



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

First Quarter 2025

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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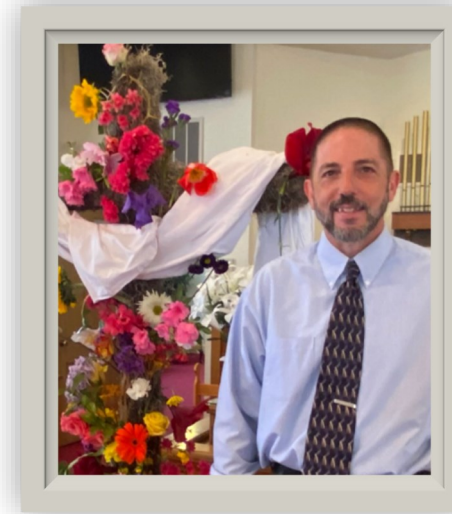
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A Note From Rev. Michael Fongemy!



Hello, just a quick word from Mike about what Lent and the Easter season have meant to me over the years and how it has changed. Growing up I think I always treated Lent as this time of sour faces and “buyers remorse” when I gave up something I really loved. Part of me wanted the challenge to see if I could and part of me could not think of something that sounded hard but was easy. I do hope you are hearing the completely wrong logic going through my mind at the time. I was doing everything for the way I looked, how I felt, how I could, the impact of telling everyone my great sacrifice while keeping my efforts much less visible.

It was not until Jesus found me that I became aware of the real significance of the 40 days. I am not only talking Biblically the passing of time, I am also talking about where my heart should be longing. When I start out from that point, some other things come into focus, like “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting, Truly I tell

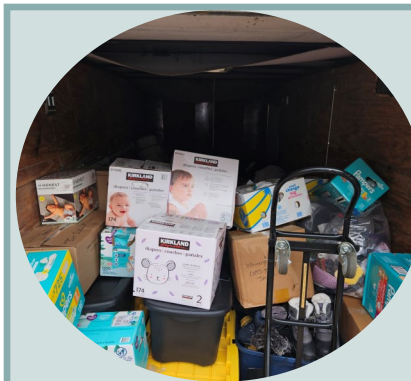
you , they have received their reward.” Matthew 6:16.

This season it is up to us to keep our focus true, namely taking our eyes off our accomplishments and seeing this season as a tribute to Jesus’ victory over sin and death. Invite some discomfort into your life, yes you read that right. Invite some discomfort into your life because in that you are also inviting Jesus to take you down the path that he went. Make your choice this year not based on how your friends and family might admire your determination, but on how you might enter into a real time of dependence not on your strength but on Jesus. I am praying for this season, for its ability to transform us all. Be blessed to then be a blessing.

-Mike

Oak Grove's Ongoing Support for WNC

It has been truly inspiring to witness our church community unite in support of WNC over the past few months. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we have been able to provide meals, homemade blankets, and a wealth of supplies. A special thank you to Marshall for consistently making the trips and handling the supply drops! to get involved!



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Oak Grove Methodist Makes a Difference in Lives



- 2. Madi Williams
- 3. Hadley Wilson
- 4. Ashton Wiggins
- 8. Linda Hill
- 9. Virgil Pryor
- 11. Peyton Norris
- 11. Melba Pierce
- 12. Mike Cooke
- 13. Hayley Hylton
- 13. Hannah Hylton
- 13. Ayden Brock
- 14. Anna Marie Corcoran
- 15. Miranda Hicks
- 15. Pam Davis
- 16. Corene Lazenby
- 25. Laura Hunning
- 26. Andy Mullis
- 27. Bryan Asbury
- 31. Dalline Lebonville

