

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

***Calling in Hymn** *All things bright and beautiful* (vs. 1, 2, 4) # 156

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"* J S Bach
*Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

***Call to Worship**

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The congregation responds in bold.*

We collect so many things—big, beautiful, useful things—things we hold onto but don't know why; treasures that could be gone in an instant.

Lord, fix our eyes on you.

And then there are the other "things" that take up space in our minds—the money that we grip and that grips us; treasure we dream of and plan for and tend to.

Lord, fix our eyes on you.

Where am I tempted to put my trust? What catches my eye and holds my hope?

Lord, fix our eyes on you.

What is my big goal—the finish line I'm working towards?

Lord, fix our eyes on you.

Jesus, help us treasure you.

Lord, fix our eyes on you.

***Prayer of Invocation**

From The Book of Common Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who cares for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *Come, thou fount* # 521

Children's Story Jodi Zabo

Moment for Mission

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

Offertory *"The Family of God" with* Carol Tornquist
"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"

***Response** *All creatures of our God and King* (vs. 7, unison) # 48

Anthem *I Surrender All* Van DeVenter/Weeden

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 6:24 (NT, p. 6)

Message *Two masters*

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** *Take my life* # 389

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Variations on today's hymns*

**Please stand as you are able*

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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.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A Confession of Faith



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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	11:00 a.m.	Munch Bunch at Cast
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
	5:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Pastor Tim is on vacation September 13-20, 2026. He will also be the speaker at Troutville CoB's Revival September 20-23.

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing & Rehab)
 Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
 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
 John King III, recovering from hip replacement surgery
 Wyatt (friend of Brent & Sherrie White), cancer

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (9/6)

Sunday School- 51
 Worship- 89 (in person); 18 (online) = 107
 Men's Bible Study- 8
 Women's Faith Study Group- 18
 Offering- \$ 3,365.00; \$ 530.00 (online) = \$ 3,895.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor

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Instrumentalists

Joe Blaha, piano
 Laurel Buckwalter, guest organist

Worship leader

Scott Yingling
 Todd Marcum (September 20)

Infant Nursery

Holly Belcher and Krystal King

Childcare

Anna Hosey, Lisa Newell and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Connie Bierly