



New Member Handbook

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

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Welcome Message

From the Pastor

WELCOME!

Greetings with the Love of Christ!

As your Pastor, I would like you to know that I am excited that you have become a part of the Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church family. It is both a joy and a blessing.

At Orange Grove, membership is not just a ritual. Our desire is that each member will become an active part of the ministry of this church. Serving God in the church is a positive and rewarding experience, and we believe that people thrive when they are serving. When we serve each other “as unto the Lord”, and when we “esteem each other better than ourselves”, our personal and spiritual growth is enhanced.

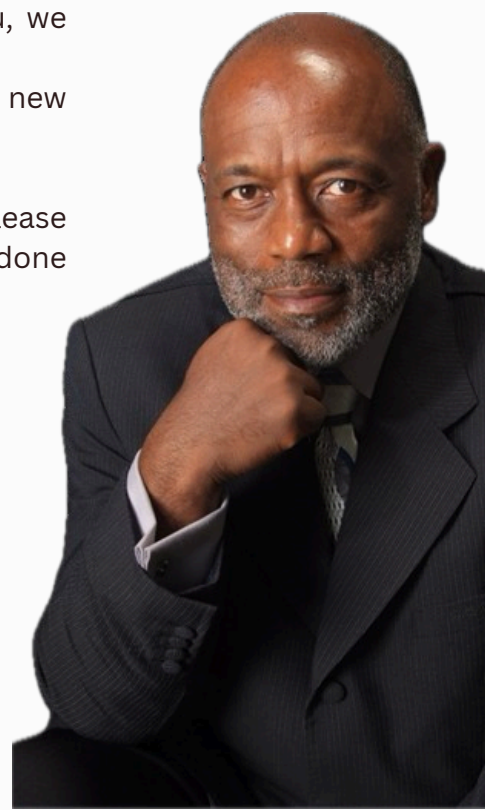
Orange Grove is God’s house, and Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. As a church family, we are committed to walking this journey together. We are a congregation of believers working to discern and do the will of God in our daily lives. We seek to grow in faith, desire to answer God’s call, and share our gifts with each other. We are grateful that you were led to become a part of worship, fellowship and ministry as a member of the Orange Grove family.

Over the next week, please take time to read over your New Member Handbook and seek guidance from God on where He wants you to serve at Orange Grove. God has placed you here because we need the gifts that he has placed in you. Therefore, as He leads you, we hope you will become active in the ministry of this church. We desire to be available to you as you embark upon this new journey.

If at any time you would like to schedule a meeting with me, please contact the church office. We are excited about what God has done and are honored that you have joined us.

Continued Blessings

Rev. Dr. H. L. Dickerson, Pastor,



Church History

The precise date that Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church was first organized is unknown. In the year 1882, a subscription school (housed in a storefront), served as the location for the community to gather and discuss their plans to organize a Sunday School Class. The school was located on Old Raleigh Road, what is present-day Angier Avenue. The exact location was between Wood Street and East End Avenue. Mr. Carter was the leader of the school. Unfortunately, the names of the other school members have been lost to history, but their contributions will linger in our minds forever.

In 1888, Mr. Norwood Hobb helped to organize the Sunday School Class in the subscription school.

As the Sunday school class grew in numbers, the members realized the need for a larger building and Mr. Reuben Barbee had just enough lumber to build a one-room structure. Mr. Gray Barbee, who donated the use of the log cabin years earlier, also provided the land for the new church to be built on east Pettigrew Street.

In 1934, the church made plans to relocate. Deacon Hayes negotiated a loan that allowed the church to purchase the current-day property...here at 505 East End Avenue.

In the spring of 1935, the determined group began to dismantle the old church building on Pettigrew Street. They salvaged all usable materials to be used in building the new church. A brush arbor, which is an open-sided shelter...was posted on the property to protect members from the elements and it served as a meeting place, until the new church was built. By the winter of 1935, construction of the new church was completed.



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Since 1882

Church History - cont'd

Prior to 1980, Orange Grove was predominately a community church. Under the leadership of Reverend James Daniels...Orange Grove experienced tremendous growth with new members from throughout the Durham community. The congregation no longer was primarily made up of members from the hays town and east end neighborhoods. Reverend Carl W. Kenney, II became pastor on the first Sunday in September of 1989. The church experienced both spiritual and physical growth under his leadership.

Several improvements were made to the existing building. For instance, the new 'sanctuary' was completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place in 1994 and the old church was converted into the fellowship hall. Eventually, Reverend Kenney's tenure as pastor ended in August of 2002.

