

2025 Theme

# THRIVE<sup>in</sup>25

**Blessed is the man that trusteth  
in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.  
For he shall be as a tree planted  
by the waters, and that spreadeth  
out her roots by the river,  
and shall not see when heat cometh,  
but her leaf shall be green; and shall  
not be careful in the year of drought,  
neither shall cease from yielding fruit.**

**Jeremiah 17:7-8**

NEW OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
DECEMBER 2025



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*Celebrating*  
THE BIRTH OF  
*Christ*

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The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel. -Isaiah 7:4



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## WELCOME AND WHO WE ARE



On behalf of Pastor Tyrone, Lady J, and the New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church family we welcome you! New Oak Grove is a body of baptized believers who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Our God has been faithful to this branch of Zion and we marvel in the wondrous and mighty works that He has, and continues to bestow upon us. We come together to worship the only true and living God in the beautiful and picturesque Blackwater section of southern Virginia Beach, VA. We are delighted that you were led to worship with us. It is truly our honor and privilege to have you here with us. If there is anything that we can do to make your stay with us a more pleasurable one, please feel ask for assistance from an Usher or the person sitting next to you. Thank you for worshipping with us and we pray that something will be said or done to make your day the better!

### MISSION STATEMENT

“Bringing God’s People Up To God’s Standards By Being a Doer of The Word of God”  
-Isaiah 59:19, James 1:22-25

### VISION STATEMENT

The Vision of New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is to transform the lives of its people that they may live up to God’s standards by upholding the word of God. We will impact our church, our community, our youth, young adults and seniors in a positive manner by being relevant in the world. We will achieve our goal using our Core Values. We will remember our past, live in the present, and establish our future on a blessed hope in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### CORE VALUES

*In alignment with our Mission and Vision, New Oak Grove’s Core Values describe how we will interact with each other, and the means by which we will fulfill our mission.*

- Integrity** - We will be honest and in adherence to the values of doing right when no one is looking.
- Love** - We will demonstrate adoration and care for God’s people and His creation regardless of the situation.
- Dedication** - We will be committed and supportive to the work of ministry at New Oak Grove.
- Unity** - We will stand together as one body on one accord, regardless of our individual differences.
- Respect** - We will esteem and value other's perspective as one’s self.
- Faith** - We will be visionaries and walk by faith and not by sight.
- Teachable** - We will keep an open mind and receive instruction to equip us that we may grow and mature in knowledge and understanding.
- Relevant** - We will be practical and focused on issues and matters of today that may affect the church body.

### FIRST TIME GUESTS

Welcome, and thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you to worship with us on today! If you would, please take a moment to use your phone’s camera to scan this QR Code and complete our Connect Card so that we can recognize you as our guest as well as stay connected with you. Thank You again for being our Guest!



## FINANCIALS AND PLEDGES



Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart,  
not grudgingly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver  
-2 Corinthians 9:7

### 5 WAYS TO GIVE

1. **In Person During Worship Services each Sunday**
2. **US Postal Service**  
New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church,  
3200 Head River Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23457
3. **\$CashApp**  
New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
4. **Givelify**  
New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
5. **Online @ NOGBC.ORG**



No cash on hand, or forgot to bring your check book? You can now pay your tithes, offerings, or for a special project or event with... **SQUARE!** The Financial Secretary or a Trustee is posted in the rear of the sanctuary to take your payments each Sunday!



New Oak Grove’s financial management system allows members the ability to donate online, to access your financial giving records all year long, and/or to print your annual financial statements during tax season. See Trustee Kizzy Winston to sign up or for more

### PLEDGE CAMPAIGNS



#### Annual Men & Women’s/ Building Fund Day

I agree to pay \$1000 each year towards the Building Fund.

| Payment Schedule | Amount     |
|------------------|------------|
| Weekly           | \$ 19.25   |
| Bi-Weekly        | \$ 38.50   |
| Monthly          | \$ 83.50   |
| Quarterly        | \$ 250.00  |
| Semi-Annually    | \$ 500.00  |
| Annually         | \$ 1000.00 |

#### Mortgage Burning



I agree to partner with NOGMBC to assist in accelerating the pay-off of the church mortgage and agree to pay an additional \$100 per month, over and above my tithes, offerings, and Building Fund pledge.

