



THE OLD IS NEW NEWS

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED AND INFORMED.

...A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

One of the most comforting verses of Scripture is a simple passage found in the Sermon on the Mount that declares, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4) The curious might ponder how and by whom one is mourning will be comforted. Others might think it’s obvious. The Apostle Paul actually clarifies that question in his second letter to the church at Corinth, writing that “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (1:3-4) The comfort originates with God (the obvious), but it is channeled through we who are the faithful (perhaps the not so obvious).

I am coming to the time when I will move on from the devastation of my loss, not from the sweet memories, but from the deeply painful memory of Valerie’s long suffering. But before I begin that journey, I wanted one last time to express my profound gratitude for everything you, my awesome and loving church family, have done for me and Valerie over the past 2 ½ years, and the last 8 months in particular. Valerie would want you all to know just how much your loving care meant to her, which she often gave voice to, even when she was in the midst of her greatest torment. As much as she was loved by all of you, she loved you more in return. We both said it over and over again, that we couldn’t imagine a more perfect place we could have been for this unexpected journey we have been on virtually since our arrival here.

My gratitude is beyond what I will ever be able to properly express. You didn’t bargain for what we brought to the table, and yet you embraced and empowered us and me to do whatever I needed to do to take care of Valerie during these last months when I could only be partially present, and then totally absent over the last month. You lived God’s declaration and Paul’s explanation of how and by whom we (and now I) have been and continue to be comforted. And my greatest joy as a pastor is that I know you do this not just for me, but for anyone and everyone in our sphere of influence who are mourning or in need.

I have a lot of individual thank you’s to take care of for the many personal gifts I have received over the last couple of months. If you are one of those, please know I have not forgotten your generosity and I will be tending to that chore in the near future. In the meantime, I will be absent one last time when this newsletter is published, recuperating and getting myself together so I can come back and finally fully reengage with in my role as your pastor. And by the way, thank you for that as well. I need the space and will use it to the fullest so I can be ready to hit the ground running when I return. So, on behalf of Valerie, myself, and my entire family, I say one more time, “THANK YOU!” Thank you for your loving care. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and thank you to all who participated by organizing, singing, and attending what was for me the most amazing and healing memorial service I have ever experienced, much less been the recipient of. Valerie would have (and surely did from heaven) call it perfect and I would say perfect isn’t a strong enough word. She was with us and her spirit was palpable in every soul who was there.

I (we) love you and are so glad to be a part of this family in Christ.

Pastor Ted

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe” (Hebrews 12:28)

...IN THE KNOW...

MEN'S CLUB

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. "Spring Forward!"

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for Breakfast on the second Sunday, March 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.

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 March, 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Oak Grove Church spring Blood Drive is Sunday, March 15 from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm in the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. This year's Blood Drive is in memory of Valerie Fine. For each unit given, \$15 will be given to our Cancer Companions Ministry which Valerie was instrumental in starting here at OGC. All blood types are needed, so please consider giving.

NURSING HOME VISITATION

Congregational Care will be visiting the area nursing homes on Saturday, March 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, March 30 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center. Debbie Pimm will be leading our program.

On Monday, February 23 the ladies welcomed Jenny Nolen as their speaker. Jenny asked the ladies, "What on earth are you doing?" She spoke about her spiritual journey and how she has learned to trust God because He has the best plan for our lives. Jenny, who works as the activities director at Bellevue Assisted Living, said the residents there have taught her that life is fast and precious, so we should not waste a single moment.



Jesus Loves the little children....



Gideon Scott Burks

February 14, 2026

8 lbs 11 oz

Son of Wyler and Stephanie Burks

Grandson of Tom Burks



...VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON...

