

Prayer needs:

Law enforcement friends & family: Andrew (Cayla) Gelinas; Caleb (Amanda) Hutchison; Ryan (Karen) White; Travis (Sierra) Floyd; Shauna (Mitch) Wetzel; Nikk Wood; Ashley & Le'Von Griffin (Dawn Murphy's daughter and son-in-law); Elijah (Emma) Britton (friends of the Marklands); Brayton (Zoe) Wyatt; Caleb (Stephanie) Brinson; Brandon (Shawna) Bedolla

Active military friends & family: Logan (Kathryn) Cain, Camp Pendleton, CA; Ethan (Rebecca) Chesser, Terre Haute; Kirby (Maddie) Chesser; Zachary Dawley (Sarah Parker's son), Fort Benning, GA; Robert (Hannah) Herrington, Louisiana; Nick Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), New Jersey; Shane & Elise Hickman (Linda's nephew & his wife), Terre Haute; Matthew Lehmann, San Diego, CA

Please pray for our country, leaders and veterans!

School-related prayer: Matt Cazzell, Principal at McCormick's Creek Elementary

Our friends battling cancer: Brennan Tarrance (Dave's son); Jamie Skirvin (Cheryl Hunter's daughter); Levon Rerko; Ray Monticue; Brian Hughes (Anitra Line's father); Gaylin Bruer (Anne Basey's cousin); Chris Mangia (Tom's mother); Minnie Sue Pendleton (Hannah's cousin), leukemia; Jim Perin; Don Taylor, Jr.; Todd Reid; Trent Heckman; Susie Gilstrap (Audrey Courson's aunt); Autum Crowe; Kevin Booher; Stan Frank (Zoe Wyatt's father); Keith Provo (Candi's husband); Barb Eastman (friend of Grandi's); Kaitlyn Anderson (Eliza Chambers' friend); Julie Allen; Beth Eaton; Gordon Dawley; Kenley Mullis (friend of the Andersons); Robin Adams (Melissa Arnold's sister); Maverick Pendleton (friend of Hutchisons); Carl Fulk (Joy Lee-Wills's father-in-law); Jackie Bauer (Joy's sister); Mayo Kroy; Julie Butler (Karen Turner's sister); Matt Truesdel; Brooks Sharp (friend of Tami Grandi)

Other health concerns: Dakotah Gross (Ashley Hatton's daughter), Bells Palsy; Everleigh Hyde (Basey's gr. granddaughter); Patti Lippert (Geoff's mother); Kathy Laudick (Ryan Spires's mother); Patricia Line (Darrin's grandmother); Ed Terrell; Lisa Jones (Jenna Wells's mother); Dixie Beasley (Vicki Tarrence's mother); Annalyn Wisley (Kathy's granddaughter); Imogene Tackett (Tom Warner's mother); Rylee Robb (Sherry Pavich's gr. niece); James Anderson; Eliza Chambers; Alexander Chambers; Emily Wyatt; Palmer Kinney (JJ and Delaney's daughter); April Chandler; Fran Peebles (Amanda Spires's grandma); Lance Gunn; Maddie Goodall (Bruce Davis's gr. niece); Laura Many; Wes Galloway; Bonnie Roberts, (Kim Stahl's mom); Corina Randall (Robert Anderson's cousin); Wendy (friend of Adam & Brooklyn Samick); Judy Markland (Jim's mom); Karen Warner; Jason Denny; Keri Mayer (Tanda Stockmann's friend); Katie Burton (friend of Geoff Biggs); Dan Arthur (Kala Biggs's father); Jim & Marcia Morris (Jeanna Srinivasan's parents); Noah Toms (Tanda S.'s nephew); Gigi Wells (Gavin & Jenna's daughter); John Wise; Frances MacMorran; Anne Basey; Louis Phelps (friend of Mangia's); Rhett White (student @ SES); Erin (friend of Gavin Wells, her daughter & granddaughter; Ryan O'Neal (friend of Edwards family); Rita Sampson (friend of Madi Arnett); Carma Mason (Kris Samick's sister); Marge Monticue; Dale Nicholson, migraines

Recovery: Rosie Bault, broken shoulder; Phil Spaulding (Ginger Kohr's father); Brenee Helderman, knee replacement; Jimmy Query; Dusty Myers; Kindall Stewart

Other: Tia Hodges; Stephen Cordry; Michele Hardy and family (friends of Mangia's); Rebecca (Sarah Schneider's sister)

Healthy pregnancies: Hannah & Robert Herrington (October); Abigail & Jonathan Kersten (April 2027)

September 13, 2026

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Our mission: Connecting people to Jesus

Our vision:

Pursuing Jesus Passionately

Demonstrating Jesus Visibly

Revealing Jesus Clearly

Preparing Disciples to Obey Jesus Faithfully



Owen Valley
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



Roots MS/HS youth group resumes TONIGHT at OVCF from 5-7 PM.
Snack sign-up sheet and semester schedules are on the info table!



