



# OAK RIDGE

## METHODIST CHURCH

### August 2025 Ridgerunner

Dear Oak Ridge Church Family,

Where has the Summer gone? I guess time does fly when you are having fun; however, I would also like to say time flies when you are doing God's work!

This Summer, we celebrated with our College and High School graduates, we had a large Confirmation Class profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, we had an amazing Vacation Bible School, and such generous giving and participation with our missions of the month!

Summer is coming to an end with school starting back at the end of this month. I know there are mixed emotions about going back to school. You want to see all your friends, but don't want to wake up so early. This is an opportunity to make new friends and learn something new every day!

Maybe we need to spiritually wake up early to see what God is doing here at Oak Ridge Methodist Church and find where God wants you to get involved to serve. I really believe that every person has a place in this church to serve. God has blessed all of us with so many gifts and talents. Some of those we might already know we have, but there might be more still hidden. Sometimes we need to step out of comfort zone to see what other gifts and talents we might have to glorify God. It might be serving as a greeter or an usher. It might be serving in the sound booth during worship. It might be serving in the choir or praise band. It might be serving with children, youth, or homebound. It might be serving with one of our missions of the month locally or in another country like Guatemala. Let's spend time in prayer seeking God's direction in how we are called to live out our membership vows: Offering our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for this Fall! Mark your calendar for the Back to School Water Day and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Also, next month on September 28 we will have Homecoming, which will be a combined worship service in the Family Life Center with a covered-dish luncheon afterwards.

We continue to ask God to bless us so that we can be a blessing to others. I see God answering that prayer each day here at Oak Ridge Methodist Church.

Our Mission Statement: Rooted in God's Truth, led by Christ and saved by His grace, to love and serve others.

Take care and God Bless,

Pastor Mike

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## H A N N A H ' S   H A V E N

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### TRANSFORMING LIVES OUT OF THE BONDAGE OF ADDICTION

Hannah's Haven is a Christ-centered addiction recovery program for women. With the help of general partners, Hannah's Haven guides troubled women through a personalized and disciplined pathway-to-recovery in order to transform their lives by virtue of the power of Jesus Christ.

The program was founded by Bonnie Harris, who is the director. She changed her life and felt God calling her to start a ministry for women like herself.

Hannah's Haven opened in 2006 and is a member of Teen Challenge. The ministry is named after Hannah, the women in the Bible who cried out to the Lord in distress, and she gave birth to Samuel, who became a great prophet.

Hannah's Haven seeks to provide a safe, stable, and peaceful environment for women to establish a lifestyle free of drugs and alcohol. It is a structured program with 24-hour supervision designed to facilitate drug-free living and a successful transition into a productive life. The ministry will serve any woman age 18 and older who has undergone medically supervised detoxification if needed. The program consists of two phases: residential for a minimum of 12 months and non-residential for 6-12 months before graduating. The students will be provided structure, support, and strict accountability. All Hannah's Haven students must have commitment to their own recovery.

Hannah's Bridge, the thrift store in Greensboro, provides women in Phase II a chance to gain work experience and also provide supplemental income for Hannah's Haven.

With your help, Hannah's Haven can empower women and change their lives through support from Christ. Make a difference by volunteering or donating today.

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[hannahshaven.net](http://hannahshaven.net)  
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# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

## Reminder: Summer Giving to the Church

Summer is a time for rest, travel, and spending cherished moments with loved ones. For our church, however, it often means fewer people attending services—which can lead to a decline in regular giving. Despite the season, our church remains active in ministry. We continue to care for loved ones in supportive living facilities, comfort the sick, engage with our youth, and serve many others in need. Vacation Bible School is a major summer event, and our youth enjoy a variety of meaningful activities during these months. Meanwhile, the church's ongoing responsibilities—such as loan payments, utility bills, and cleaning costs—do not take a vacation.

Though routines may shift during summer, the mission of the church continues all year long. Our dedication to serving the community, nurturing spiritual growth, and spreading the Gospel remains steadfast.

### How You Can Help:

- **Continue regular giving:** Your consistent support is vital to sustaining our ministries.
- **Give online through Realm:** A convenient and secure way to contribute.
- **Set up recurring giving:** Automating your giving through Realm helps ensure steady support even when you're away.

We are deeply grateful for your faithful support and partnership in ministry. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to make a difference this summer—and throughout the year.

Finance Committee

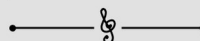
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### Crouch Family

**Ben and Elizabeth**

**William, Charlotte and James**



Hello ORMC family! I am so excited to be joining you all in music ministry. Here's a brief introduction to our family:

Elizabeth and Ben are both musicians and teachers. We met at UNC-Chapel Hill, where Ben studied saxophone performance, and I studied piano, voice, and Music Education.

Our family lives in Stokesdale. William is our eldest, and he's entering 4th grade this year at Huntsville Elementary. He enjoys video games and comic books. Charlotte is entering 2nd grade and loves soccer and reading. James is 2, and loves trucks and anything else with wheels.

