



Oak Grove Methodist Charlotte
6440 OLD STATESVILLE ROAD
CHARLOTTE NC 28269-1782

Third Quarter 2024

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School's - 9:30AM
 Worship - 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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The Oak Grove
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HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 8, 2024

Join us at 9:30am for Sunday School, then at 10:30am for Worship with
 Rev. Michael Fongemy.

Following Worship, we will have a delicious Catered Meal,
 and a very special time of fellowship.
 Bring your favorite dessert to share!

Come On Home, Oak Grove!!!

Word from Worship

Fall is right around the corner— where did the summer go? Parents are breathing a sigh of relief that school is starting back. The days are starting to get a minute or so shorter each day. It is hard to believe Oak Grove has been without a permanent pastor since April, 2023. We have not let this deter us from worshipping our Lord each and every Sunday! If you are not currently attending Sunday service or listening on Facebook, boy are you missing out! We have been blessed with 20 or so different speakers. Each of the speakers have their own unique style and we have thoroughly enjoyed their messages. Remember, this is our church. We need you! Please continue to pray for Oak Grove's future as we continue this journey.

Oak Grove 60th Annual BBQ!!

Schedule

Clean Up Pit	Saturday, Sept. 21	9:00am
Make Slaw	Tuesday, Sept. 24	1:00pm until
Cook BBQ	Friday, Oct. 4	3:00am
Chop BBQ	Friday, Oct. 4	3:00pm
Clean Up Pit	Saturday, Oct. 5	9:00am
BBQ Prep.	Wednesday, Oct. 9	9:00am
BBQ	Thursday, Oct. 10	11:00am until

Menu

BBQ Plate	Bbq, Slaw, Beans, Bread.....	\$12.00
3 Sandwich	3 Sandwiches, Chips, Slaw	\$12.00
1 Sandwich	1 Sandwich, Chips, Slaw.....	\$ 6.00
Bulk Slaw	\$ 2.00
Brunswick Stew	1 bowl	\$ 4.00
Bulk BBQ	1 pound.....	\$12.00

Thursday, October 10th, 11:00am until....

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We offer Drive Thru, Take Out, or Delivery!



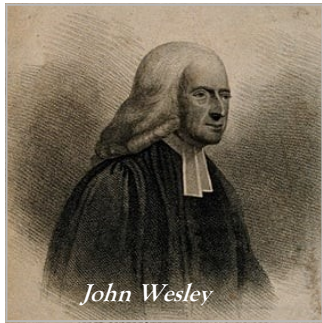
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Oak Grove Methodist Makes a Difference in Lives

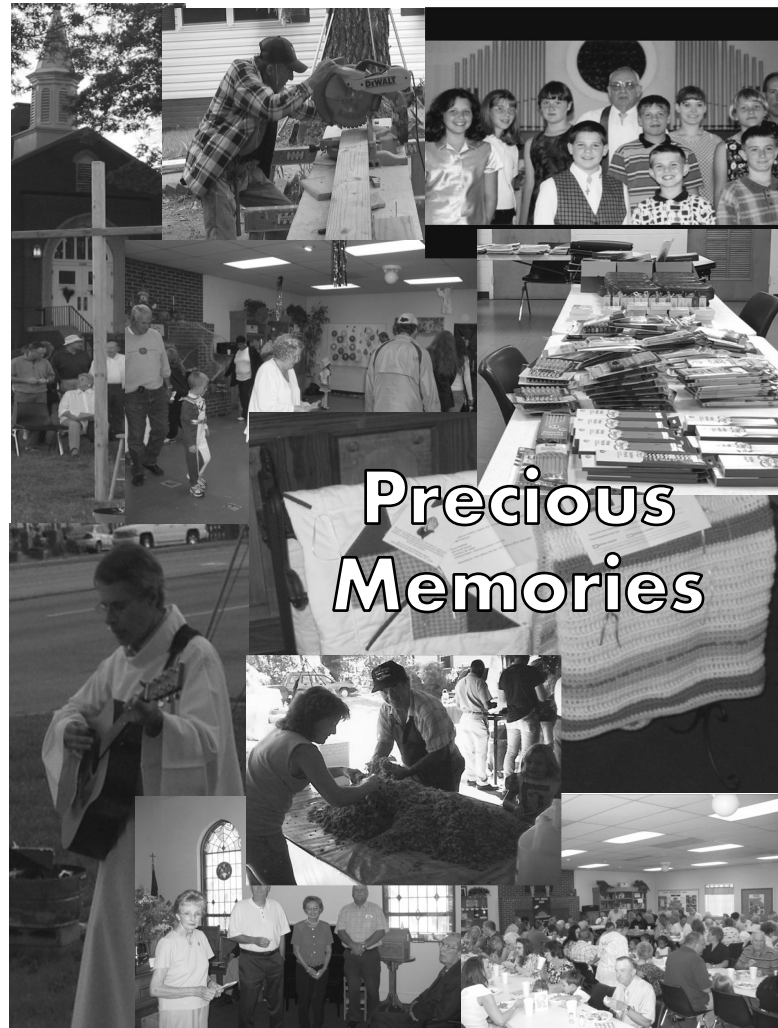
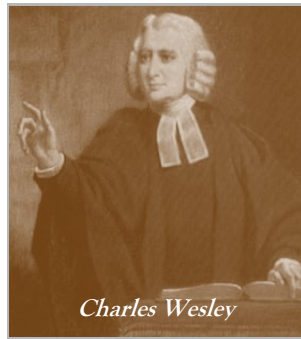


November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. Methodists don't believe in saints. Right? Well, yes... and no. Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. The Articles of Religion that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784, include a statement against "invocation of saints". Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating. However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether. In an All Saints Day journal entry dated Monday, November 1, 1756, Wesley writes, "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" If your 18th century English is as rusty as mine, it might help to know that the word *scruple* means not doing something because you think it's wrong.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what Methodists call the tradition of the church. From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on. Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in the United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages: "Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one." On All Saints Day we can remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We share stories of those "to glory gone." Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.



