OAK RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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November Ridgerunner

Dear Oak Ridge Church Family,

First, I want to say thank you for all the cards, gifts, and sweet messages for Pastor Appreciation Month. I am so blessed to be the Senior Pastor here at Oak Ridge Methodist Church. I feel all of your prayers that are lifted up for me on a regular basis. I couldn't do it without all of your prayers and support. Also, the love that you show my wife, Kellie, and my daughter, Mia. The love of Jesus is evident in your words and actions.

I think it is a God thing that we go from Pastor Appreciate Month in October to the month of November and Giving Thanks. What are you thankful for in your life? I am thankful for my family, friends, church family, and my calling to be a pastor. I am thankful for a church that lives out their vows as a true covenant commitment to God. People living out their Baptism Vows, Membership Vows, and Marriage Vows. All these words lead us to action like the Great Commandment to love God with all our Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength; and to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves.

Thank you to everyone who prayed over and gave your Commitment Cards for 2027. I am excited about what God is going to do in 2027 when we all are committed to offer our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. There is still time for anyone that wants to turn in your Commitment Card. You can fill out one online on the website. Click on 'Give'.

Take sometime this month and give thanks to God for all the blessings that you have received. Also, tell others how much you appreciate them. Life is too short to take others for granted and not tell them how much we love them.

Please check out all the other events and ministries happening this month and the month of December.

Take care and God Bless, Pastor Mike

CHRISTMAS STORE

November Mission of the Month

Grab a Tag
Return the Gift
Make a difference in the life of a family this Christmas



The time of year is upon us where we get to bless our backpack families with the Christmas Store. This year we are committed to providing sweatshirts (please no hoodies), sweaters, and Target gift cards to the children. Tags are located on the trees describing the size, gender and age of each child. Trees are located outside the Sanctuary, Church Lobby and the Family Life Center welcome area.

We ask all clothing to be turned in with the tags attached and unwrapped under the designated trees by November 29th. I encourage you to prayerfully consider taking a tag, helping us bring Joy and Happiness to Backpack families this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!



Q3 2026

***This quarterly financial update includes only the expenses incurred to date. Many of our significant annual obligations are scheduled for later in the year, and those costs will be reflected in future reports.**

INCOME

Gifts (Tithes & Offerings)	**$965,172**

EXPENSES

Worship (Sunday services)	$103,963
Congregational Care (internal, fellowship)	$30,977
Discipleship (children, youth, education)	$169,258
Outreach (missions, missionary support)	$19,291
Facilities (utilities, repairs, insurance)	$185,692
Administration (connectional funding, interest, communications)	$203,059
Total Expenses	**$712,240**











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Celebrating Trunk or Treat



















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THE Ridge YOUTH

Practicing THE WAY OF Jesus

- LEARNING
- PRAYING
- GATHERING
- RESTING
- CONTRIBUTING

October RECAP

October was an AMAZING month for The Ridge Student Ministry! One of the highlights was our wonderful 2026 Fall Retreat! This weekend retreat was extremely impactful for our students and our leaders! It is always a wonderful time where we come together and grow as a Student Ministry, but it is also an amazing time to separate ourselves from our busy lives to commune with Jesus! And boy did the Holy Spirit show up and move! My hope is that you were able to see the video that we created to give you a glimpse into the weekend! If you haven't seen it, it is on social media! Yet, a video could never contain all of the fun we had that weekend and all the amazing ways that God made Himself known to us! It was a blessing to be able to lead worship alongside my brother in Christ, Phillip, who spoke at our retreat!





Parents Night
November
6th
7-9pm

Parents Night will be
@ Pastor Jon & Kristian's!
3335 Mill Spring Ct. Greensboro



Text @theridgemc to 81010 | jon.christ@oakridgemc.org | 336-689-5524

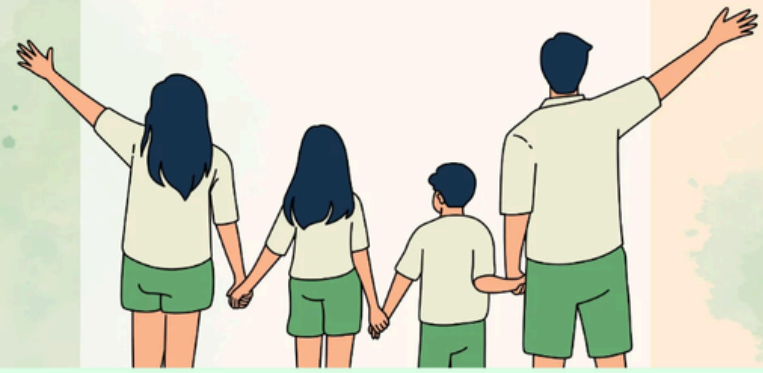
Family Serve Weekend

Nov. 19th-22nd

With the Holiday Season upon us, we wanted to create an opportunity for our families to serve our community together!

We want to encourage you to serve somewhere local as a family, or multiple families! We believe this will not only help our local community during this holiday season, but it will also help our families grow closer and stronger as well!

We have created a list of ideas to help you choose a place to serve, but feel free to get creative and choose something that isn't on the list! Visit the website to access the list!



