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DEADLINE FOR
SEPTEMBER
AUGUST 15

NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH OFFICE
SECRETARY HOURS:
Monday-Friday
9:00-2:00 p.m.

THE VISITOR

AUGUST 2024

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2138 McVitty Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24018

Come Worship With Us!
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

LONGING FOR CONNECTION
Finding God in the Music 2024

AUG 04	Self-Inflicted Wounds Joe Bonamassa -- Matthew 27:3-10
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AUG 18	Johnny Miller's Farm Crandall Creek -- Matthew 19:13-15
AUG 25	The Architect Kacey Musgraves -- John 1:14



THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO NARNIA:
THE HORSE AND HIS BOY



Sunday, August 11, 9:45 a.m.

Church News

Prayer concerns since the last Visitor:

- ...*Dea Underwood*, recovering from stroke
- ...*Jonna Detweiler*, cancer treatment

Wayne Cook passed away Friday, July 12, 2024. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Toria Knox, daughter of Jamie and Deanna Knox, married Patrick Rogers on June 1, 2024 at Camp Bethel with Pastor Tim Harvey officiating. Our own Carol Elmore and Sam Phillips shared their musical talents during the ceremony.

Play some jazz for me.



OK!

Oak Grove Jazz

Performing Sunday, August 4, 2024
Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
During the **11:00 a.m. Church Service**
and in **Full Concert** starting at **4:00 p.m.**

MONTHLY OUTREACH JULY

- Four individuals assisted through our Good Samaritan Fund.
- Food for three families through our Food Pantry.
- Concert benefits for Sleep in Heavenly Peace were \$941!
- Concert benefits for the Backpack Ministry were \$918!

Happy Birthday

- 1– Jake Keating
- 3– Carolyn Broyles
- 3– Jessica Ballew
- 4– Ellen Phillips
- 5– Leland Flora
- 8– Paul Shumate
- 8– Janet Hartman
- 9– Laura Clements
- 10– Tanya Pizzullo
- 14– Jim Shaver
- 15– Rena’ Brown
- 15– Lucas Musselman
- 17– Nicki Wilson
- 18– Phillip King
- 21– Tima Hambleton-Thrasher
- 22– Carol Jones
- 25– Randall Eakin
- 30– Beth Shearer
- 30– Vada Henshaw
- 31– Martha Gregory
- 31– Landon Elmore
- 31– Lynette Harvey
- 31– Bill Hall

Happy Anniversary

- 7– Keith & Kirsten Robinson
- 7– Ben & Andrea Foutz
- 11– Mike & Sharon Hanger
- 11– Joe & Sara Blaha
- 13– Sam & Ellen Phillips
- 18– Bill & Judy Baker
- 20– Michael & Danielle Craighead
- 21– Jamie & Deanna Knox
- 24– Doug & Robin Craighead

Munch Bunch
August 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.



The group is dining at Cheddar’s this month. Contact Jan Grisso if you are able to join them. Everyone is welcome!

WILLIAM

and

JULIE



Please join us for a Bridal Shower in honor of Julie Chumbley on August 25th from 1:30-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Oak Grove. All are welcome to help celebrate her upcoming wedding on October 4, 2024

Honeymoon wish

If you were thinking of giving a gift
to help us on our way,
a gift of cash towards our honeymoon,
would really make our day!
If, however, it's a gift you find,
Please be assured we will not mind!

Westside Elementary Book Project Update

This spring Peace & Justice purchased books for the students at Westside Elementary School. We bought 314 books, and with the help of Mike Elmore we obtained 380 books from the Star City Reader Program. Many of the books we purchased were bilingual Spanish books.

Our goal was to give each student a new book to take home and to offer a variety of books including books that featured people of color. Westside Elementary serves around 650 students. Oak Grove's Randall Eakin is a guidance counselor at Westside Elementary and heads-up the distribution of the books for us.









SHP
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

**BUNKS ACROSS
AMERICA BUILD**

Sept. 14, 2024
8:30 am

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization committed to building, assembling, and delivering bunk beds to children and families in need.

