

Oak Grove Church of Christ Newsletter - 2025.02.23

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Speaker-AM: Josh Vinyard

Title: Biblical Manhood Part 1

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Speaker-PM: Josh Vinyard

Title: Biblical Manhood Part 2

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News and Prayer Requests

- Azariah Nowak was baptized into Christ.
- Robbie Moreland was not feeling well.
- Suzzane Chatman has Hand, Foot, Mouth disease.
- John Nowak has an ear infection.
- Nowack's were traveling from KC.
- Dottie Maylee's sister Gracie.
- Nancy Stratton passed away from pneumonia complications 2/23 at 3PM.

Life and Death, 2/23/2025 By Robbie Moreland

Death is all around us. Here at Oak Grove, we worship across the street from a cemetery showing generations of those who have left before us. We sometimes see families gathered there for burials, or see someone visiting a grave as we leave on a Sunday afternoon after worship. It's heartbreaking to watch their grief. It's even more heartbreaking when you are the one standing there as you say goodbye to your love's ones. Life can be hard. Death can be harder. But, with the hope of Christ, it is not the final goodbye.

"...I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die (John 11:25)

Death is inevitable. Everything that lives, dies. Death can be a hard thing, and sad thing, but it can also remind us of our mortality, and our need for Christ.

Jesus left heaven, became a man, and experienced a torturous, painful death so that He could release us from its fate. We will still die, but death has no lasting effects on Christ's people. It is merely the gateway into a fuller life. Now, instead of the fear of dying, we have the hopeful anticipation of an existence so full of life that death will never again invade it. Death will die! And we will live!

"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives" (Hebrews 2:14-15).