Pastor Herbert L. Dickerson traveled from Vance Missionary Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia to deliver the revival message in 2002. After two years of prayer and supplication by this church family... Pastor Dickerson was selected and accepted the offer to shepherd Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church in January 2004. He officially entered the pulpit the first Sunday in April 2004.

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Pastor Dickerson has inspired programs of study that encourage spiritual growth and the development for a personal relationship with God. He has brought to fruition a God-given vision that included the addition of an education facility, family life center and a new sanctuary.

The two-story educational facility was constructed in 2008, which not only serves Orange Grove, but is also available for association training institutes and various functions hosted by members of the church.

Orange Grove was also successful in securing a four-year grant that completely funds and after school tutoring program for eligible middle school students from five area schools. The grant was renewed for four additional years with increased funding, due to the initial program's remarkable success..

Without question, God has abundantly blessed Orange Grove from its humble beginnings in a one-room Sunday school class in the 1800's...until this very day. Under the extraordinary vision and leadership of Pastor Dickerson, the next chapter of Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church continues to be written.





Vision

The objective of this ministry is to exhort the members, meet their needs, and to fulfill the Great Commission as given by Christ in Matthew 28:19-20, by reaching, teaching, baptizing, and serving.

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mission

To minister locally and globally by providing empowered growth to the Body of Christ through evangelism to the lost, discipleship to the converted, and fellowship with the Saints by supplying worship, preaching, and the teaching of God's Word.

What We Believe

● **About God**

We believe that there is one true living God who is the Maker of the universe and Supreme Creator of all life, and who is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. God has revealed Himself as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Trinity), and has displayed this by, graciously and lovingly initiating relationship with His people.

● **About Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh (fully human and fully God) and was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed signs and miracles, died on the cross for our sins, was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now advocates for all believers at the right hand of God the father.

● **About the Bible**

We believe that the Bible is the divine and inerrant (without error) Word of God and is the basis of Christian belief. The Bible is the supreme standard for which human conduct, and truth should be measured

● **About the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a part of the triune nature of God, which regenerates unbelievers, and is the evidence of repentance, faith, and a born-again life. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells in all believers, transforms the believers to the likeness of Christ, gives the believer power to minister to others, and keeps them until the day of Jesus Christ

● **About Man**

We believe that all of humanity is created in the image of God and all of humanity was to share in relationship with God. However, because of Adam, all of humanity is sinful by nature and by choice, therefore humanity is separated, and deserving of condemnation, from the Holy and Righteous God.

● **About Salvation**

We believe that salvation is given as a gift from God, through grace, to the underserving sinner, by the gift of faith, and trusting in Jesus Christ who has redeemed him/her by His death and resurrection.

● **About the Church**

We believe that the church is the body of Christ, and is comprised of born-again believers, connected by covenant in faith and fellowship of the Gospel. The church observes two ordinances, baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper, the partaking of bread and wine (grape juice) representing the body and blood of Christ.

The Church Covenant

The Church Covenant is a voluntary agreement by members of a Baptist Church. Within this statement, members pledge to conduct their lives in such a way as to glorify God and promote the ongoing of His Church. Every member should be familiar with it and study it carefully, refer to it often, and seek to live by it. The Church Covenant is as follows:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, toward its expenses, for the support of faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference in opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful to the service we promise to others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and goodwill towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys and with tender sympathy bear one's burdens and sorrows, to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of our Savior and the 18th Chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life amid evil report and good report to seek to live in the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Our Doctrine

Meaning: A principle or body of principles presented for acceptance or belief by a specific group or religion.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority...". Matthew 7:28-29

Baptist Doctrine

Baptist origins can be traced back to Christ. Therefore, one should be able to identify the Lord's churches by their doctrines. Some principles strongly emphasized by Baptists include:

1. Christ is Lord.
2. The Bible is the inerrant (without error) Word of God.
3. The Bible is our rule of faith and practice.
4. Salvation is a personal and individual experience.
5. The church is based on personal experience of grace and a regenerated membership.
6. A church is a spiritual democracy.

There are ordinances within our Baptist doctrine. These ordinances are historical, traditional, experiential, and are observed within the denomination.