#### 50 States Fundraiser



Each team should raise a minimum of \$1000 by our 163rd Church Anniversary in November.

### FOOD PANTRY

In partnership with  
 **Foodbank**  
of Southeastern Virginia  
and the Eastern Shore

**OPEN  
EVERY THURSDAY  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Free & Open to the Public**





NEW OAK GROVE Mbc

Online Service Times

Sunday 10:30 am

SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE.



HOLIDAY  
GIFT DISTRIBUTION  
SAT., DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 10:00 AM!





SENIOR'S  
CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHEON

Wed., December 17<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am

Sign Up  
if you plan to attend.



WOE CLOSEOUT 2025

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> | 11 AM to 2 PM

Theme: Your Past Has Passed

The guest speaker will be Minister Latonya Sterling. All are welcome!  
Please sign up in the back and let us know if your plan is to bring a guest  
or the number of guests you might bring to the event.  
Everyone is asked to bring a \$25 gift to exchange.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information please contact Sister Renaye Harrington, Lady J,  
Sister Gloria Austin or Sister Renee Woodhouse.

happy birthday

JESUS

\*On This date in 1862, the first Watch Night Services was celebrated in Back communities in America.

The Watch Night service can be traced back to gatherings known as “Freedom’s Eve.” On that night, Black slaves and free blacks came together in churches and private homes all across the nation, awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law. Lincoln had used the occasion of the Union victory at Antietam to issue a preliminary proclamation, which freed all slaves in the rebellious states after January 1, 1863.

He justified his decision as a wartime measure and did not go so far as to free the slaves in the border states loyal to the Union. At the stroke of midnight, all slaves in the Confederate States were declared legally free. When the news was received, there were prayers, shouts, and songs of joy as many people fell to their knees and thanked God. Still, the proclamation deprived the Confederacy of the bulk of its labor forces and put international public opinion strongly on the Union side.

Some 186,000 Black soldiers had joined the Union Army by the time the war ended in 1865, and 38,000 lost their lives. Blacks (in particular) have gathered in churches annually on New Year’s Eve ever since, praising God for bringing us safely through another year. It’s been over a century and a half since the first Freedom’s Eve, and tradition still brings citizens together at this time every year to celebrate “how we got over.”

This celebration takes many American descendants of slaves into a new year with praise and worship. The service usually begins between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. and ends at midnight with the entrance of the New Year. Some people attend church before going out to celebrate; for others, the church is the only New Year’s Eve event.

There have been instances where clergy in mainline denominations questioned the propriety of linking religious services with a secular holiday like New Year’s Eve. However, there is a reason for the importance of New Year’s Eve services in the Black experience in America.



2025

WED  
DEC 31

WATCH  
NIGHT  
SERVICE

7 PM

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ministerial Staff

\*OPENING SELECTION

NOG Praise Team

PRAYER

Deacon William A. Malloy

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOG Praise Team

\*INSPIRATIONAL SELECTION

NOG Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING

Ministerial Staff

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Officials

OFFERTORIAL CHANT

NOG Praise Team

\*SERMONIC SELECTION

NOG Praise Team

THE PREACHED WORD

Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson

INVITATIONAL SELECTION

NOG Praise Team

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson

*\*Worshippers may enter.*

SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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| CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS                 |   |                   |
| CALL TO WORSHIP                      |   | Ministerial Staff |
| *OPENING SELECTION                   | Heavenly Fathers Male Chorus                    |                   |
| PRAYER                               | Deacon Lee McKnight, Sr.                        |                   |
| CHORAL RESPONSE                      | Heavenly Fathers Male Chorus                    |                   |
| *INSPIRATIONAL SELECTION             | Heavenly Fathers Male Chorus                    |                   |
| SCRIPTURE READING                    | Ministerial Staff                               |                   |
| WORSHIP IN GIVING                    | Officials                                       |                   |
| OFFERTORIAL CHANT                    | Heavenly Fathers Male Chorus                    |                   |
| PRAISE THROUGH THE DANCE             | Miss Makyliah Woodhouse<br>& The Boyz In Christ |                   |
| *SERMONIC SELECTION                  | Heavenly Fathers Male Chorus                    |                   |
| THE PREACHED WORD                    | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson                        |                   |
| INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson                        |                   |
| INVITATIONAL SELECTION               | Heavenly Fathers Male Chorus                    |                   |
| BENEDICTION                          | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson                        |                   |

