



Dear Church Family,

As I write, my family and I are in the midst of transitioning our hearts, minds, and belongings from Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Greeneville, Tennessee. As we prepare for the new partnership God has ordained between pastor and people, I want to pause and express our deep love and gratitude for the Pierce family. Pastor Tommy, Shelley, and their family have been nothing short of gracious, loving, and welcoming to us. Charity and I deeply honor the Pierces in this season of transition and ask you to continue lifting them up in your prayers each day.

As we begin our time together, my focus will be on getting to know you, extending pastoral care, and faithfully preaching and teaching God's Word with excellence and clarity. In these early days, my desire is to make as few changes as possible so that I may concentrate on shepherding and proclaiming the Scriptures. In time, there will be opportunities for vision-casting, for asking directional questions about the future of the church, and for addressing staffing needs. But for now, we look forward to building relationships and sharing life together as a church family.

If I may, I would like to share a few personal prayer requests for our family as we make this move: please pray for our daughters, Autumn and Lily, that they will quickly acclimate to their new surroundings, find loving friends, and continue growing in their walk with Christ; for Charity, that the Lord will bless her with new friendships within both the church and the community; for our home in Arkansas to sell and for God to lead us to the right home here in Greeneville; and for His promised light burden and easy yoke (Matthew 11:30) to lift the stress of this 782-mile move.

We love you already and cannot wait to see you soon!

All for Jesus,
Pastor Jeremy

Dr. Jeremy P. Roberts
PASTOR



- Change -

It has been said, "The only Constant is Change"

Very few people are comfortable with change. When we think logically about it though, change takes place every day. We just don't always notice.

We change our socks, our route to work, our lunch plans and our minds. We change the channel, the AC filters, and the oil in the car. Trivial changes? Maybe. But changes nonetheless.

As we enter together into a new chapter in the life of our Towering Oaks family, allow me to remind you—God never changes yet He is the author of change.

We do not need to step into tomorrow with fear and unease. We can lean on Philippians 4:6-8, and trust God to fill us with His presence and the energy that comes from knowing He is our All.

Join me in setting "I'm not good with changes" aside and embrace "whatsoever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things."

We have work to do. The day of ultimate change grows closer (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). Let's fulfill the call to go and tell.

One final thought... To the first line there is a wonderful singular exception - "Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Cheerfully In Christ,

Brother Greg



I have a friend who loves **Jesus** with her whole heart.

She didn't always love **Jesus**.

Her parents didn't teach her to love **Jesus**.

As a young adult, she worked hard and cared for others. Even as she smiled and did her best, she struggled to make sense with her past and her present.

And then a coworker entered her life. A coworker who was different. This coworker became a friend who modeled not happiness that comes and goes but **joy** that stays.

Opportunity.

My friend's coworker recognized an **opportunity** to show her more people with joy and **invited** her to a church event.

She was uncertain at first but decided to go.

She experienced Christian people and so enjoyed the time that she chose to attend church.

And she went back again.

And again.

And again.

And she gave her heart to **Jesus**.

And she knows joy because she loves **Jesus** with her whole heart.

Because **God used a coworker and a church event to love her to Himself.**

Opportunity.

This is why we (**YOU are WE**) are planning *Autumn Adventures at Towering Oaks*.

You have family, friends, coworkers, ball team parents, that clerk in the grocery store you've come to know, your barber or stylist—people all around you who need to know Jesus life and eternity changing love.

Invite them. Offer a ride. Arrange a meeting time. Introduce them to our church family. It's the **opportunity** of a lifetime ... or should I say of the after-lifetime.

There's quite a list of what will be happening *October 26, 4:30-6:30*. Hayrides, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, games, mini golf, marshmallow roasting, book give away, chili cook-off contest, nature walk and scavenger hunt, live gospel bluegrass music, treat bags for kids, hot dogs, a prayer tent—and we (**YOU are WE**) are working on a few more.

Because **YOU are WE**, please talk with me about your ideas of what else we can add.

We are here to **reach** our community. The best way to do that is through personal **invite**. Please look around you and **invite** folks of all ages to come and see.

My friend's eternity changed because a coworker with Jesus-joy invited her to come and see.

Thank you, **Lord**, for **Jesus**.

Thank you, **Lord**, for **joy**.

Thank you, **Lord**, for **opportunity**.

Thank you, **Lord**, for my **friend** Mindy.

- Shelley



Dear T.O.B.C. family,

I hope this finds you enjoying the beautiful fall weather and feeling blessed beyond measure. The school ministry would like to thank you for your prayers and support. We've had three students make decisions to live for Jesus since school started, and TSA Days hosted last weekend was a success.

In Christ,

Amy Pfaff-Biebel

Towering Oaks Christian School

Administrator



October Youth News!

Greetings from the Underground! It is officially Fall, a time of change and reflection. It is now a time of change for our church and I hope we can all reflect on the amazing impact Pastor Tommy has had on this body of believers. We, the youth and the volunteers, pray that Pastor Tommy knows how much the church loves and respects him, his family, and his ministry. We also pray for Pastor Jeremy and his family as they embark on a new chapter in their life. May we all join together in the unity of Christ Jesus and work towards that one common goal we are commanded to do: spread the Gospel in our lost world.

September has been a new series of tackling the difficult issues that face teenagers. The topics were:

1. Not Conforming to the World's Standards
2. Purpose and Calling for Youth Today
3. Facing Difficult Challenges by Faith
4. The Words We Say and Why Our Words Matter
5. What does the future hold for me?

On Wednesday, September 17th we put some of these lessons into action and the youth group packed around 200 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! What a great way to "practice what we preach." One of the main goals of this lesson series we have been through is for our youth to see that they have value in the body of Christ, and that we as a church have a need for them to grow up and one day become the next leaders and servants of the church. Hopefully some of the members of our youth group will seek out more ways to become involved by serving now. I am very proud of this group, I see great things in their futures!

Todd



Autumn Adventures at Towering Oaks Church

Sunday, October 26 4:30-6:30



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Autumn Adventures

What we need

VOLUNTEERS—We need YOU! Sign up in your SS, at the front porch, or main foyer!

CANDY—Bring in bags of candy, we have designated baskets all over church!

BOOKS—Bring in new or gently used books for the book give away!

INVITE—Tell your neighbor, coworker, friend, family member!

Invite Cards are available at Front Porch and Main Foyer



You don't want to miss this evening of fun, fellowship, and outreach!

Hay Rides Chili Cook Off Petting Zoo Pony Rides Face Painting Hot Dogs
Prayer Tent Live Music Campfire Marshmallow Roasting Treat Bags for Kids
Nature/ Scavenger Hunt AND MORE!!!!!!!!

Pastor Tommy's Retirement Reception

Sunday, October 19, 4:30-6:30

Come recognize Pastor Tommy's 35 Years as Pastor, Shepherd, and Friend to Towering Oaks Baptist Church and 50 Years in Ministry.

Bring in your letters of gratitude for Pastor Tommy and drop in the box outside the main foyer

