



OAKLEY GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 27, 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**  
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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

Randall Collins  
706-799-2084

**11/27**

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Johnny Williams  
404-988-9252

London Dubois  
601-291-8503

**12/04**

Melvin Fielding  
706-495-8207

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  
Lavenia Richardson  
Pamela Jones  
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

Senior  
ministry

Join Us

Each Tuesday at 10:00am for  
Senior Bible Study



from the Senior Ministry, as every child in the Christmas  
give-a-way has been adopted. 🖐️

Feel free to start bringing your gifts to the church. As you prepare your gifts,  
please remember to mark them with the identifying code you received. Again,  
thank you for your participation in this years give-a-way.

A reminder that in observance of  
Thanksgiving, the church office will be  
closed Thursday the 24th and Friday  
the 25th.



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





Richmond County Early Voting Begins November 27, 2022  
Columbia County Early Voting Begins November 28, 2022



December 6, 2022



Winter is coming and Westeros isn't the only place where there's much to prepare for. As winter approaches, "Winter is Coming" will be a segment dedicated to winter preparedness to help you keep your home, health and sanity intact.

# 9 Things You Can to Do Now to Prepare for Winter

By Mikey Rox courtesy of [www.wisebread.com](http://www.wisebread.com)

## 1. Slowly Condition Your Home to Cooler Temperatures

As soon as our homes get chilly, the kneejerk reaction is to run to the thermostat and crank up the heat. While our bodies are instantly grateful for our natural impulses, our wallets will start to feel the pain not long after.

Kyle James, founder of [Rather-Be-Shopping.com](http://Rather-Be-Shopping.com), suggests a different approach to help acclimate your body to living comfortably by changing your warming pattern.

"If during the winter and fall months you typically keep your thermostat at 73 during the day and 66 at night, try an experiment and lower it by one degree each week for a month," he says. "Slowly try changing the temperature you are used to and let your body adjust. Wear a sweatshirt if this is a difficult adjustment. This tip has the potential to save you quite a bit of money this winter."

Another great tip he shares to help your home capture more heat during the winter is to seal or wrap your windows to prevent cold air from seeping in, and open the blinds and curtains in



the morning to take advantage of the natural heat from the sun that will pour through your windows and help raise the temperature of those rooms a bit.

## 2. Kick Rodents and Other Pests to the Curb

During the milder months, the weather is nice enough that we generally don't have to worry about vermin taking over our homes — they're enjoying the outdoors as much as we are. But when the temps take a dive, everybody runs for cover... even the creepy-crawlies.

"Rodents, spiders, cockroaches, and other pests also seek shelter from the winter elements — and unfortunately our warm homes make the perfect haven," says Amanda Polyak, a representative for the [National Pest Management Association](#). "It's important to take preventative measures now to keep these pests out because they are known to spread diseases, bring other dangerous pests such as ticks and fleas in to the home, and trigger asthma and allergies."

To help keep this nightmare scenario at bay, Polyak recommends taking a few steps to ensure your home is home to only you and your family:

- Seal cracks and holes on the outside of your home to help prevent rodents from getting inside. Be sure to check the areas where utilities and pipes enter the home. A mouse can fit through a hole the size of a dime.
- Replace loose mortar and weather stripping around the basement foundation and windows.
- Store firewood at least 20 feet from the home. Mice and ants can make their nests in woodpiles and easily gain access to your home if the pile is nearby.
- Rodents can hide in clutter, so keep storage areas well organized, and store boxes off of the floor.
- Eliminate all moisture sites, including leaking pipes and clogged drains. Pay special attention to kitchens and bathrooms, as these areas are particularly vulnerable to cockroach infestations.
- Keep attics, basements, and crawl spaces well ventilated and dry. Install door sweeps and repair damaged screens in windows.
- Screen vents to chimneys.

### 3. Stock Up on Your Outdoor Hardware

You wouldn't face an impending winter storm without the proper essentials indoors — bread, milk, toilet paper, WINE — and you shouldn't forget about the supplies you'll need to take care of the outside of your home either. Do an early check to make sure you have rakes, shovels, snow blowers, sidewalk salt, and other winter cleanup items that you'll need to keep everybody safe who will step on to your property before, during, and after a winter-weather event. Rush the hardware store a day before and you'll likely find very little stock left or face supply-and-demand pricing, which will only make matters worse.

### 4. Clear Vents and Chimneys to Avoid Carbon Monoxide Mishaps

Tim Flynn, owner of [Winter Home Services](#), has seen firsthand the dangers of obstructed chimneys and vents — a hazardous scenario due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. He offers a few tips on staying safe and warm this winter:

- Inspect vents and chimneys to make sure they are unobstructed. Clear leaves and vines; prune shrubs and plants so they do not block vents. Anything around a vent or chimney needs to be removed as it can block the exhaust, which can cause carbon monoxide to back up into the home as well as trigger heating system shut-off or malfunction.
- Install, check and/or replace smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Both fire and carbon monoxide can be deadly and silent. Manufacturers recommend replacing detectors every five years.