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** ALL announcements should be emailed to the church office by the Wednesday before the first Sunday of each month (for bulletin) or by Wednesday of each week at ***newoakgrovembc@yahoo.com by 12 Noon!!!***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY** to everyone celebrating this month!

**NOBLEMEN OUTREACH HOLIDAY GIFT DISTRIBUTION** is Saturday, December 13th from 10 am til 12 noon. If you signed children up please make sure they’re present. See Reverend Elaine Paquette with any questions.

**SENIOR’S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is Wed., December 17th at 11:30 am. Sign up if you plan to attend.

**WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE CLOSEOUT** is Sat., December 20th at 11:00 am. Theme: Your Past Has Passed, and the speaker will be Minister Latonya Sterling. All are welcome! Please sign up and let us know if you plan to bring a guest or the number of guests you might bring. Please bring a \$25 gift to exchange.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE** will be Wed., December 31st at 7:00 pm.

**PLANS TO PROSPER: THE MONEY MASTERCLASS** is Sat., January 17th at 8:00 am. Register online at [planstoprospereventbrite.com](http://planstoprospereventbrite.com). The cost is \$99. See Sis. Ashley Dennis with questions.

| December Calendar of Events |  |          |
|-----------------------------|--|----------|
| 13                          | Noblemen Outreach Ministry Holiday/Christmas Distribution. | 10:00 am |
| 17                          | Senior’s Ministry Christmas Luncheon.                      | 11:30 am |
| 20                          | WOE End of Year Closeout.                                  | 11:00 am |
| 24                          | Christmas Eve.   |          |
| 25                          | Christmas Day. Happy Birthday Jesus!                       |          |
| 27                          | Joy in the Mourning Meeting.                               | 9:00 am  |
| 31                          | New Year’s Eve. Watch Night Service.                       | 7:00 pm  |
| Coming Up in JANUARY 2026   |  |          |
| 1                           | New Year’s Day. Happy New Year!                            |          |
| 8                           | Church Conference.   | 6:30 pm  |
| 10                          | Joy in the Mourning Meeting.                               | 9:00 am  |
| 15                          | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.                      |          |
| 17                          | Plans to Prosper: The Money Masterclass.                   | 8:00 am  |
| 18                          | MLK Holiday.   |          |
| 24                          | WOE Connection Creates Confidence Event.                   | 11:00 am |
| 31                          | Leadership Training.                                       | 9:00 am  |



Sis. Annie Conley  
Sis. Michelle Conley  
Sis. Patsy Dixon  
Sis. Agnes Mason  
Sis. Cecelia Mason

Sis. Sheldale McPherson  
Sis. Deloris Myers  
Bro. Pickens Rowe  
Min. Lillian E. Sivels  
Sis. Erma Spence

Sis. Valerie Sutton  
Sis. Key West Sykes  
Bro. John Tillett, Jr.  
Sis. Penney Whitehurst  
Bro. Keith Woodhouse

Dear Heavenly Father,

Please protect our nation, our national, state and local leaders, our military, our citizens, and our church family who are healing. Turn our nation’s heart towards you Holy Father, that we may put you first and obey Your Commandments. That we may not be lukewarm in our lifestyles but stand courageously and confidently in your most precious Holy Word. That we may acknowledge YOU always in our daily lives and glorify you in all that we do. You are an awesome God and we thank you, in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ADVENT  
Celebration

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, often referred to as Advent Sunday.

