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**DEADLINE FOR
SEPTEMBER
AUGUST 15**

**NEWSLETTER
COMMITTEE:**

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Emily Nelson

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

THE VISITOR

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2138 McVitty Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24018

Join us on Sundays
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

EAST OF THE SUNSET

Finding God in the Music, Volume 3

- August 3** *Prison to Heaven* • The Avett Brothers
Luke 18:9-14
- August 10** *Cornerstone* • Ross Flora
Matthew 7:24-27
- August 17** *Where Rainbows Never Die (live)* • The SteelDrivers
Revelation 21:1-4
- August 24** *Granite Mills (live)* • Allison Krauss and Union Station
Deuteronomy 25:13-16; Amos 8:1-8
- August 31** *Carefully Taught/Children Will Listen* • Midtown
Matthew 18:1-7

Choir Rehearsals will begin again on
September 10, 2025 with a
POTLUCK MEAL at 6:00 p.m.,
followed by shorter **choir rehearsal**
at 7:00 p.m.

ALL teens and adults who love
music are welcome!! Grab a friend
and hum. I mean, come!

Questions? See [Carol Elmore](#) for more information.



Church News

Prayer concerns since the last Visitor:

...Dawn Thomas, neck and spine pain

...Deanna Knox, GI issues

...Jake Keating, bacterial infection

...Sylvia Shepherd, at home

...Bill Fowler, infection

...Ralph Petcher, at home recovering

Celebrating the 42nd year of the
WORLD HUNGER AUCTION

Saturday, August 9

9:30 a.m.

Antioch Church of the Brethren
2996 Callaway Road
Rocky Mount

CRAFT ITEMS QUILTS
BOOKS FURNITURE TOYS
Special Gifts and Services
CANNED AND BAKED GOODS
PRODUCE CONCESSIONS
and much, much more

The World Hunger Auction feeds the hungry through the following international, national and local organizations: Heifer International, Church of the Brethren Global Food Initiative, Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House), Lake Christian Ministries, Heavenly Manna, Stepping Stone and His Cupboard

MONTHLY OUTREACH June

- Four individuals assisted through our Good Samaritan Fund.
- Food for three families through our Food Pantry.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace built 60 beds!

Happy Birthday

- 1- Jake Keating
- 3- Carolyn Broyles
- 3- Jessica Ballew
- 4- Ellen Phillips
- 5- Leland Flora
- 8- Paul Shumate
- 9- Janet Hartman
- 10- Tanya Pizzullo
- 14- Jim Shaver
- 15- Rena' Brown
- 15- Lucas Musselman
- 17- Nicki Wilson McCormick
- 18- Phillip King
- 21- Tima 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- Clark & Rebecca Goodman
- 7- Keith & Kirsten Robinson
- 7- Ben & Andrea Foutz
- 11- Mike & Sharon Hanger
- 11- Joe & Sara Blaha
- 13- Sam & Ellen Phillips
- 20- Michael & Danielle Craighead
- 21- Jamie & Deanna Knox
- 24- Doug & Robin Craighead

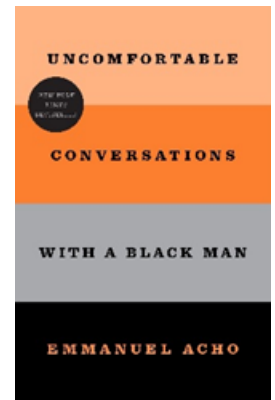


Munch Bunch
August 20, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Ichiban

Everyone invited!
Contact Jan Grisso so
she has a headcount.

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man

- August 3** Chapter 12. A panel discussion led by several Church of the Brethren members with biracial families.
- August 10** Chapters 13-15, led by Pastor Tim
- August 17** Introduction to the Church of the Brethren Standing with People of Color Seven Crucial Christian Conversation prompts, led by Ellen Phillips
- August 24** Back to Sunday School **begins at 9:00 a.m.!** Cookout breakfast and concert by The Lavinders.