They include:

I. The Church

- Christ established the church during His ministry. He is its head and promises to bless and keep it eternally. (Matthew 16:18, Matthew 28:20, Colossians 1:18)
- The church is a local body of baptized believers (Matthew 28:19)
- Each church governed its own affairs under the leadership of the Spirit; it received members, withdrew fellowship from the disorderly, and fellowships with those who have repented. (Matthew 18:17, I Corinthians 5:11-13, Acts 15:22-23, II Thessalonians 3:6, Galatians 6:1)

Our Doctrine cont'd

2. Salvation

- Salvation is given by GOD in grace, apart from human works or merit (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-7)
- It is received by man through repentance and faith. Repentance is necessary (Matthew 4:17, Luke 15:9, Acts 3:19). Faith is necessary (John 3:16-18, 36, Acts 10:43, Romans 5:1). This is not just assent of the mind but must be from the heart (Acts 8:35-37, Romans 10:9-10).
- What is GOD's plan of salvation? Revelation 22:17 tells us that "whosoever will" may come to Christ for salvation. Romans 10:13 tells us, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". John 3:16 says, "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". These passages plainly teach that GOD's plan of salvation will reach whosoever. Any plan that will not reach "any man in any condition who calls on the Lord" is not GOD's plan.

Baptism

- There is only one baptism (Ephesians 4:5)
- Scriptural baptism is by immersion. The Greek word for "baptize" means immerse. Baptism must be in water (Mark 1:5). It requires a body of water (John 3:23), going down into the water (Acts 8:38) and coming up out of the water (Acts 8:39)
- Most Baptists agree that four things are necessary for the administration of the ordinance of baptism.
- Proper subject: A Saved Person
- Proper Authority: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Proper Purpose: To show salvation, not procure it
- Proper Mode: Immersion
- Baptism sets forth the burial and resurrection of Christ and shows the individual's salvation by death to sin and resurrection to new life in Christ (Romans 6:4-8). It is done in obedience to Christ's command (Matthew 28:19-20).
- Every Christian should be baptized, not to be saved, but because he is saved.
- There is not one passage in the New Testament that in any way teaches infant baptism either by word or example.

Our Doctrine cont'd

The Lord's Supper

- General references (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:19-20, I Corinthians 11:17-29)
- What is its purpose? A memorial of Christ's death (I Corinthians 11:24-26)
- To whom was it given? To the church (Acts 20:7)
- Who is to partake? Church members are to partake (Acts 2:41-42, Acts 20:7)
- How often should the Lord's Supper be observed? There is no command as to this. The scriptures simply say, "as often as ye eat". Some churches observe it yearly, some quarterly, and others observe it on the first Sunday of each month.

The Security of the Believer

- GOD promises and gives eternal life (John 3:16-18)
- The believer has everlasting life (I John 6:47, I John 5:13)
- Christians do not keep themselves; it is God who keeps us (John 10:28-29, John 24:25)
- We are born the children of GOD (John 3:5)
- Nothing can separate us from the love of GOD (Romans 8:35-39)
- When Christians sin, GOD chastises them and keeps them (Galatians 6:7, Hebrews 12:6-7, Psalms 89:30-33)
- Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is GOD's full revelation of Himself. The Bible is our only record of His incarnation and atonement.



What is a Baptist?

A Baptist is an individual who has experienced salvation through personal faith in Jesus Christ. Every individual must come to the time in life when he/she receives Jesus Christ as personal Savior. This is the basic building block in the making of a Baptist.

A Baptist is one who acknowledges the sufficiency of Scripture. Such an individual believes the Bible is God's truth without any error. That is the foundation of all we do and believe.

A Baptist is one who acknowledges the Lordship of Jesus Christ. All of our worship and service centers on Him.

A Baptist is Trinitarian in his/her understanding of God. We believe the Bible teaches that God is eternally One in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A Baptist is one who recognizes the autonomy of the local church. Each congregation is free and empowered to minister as it sees the will of God for its ministry and mission.

A Baptist is one who believes in the command of the Great Commission and has a deep commitment to evangelism and missions. The church exists as a place of nurture and worship, but it is also a place of witness and outreach to the ends of the earth. The directives for the church is clearly seen in Matt. 28:18-20. A Baptist is one who has accepted that challenge and assignment from our Lord Jesus Christ.



Principles of Discipleship

Prayer

The best way to know someone is to talk to them. God longs for us to know Him. A conversation with God is called prayer. Remember, prayer is a conversation, not a monologue. It includes speaking to God and hearing from God.

Jesus sets the example in Mark 1:35 rising early and going to a secluded place to pray. Our attention should be placed on God and Him alone. Not on our surroundings or those who may be listening.

The acrostic ACTS will help us develop our prayer lives.