Surviving is for those who have no hope. That’s not you — not if you’re God’s child. You were meant to **THRIVE**.

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| CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS                 |                                |
| CALL TO WORSHIP                      | Ministerial Staff              |
| *OPENING SELECTION                   | NOG Praise Team                |
| PRAYER                               | Deacon Elmer R. McPherson, Jr. |
| CHORAL RESPONSE                      | NOG Praise Team                |
| *INSPIRATIONAL SELECTION             | NOG Praise Team                |
| SCRIPTURE READING                    | Ministerial Staff              |
| WORSHIP IN GIVING                    | Officials                      |
| OFFERTORIAL CHANT                    | NOG Praise Team                |
| *SERMONIC SELECTION                  | NOG Praise Team                |
| THE PREACHED WORD                    | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson       |
| INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson       |
| INVITATIONAL SELECTION               | NOG Praise Team                |
| BENEDICTION                          | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson       |

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| CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS                 |                          |
| CALL TO WORSHIP                      | Ministerial Staff        |
| *OPENING SELECTION                   | NOG Praise Team          |
| PRAYER                               | Deacon Noah R. Moore     |
| CHORAL RESPONSE                      | NOG Praise Team          |
| *INSPIRATIONAL SELECTION             | NOG Praise Team          |
| SCRIPTURE READING                    | Ministerial Staff        |
| WORSHIP IN GIVING                    | Officials                |
| OFFERTORIAL CHANT                    | NOG Praise Team          |
| HOLY COMMUNION                       |                          |
| *SERMONIC SELECTION                  | NOG Praise Team          |
| THE PREACHED WORD                    | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson |
| INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP | Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson |
| INVITATIONAL SELECTION               | NOG Praise Team          |
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The Reason for the Season

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:4)*

For most families, Christmas is a time for traditions. Year to year, decorations are brought down from the attic, favorite meals are prepared and family members come together. But, why? What is the reason behind the gifts, the cheery music and the time off of work? What actually happened all those years ago that separated this day from any other?

Christians agree that the birth of Jesus Christ is the “reason for the season,” yet more often than not, this idea is lost in the midst of the holiday madness. This Christmas, challenge yourself to approach the holiday with fresh eyes. Allow yourself to be awed by the beauty of Mary’s faith, Joseph’s obedience and the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The faith that Mary demonstrated throughout her pregnancy is frequently overlooked during the telling of Jesus’s birth. Mary was a young woman from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, engaged to a man named Joseph. One day, God sent an angel to Mary to deliver the news that she will carry the Son of God. The Bible says that Mary was troubled by the news, and the angel said: “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus” (Luke 1:30-31).

Despite Mary’s fear and confusion, she responded by saying, “I am the Lord’s servant, may your word to me be fulfilled” (Luke 1:38). Mary demonstrated incredible faith by believing and accepting the angel’s message. The doubts and worries Mary was most likely experiencing did not hinder her from living out God’s plan for her life.

Matthew 1:19 tells us that when Mary told Joseph of her pregnancy, he wanted to divorce her, but wanted to do so secretly, sparing her public ridicule and death by stoning. Later on, Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream. The angel said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take your wife Mary home, for what has been conceived in her is by Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21).

No matter what Joseph was feeling, whether he thought Mary was a cheater, a liar or just crazy, he obeyed the Lord. He kept his engagement to Mary, later married her and became the earthly father of Jesus. Joseph’s obedience reminds us that God’s plan is one much bigger than our own and that we must trust exactly what He tell us.

Though Mary and Joseph were devoted followers of God, exercised impressive faith and obedience and contributed to the beauty of the birth of Christ, they do not compare to the significance of who Jesus was and what He would later do for all of the world.

Jesus was born in a manger, foreshadowing the humble and servant-focused life he would live out. Jesus’s birth was the beginning of God’s rescue mission for His children and that is the true meaning of Christmas. He is the reason for the honey hams, the stocking stuffers and the celebration. The day that Jesus entered the Earth, the world was changed forever. That day, God blessed the world with more love and grace than we could ever understand or deserve.