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Happy Grandparents Day Oak City Baptist Church Grandparents

When God created grandparents,
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest.

For grandparents know how to do the
little things that warm our heart...
they touch our lives with love and care
right from the very start...

They show that they believe in us
and all we're dreaming of...

When God created grandparents,
He blessed our lives with love...

by Renee Volker

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My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but
in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18 NKJV

From The Pastor's Desk

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“Church Football”

The Football Season, both professional and college, is in full swing. We recently hosted members of the Saint Augustine's University Falcon Football Team for a Sunday morning service. I read an article several years ago by Via Dale Stone, entitled, “Church Football.” I thought I would borrow from it because I found it quite humorous and often true. I hope you will too! Here is some football terminology when it comes to church members!



Quarterback Sneak – Church members tipping out during the service or Invitational Hymn.

Draw Play – What some children do on the church bulletin or in their coloring book during worship.

Halftime – The period between Sunday School and worship service when some choose to only live-stream the service.

Benchwarmer – Those who don't sing, pray, or do anything else during the worship service.

Backfield in Motion – Those finding their way to the back during worship service, usually to visit the restroom or water fountain.

Staying in the Pocket – What happens to tithes and offerings that should be given to the Lord and His work.

Two minute Warning – The point at which members realize the sermon is almost over and they begin to gather up their belongings and/or

children to prepare to leave.

Instant Replay – The preacher loses his/her notes and falls back on a previous sermon, illustration, or sings a song.

Sudden Death – What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes “overtime.”

Trap Play – You are called on to pray and you are asleep.

End Run – Getting out of church quickly to beat the traffic and the restaurant crowd.

Flex Defense – You close your mind to anything from the sermon so it won't affect your life.

Halfback Option – The decision to stay home when the weather changes or it begins to drizzle a little rain.

Blitz – The dash for the side doors following the closing prayer.

I hope you enjoy the 2023 Football Season if you are a fan, and may God be praised during our worship services.

Pastor Newkirk



Impressions by the First Lady

Catherine White Newkirk

Jerusalem Times

Obituaries

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JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ, 33 of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary also known as Golgotha the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ a descendant of Abraham was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, his devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the good news, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, Jesus held a Last Supper, celebrating the Passover Feast at which He foretold His death.



The body was quickly buried in a stone grave which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the Tomb. Roman Soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did and **BELIEVE** in Him. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Forever BELIEVING,
Lady K



Back to School Bookbag and School Supply Drive

Terrye Fish



The Back to School Bookbag and School Supply Drive was a huge success. Our goal was to provide 100+ filled bookbags for children in foster care and Oak City Baptist Church Youth. The purpose of the Bookbag and School Supply Drive was to give bookbags and school supplies to youth starting a new year at Wake County Schools.

The Book Bag and School Supply Drive also was an OCBC team effort. Coordinated by the OCBC Adoption and Foster Care Ministry, Christian Education/ BTU Ministry, and the Youth Ministry, OCBC members donated more than 100 bookbags and school supplies to help make going back to school a little easier for our students. Thank you to Veronica Smith, Glenda Sandlin, Rev. Jose Ndombe, Jr, Teresa Figgins, Teresa Curtis, Cheryl Stewart, Sheila Sams, Illana Sams, and Terrye Fish for taking a Saturday morning to fill the bookbags.



On August 11, 2023, the Homecoming Committee prepared hot dogs with all the trimmings while we watched Spiderman: Across the Spider-Verse. Then we had a Costume Contest with several winners.

Back to School Bookbag and School Supply Drive

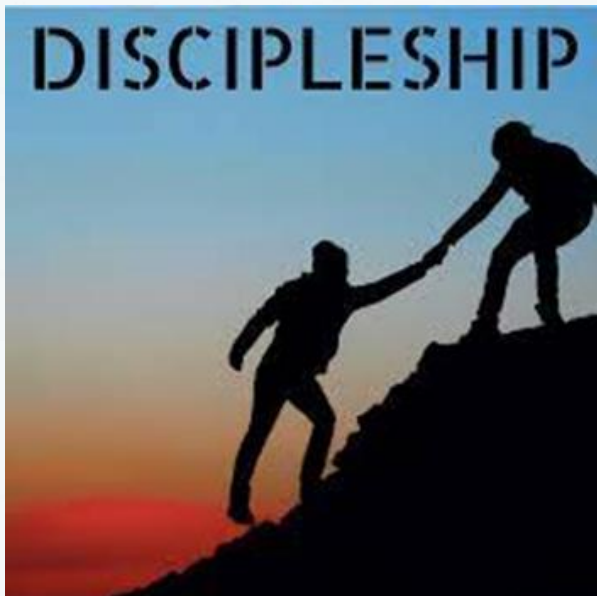


For many families, purchasing all the needed school supplies can be difficult and a financial hardship. We hope that this support will help the youth start the new year in the right direction. Without the participation of everyone, we never would be able to do this. Every year, it gets bigger and bigger, and we're just blown away by the kindness and generosity of the OCBC members. As the year begins, please know that because of you, our youth can be proud of their new backpack and supplies. Your caring spirit is greatly appreciated.



Discipleship Bridge Ministry

Discipleship Ministry



Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, knows Jesus's teachings-grows more like Jesus, serves others and makes new disciples.



Let us grow to be more like Jesus!!



Inspirational Christian Stories

Touching and Inspirational Christian Stories (varietyreading.com)

A Call From God

One Saturday night, a pastor was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about.

Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer."

The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, '**Almighty God**'. I was afraid to answer!"

The church that the pastor attends is called **Almighty God Tabernacle**.



God's Wings

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.



Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick.

When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast.

Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge." - Psalm 91:4





Please check your emails and listen for announcements for confirmation or changes to traditional programs held during the year 2023.

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Inspirational Words of Wisdom

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:
“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NKJV)