***Sunday
School begins
at 9:45 a.m.!***

Guide for Biblical Studies

- August 3** Believers (the Church) as God's Temple, 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
- August 10** Our Bodies Belong to God, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- August 17** Jews and Gentiles Form One Temple, Ephesians 2:11-22
- August 24** Back to Sunday School! Cookout breakfast and concert by The Lavinders
- August 31** Living Stones in a Spiritual Temple, 1 Peter 2:1-12



Carol Elmore is the Music Coordinator!

National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

September 1-5, 2025

Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

Click [here](#) to register!

For all questions contact: noac@brethren.org

Tina McNeil Angle

by Rachel Mabe

Tina McNeil Angle has been attending Oak Grove from time to time for approximately six years and became a member on June 22, 2025. Tina was born in Roanoke, Virginia to Ken and Nancy McNeil. Tina's parents reside near John and Sara King. John and Tina's father attended school together and have maintained a close friendship for seventy years. Tina has three sisters: Pepsa, Wendy, and Tessa. Tina has a son, Nathan (Codie), and a daughter, Heather (Dereck), and is the proud grandmother to seven. Tina has a special needs granddaughter, Hunter.

Tina has held a diverse range of positions throughout her career, with her most preferred role being that of a Flight Attendant for Piedmont Airlines. She often dreams of returning to the aviation industry in some capacity. Currently, Tina is employed by Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital as a Patient Representative in the Emergency Department. Tina acts as a liaison between the patients, families, and the medical staff ensuring effective communication.

At the age of sixteen, Tina made her confession of faith and subsequently became a member of Central Baptist Church.

Tina, how did accepting Christ change your life?

“The world opened up to me, bringing peace and awareness. Without Christ, I am nothing.”

Tina, at this time why did you decide to reaffirm your faith and join Oak Grove?

“It was necessary for me to carefully re-evaluate my life, consider my spiritual development, and work on deepening my connection with God. The moment I entered Oak Grove I immediately felt at home and welcomed.”

Tina, how would you like to become more involved with the Church?

“I would welcome the opportunity to work with the children regularly and to audition for the choir.”

Tina, what is one thing you would like others to know about you?

“My parents have served as role models, demonstrating love and respect. I am compassionate and committed to continuous personal growth through positive actions and dedicated service to others.”

Tina, where do you find solace?

“When I am close to water—whether walking along a beach, swimming in a lake, or sitting by a stream—I experience a sense of peacefulness.”

I have known Tina for approximately eight years. Tina is a caring friend with an infectious laugh and a loving heart.





Vacation Bible School

August 2, 2025

2:00 p. m. – 6:00 p. m.

VBS Schedule-all ages invited!

**2-4 p.m. – Bible Stories and
Craftivities**

**4 p.m.- Water Play
(bring kids a change of clothes)**

**4:30 p.m.- Food Truck Opens!
(dinner provided for participants)**

5-6 p.m.- Concert in The Grove

**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

BENEFIT CONCERT BY
LAVINDER AND COMPANY FOR
"BUNKS ACROSS AMERICA"
BED BUILD

**BACK TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL
BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
9:00 AM

Join us on Sunday, August 24, at **9:00 a.m.** for our annual *Back to Sunday School Kick-Off!* Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and eggs with your church family, and be inspired by wonderful music from *Lavinder and Friends*.

Back to Sunday School exists this year to meet several needs:

- to foster meaningful spiritual connections within our Oak Grove church family.
- to connect both long-time and new members with our Sunday School program.
- to support the upcoming Bunks Across America bed build (see the related article in this month's Visitor). Lavinder and Friends are generously donating their time and skill to help us reach our goal of \$1,500 needed for the bed build.

Mark the date on your calendar, then come both physically and spiritually hungry to be filled!



BUNKS ACROSS AMERICA BUILD

Sept. 13, 2025
8:30 am

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



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. 12 at 3 - 5 pm to pre-cut lumber.

Friday Sept. 12
Pre-cut Lumber
Sign up link



Saturday Sept. 13
Build Day
Sign up link



Location:

Cave Spring UMC
4505 Hazel Dr. Roanoke, Va



Sponsors:

Cave Spring UMC, Oak Grove CoB,
Laurel Branch CoB, and more





Prayer and Healing Service

August 12, 2025

6:30 p.m.