A Adoration is praise focused on God.

C Confession is acknowledging our sins in order to receive forgiveness.

T Thanksgiving is expressing thanks to God for specific acts.

S Supplication is making requests and expressing desires to God.

Bible Study

God wants an intimate personal relationship with us because we are His children, made in His image. Through His word, He reveals Himself to us. His unchanging, unconditional love and purpose for our existence. Our relationship with Him is strengthened by studying the Bible.

The word has a purpose. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 16 For correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Making God's Word your authority in every area is vital for defending against the many spiritual attacks facing Christians. 1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear"

The Bible is our guide, our "to how" live life. It not only convicts but it corrects. Psalm 119 reveals the writer's experience with God's word. As the word takes root in our hearts, our faults and defects become corrected by the Holy Spirit. Studying the Bible is a vital part of the sanctification process of a Christian.

2 Timothy tells that we should 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Principles of Discipleship cont'd

Stewardship

The Principle of Ownership

Psalms 24 1The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.2 For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.

In the beginning of Genesis, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work, and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him.

This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

It's our responsibility.

We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

We will be held accountable.

We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us. This is taught in the Parable of the Talents found in Mathew 25: 14-30. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

Principles of Discipleship cont'd

Our Reward

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next.

We all should long to hear the Master say what is said in Matthew 25:21: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

As Christians, we need to accept the broader biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

Tithing

What is Tithing?

It is a tenth of our income. 27:30, TLB. "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy."

How is the tithe used?

In the Old Testament, the tithe was used to support the priests. Numbers 18:20-21, NKJV. "Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel. "Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

Does God need our tithe? Psalm 50:10-12, NKJV. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and all its fullness."

Principles of Discipleship cont'd

Why should I tithe?

It is a way of teaching us that God must be our first priority. Deuteronomy 14:22-23, TLB. “You must tithe all of your crops every year. Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”

When should I tithe?

We are to return the tithe to God first. Proverbs 3:9 NKJV, 9 Honor the Lord your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

How is the ministry to be supported?

1 Corinthians 9:13-14 NKJV, “13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of altar? 14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.



Principles of Discipleship cont'd

Truths About Giving, Tithes and Offerings

God is the source of all our wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18, NKJV. “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

God says we rob Him if we don't give tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:8, NKJV. Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.

God owns all the money in the world.

Haggai 2:8, NKJV. “‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

God asks us to give voluntary offerings for His work

Psalms 96:8, NKJV. “Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

We should give to God's work willingly.

2 Corinthians 9:7, NKJV. “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or out of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Ministries in Our Church

Leadership Ministries

Deacon's Ministry mission is to serve the Lord by doing the work of benevolence, visiting the sick, and being alert to the needs of the congregation. Our work frees the Pastor to focus on the ministry of the word and prayer, thus facilitating the spread of the Gospel and promoting unity within the Church.

Meets: Last Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Family Ministry Groups

A – E

- o Deacon Freddy Roberts
- o Deacon Nathan Felton
- o Deaconess Gwen Price
- o Deacon Rudy Hines
- o Minister Christopher Barbee
- o Minister Michelle Mayo
- o Minister Tonshae Tillery

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F – J

- o Deacon Vernon Pratt
- o Deaconess Denise Pratt
- o Deacon Zhivago Swinson
- o Deaconess Pam Swinson
- o Deacon Everette LeMay
- o Minister Brenda Addison
- o Minister Charles Parker

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Ministries in Our Church - cont'd

Deacon Family Ministry Groups cont'd

K – N

- o Deacon Samuel Watkins (Emeritus)
- o Deaconess Deborah Watkins
- o Deacon Donald McMillan
- o Deaconess Montressa McMillan
- o Deacon Steven Cobb
- o Minister. Dr. Alycia Marcena
- o Minister Dr. Stephen Loney
- o Minister Valerie Person

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O – R

- o Deacon Joe Adams
- o Deaconess London Adams
- o Deacon Charles Caldwell
- o Deaconess Danielle Caldwell
- o Deacon Clyde Lunsford
- o Deaconess Sandra Lunsford
- o Minister Artis Beatty
- o Minister Angela Horton
- o Minister Betty Beatty

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S – Z

- o Deaconess Ella Bridges (Emeritus)
- o Deacon Kevin Hayes
- o Deaconess Judy Hayes
- o Deacon Anthony Sturdivant
- o Deaconess Shira Sturdivant
- o Deacon Tony Tucker
- o Deaconess Amber Tucker
- o Deaconess Sonji Samuel
- o Minister Daniel Samuel
- o Minister Joyce Bailey
- o Minister Elliott Tatum

Contact: deacon_s_z@ogmbc.org

Ministries in Our Church - cont'd



Trustee Ministry

Trustee Ministry is responsible for overseeing the church's financial, legal affairs, building/grounds, transportation, safety/security, and provides leadership in sustaining and furthering the ministries, mission and vision of the church.

