

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



August 9, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4,5 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Soul Care Principle #10

Spiritual disciplines cultivate the soil of the soul for God's transforming work.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age.

Titus 2:11–12

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #2

We are managers not owners of the resources God entrusts to us.

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

Luke 16:11, 12 (NIV)



IV.

Healthy Soil, Healthy Soul
Pastor Nick Preston

Mark 4: ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil....⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil.

THREE LESSONS FROM THE MASTER GARDENER

Lesson One: GOD _____ THE SEED

Proverbs 4: ²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Ephesians 2: ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Lesson Two: WE COOPERATE BY _____ THE SOIL

Proverbs 4: ²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Key Principle: The life everyone sees grows from the heart no one sees.

Comments About Grace

"Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action." - Dallas Willard

Grace is: "God's empowering presence enabling us to be all we were created to be and enabling us to do all we were created to do." -James Ryle

Lesson Three: THE FRUIT REVEALS THE _____ OF THE SOIL

A. THE MOUTH **Prov. 4:** ²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

B. THE EYES **Proverbs 4:** ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.

C. THE FEET **Proverbs 4:** ²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

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A SOUL INVENTORY

What _____ your soul?

What are the habits?

Who are the people?

Where are the places?

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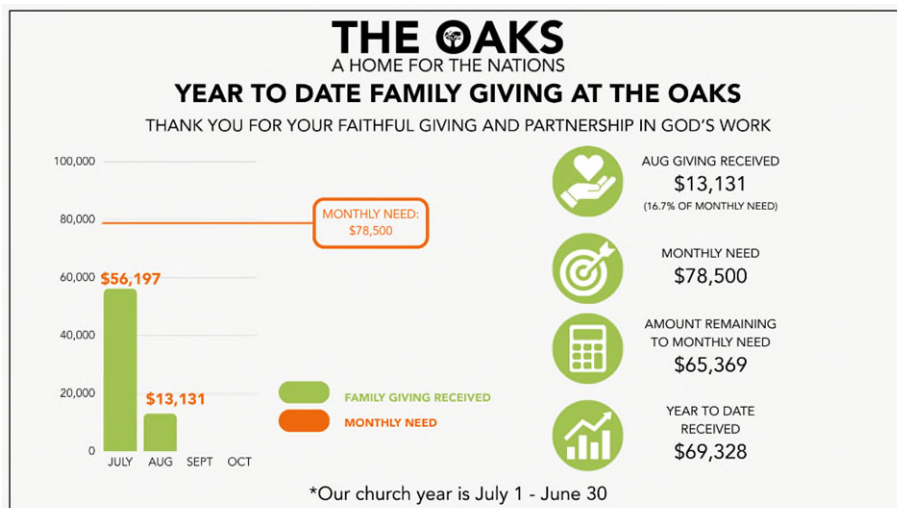
Who are the people?

Where are the places?

❖ Family Communion

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." Luke 22:19-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35 (NIV)



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