Saturday, February 7, 2026

6:00- 8:00 pm

Tickets \$15  
\$5 for additional young lady in family  
Ages 2-16  
Young lady may be escorted by father, grandfather, uncle or special friend  
Tickets available until February 3

Oak Grove Church  
4915 Old Hwy 11

### ...YOUTH...

**FEBRUARY**

1	5:30-7 pm	Youth
4	5:30 pm	Dinner and Youth
8	No Youth	
11	5:30 pm	Dinner and Youth
15	5:30-7 pm	Youth
18	5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Meal
22	5:30-7 pm	Youth
25	5:30 pm	Dinner and Youth



Oak Grove Church Men's Club cordially invites you to a

## VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 12  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Family Life Center

A special time for Single and Single Again Ladies and Gentlemen

rsvp: church office  
601-264-8850 or office@ogchurch.life

### ...CHILDREN...

Growing in Faith, Friendship, and Fun!

Highlights from the Past Month

- Wednesday nights started back strong! It's important for children to attend on Wednesday nights as well as Sunday morning for Sunday school!

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:

- Find ways to connect to Jesus this season! Pick someone new and agree to pray for them consistently for 30 days! Watch Jesus work!
- 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:

- February 17th we will have our Children's Ministry fundraiser! This year our theme is Pancakes & Bingo! We have some amazing prizes and all proceeds go to helping our children attend Camp Wesley Pines in the summer!

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](mailto:children@ogchurch.life) or contact KayCee after Sunday service. Every bit of participation brings us closer together and enriches our program!

OGC CHILDREN PRESENT

# PANCAKES & Bingo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
5:30PM- 7 PM

GREAT PRIZES!!  
\$1,\$5,\$10,\$20 ROUNDS

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MEAL 5:30 PM

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

CLASSES AND CHOIR 6:30 PM

## February 4, 2026

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: M.J. Cain, Suzell Cain, Elaine Claway, Chris Camacho, Felecia Carpenter, Mary Ann Cox

## February 11, 2026

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: Laura Baird, Jane Boudreaux, Fred Boudreaux

Desserts: Grace Dickerson, Noel Dickerson, Paula Duren, Tish Edwards, Betty Entrekin, Candice Entrekin

## February 18, 2026

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

Children's Menu: Pizza and Salad

Shoppers: Fred/Jane Boudreaux

Servers: Elaine Callaway, Tish Edwards, Betty Entrekin

Desserts: LaNita Fisher, Kaycee Hairston, Tess Hammond, Laura Hojem, Jessie Holmes, Sharon Schamber Jones

## February 25, 2026

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: LaNita Fisher, Kaycee Hairston, Julie McDonald

Desserts: Penny Kochtitzky, Melinda Lucas, B.J. Mathias, Julie McDonald, Susan McQueen, Kim Morgan

# ...MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT...

## STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT FOOD PANTRY

Shana Bounds and students from the Benedict Day School Student Council volunteered their time January 28th at the Oak Grove Church Food Pantry. They stocked shelves, helped recipients carry their food bags to their vehicles and bagged groceries. The Food Pantry was so grateful for their help.



## MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN BELIZE

At the Hattiesburg District Charge Conference, Andreea Fortenberry, who attends New Hebron Methodist in New Hebron, MS, agreed to pray about leading a short-term mission team to Belize to work with her parents who serve as missionaries there and God has opened that door!

Andreea will be taking a team to Belize to help with a youth camp ministering through song, Bible lessons, sermons, and fellowship July 24 through August 4.

If you are interested in this mission trip, contact Tish Edwards, Missions Coordinator, for all the details.



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