Please join us for a

Ridge Christmas Party

6-8pm

Sunday 6 December

We will have food and giveaways/prizes you can win!

Invite you friends to join us!

RESURRECTION

WORSHIP · EXPERIENCE · GROW

Rez registration is LIVE!!! To register, click the link sent via Remind, or, go to the website under the "Youth" page!

GLENWOOD Christmas SHOP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

2:00PM - 4:00PM

SIGN-UP OUT SOON!

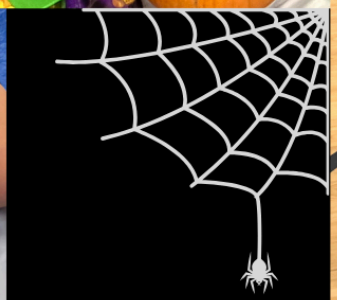














Pumpkin Carving!





NOVEMBER 2026









Children's Christmas Program

What the Herd Heard

Performance 12/13 @10:30am / Family Life Center

Sign up



A Joyful Celebration: A Service of Lessons & Carols



Thursday, December 10th 6:30 PM

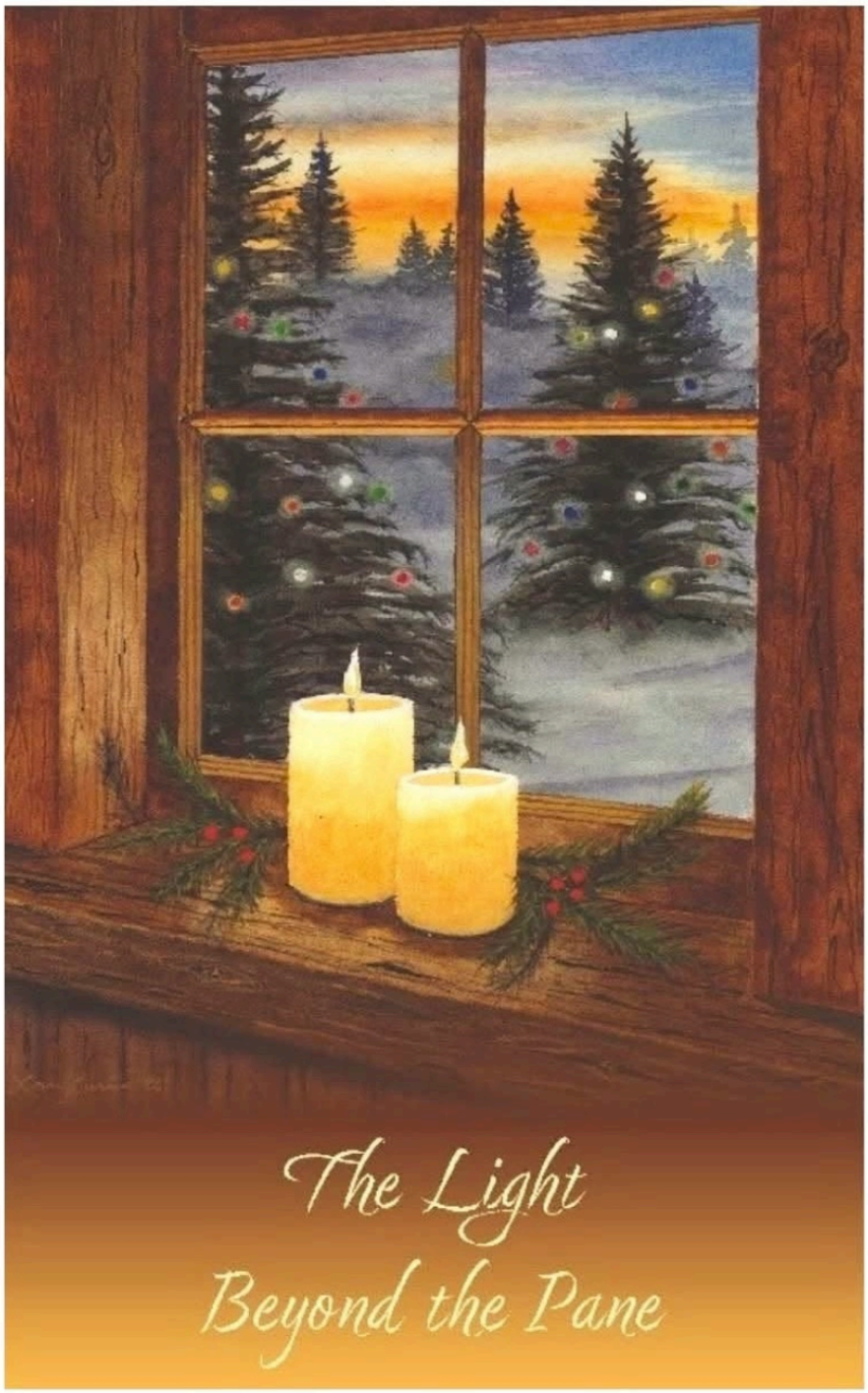
Choir
Handbells
Wind Ensemble

Help provide food, shelter, and solutions to our neighbors in need with a gift of the 2026 Holiday Honor Card.

100% of donations support GUM's program areas.

Available for a $5 minimum donation per card.

Please contact
Sheila Gallow
586-929-6923





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