

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
AUGUST 23, 2026 • FINDING GOD IN THE MUSIC

*Calling in Hymn Kum Ba Yah insert

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude From An Old Hymnal Van Denman Thompson

*Call to Worship Psalm 121

The congregation responds in bold.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved; God Most High who keeps you will not slumber.

The one who watches over us neither slumbers nor sleeps.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Prayer of Invocation

In the beginning, O Lord my God, You alone existed:

eternally one yet full to overflowing in the fullness of unity.

Father of all life, you spoke your word, creating shining stars, shimmering suns, and glimmering galaxies;

sun and moon, earth and seas, mountains and gentle hills, rolling rivers and silent streams, winged bird, deer, and elephant, grazing cow, racing horse, and fish of the deep.

Your Word, so unique and so varied, filled the earth.

Unseal our ears that we may ever listen the canticle of creation;

Open our heart and our whole selves that we might sing in harmony with all of creation.

Teach us to commune with this your first Word that we might grow to further understand the wonders of Your Word made flesh, Jesus, with whom and in whom all was created and through whom all will be reconciled on earth and in heaven.

Amen.

*Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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Children's Story

Dan Lubbs

Moment for Mission

To make an online contribution, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth with This Is My Fathers World*

arr. Bill Wolaver

*Response *All creatures of our God and King* (v. 1, 2, & 7) # 48

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Psalm 19 (OT, p. 498)

Song

Mountain Rain (Ghost Hounds)

Message

All the troubles wash away in the mountain rain

A moment of quiet reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*Hymn

I know not why God's wondrous grace

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Variations on today's hymns

**Please stand as you are able*

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing & Rehab)

Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)

Betty Wills (Brandon Oaks)

Martha Gregory (Raleigh Court Rehab)

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer

Bill Fowler, recovering from infection at home

Jonna Detweiler, recovering from sepsis

Rosemary Saul, recovering from surgery

Vicki Turner, recovering from surgery

Jane Grisso, recovering from illness

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We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



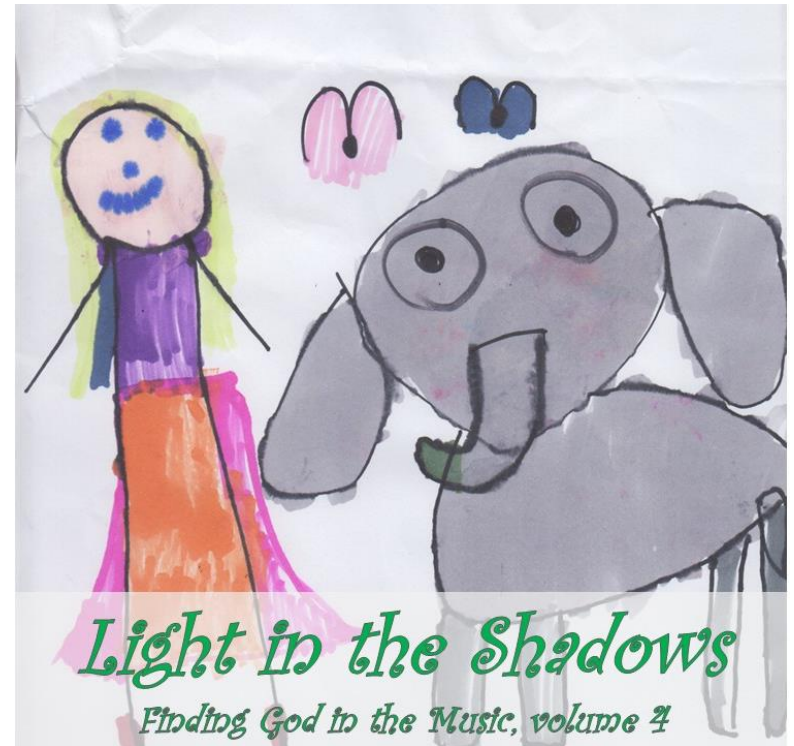
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2nd grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	SHP Bed Build at Carilion Men's Bible Study Supper
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	SHP Bed Build at Bonsack Baptist Church
Sunday	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship

Men's Bible Study will gather for supper at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Join us!

Choir resumes rehearsals on September 2, 2026. Meet for Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Wildwood Smokehouse (2041 Electric Rd.) Then, we'll have a short rehearsal at 7:00 at church. ALL who love to sing are invited!

Handbells will resume rehearsals at 10:00 a.m. on September 9, 2026. All are welcome to join this amazing group directed by Sarah Ann Bowman.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (8/16)

Sunday School- 53

Worship- 111 (in person); 13 (online) = 124

Offering- \$ 1,820.00; \$ 155.00 (online) = \$ 1,975.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor

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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Musicians

Millard Flora, keyboard
Lynette Harvey, percussion
Tim Harvey, guitar
Lori Michelangelo, percussion
Ronald Robinson, bass
Colleen Smith, vocals
Robert Smith, vocals, mandolin
J.T. Spataro, guitar
Lincoln Yingling, guitar

Worship leader

Connie Bierly
Connor Hosey (August 30)

Infant Nursery

Randall Eakin and Tina Angle

Childcare

Robert and Colleen Smith and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Randall Eakin and Tina Angle

Ghost Hounds

When I hear that distant thunder
And the sky wakes from its slumber
All the troubles wash away in the mountain rain
The clouds shed all their tears
Like they have for all these years
Way up here, the truth will stake its claim
And it's all just like it was before we came
All that remains is the cold mountain rain

Kum Ba Yah

1 D G A⁷ D D
Kum ba yah,— kum ba yah,— kum ba yah,— kum ba yah,—

2 Kum ba yah,— kum ba yah,— kum ba yah,— kum ba yah,—

3 (verse)
Some - bo - dy pray- in' Lord, kum ba yah,— Some - bo - dy pray- in' Lord, kum ba yah,—

All
Some - bo - dy pray-in' Lord, kum ba yah,— sing-in' wind, rain, fire-storm, kum ba yah.—

v.2 Somebody cryin', Lord....
v.3 Somebody singin', Lord....