



OAKLEY GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

December 25, 2022



Vision 2022  
Regenesis  
"New Beginning"

Lamentation 3:21:22

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!*



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**  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come  
**WORSHIP**  
With Us

## *Happy Anniversary*

*Fredrick and Anna Griffin  
Virgil and Linda Garnett  
Darren and Rella Hicks  
Harvey and Caletia 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

Charles Jackson  
706-868-8689

**12/25**

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Patrick Flono  
706-993-6507

Darryl McAdoo  
706-294-2963

**01/01**

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:

Steele Family  
Henderson Family  
James Johnson  
Julia Bell  
Nora Baker  
McAdoo Family  
Lavenia Richardson  
Dejoris Smythe  
Caletha Johnson  
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

12/24 Christmas Eve

12/25 Christmas Day

10:15am Sunday Service

12/26 Office Closed

12/31 Watch Night Service

6:00pm - 8:00pm

01/01 New Year's Day

9am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Service



Wishing Happy Birthday this Month to:



Annette Johnson  
Pamela Sullivan  
Shanta Riggins  
Tamia Bellamy  
Derrick Myers  
Jayden Futrell  
Larry Mackie

Sydney Perry  
Ruth Gowdy  
Denise Lowe  
Mataviah Davis  
Tiana Andrews  
Charles Whitfield  
Glenda Thurmond  
Sondra Bibbs

Cameron Lancaster  
Cheryl Dubois  
Gregory Garnett  
Prosper Ogonga  
Dynasty Blue Ned  
Taylor  
Chad Washington Jr.



## Treasured Prayer

*May these words of mine . . . be near to the Lord our God day and night. 1 Kings 8:59*

The Clark's Nutcracker is an amazing bird. Every year it prepares for winter by hiding tiny caches of four or five whitebark pine seeds, as many as five hundred seeds per hour. Then, months later, it returns to uncover the seeds, even under heavy snow. A Clark's Nutcracker may remember as many as ten thousand locations where it has hidden seeds—an astounding feat (especially when you consider the difficulty we humans can have remembering the location of our car keys or glasses).

But even this incredible act of memory pales in comparison with God's ability to remember our prayers. He's able to keep track of every sincere prayer and remember and respond to them even years later. In the book of Revelation, the apostle John describes "four living creatures" and "twenty-four elders" worshiping the Lord in heaven. Each one was "holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people" (5:8).

Just as incense was precious in the ancient world, our prayers are so precious to God that He keeps them before Him continually, treasured in golden bowls! Our prayers matter to God because we matter to Him, and through His undeserved kindness to us in Jesus He offers us uninhibited access (Hebrews 4:14–16). So pray boldly! And know that not a word will be forgotten or misplaced because of the amazing love of God.

By: James Banks

### REFLECT & PRAY

How does it encourage you to know God never forgets your prayers? Who do you need to pray for today?

Heavenly Father, please give me the perseverance to pray faithfully and the faith to look for what You alone can do.

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

While it may surprise us that the book of Revelation explicitly mentions prayer only three times, what it says about the prayers of the saints is encouraging. The word prayers is mentioned in Revelation 5:8, 8:3, and 8:4, along with the word incense each time. "He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people. . . . The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand" (8:3–4). Aromatic incense in the Old Testament accompanied the sacrifices offered to God. The offering of fragrant incense preceded the offering of the first sacrifice of the day and followed the last offering (see Exodus 30:7–8). The priestly nature of his prayers did not escape David: "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:2).

Arthur Jackson