Contact: trustees@ogmbc.org

First Aid Ministry

First Aid Ministry provides first aid during services to our congregational members who may become ill and need assistance. We also provide educational materials to the congregation and the community. Our members are all CPR/First Aid certified and capable of handling unexpected health related events that may occur in the body of Christ during church services.

Contact: firstaid@ogmbc.org

Ministries in Our Church - cont'd



Ministry of Music and Arts

Music Ministry believes that through music, the Holy Spirit reaches the very depths of the human spirit. Our mission is to support the Pastor and congregation by ministering through music during worship services. The music ministry has choirs for all age groups, and we welcome your participation.

Rehearsals on Thursday evenings for: Unity Choir, Praise Team, Male Chorus and Young Adult Praise Team

Contact: music@ogmbc.org

Audio Visual Ministry provides live streaming service, DVDs for those who are homebound or unable to attend worship services and provides a social media and web presence for ministry beyond the walls of the church.

Contact: AV@ogmbc.org

Theatrical Ministry seeks to creatively present the message of Christ through drama. This ministry provides an onstage, backstage and offstage training and performance opportunity for adults and children, and we welcome your participation.

Contact: music@ogmbc.org

Angelic Expressions Dance Ministry is a dance ministry for youth ages 3 through 12. This ministry allows our children to be involved in ministry, and through the artistic expression of dance have an opportunity to minister to others, while increasing their faith and walk with Christ.

Contact: music@ogmbc.org

Expressions Dance Ministry is for youth between the ages of 13-20. This ministry uses the artistic avenues of dance and mime to minister to the congregation. Sharing their talent helps our youth to increase their understanding of God's plan for their lives.

Contact: music@ogmbc.org



Ministries in Our Church - cont'd



Family Life Ministries

Radiant's Women's Ministry

Radiant Women's Ministry is committed to providing opportunities for OGMBC women to grow in Christ through worship, study, service, fellowship, and evangelism.

Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month

Contact: engagewomensministry@ogmbc.org

Men on Course Ministry

Men on Course creates an environment of fellowship to educate the men in our congregation on Christian principles, as outlined in the Bible. We also facilitate programs to teach men how to apply the Word of God, and how to minister and mentor our youth and others.

Meets: 2nd and 4th Saturday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: mensministry@ogmbc.org

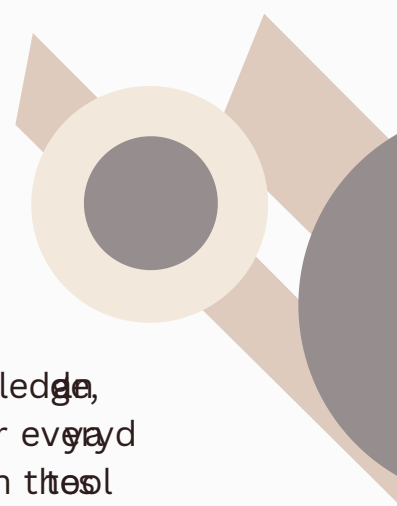
Married Couples Ministry

Married Couples Ministry provides opportunities for couples to grow in their marriage relationship and communication skills, while they enjoy time together through Bible study, workshops, couple's retreats and various other activities throughout the year.

Meets: 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: marriedcouples@ogmbc.org

Ministries in Our Church - cont'd



Youth/Young Adult Ministries

SWAG Children's Ministry (Saved With Amazing Grace)

Our mission is to guide children into biblical teachings, knowledge, understanding of how to apply Christ like principles into their everyday life. Additionally, our vision is to help youth develop and learn the tools they will need to grow, sustain, and maintain their relationship with God throughout their lives so they may live a Christ-centered life.

Email: swag@ogmbc.org

Youth Called to Greatness

This ministry seeks to encourage youth from 13 - 18 in their walk with Christ through learning, fellowship, and mentorship.

Email: YCTG@ogmbc.org

Inspire Young Girl's Ministry

This teenage/young adult ministry is a mentoring ministry serving young ladies ages 13 - 24.

