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Third Quarter 2023

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School's - 9:30AM

Worship - 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 2:00PM

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Sept.-Nov., 2023

The newsletter of Oak Grove Methodist Charlotte



The

Oak Grove

Breeter



# The Oak Grove Breeter

September–November 2023

## Dates To Remember



Beginnings

We welcome you,  
we're glad you  
came.  
We welcome you in  
Jesus' name.  
God's very best,  
be this our aim,  
and all the people  
said Amen!

Oak Grove Church  
**WELCOME HOME!!!**  
September 17, 2023

Please join us for a  
delicious catered  
meal, and a time of  
sweet fellowship  
following Worship.

(feel free to bring a  
favorite desert to  
share)



**It's Time!**

**Oak Grove Annual BBQ**

**October 12, 2023**

**6440 Old Statesville Road  
Charlotte, NC 28269**

**We are serving:**

**BBQ Plate**

(includes beans, bread, slaw and sauce)  
**\$10.00**

**2 Sandwiches**

(includes 2 chips, 2 slaw and 2 sauce)  
**\$10.00**

**1 Sandwich**

(includes chips, slaw and sauce)  
**\$6.00**

**CAN'T LEAVE FOR LUNCH??**

**WE DELIVER!!**

**704-596-4084**





Oak Grove Methodist Charlotte Makes a Difference in Lives



- 6 Doris Crittenden

8 Susan Jenio

9 Clara Whitley

10 Greg Hylton

10 Jackson Jenio

11 Andrea Wilson

17 Charlene McWhirter

22 Scott Henderson

23 Madison Blackwelder

24 Kyle Phillips

24 Bill Hough

25 Brent Blumberg

26 Robert Blumberg

26 JoAnn Walker

27 Perry Phillips

28 Shannon Burgess

28 Linda Clark
1. Kathy Henderson

3. Justin Phillips

3. Rhonda Goode

3 Matthew Wilson

3 Ronnie Wilson

3 Todd Kleban

10 Corey Kleban

11 Cindy Williams

12 Garrett Jenio

18 Kathy Phillips

19 Sandra Jacobs

20 Ed Crittenden

21 Claire Hamor

23 Arlee Stutts

25 Angie Richardson

26 Pam Dwyer

28 Andy Phillips

30 Ryan Brandes
1. Aliyah Stewart

4. Jeff Reynolds

5. Eric Stephens

6. Aaron Cooke

10. Joseph Blumberg

10. Ed Cochrane

10. Gail Gibson

11. Chris Akers

12. Pat Barker

15. Brenda Henderson

17. Chris Stephens

22. Drew Stephens

23. Susan Bledsoe

23. Jonathan Barker

23. Jayla Phillips

25. Brandy Hylton

28. Jonathan Sossamon

Every Christian has unique opportunities to engage the most pressing social issues of our day by praying, proclaiming the gospel, and participating with God in all that he is doing in the world.

David Platt – QUOTESTATS.COM

September	October	November
<b>Ushers:</b> Marshall Burgess	<b>Ushers:</b> Kathy Phillips, Cindy Williams	<b>Ushers:</b> Mark Shook
<b>Greeter:</b> Cindy Williams	<b>Greeter:</b> Lonnie Carrier	<b>Greeter:</b> JoAnn Walker
<b>Counters:</b> Susan Becknell Christine Blumberg	<b>Counters:</b> JoAnn Walker Pat Barker	<b>Counters:</b> Vickie Whitlow tba



Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of JoAnn Mason

Given By:  
Ronnie & Andrea Wilson  
Lonnie & Joan Carrier  
Perry & Kathy Phillips  
Pat Barker  
JoAnn Walker  
Clara Whitley  
Cindy Williams  
R.B. & Helen Helms

In Memory of Ruth Hillman

Given By:  
Sydney D. Hillman

In Memory of Priscilla Carroll

Given By:  
Cathy Sparks

In Memory of R.M. Henderson

Given By:  
Susan Becknell

Thank You

Pastor & Congregation,  
I would like to thank you all for the many acts of Christian love given to me and my family over the last two months. Visits, gift bags, a prayer shawl (which lays over me at night), cards and prayers and I really enjoyed the baked goods.  
God Bless you all,  
Charlene McWhirter

REPEAT REQUEST

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY  
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, KITCHEN  
UTENSILS, ETC. WITHOUT PRIOR AP-  
PROVAL. WE ARE OUT OF  
THANK YOU!

We Have a New Logo!

Oak Grove Methodist  
Charlotte



The Church in Transition

Transitioning With Perserverence

By Steve Petroelje

Read: [Romans 5:1-5](#); [Philippians 3:13-14](#)

Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ([Rom. 5:3-4](#))

When you find yourself experiencing a life transition, do you try to move through it as quickly as possible? It's easy to face transitions with an attitude of "getting it over with." However, there may be something very important that God wants to teach you in the midst of a change.

The apostle Paul knew the reality of suffering. He underwent persecution, imprisonment, and physical pain. Yet, in [Philippians 3:13-14](#), he wrote of his endurance: "But one

thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

During transitions in life, there may be sadness, suffering, anxiety, or renewed energy. Whatever the case, the Holy Spirit is at work in the midst of the changes. We must be open to the Spirit's leading. Our role is to remain faithful and press on with the strength and wisdom God provides. Consider how Jesus remained steadfast as he prepared to die on the cross. Remain faithful and persevere, and watch how God will work to continually transform you to reflect Christ. Perhaps this time in your life will be used by God to help you develop patience in suffering, faithfulness in prayer, greater dependence on the Spirit, or other types of character growth.

As you pray, invite God to transform you in whatever way he desires during a current or future transition.