Friday
Pre-cut Lumber
Sign up link




Saturday
Build Day
Sign up link




VOLUNTEERS

- ✓ Anyone 12 and older is eligible to help.
- ✓ No experience necessary!
- ✓ Sleep In Heavenly Peace requests all volunteers sign up in advance of the build day.
- ✓ Volunteers are also needed on Friday Sept. 13 at 3 pm to pre-cut lumber.

Location:

Cave Spring UMC 
4505 Hazel Dr. Roanoke, Va

Sponsors:

Oak Grove CoB, Cave Spring UMC,
Laurel Branch CoB, and
Mount Pleasant UMC 

BACKPACK MINISTRY

OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE STUDENTS IN NEED AT OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD DURING THE WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL BREAKS.

We have been delivering food bags to students at Oak Grove Elementary School since 2012. This past school year, we delivered an average of 23 food bags each week. We also aim to include a gently used book (at the student's grade level) in their food bag every other week. We estimate that each student in the program last year received a total of 16 books.

This program is funded by donations from our church members, Oak Grove community organizations, and local residents.



WHAT'S IN THE FOOD BAGS?

- Chef Boyardee pasta cans
- mac and cheese
- soup
- raisins
- ramen noodles
- milk (shelf-stable)
- oatmeal packets
- Goldfish \ Cheez-its (individual servings)
- granola \ cereal bars
- fruit cups
- applesauce pouches
- peanut butter crackers
- pudding cups

*DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, BACKPACK MINISTRY MEETS EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 12:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Connor & Amelia Hosey Baptism *by Rhonda Marcum*

Amelia Hosey

What a day July 14, 2024 was! Amelia made a wonderful profession of faith and was baptized! She was baptized along with her brother. Amelia has been attending Oak Grove since she was about three years old.

Amelia will be in 6th grade at North Side Middle School this year. She is very excited about starting a new school and hanging out with her friends. She enjoys video games and scary books. And a girl after my own heart, she loves donuts, brownies, whipped cream, and Little Caesar's crazy bread.

When she stepped into the baptistery, she laughed and said look at the rubber ducky.

Please join me in welcoming Amelia! A beautiful, fun, and loving young lady.

Connor Hosey

What can be better than a baptism? Two baptisms!

Connor Hosey was baptized on July 14 along with his sister Amelia.

Connor has been attending Oak Grove since before he was born, as his mom Anna attended when she was expecting. Today, he's a sweet young man with an infectious smile who sometimes serves as an acolyte at service.

Connor will be entering the third grade at Burlington Elementary. He enjoys basketball, video games, and banana splits. He's also looking forward to playing soccer where he is a pretty good defender.

Welcome, Connor, to Oak Grove!





SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS

BIBLE SCHOOL OFFERING

Our offering this year will go to Heifer International, providing an animal to a family and giving them a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more!

We will be collecting quarters each weekend to purchase a Water Buffalo, Goat, Heifer or to Send a Girl to School.



Bible School will be 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

August 17th at Camp Bethel and lunch will be provided.

August 18th breakfast will be provided here at Oak Grove at 9:30 a.m.

August 24th lunch will be provided.

August 25th breakfast will be provided at 9:30 a.m.

Bible School Volunteers will have an information meeting on August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at church. Volunteers will receive schedule printouts and meet the other helpers!



JOIN US FOR

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS

BIBLE SCHOOL

August 17 at Camp Bethel and August 18
& 24-25 at Oak Grove COB



----- REGISTRATION FORM -----

What are the names, ages (if a minor) and grades (if a minor) of folks attending?

Please circle the dates you plan to attend:

August 17 -- August 18 -- August 24 -- August 25

Adults - Would you like to volunteer to lead an activity?

Yes - No - I'd need more information, please contact me

Does anyone attending have any food allergies? If so, please describe:

Would you like to carpool to Camp Bethel on August 17th?

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Yes, I'd like to carpool and I can drive ____ people!