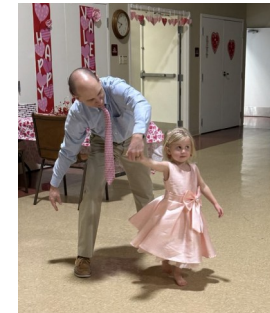
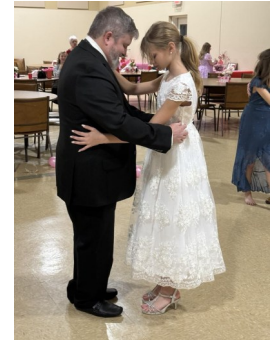


...YOUTH...

MARCH

1	9:00 am	Sunday School	5:30-7:00 pm	Youth
4	5:30 pm	Wed Night Dinner	6:30-7:30 pm	Youth
8	9:00 am	Sunday School	5:30-7:00 pm	Youth
11	5:30 pm	Wed Night Dinner	6:30-7:30 pm	Youth
15	9:00 am	Sunday School	5:30-7:00 pm	Youth
18	5:30 pm	Wed Night Dinner	6:30-7:30 pm	Youth
22	9:00 am	Sunday School	5:30-7:00 pm	Youth
25	5:30 pm	Wed Night Dinner	6:30-7:00 pm	Youth
29	9:00 am	Sunday School	3:00-4:30 pm	Easter Bash

...BAGGING POTATOES FOR FOOD PANTRY...



...Princess Ball...

...CHILDREN...

Growing in Faith, Friendship, and Fun!

Highlights from the Past Month

- Pancakes & Bingo fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated, helped with prizes, and attended!

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:

- March 15 is the deadline for all children in second grade—sixth grade to sign up for Camp Wesley Pines! Please reach out to KayCee if you have any questions!
- March 29 is Palm Sunday! We will have our annual Palm Parade with the children during worship that morning. Please have your children in the hall by the FLC at 9:45 to receive their palms and get ready to parade!
- March 29 is our Easter Bash from 3:00-4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend for a fun day of jumps, face painting, and, of course, egg hunting!

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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MEAL 5:30 PM

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

CLASSES AND CHOIR 6:30 PM

March 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: Dawn Nuss, Jamie O'Quinn, Cindy Oubre, Cindy Pace, Judy Parker, Kathryn Phillips

March 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: Susan McQueen, Kathy Neese, Dawn Nuss

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

March 18, 2026

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

Children's Menu: Pizza and Salad

Shoppers: Fred/Jane Boudreaux

Servers: Youth

Desserts: Hagan Smith, Carol Standland, Shannon Sterling, Lori Terrill, Debbie Tyrone, Teresa Viehweg

March 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: Cindy Oubre, Kathryn Phillips, Adelia Powe

Desserts: Brenda Walker, Gloria Watkins, Sarah Wilkerson, Peggy Woodruff, Nancy Amacker, Esther Attkisson

...THANK YOU...

Dear Oak Grove Church ,
Thank you to all of our Oak Grove Church family for the help and love shown to us when Kim went to heaven.
I love our church!
Becky Shelton

...ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS...

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Perry & Kay Arnold
13 Grady & Jane Aultman
13 Josh & Megan Mathias
23 John & Laura Hojem
29 Craig & Trista Boudreaux

8 Grady Aultman
8 Fred Boudreaux
8 Rosie Brewer
8 Landon Frazier
10 Roland Pimm
12 Dempsey Amacker

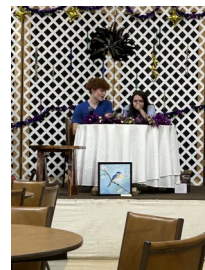
22 Noel Dickerson
24 Heather Richardson
25 Chris Camacho
25 Ellison Frazier
26 Roxy Barber
26 Betty Entrekin
26 Jacob Hammond
27 Vickie Durant
29 Randy Webber
31 Eva Ratliff

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jimmy Carpenter
2 Jamie O'Quinn
3 Sarah Findley
4 Jeanette Breland
5 Jane Boudreaux

12 Lath Hairston
12 David Oubre
15 Leigh Shelton
18 Cindy Oubre
20 Hoppy Bennett
21 Robert Hammond

...PANCAKES AND BINGO...



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