Ladies Bible Study begins tomorrow at OVCF from 5:30-7:30 PM.
This week's pitch-in theme is breakfast for dinner!
Please bring something to share!



Cory & Cassidy Fountain will be visiting with us on Sunday, September 20th. They will give an update about the ministry work they are doing with the Turkish people through Team Expansion in England.



2026 B-Town Worship Night: (Roots youth group will not meet that evening but will be attending this event!)

Join the wider body of Christ for a night of fun and worship at Switchyard Park in Bloomington on Sunday 9/27. Food trucks open and fun begins at 4pm. Worship from 6-8pm. Bring a blanket, cooler, chair and all your friends for a special night together. [Tip #1 Arrive early to find parking! Tip #2 Come sit on "the hill" with us! We'd love to see you on the nearside hill closest to the food trucks!] Questions? Text Ryan or check out the event on FB for full details!



Save the date!



Online giving is an option! You may visit <https://ovchristianfellowship.churchcenter.com/giving> to give via a bank account or debit card. You will receive full tax credit for your giving. The system charges OVCF a small fee for processing.



If you have not created an account, please take advantage of the OVCF subscription to Right Now Media! It's free and has many resources from Bible studies and videos to children's features! Scan the code or text OVCF to 49775.



OVCF is blessed with growing families! We realize our mamas sometimes need a quiet space and privacy with their babies. We have created a Mother's Room that may be accessed via the library/coffee bar area. If you have questions, you may see Becca Anderson or Diana Markland.

For Your Information: If we are here alone, the door will be locked for security. Please knock or call us and we'll come to the door! Pastor Bill & Pastor Ryan are available whenever there is a need. Church office: (812)828-9840

Diana: 812-585-0118 in office: **M-F, 8 AM-1 PM** secretary@ovcf.org

Pastor Bill: 812-821-1752 His day off is **Friday**. pastor@ovcf.org

Pastor Ryan: 812-585-0545 His day off is **Tuesday**. youthpastor@ovcf.org

Hannah Pendleton: 812-821-7360 hannahpendleton3896@gmail.com

*Please keep our elders (Robert Anderson, Jeff Carlson, Tom Mangia and Charley Shipley), as well as Pastor Bill, Pastor Ryan, Diana and Hannah in prayer as they make ongoing decisions for OVCF. The elders meet on the 1st Monday of each month (typically). Please keep the elders, Pastor Bill and Pastor Ryan in prayer during these meetings.

Weekly statistics: August 30, 2026 & September 6, 2026

Attendance: 183 & 204

Children's church: 20 & 37

Roots: 18 -Roots kickoff, No Roots, Labor Day weekend

Est. Live Stream attendance: 48 & 50

General Fund: \$4,737.20 & \$4,317.13

Building Fund total: \$46,746.89

**Weekly need for 2026: \$5,036.20
(what is needed for weekly operating expenses)**

September 13, 2026 2026 Theme: Still the ONE!

Series: Break Those Chains!

Sermon: The Elephant in the Room- Pr. 4:23-27; 2 Cor. 10:3-5



I. THE COMMONALITY OF THE ELEPHANT

Statistics to consider:

- Globally, 1 every 40 seconds
- Nearly 1 million worldwide
- Every 15 minutes in the U.S.
- 1 in 5 involve a war vet
- Males= 5 times more often
- 2nd leading cause of death among college students
- Females highest aged 45-54
- 3rd leading cause aged 15-24
- 4th leading cause aged 10-14
- For every successful, 25 unsuccessful

From: *Unanswered* by Dr. Jeremiah Johnston

II. DEALING WITH THE ELEPHANT

Question: Is suicide the "Unpardonable Sin?" (_____) See Eph. 1:13

What does Elijah teach us?

1. No one is (_____).
2. God speaks to us (_____).
3. You are (_____) and you don't have (_____) alone.
4. Jesus is (_____) and (_____) the hopeless.

Next week: Cory and Cassidy Fountain- Team Expansion in England