



OAKLEY GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

December 04, 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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## Ministries/Elder in Charge

- ∞ **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
ELDER TILLMAN WILSON, JR
- ∞ **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**  
MINISTER ISAAC PRINGLE

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come  
**WORSHIP**  
With Us

## *Happy Anniversary*

*Fredrick and Anna Griffin  
Virgil and Linda Garnett  
Harvey and Calethia Johnson  
Jerry and Carolyn Cotton  
Rahkeem and Jessica George  
Tony and Antoinette White  
Roy and Kathy Sullivan  
Charles and Deloris Whitfield  
Tillman and Donna Wilson*



The Marriage Ministry would like for you to join them in 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.

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

London Dubois  
601-291-8503

**12/04**

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Melvin Fielding  
706-495-8207

Randolph Dunn  
706-231-3085

**12/11**

Ed Bennett  
70-414-6235

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  
Ceciel Coard  
Tina McKettrick  
Nora Baker  
Dubois Family  
McAdoo Family  
Frankie Dunn  
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

## Important Dates to REMEMBER this December

12/03	Deacon's Meeting	9:00am
	Senior Choir Rehearsal	10:00am
	Mens Choir Rehearsal	11:00am
	Senior Christmas Play Rehearsal	12:00pm
12/06	GA Runoff Election	
12/07	Bible Study - Last Session this year	
12/13	Senior Ministry Christmas Play	10:00am
12/17	Annual Budget Review	12:00pm
12/18	Ribbon Cutting Service of Chapel Bldg	
12/21	Golden Harvest	8:30am - 11:30pm
12/26	Office Closed	
12/31	Watch Night Service	6:00pm - 8:00pm



Wishing Happy Birthday this Month to:



Annett e Johnson  
Pamela Sullivan  
Shanta Riggins  
Tamia Bellamy  
Derrick Myers  
Jayden Futrell

Sydney Perry  
Ruth Gowdy  
Denise Lowe  
Mataviah Davis  
Tiana Andrews  
Charles Whitfield

Cameron Lancaster  
Cheryl Dubois  
Gregory Garnett  
Prosper Ogonga  
Dynasty Blue  
Ned Taylor



Tuesday, 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.

STATE OF GEORGIA

## **Public Service Commission**

### **Urges Consumers To Prepare For The Winter Heating Season**

Georgia consumers can take a number of steps to reduce the impact of winter heating costs:

First, maintain your heating system. Homeowners should have a qualified service technician check out their heating system at least once a year. There is nothing worse than turning on the thermostat on that first cold day and nothing happens.

Replace an older thermostat with a newer digital and programmable one. Many can be programmed to adjust the temperature setting several times during the day.

Winterize and caulk around windows, outside doors, dryer vents, openings where pipes enter the house and other openings.

Insulate pipes in crawl spaces.

Keep furnace vents unblocked by drapes and rugs.

Add insulation whenever possible. Improving your attic insulation can save from 10 to 50 percent of heating costs.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with heating cost this winter, the following agencies may be able to help.

**Weatherization:** Weatherization assistance for low-income families is available in Georgia. This assistance is offered through a program administered by the **Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**. For information on weatherization assistance go to: <http://www.gefa.ga.gov/> or call 404-584-1000.

**Low Income Assistance:** Low income consumers may qualify for assistance with their heating bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). It is administered by the Georgia Department of Human Services who distribute this federal grant money through local community action agencies. Information about **LIHEAP** is available at <http://www.dhs.ga.gov/> or by calling 404-656-2323 or 1-800-869-1150 outside metro Atlanta. The application period for LIHEAP opens on November 1, 2016 for senior citizens with other eligible recipients able to apply on December 1, 2016.

Consumers may also be eligible for assistance through other programs sponsored by their local utilities or social service agencies. Natural gas customers may be able to obtain help through **H.E.A.T. Inc** at [www.heatga.org](http://www.heatga.org) or 678-406-0212. Natural gas and electric customers may also contact **Project SHARE** which is operated through the Salvation Army at 800-25-SHARE. You must apply through the local SHARE Partner Agency.

For more assistance, visit our website, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us), to get information to help you manage your utility bills, to assist in selecting a natural gas marketer, and to get additional conservation tips.

Additional assistance may be available by visiting <https://dhs.georgia.gov/>





## Running The Race

We [go into strict training] to get a crown that will last forever. 1 Corinthians 9:25

The careers of most National Football League players are remarkably brief: just 3.3 years on average, according to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com). Then there's NFL quarterback Tom Brady. In 2021, he began his twenty-second season at the age of forty-four. How? Perhaps his famously rigorous diet and exercise routine have enabled him to maintain his competitive edge. Brady's seven Super Bowl rings have earned him the title of G.O.A.T.—greatest of all time in the NFL. But it's a title he never could have achieved apart from letting his single-minded pursuit of football perfection shape everything in his life.

The apostle Paul recognized athletes exhibiting similar discipline in his day (1 Corinthians 9:24). But he also saw that no matter how much they trained, ultimately their glory faded. In contrast, he said, we have an opportunity to live for Jesus in a way that affects eternity. If athletes striving for momentary glory can work so hard at it, Paul implies, how much more should those living for “a crown that will last forever” (v. 25).

We don't train to earn salvation. Rather, just the opposite: as we realize how truly wondrous our salvation is, it reshapes our priorities, our perspective, and the very things we live for as each of us faithfully runs our own race of faith in God's strength.

By Adam R. Holz

### REFLECT & PRAY

How do you think your faith motivates you to give your very best? How can you avoid legalism as you grow in spiritual disciplines?

Father, help me to grow in discipline as a response to Your love and not as an attempt to earn something You've already given me.

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

Believers in Jesus in Corinth would have connected with Paul's athletic metaphors in 1 Corinthians 9. Corinth was the place where the Isthmian games convened. Craig Keener notes in *The IVP Bible Background Commentary*: “Corinth itself hosted major games for all Greece every two years on the isthmus; these were the best-attended Greek festivals next to the Olympic games.” Running and boxing (v. 26) were just two of the events in which athletes would compete. Other events included wrestling, throwing the discus and javelin, the long jump, chariot racing, poetry reading, and singing. Paul makes athletic references in 1 Timothy 4:8, 2 Timothy 2:5, and in these verses from 2 Timothy 4:7–8: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.”

Arthur Jackson