Community Worship Service

**Saturday, August 9th
at Shiloh Baptist Church**
201 S. Market St. Salem, VA 24153

Coffee Fellowship
starting at 9 AM

Worship from
9:30AM - 10:15AM

Bridge Builders is a Roanoke Valley group with the goal to bring people of faith together to praise God, celebrate our differences, and get to know and understand each other better. They plan different activities and events throughout the year and Oak Grove COB is always invited.

Please contact [Randall Eakin](#) for more information.

Camp Bethel News



Bethel Bistro
August 7, 2025, 6:30-8 p.m.
Camp Bethel

Guided Hike and Trail Mix Bar: Take a hike around camp (easy to moderate skill level) and learn fun facts about nature while snacking on your trail mix.



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

Fun for the whole family!

Labor Day Family Weekend at Camp Bethel
August 29-September 1, 2025

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

Pastor's Column



Finding God in the Music returns this August with five songs whose lyrics bridge the gap between the frustrations, misguided notions, and brokenness of life and our aspirations that the broken things need not remain that way. Our experiences “east of the sunset” often leave us bruised and questioning. Yet if we just take a moment to consider the sunset, we might begin to wonder what life could be like on the other side. More than this, is it possible to begin living that life now? What changes would make that possible?

The first four songs from this summer’s set each tell a story about the consequences of our failed attempts to make life work to our advantage, leaving our hopes, dreams, and aspirations in ruins at our feet. Ross Flora’s brand new release, *Cornerstone*, does the work of connecting Scripture with life’s struggles for us, guiding us to the One who provides the foundation upon which we can stand.





In contrast, Allison Krauss and Union Station’s *Granite Mills* approaches things from the other side, relating the story of the September 19, 1874, Granite Mills fire in Fall River, MA, and leaving us the work of connecting life and faith. These first four songs are available on your preferred music streaming service.

Carefully Taught/Children Will Listen is the musical (but not thematic) outlier in this year’s list. This medley features songs from the musicals *South Pacific* and *Into the Woods*, powerfully performed by the award-winning barbershop quartet Midtown. You can find this arrangement on YouTube.

One added benefit of this year’s sermon series is the live presentation of *Where Rainbows Never Die* (by Oak Grove’s bluegrass band) and *Granite Mills* (by Lavinder and Company).

Pastor Tim

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Vacation Bible School 2-6 p.m.
3 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship 12:30 p.m.- Deacons	4 9 a.m.- Crafts	5 6 p.m.-Peace & Justice	6 6 p.m.- Grill and Chill at the Harvey's	7 9:30 a.m.-Women's Faith Study Group 2 p.m.-Games 5:30 p.m.- Commission Meetings 6:30 p.m.- Christian Ed	8	9 World Hunger Auction 9:30 a.m. Antioch CoB
10 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship 12:30 p.m.- Executive Committee	11 9 a.m.- Crafts	12 6:30 p.m.- Prayer & Healing Service	13 6 p.m.- Grill and Chill at the Harvey's	14 9:30 a.m.- Women's Faith Study Group 2 p.m.-Games	15	16
17 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship	18 9 a.m.- Crafts	19	20 11 a.m.-Munch Bunch at Ichiban 6 p.m.- Grill and Chill at the Harvey's	21 9:30 a.m.- Women's Faith Study Group Lunch 2 p.m.- Games	22	23
24 9:00 a.m.-Back to Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship	25 9 a.m.- Crafts	26	27 6 p.m.- Grill and Chill at the Harvey's	28 9:30 a.m. Women's Faith Study Group 2 p.m.-Games	29 Labor Day Family Weekend at Camp Bethel August 29-September 1.	30 8 a.m.- Pep 5K at Camp Bethel
31 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship	 <p>Women's Faith Study Group August 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lisa Newell presenting "Paul's Journey" through photos and stories of her most recent trip.</p>			<p>Collect your tabs for Ronald McDonald House!</p> <p>The box is on the food pantry shelf!</p>	