

Ministry Highlights:

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Upcoming Dates and Events:

Friday, October 6th, Young Adult Meal night 6pm at the Dorsch's House.

Saturday, October 7th, Bella Medical Center Walk for Life

Saturday, October 14th, Babies 4 Heaven 5k run/walk

Thursday, October 19th, Corporate Prayer 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday, October 21st, Ladies Fall Retreat Day

Sunday, October 29th, Celebration Sunday!

Sunday, November 12th, Thanksgiving Service and Meal.

Leadership Team –DJ Doty

The Servant Team is continuing to focus on evaluating staff ministry plans to ensure that the plans are focused on making disciples. We are also trying to find ways of accurately evaluating our effectiveness in making disciples. Please join us in praying for God's wisdom as we are doing this work for the first time in the ST's history.

Pastoral Search Team –Jeremy Rush

This is an exciting season for not only the Search Team, but for the entire church. As we have narrowed down our search to just a few candidates, we see how God has prepared Oakbrook for the new Lead Pastor in some great ways. The top candidates have many questions about Oakbrook: Why did your previous pastor leave? What has happened during this interim season? How has the church grown during this season? It is with a sense of joy and anticipation that our team answers each of these questions, marveling at the Lord's work in our church during this transition.

Connections Ministry –Jeremy Rush

We continue to be delighted with the number of guests coming to Oakbrook. What a joy to hear their positive feedback and to see many of them return. We are still looking for someone to head up our Starting Point Luncheon. Talk to Jeremy if you are interested.

Small Group –Aaron Preston

Jesus modeled and instructed us to live in community with others, to care for and encourage each other, while working together to reach the community around us. This type of Life-on-Life living is best done in small groups. We can be encouraged and grow together, while serving and investing into each other and our community. We are currently working to develop 2-3 new small groups this fall while encouraging and equipping our current groups to build disciples together. The greatest need in small groups is people actively engaging and living life together. Please join a small group this fall!

Music Ministry –Vicki Rhine

This month the music ministry had music team auditions to find new people to serve on our team. It's such a joy to welcome new people to our team and serve alongside those with servant hearts! We had our official kickoff auditions, but we will continue to take auditions as people show interest in serving in the music ministry. If you desire to audition for the music team, please contact Eric Larson, Tom Kraus, or myself. As always, we are so blessed to worship with our church family!

Children's Ministry –Lori Rush

Forty-three returning adult volunteers, four new adult volunteers and a sixteen youth assistants have committed to serve once a month in the Mighty Oaks Children's Ministry this year. Praise God! We are still in need of one additional preschool teacher and two additional elementary teachers to have full ministry teams. We are very committed to having full teaching teams, so that our valuable teachers have the opportunity to participate in the sermons. Please pray that God will provide the needed teachers to fill these important spots!

OSM –Stephen Moore

Summer has finished up for OSM. We finished our 1 John series, looking at John's description of the Christian life and now we look forward to the fall and beginning our series in the Gospel of Matthew, looking at what it means to be Kingdom People. We're excited to kickoff the semester and help the teens ease back into school and sports preparing them to be kingdom people who see, savor, and share Christ together.