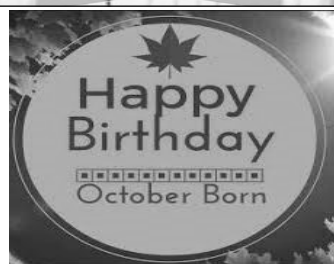
Precious Memories

Memorials

In Memory of Jeff Reynolds
Gary Lee Stephens

In Memory of R.B. Helms
Arzelle Dwyer

If you are interested in helping make Christmons for our church Christmon tree, please reach out to Cindy Williams, Kathy Phillips, or the church office. We have been blessed with the beautiful Christmons made by the ladies of Oak Grove back in the 1980's and 1990's. While these hold wonderful memories for many of us, we would like to add to this collection. Materials will be provided, Looking forward to some fun and fellowship!



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| 8 Susan Jenio | 2 Kathy Henderson | 1. Aliyah Stewart |
| 9 Clara Whitley | 3 Justin Phillips | 5. Eric Stephens |
| 10 Greg Hylton | 3 Rhonda Goode | 6. Aaron Cooke |
| 10 Jackson Jenio | 3 Matthew Wilson | 10. Joseph Blumberg |
| 11 Andrea Wilson | 3 Ronnie Wilson | 10. Ed Cochrane |
| 17 Charlene McWhirter | 3 Todd Kleban | 10. Gail Gibson |
| 22 Scott Henderson | 10 Corey Kleban | 11. Chris Akers |
| 24 Kyle Phillips | 11 Cindy Williams | 12. Pat Barker |
| 24 Bill Hough | 12 Garrett Jenio | 15. Brenda Henderson |
| 25 Brent Blumberg | 18 Kathy Phillips | 17. Chris Stephens |
| 26 Robert Blumberg | 19 Sandra Jacobs | 22. Drew Stephens |
| 26 JoAnn Walker | 21 Claire Hamor | 23. Susan Bledsoe |
| 27 Perry Phillips | 25 Angie Richardson | 23. Jonathan Barker |
| 28 Shannon Burgess | 26 Pam Dwyer | 23. Jayla Phillips |
| 28 Linda Clark | 28 Andy Phillips | 25. Brandy Hylton |
| 29 Steven Lebonville | 30 Ryan Brandes | 28. Jonathan Sossamon |
| | | 28. Beau Blumberg |

WITH ALL PRAYER AND PETITION PRAY [WITH SPECIFIC REQUESTS] AT ALL TIMES [ON EVERY OCCASION AND IN EVERY SEASON] IN THE SPIRIT, AND WITH THIS IN VIEW, STAY ALERT WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND PETITION [INTERCEDING IN PRAYER] FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE. EPHESIANS 6:18

PRAY UNCEASINGLY



Prayer Concerns

Each Sunday the congregation shares prayer concerns. Some of these are for a particular situation, but many are for ongoing issues that our brothers and sisters in Christ are facing. Please continue to pray faithfully. If you have family members, friends, co workers, or anyone else to add to our prayer list, please call the church office at 704-596-4084, or email: oakgrovesecretary@gmail.com

CURRENT PRAYER LIST:

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| Dr. Orlando Fiol | Linda B. Brown | Rob Blumberg |
| Rebecca | Diana Vick | Mike Puckett |
| Carol Taylor | Steve Barker | Anne Williams |
| Julie Jones | Madrig family | Robbie Helms |
| Helms Family | Those struggling | Rev. Gary Willis |
| Johnny Rusher | Karen Reynolds | Clara Whitley |
| Penelope Pope | Russell family | Church leaders |
| Michael Hewitt | Those traveling | Carol Michael |
| Olympia Bacco | Jimmy Wallace | P.J. Reid |
| Bubba Burgess | Pam Stephens | Lonnie Carrier |
| Randy Taylor | Masline family | Those with cancer |
| Robin McCall | Marianne Kleban | Norma Mangum |
| Homer Ellor | Mark Shook | Carrie Baskin |
| Shut-ins | Anthony Wike | Joni Stephens |
| Leslie Queen | Ricky Epps | Kay Brown |
| Bryan Asbury | George Goode | Care givers |

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL AGES WELCOME

Get to learn more about the holy scriptures with us!

SUNDAYS
9:30AM - 10:15AM
OAK GROVE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY CLASSROOM

You will be able to gain a much deeper understanding of the word of God and apply these scriptural truths to your everyday life.

Speaker Schedule

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| September 1st | Pat Barker |
| 8th | Rev. Michael Fongemy |
| 15th | David Crump |
| 22nd | Buddy Mims |
| 29th | Rev. Jackie Short |
| October 6th | TBA |
| 13th | Rev. Michael Fongemy |
| 20th | Rev. Jackie Short |
| 27th | Kelly McWhirter |