### 5. Take Preventative Measures Against Pipe Freezing

The last thing you want this winter are burst pipes that have frozen because you didn't properly prepare them. WikiHow has a great [step-by-step DIY article on how to properly prevent pipes from freezing](#), but you also can find a few great tips from Wise Bread.

Bill Redfern, founder and president of A Buyer's Choice Home Inspections, goes a couple steps further when he suggests that we "check to ensure sprinkler systems are blown out and winterized and exterior faucets and water lines are insulated; drain the air conditioner pipes; and if your air conditioner has a water shut-off valve, turn it off."

If you have a swimming pool in your yard, it's important that you properly winterize that as well.

## 6. Visit Your Doctor or Local Pharmacy for a Flu Shot

Ebola fears have reached a fever pitch lately, but that virus doesn't hold a candle to seasonal influenza, [which claims thousands of lives each year](#) according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Give your body the best chance of avoiding the flu — and fighting it if you do catch it — by getting a flu shot. While you're at the doctor, update your prescriptions and take care of any other check-up type necessities, so you can make fewer trips when the weather is poor.

## 7. Outfit Your Car for Winter Weather

Paul Purcell is a terrorism and natural disaster preparedness trainer and author of [Disaster Prep 101](#). He suggests topping off your tank, "docking" your car, pre-treating your locks so they don't freeze, covering your car if it's susceptible to the elements, and keeping the engine block warm.

Personally, I also would recommend keeping a first-aid kit in your car (at all times, not just during the winter), along with hand warmers, flares, heavy blankets, an emergency phone ([I own this model from SpareOne](#)), and a few days' non-perishable food and water in the event that you're ever stranded. These items literally could be the difference between life and death.

## 8. Replace Shingles and Clean Your Gutters

Hop up on the roof to inspect and replace any loose shingles to avoid a potentially devastating in-home disaster from melting precipitation that could make its way inside. At the same time, clean out your gutters to remove leaves, sticks, and other debris that can block the flow of rain and melting snow and ice and which also will put an added strain on your gutters with additional precipitation on top of it.

## 9. Consider the Well-Being of Your Mind and Body

Winter is notorious for bringing on bouts of depression as a result of many nefarious factors — cold temperatures, limited daylight, cabin fever, etc. That's why it's important for you to plan ahead and prepare yourself based on how you expect you'll feel when the going gets tough.

These preventative measures will be different for every person, and I'm not a doctor so I can't tell you exactly what you should do here, but you probably have a good idea of the initial steps you can take to make the best of this situation. You'll also want to make sure you've stocked up on moisturizers and other skin-hydrating products (or make them at home) so your skin can stay smooth and comfortable throughout the winter.





## Reading Backwards

*After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. John 2:22*

Reading the last chapter of a mystery novel first may sound like a bad idea to those who love the suspense of a good story. But some people enjoy reading a book more if they know how it ends.

In *Reading Backwards*, author Richard Hays shows how important the practice is for our understanding of the Bible. By illustrating how the unfolding words and events of Scripture anticipate, echo, and throw light on one another, Professor Hays gives us reason to read our Bibles forward and backward.

Hays reminds readers that it was only after Jesus' resurrection that His disciples understood His claim to rebuild a destroyed temple in three days. The apostle John tells us, "The temple he had spoken of was his body" (John 2:21). Only then could they understand a meaning of their Passover celebration never before understood (see Matthew 26:17–29). Only in retrospect could they reflect on how Jesus gave fullness of meaning to an ancient king's deep feelings for the house of God (Psalm 69:9; John 2:16–17). Only by rereading their Scriptures in light of the true temple of God (Jesus Himself) could the disciples grasp how the ritual of Israel's religion and Messiah would throw light on one another.

And now, only by reading these same Scriptures backward and forward, can we see in Jesus everything that any of us has ever needed or longed for.

By Mart DeHaan

### REFLECT & PRAY

What difficulties concern you about your future? When reflecting on your life, how are you learning to understand and believe God's story that's best understood and loved when read with eternity in view?

Father in heaven, thank You for letting me live long enough to see Your ability to show up and reveal the wonder of Your presence in ways I could not have foreseen.

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

John's gospel is commonly accepted as the last of the gospel accounts to be written. The apostle wrote to a specific group of readers—believers in Jesus with a Hellenistic (Greek) background—and spent time reflecting on the life of Jesus. John 2:13–22 provides an important insight into faith. John linked the belief of the first disciples with Jesus' resurrection. After He rose from the dead, the disciples' belief in Him was confirmed and solidified in a way that reinforced Christ's own words (vv. 19–22).

Those early disciples didn't have all the pieces to their puzzle of faith. We, however, have been given a fuller account of Jesus and can see the relationship between His life and His actions. John said the point of his gospel is that we "may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing [we] may have life in his name" (20:31).