Email: Inspire@ogmbc.org

F.O.R.G.E.D. Young Men's Ministry

(Faith - Obedient - Righteous - Godly - Equipped - Destined) This ministry is mentoring ministry focused on young men ages 13-24.

Email: Forged@ogmbc.org

Youth Outreach: This ministry provides outreach to young people in our church and local community. They also provide opportunities for young people to volunteer.

Email: youthoutreach@ogmbc.org

Youth Athletics: This ministry provides sports/athletic opportunities to young people in our church and local community.

Email: athletics@ogmbc.org

Inclusive Faith Ministry This ministry provides care for children with special needs during our Sunday worship services.

Email: inclusivefaith@ogmbc.org



Ministries in Our Church - cont'd



Ministry of Helps

Culinary Ministry

Our Mission is to serve our church family and guests by providing the appropriate food and atmosphere. Our biggest responsibility is to provide refreshments and/ or snacks for new member's orientation, workshops and conferences hosted by the church. Serving our church family is what we are all about. Jesus encouraged us to practice hospitality and in this ministry, there are many opportunities to do just that. We enjoy working in the kitchen to make every meal a special one where the food and the fellowship together meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in attendance.

Hospitality Ministry

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere, especially for all our first-time guests and members alike. Our goal is to make every person who comes through the church doors feel like a part of our church family, by welcoming and greeting them in a positive, friendly and spiritual manner. We also strive to provide a high standard of excellent service to our Pastor and to the congregation. We are here to serve with individualized help of greeting, seating and collecting the church offering. The volunteers of the Hospitality Ministry have a unique opportunity of setting the tone for that important first impression.

Meets: No standing date or time

Contact: hospitality@ogmbc.org

First Family Care Ministry mission is meet the needs of the Pastor by providing moral and spiritual support to him and the First Family.

Meets: No standing date or time

Contact: firstfamilycare@ogmbc.org

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Ministry of Helps - cont'd

Event Planning Ministry

The Event Planning's mission is to provide fellowship opportunities for the church body as a whole. We facilitate events and activities that bring the congregation together in a fun, positive, and uplifting way. The opportunities provided by our ministry are intended to help build and strengthen spiritual relationships within the congregation and the community, keeping Christ in the center of all we do.

Senior Citizens Council

The council is a ministry that serves as a support team to assist our seniors age 65 and older by providing social, educational, spiritual and emotional support through ministry, programs, special events and activities.

Meets: No standing date or time

Contact: seniorcitizens@ogmbc.org

Prayer Ministry

This team is designed to meet the prayer needs of individuals both saved and unsaved; to pray for our church, community, our nation, and the world.

Contact: prayer@ogmbc.org

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Contact: stephenministry@ogmbc.org

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Ministry of Caring

Missionary Ministry spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through mission work at home and abroad. OG Missionary Ministry accomplishes their mission through the work of missionary members and/or through the combined efforts of the OGMBC church body. The Missionary Ministry uplift individuals in the community through prayer, witnessing and service.

Meets: 1st Saturday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: missionary@ogmbc.org

Prison Ministry is responsible for ministering locally to souls that are incarcerated by preaching and teaching God's word.

Meets: To be determined

Contact: admin@ogmbc.org

Circles of Care Ministry offers specialized support for persons within the community living with advanced cancer, various illnesses and disabilities.

Meets: To be determined

Contact: admin@ogmbc.org

Evangelism Ministry is involved in relaying information about Christian beliefs to the saved and unsaved with the objective of bringing souls to Christ.

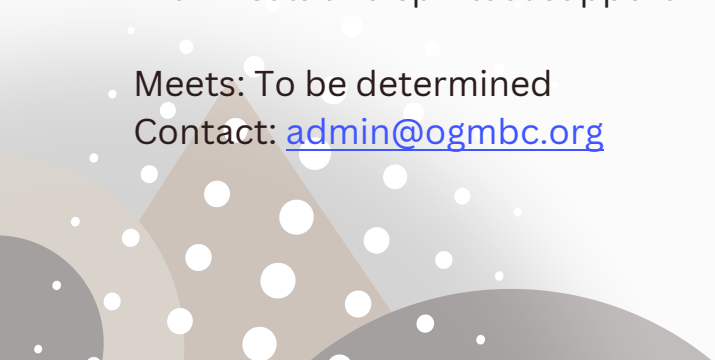
Meets: To be determined

Contact: evangelism@ogmbc.org

Manna Ministry is committed to supporting the homeless community with meals and spiritual support.