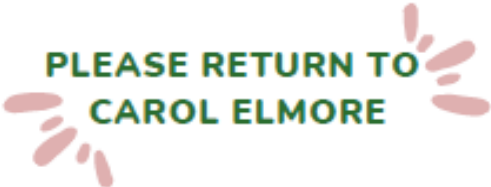
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Yes, I'd like to carpool and I need ____ seats

☐

No, I'll drive myself!

Any other comments or questions?



PLEASE RETURN TO
CAROL ELMORE

REGISTER
ONLINE HERE:





**August 1, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Guided Hike with Trail Mix Bar**

Join the Camp Bethel staff for a guided hike on August 1st at 6:30 p.m.

As you are gathered at the ark, help yourself to our trail mix bar. You can snack as you hike or save your snacks for later!

Registration is NOT required, but encouraged. Event is free; donations requested!

Labor Day Family Weekend is August 30 - September 2, 2024 at Camp Bethel. So many fun activities planned!

For more information and to register, click [here](#).





REGISTER NOW!

7:00-8:00am Check-in,
8:30am Start.
10:00am Brunch in the
Ark!
(brunch donations
accepted)

\$40 includes race
shirt, pre-and-post
snacks, stocked
water, brunch,
placer medals,
and fun!

runsignup.com/Race/VA/Fincastle/CampBethelPep5K

Looking ahead...

Click [here](#) for more info!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

REGISTER
TODAY!



Pastor’s Column

Finding God in the Music 2024

From the blues to bluegrass, *Finding God in the Music* is back in 2024 to help us explore the *Longing for Connection* many people feel. This year’s selection of songs talks about our need to be connected to God, to one another, and with values and traditions that give life stability and strength. Take a look at this year’s “album cover” and listen to these songs ahead of time. What *connections* do you hear being emphasized in the lyrics?

But why *Finding God in the Music*? Why start the sermon from secular songs? This sermon series has its roots in a missionary conversation recorded in the book of Acts. When Paul arrived in Athens (Acts 17:16-34) he had some time on his hands. Having gotten into legal trouble for preaching the Gospel in Thessalonica—and having been chased out of Berea by some of the same ne’er-do-wells that had followed him from Thessalonica—Paul didn’t have much to do as he waited for Silas and Timothy to join him. So, he went for a walk. What he saw distressed him greatly.

Athens was a very cosmopolitan city with many statues dedicated to the ancient Greek gods. Everywhere Paul went, he found statues that paid homage to the Greek gods that we learned about in elementary and middle school. By some accounts, Athens contained nearly 30,000 of these statues—one ancient historian says that it was easier to find a statue in Athens than it was to find a man!

One statue in particular caught Paul’s eye—a statue dedicated to “an unknown God” (Acts 17:23). This was the foothold Paul needed. Debating with some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers and seeking to win them to Christ, Paul tells them that he knows the God to whom this statue is dedicated. To help bridge the gap between the Gospel and these philosophers who know nothing of the God of the Bible, Paul quotes their own poets: “In him we live and move and have our being” and “for we, too, are his offspring” (Acts 17:28). Paul engages in *theopoetics*—using (in this case) secular poetry as a source of conversation and common ground for the purpose of talking about God—hence the name *theopoetics: God-poetry*. *Finding God in the Music* is another form of theopoetics; in this case, as a means to talk about the ways we are longing for deeper connection.

Are there ways that secular songs are reaching for God in the same way the “statue to an unknown God” was in Athens? And hearing these songs, can we link the ideas, images, and metaphors to Scriptural truth? That will be our attempt. I look forward to your thoughts on the songs and Scriptures we will encounter.

Pastor Tim

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August 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Looking Ahead...</div> <div></div> <div>Oak Grove Youth Olympics September 22, 2024 Green Hill Park 12:30-2:30 p.m. Join us for a fun time!</div>				1 2 p.m.-Games 5:30 p.m.– Ev. & Mem. 5:30 p.m.– Missions & Serv. 5:30 pm.-Min. & Worship 6:30 p.m.-Christian Ed. 6:30 p.m.– Hike Camp Bethel	2	3
4 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship 4 p.m.– Jazz Concert	5 9 a.m.– Crafts	6 6 p.m.– Peace & Justice	7	8 2 p.m.-Games	9	10
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