I have taught elementary music, high school choir and piano, and have been a church accompanist for the past 6 years. We are excited to meet everyone at ORMC!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Celebrating TRUE NORTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Coming Soon...**

**Step Up Sunday**  
**August 10**

Rising  
3rd graders  
move up to  
RIC KIDS

Rising  
6th graders  
move up to  
Youth



**Water Day**  
**August 17**  
**2-4 PM**

Raindate  
August 24







Practicing  
THE WAY OF  
Jesus

- LEARNING
- PRAYING
- GATHERING
- RESTING
- CONTRIBUTING



### This is: CONTRIBUTING

For the month of July, I would like to highlight CONTRIBUTING! Our students SHOWED UP and SHOWED OUT to serve the Lord by putting on a field day with Glenwood Together for Children living in poverty. Our students were very attentive to the children and made sure they had a blast at their field day. Grace, with Glenwood Together, let us know that the kids could not stop talking about how much fun they had. She said our students really blessed them with their willingness to serve and compassion towards everyone.

### FALL RETREAT 10/10-10/12

Dates are out and  
registration is live!!

Pricing:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is \$65

REGULAR REGISTRATION:

by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> is \$80



#### Confirmation Schedule

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| 1. September 7th  | 6. October 26th   |
| 2. September 14th | 7. November 2nd   |
| 3. September 21st | 8. November 9th   |
| 4. October 5th    | 9. November 16th<br><small>*Confirmation Sunday</small> |
| 5. October 19th   |   |

Another confirmation class  
will start in September! If  
you or someone you know  
wants to sign up please  
visit our website.

Confirmation Sunday will  
be Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### PARENT MEETING



We will have a parent  
meeting at 10am on  
Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.  
We will be going over  
details of the Fall  
semester. We strongly  
encourage you to join us.  
We will meet in the  
youth room.

### STEP-UP SUNDAY



All current youth &  
leaders will be  
GATHERING to welcome  
our rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to  
The Ridge Youth!  
Be there Sunday,  
August 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm!!

### BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

Kicking off our semester September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will  
need as much parent participation as possible.  
Attend parent meeting for more details!



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THE RIDGE GOES TO  
**CAROWINDS**

AUGUST 6TH, 8AM - 9PM.

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE THROUGH THE LINK ON THE YOUTH WEBPAGE.  
SIGN-UP BY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, AND LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR  
TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES. SEND STUDENTS WITH EXTRA MONEY FOR  
FOOD IF YOU DO NOT PURCHASE A FOOD AND BEVERAGE PACKAGE.



**SUMMER**  
**Bible**  
**Study**

**THE RIDGE**

Let's grow together!!!

**MONDAY'S 1:00 PM**

June 30<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>  
in the Youth Room



**Tailgate for 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Home NWHS**  
**Football Game**

We will be grilling  
hamburgers and hotdogs in  
the church parking lot  
before the 1<sup>st</sup> NWHS  
football game. Bring a  
camping chair. We will then  
go to the football game.  
Bring money for admission  
and snacks. Students will  
not be allowed to walk  
around the stadium unless  
a parent is present.

**August**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> - Carowinds**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> - Step-up Sunday**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> - NWHS Tailgate**

**August 24<sup>th</sup> - Palmer's House**

**Needs:**

Cooked meals for the  
retreat:  
Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Dinner  
Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Please contact:  
Kristian Christ  
if you are interested in  
providing a cooked meal for  
the retreat 336-549-0520

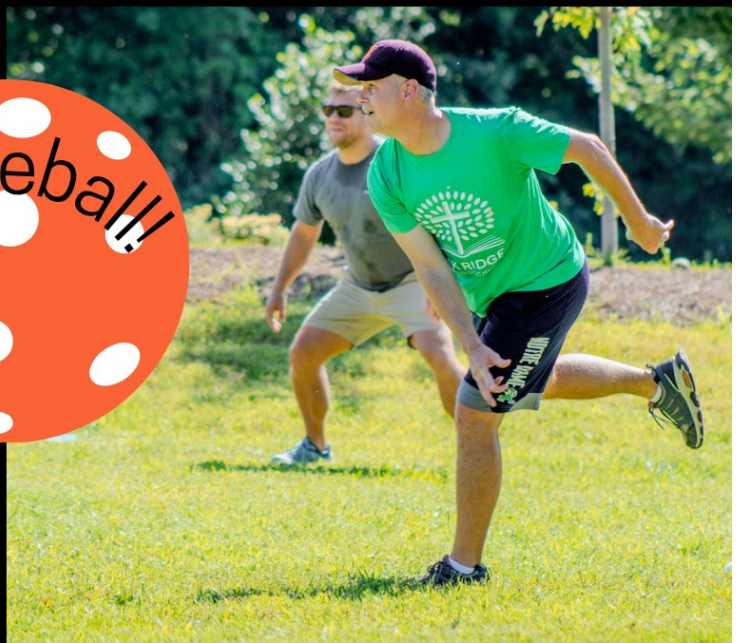




## ICE CREAM SOCIAL







Wiffleball!!