Meets: To be determined

Contact: admin@ogmbc.org



Ministries in Our Church - cont'd



Ministry of Education

Christian Education Ministry's key mission is to offer opportunities for students of all ages to learn and grow spiritually through their study of the Word of God. Our goals are to teach, train and transform students by increasing their understanding and application of God's Word to their lives for the work of the ministry, and fellowship and discipleship in community.

Meets: No standing date or time

Contact: christianed@ogmbc.org

Sunday School Ministry the primary task and mission of this educational ministry is to provide biblically sound teaching that will lead students to Christ, and to help students develop, mature and grow closer in their relationship with Christ. Sunday School classes meet at 8:45 a.m. weekly.

Contact: christianed@ogmbc.org

Our Small Group Bible Study is designed to provide a biblical teaching setting for a small group of believers. This is an opportunity to come together to study the Word of God and receive life applications for our daily walk with God. We have virtual classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm and Saturday mornings at 10am.

To join a class, please register on our website at www.ogmbc.org/courses

What is a Ministry Partner

At Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church, we consider every church member a potential ministry partner. As a ministry partner, you will be given the opportunity to learn, grow, and be mentored by a ministry leader to serve in one of our areas of ministry within the faith community. We are one body and one family, committed to working together to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to our family, friends, and community so that their lives will be transformed through teaching and training.

At Orange Grove, we see membership as a partnership opportunity. We invite you to become a ministry partner by living, giving, serving, and growing spiritually with us over time. We hope that every member will be a partner in this ministry so that they can embrace their calling and responsibility to live as a part of God's family on a mission to serve together.

The ministry partnership process is designed to help you get to know Orange Grove and for us to get to know you. Our process for covenanting together in partnership is detailed below.

Step 1

Make yourself familiar with the Principles of Discipleship

If you are considering membership and ministry partnership with Orange Grove, we hope you are familiar with What We Believe and Our Mission Statement and Vision. But, if you are still unsure of what we believe and what motivates us, you can review each topic in detail in this handbook. See the sections titled:

What We Believe

Mission, Vision, & Beliefs

Step 2

Review and affirm the Church Covenant

Once you have made yourself familiar with our Principles of Discipleship, and if you are still wanting to continue to consider becoming a ministry partner with Orange Grove, the next step is to review our Church Covenant and affirm what it says. As a ministry partner at Orange Grove you will be held to the covenant as you do life with the rest of this body of believers.

Step 3

Complete the Ministry Partner Form

This form collects personal information, church history (if applicable), your understanding of your gifts and talents, and provides you with an opportunity to write down what you need as a part of this ministry, and for further discussion during your Ministry Mentor/Partner Meeting. A separate form is required for each member of your family interested in serving as a ministry partner. There is no minimum age limit.

What is a Ministry Partner can't

Children under the age of 18 should have consent from their parents to participate. Children will need to complete the same process as every ministry partner.

Step 4

Meet With a Deacon/Ministry Mentor

Once your Ministry Partner Form has been completed and received, a Deacon will contact you to arrange a time, date and place to meet. It is our desire for prospective ministry partners to spend time with their assigned Deacon/Ministry Mentor prior to fully engaging in a serving role, and prior to accepting a ministry assignment. The purpose of the Deacon/Ministry Mentor conversation is to foster community with those desiring to serve actively as a ministry partner, to provide opportunity for clarification on anything related to Orange Grove and what it means to be a part of the larger body of believers, and to formally begin the process of providing care, support and counsel to our members and ministry partners. Children who are interested in Ministry Partnership should be accompanied by their parent(s) to the meeting.

Step 5

Serving As a Ministry Partner

Once you have completed a period of adjustment to the Orange Grove community, you will have a follow up meeting with your Deacon/Ministry Mentor, and have a discussion as to your readiness to continue forward with ministry partnership, and acceptance of a ministry assignment. Once the decision is made on the recommendation of your Deacon/Ministry Mentor you will be presented to the church as having completed the Ministry Partner Process. From this point, you will have the responsibility and privilege of serving at Orange Grove in accordance with the Church Covenant and the Bible from which it was crafted. The period of time that is required to complete the Ministry Partner Process will depend on you, and may be different for each person.

What is a Experience Ministry

What It Is ...

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church (OGMBC) offers an opportunity for New Members and New Believer to Experience Ministry in a hands-on format while they are learning, developing relationships, and growing spiritually within the community of faith.

