



OAKLEY GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 20, 2022



Vision 2022  
Regenesis  
"New Beginning"

Lamentation 3:21:22



Service Times

Sunday School @ 9:00a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:15a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study @ 6:45pm.

Thursday Youth Bible Study @ 6:30pm

"Building People; Mind, Body, and Spirit." (Matthew 28:16-20)



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- ∞ **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
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- ∞ **ADMINISTRATION**  
ELDER CHARLES FULLER
- ∞ **EVANGELISM**  
ELDER JEFF HILL
- ∞ **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**  
ELDER JAMES RICHEY
- ∞ **SERVICE/RESOURCES**  
ELDER MCADOO
- ∞ **WORSHIP & ARTS**  
ELDER ERNEST COARD
- ∞ **DEACON CHAIR**  
DEACON DARREN HICKS
- ∞ **TRUSTEE CHAIR**  
TRUSTEE COREY MCCORD
- ∞ **YOUTH PASTOR**  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come  
**WORSHIP**  
With Us



The Marriage Ministry would like for you to join them in a small group. If you are a married couple and are not in the Marriage Ministry, please contact London and Cheryl Dubois at 601-291-8503.

*Dorothy Moore*

**Happy Anniversary**

*Reginald and Placidia Jackson*

*Darius and Shanta Riggins*

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Isaac Green  
706-495-3629

**11/20**

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Charles Whitfield  
706-533-3408

Randall Collins  
706-799-2084

**11/27**

Johnny Williams  
404-988-9252

Please contact the designated Deacon or the Trustee  
if you need assistance during the week.



Please keep the following  
individuals and families in  
your prayers:

Donna Wilson  
Henderson Family  
Tina McKettrick  
McAdoo Family  
Frankie Dunn  
Dunham Family  
Dubois Family  
Dejoris Smythe  
Bishop Harvey Paul Johnson Sr.

#### HOMEBOUND SAINTS

James Johnson  
Ruth Phillips  
Ruth Graham

Emma Stokes  
Ludian Perrins  
Mamie Freeman

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

Please join us on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in person for  
Youth Bible Study

6:45 pm



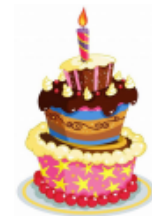


# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Each Tuesday at 10:00am for  
Senior Bible Study

In observance of Thanksgiving, the church  
office will be closed November 24 and 25



Wishing Happy Birthday this Month to:



LaToya Jones  
Janiya Hawkins  
Carlene Blanding  
Louella Warner  
Kaleb Blanding  
Rekyia Clayton  
Derek Bellamy II

Melvin Fielding  
Tony White  
Kennedy Myers  
Shondale Dukes  
Kathy Aponte  
Chad Washington  
Patricia Sullivan

Astrid Moore  
Jerry Cotton  
Rella Hicks  
Alan Lashley  
Derek Bellamy  
Natakia Jones  
David Bedford



## Onwards! Unswerving

[We encouraged] . . . you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. <sup>1</sup> Thessalonians 2:12

In the poem “Rest,” the poet gently challenges our tendency to separate “leisure” time from “work,” asking, “Is not true leisure / One with true toil?” If you want to experience true leisure, instead of trying to avoid life’s duties, the author urges, “Still do thy best; Use it, not waste it,— / Else ’tis not rest. / Wouldst behold beauty / Near thee? all round? / Only hath duty / Such a sight found.”

The poet concludes that true rest and joy are both found through love and service—an idea that brings to mind Paul’s encouragement to the Thessalonians. After describing his calling to encourage believers “to live lives worthy of God” (<sup>1</sup> Thessalonians 2:12), the apostle gives more specifics.

And the picture he paints of such a life is one of quiet integrity, love, and service. Paul prays that God would “make [their] love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else” (3:12). And he urges believers in Jesus to “make it your ambition to lead a quiet life,” to “mind your own business and work with your hands” (4:11). It’s that kind of life, quietly loving and serving in whatever ways God has enabled us, that reveals to others the beauty of a life of faith (v. 12).

Or, as the writer puts it, true joy is “loving and serving / The highest and best; / ’Tis onwards! Unswerving— / And that is true rest.”

By Monica La Rose

### REFLECT & PRAY

How does God’s presence help you experience true joy? How are rest and service united in God’s kingdom?

Loving God, thank You that I don’t need to avoid the duties and rhythms of daily life to experience Your beauty. Help me to know the joy of a quiet life lived with You.

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

The apostle Paul cared about the reputation of the gospel. In his letter to the Thessalonian church, he wanted to remove any obstacle that would prevent the hope of Jesus from impacting the city. He had good reason too. When the apostle first visited Thessalonica, his proclamation of the gospel caused quite the stir, which devolved into riots, shouting, and arrests (Acts 17:1–9).

In his letter to the church that grew after he left, Paul told the people to not just show love for each other but to also live quietly and mind their own business (<sup>1</sup> Thessalonians 4:11). Why? Verse 12 says that by doing so “your daily life may win the respect of outsiders.” The apostle wanted the fledgling church to know that peace and respectability were their greatest assets in advancing the message of Jesus in the world.

Learn more about the life of the apostle Paul.

Jed Ostoich