- 1. Matthew Mason
- 1. Kelci Hardison
- 2. Frank Phillips
- 3. Vickie Whitlow
- 3. Jared Phillips
- 3. Phillip Lewis, Sr.
- 4. Sydney Day Hillman
- 5. Scott Kleban
- 6. Phillip Barker
- 9. Megan Murray
- 11. Joey Wilson
- 11. Rachel Arrington
- 11. Alfred Henderson
- 12. Garrett Wilson
- 13. Kelly Turner
- 13. Brooks Jenio
- 15. Madison Cooke
- 17. Barbara Vaughan
- 18. Towner Akers
- 20. Margaret Hough
- 22. Ryan Wilson
- 23. Robin Steele

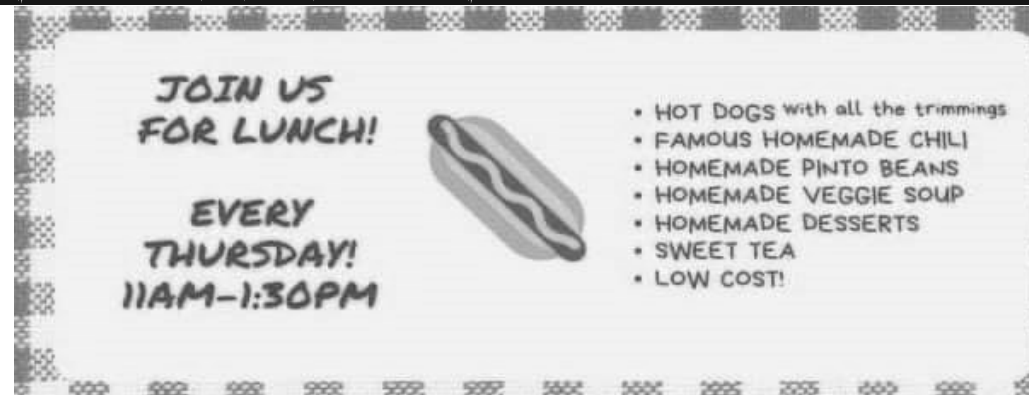
- 1. Conner Ferris
- 8. Cooper Akers
- 13. Steve Phillips
- 13. Aydan Thomas Burgess
- 21. Debbie Phillips
- 22. Marc Leatherwood
- 22. Rhonda Trull

Phone Tree

Are you receiving the calls and texts from our phone tree? You can opt in any time by texting **Oak1** to the number **292929**.

Online Giving

We thank you for your tithes and offerings! You can use the QR code below to make your secure donation now.



Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40

Every Other Wednesday @ 6:00pm OPERATION SANDWICH

COME AND ENJOY GREAT FELLOWSHIP AND HELP US MAKE OVER 500 SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS.

NEXT DATES:
MARCH 5, 19
APRIL 2, 16, 30

EASTER AT OAK GROVE

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th

10am-12pm

Get ready for a blast! We'll have egg hunts, games, crafty creations, prizes, and tasty treats waiting for you!



- Wednesday, March 5th
6:30pm: Ash Wednesday Service
- Sunday, April 13th
10:30am: Palm Sunday Worship
- Thursday, April 17th
6:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday, April 18th
6:00pm: Good Friday Service
- Saturday, April 19th
10:00am: Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday, April 20th
7:00am: Sunrise Service at the Cemetery
Breakfast to Follow
9:30am: Sunday School
10:30am: Easter Worship

Oak Grove has supported nearby schools, Winding Springs Elementary and Ranson Middle School, for years, and this year was no different. With the donations from church members, Oak Grove filled forty book bags with school supplies, which were equally divided between the two schools. I can't speak for the students, but I know the teachers were excited to receive them, and overwhelmed with the amount donated. I have no doubt the students were pleased too..



At the beginning of December, Oak Grove Members also purchased 36 hoodies for Ranson, 12 each in sports gray, hunter green and gold, with "Raider Nation" on them. According to Ms. Tucker, the Social Worker for Ranson, the hoodies are "a hit" and the students are happy to get them.

The needs of the schools are ongoing and Oak Grove does a lot to help. Thank you for all you have done to help provide supplies and hoodies for the students. If you are interested in going one step farther, I encourage you to go to your nearest school to see what volunteer opportunities there are.

Blessings to you all,
-Pat