The OGMBC Experience Ministry provides New Members and New Believers who have both an interest and calling to serve in an area of church ministry with valuable training, insight, mentoring and preparation. Although participants are not committed or assigned to an area of ministry while they are in the process of adjusting to New Member and or New Believer life status, it gives them an opportunity to discern where their gifts, talents and skills are best suited for service.

How It Works ...

Once a New Member and or New Believer has been enrolled and is actively participating in the Principles of Discipleship for New Members or the Foundations of Faith for New Believers class, they may with the support of their Ministry Partner, Class Instructor or Deacon Family Ministry Team Member request support with connecting with the assigned Ministry Leader to arrange dates for orientation, instruction, or rehearsal for trial participation in an area of ministry to which they have an interest. As a part of connecting the New Member or New Believer, the ministry partner providing support will arrange for a face-to-face introduction to ensure that the Experience Ministry opportunity is made available.

Once the request has been received by the assigned Ministry Leader, they will inform the New Member and or New Believer of orientation dates, and schedule them for their Experience Ministry service date(s). The Experience Ministry should not exceed three dates of service opportunity to allow the New Member or New Believer to continue their training so that they can continue to adjust to life in the community of faith.

What Is Required ...

A New Member and or New Believer will only need to follow these simple steps for participation:

- Enroll and actively attend, participate, and work towards completion of the New Members and or New Believers classes for your designated age group.
- Make your desire to serve in the Experience Ministry known one of the designated ministry partner/leader.
- Submit a request (see Experience Ministry Request Form) to a designated ministry partner/leader.
- Be available and attend all scheduled orientation, training and or rehearsals for Experience Ministry opportunity.
- Complete Experience Ministry as assigned.

Ministry Support at a Glance

What You Should Know About

Scheduling Transportation

To schedule transportation to Sunday Worship Service please contact the OGMBC Administrative Office at (919) 596-8088. You may also leave a message with your name, address, and phone number, and state which of the Sunday Morning Worship Services you would like to attend. A member of the transportation team will follow up with you to schedule a pickup time

The Tithe Envelope

To assist the church in accurate record keeping of tithes, offerings and other donations, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church provides an envelope for your contributions. Please use the envelopes to receive proper credit for tax purposes at the end of the year. Please complete all information on the envelope, including the amount enclosed.

Building Usage

The following requests can be made by accessing the church's website at www.ogmbc.org and selecting forms under Membership Services. If you do not have access to the internet you may also contact the OGMBC Administrative Offices at (919) 596-8088 for assistance.

- Schedule An Event
- Schedule A Wedding
- Schedule A Program or Classroom

Pastoral Needs

The following request or report can be made by contacting the OGMBC Administrative Office at (919) 596-8088.

- Hospital - report a member who has been hospitalized*
- Appointment - make an appointment with the Pastor
- Death – report the death of loss of a member family*

*You may also contact a member of your assigned Deacon Family Ministry Team for ministry support and for/with funeral arrangements and other ministry care needs.

Information Technology

Internet Safety

While our church is active on most Social Media platforms, it is important that you stay safe as you are involved in all online activities, particularly in the case of church sites, emails, etc.

- Ensure your privacy settings are updated
- Use strong passwords
 - change passwords regularly
 - do not share your passwords
- Don't share personal information freely
- Only use secure networks
- Be intentional about your awareness of online scams, phishing, etc.
- EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY.

To maximize the church's safety, addresses have been provided for the ministries for use by leadership and the congregation. Please use these email addresses to communicate with leadership, your teams, and administrative staff as needed.

REALM

Our church is currently moving to a new type of church record-keeping solution called REALM. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support how you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, but it will also make it safer for our church body.

Stay connected to your group wherever you go with Realm's mobile app, Realm Connect—For Our Church. It is available for iPhone and Android devices. This free app enables leaders to communicate with members in a timely manner and keeps members engaged throughout the week. Although people are not required to use the app to participate in your group, it makes it much easier.

Connect with your group anytime:

- **Newsfeed**—Keeps everyone up to date with the latest posts, photos, and events for your group.
- **Files**—Access your group's shared files.
- **Participants**—See names and basic profile details for the people in your group, based on their privacy preferences.
- **Notification Settings**—Manage your preferences for group notifications and emails.
- **Mark Attendance**—Keep track of attendance for group events.
- **Chat**—Have real-time conversations with your entire group or select individuals.
- **Inbox**—Email or text your entire group or select individuals.

Download Realm Connect - For Our Church today:

On your iPhone or Android device, go to: <http://onelink.to/connectapp>