



OUR VISION + MISSION

Olive Grove exists to create connections that change communities. We value relationships, and believe life change happens within them.

Here at Olive Grove, we are passionate about creating an atmosphere that brings honor and glory to God. We get to do this by encouraging those we reach in-house, online, and in the community.

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SERVING INFORMATION



*Jesus came to serve, not be served
... here at Olive Grove it flows*

- Chris Emblar

*It is something you get to do that
changes your heart ... it just gives
you this freedom*

- Tieshia Bell

*"It comes from what has already
been shown to us ... not out of
obligation or duty, but from glory*

-Rachel Emblar

WHO WE ARE

"My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus— the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."

—Acts 20:24 (NLT)

WHAT WE DO

Our relationship with God, Jesus took care of. Our relationship with others we take care of. This requires us to be intentional about taking the time to invest in others as we Love God + Love People.

HOW WE DO IT

Share. Serve. Sow. We share the Good News of the Gospel. We serve others from a place of desire and not duty. We sow generously as an outward expression of an internal transformation.

WHY WE DO IT

In Excellence; we will always bring our best. In the Local Church; we believe Church is a Big Deal. In being Creative; God is big, so we dream big. In Grace; it moves us from servants to Sons. In Generosity; we will lead the way with Grace-filled generosity. In Fun; we take Fun seriously. In being Intentional; we value relationships.



THE DIME PIECE

by OGC Creative Team Member

The Pastors of Olive Grove Church, Russ and Chrissy Emanuel, in Clinton, North Carolina are intentional leaders within the Lord's kingdom. These two impact those near and far with a serving heart and a caring hand, although it goes unsaid, they are incredibly cherished by the OG Family.

Pastor Chrissy describes her relationship with them as a "tight-knit connection"; not just from serving within the church but also, "spending time outside of church together", having that connection that goes beyond the four walls of a building is imperative to the foundation of relationships.

"I place emphases on trying to build leaders ... not just one person can carry a movement, it takes a group of people", Pastor Russ says. On Sundays, he is geared towards connecting personally with each person present. Especially at the end of service, "everyone wants to hang around and have conversation ... I am intentional about being a point of contact to those I do not regularly see".

When asked what they enjoy about being at Olive Grove Church, Pastor Chrissy spoke on "not growing up with sisters but now, here, I have a different set of sisters ... which is the best thing for me". Having others to lean on, to pray with, and to grow in helps create a safety net within this house.

"I love the people ... first of all you gotta enjoy what you do, if you don't enjoy what you do then you won't enjoy who you do it with", Pastor Russ said. When those around you are like-minded and see the greatness in you, and vice versa, you want to celebrate each others' wins. "I get fuel from seeing other people's lives being changed ... that is what's worth it ... I love to see, not just God wants to do in them, but through them", Pastor Russ added.



Working in ministry is a lifestyle, there are no "days off". The gaslight may come on sometimes, and running on fumes is bound to happen. When asking our Pastors how they prevent burn-outs, what uplifts them, this is what they responded. "I encourage everyone to not just read the word, but learn it ... for me devotionals are what help because they are real, relatable life stores with added scripture", Pastor Chrissy said. Being able to see your situation from the outside looking in, and apply His word will redirect your thoughts in persevering through. "Find someone that's gonna uplift you ... be around someone positive that is going to encourage you, that's going to pour into you", Pastor Chrissy continued.

"I know that if I am experiencing burn-out, I am trying to accomplish it in my own strength. The gospel tells us that we have the finished work of Christ living inside of us; so I have to learn to rest and experience His grace ... rest in that it's already been accomplished for me ... that I am working not for something, but from the strength that He has given me", Pastor Russ said. With this mindset, many can kickstart their engine and run on a tank that will never run out of fuel, due to Christ being the center. "I am a goal-oriented person; having a checklist with things to-do and being able to click that button on my reminders, that it's complete, I know that I accomplished that ... I am so full of energy because I have purpose and I know that I am walking in that ... with clarity and vision ... which doesn't allow the distractions to create the burn-out", Pastor Russ added.



Being able to impact others in and outside of Olive Grove Church is what it is all about; Creating Connections that Change Communities, from ripples to storms, OG continues to execute this mission. The Pastors shared serving moments that have stuck with them for years. "When partnering with different churches to feed the First Responders during Hurricane Matthew ... it was exciting helping those who were helping others all through the night ... seeing the response on their face, 'Somebody really cares about what we are doing', just filled you up", Pastor Chrissy said. Being with those who have their hearts in sync, and the same goal in mind pushes any reluctance out of the flesh; the 'We Get To!' attitude becomes overwhelmingly contagious.

"The first one that came to mind was the Back-To-School Bash at the Community Center down the street ... to see the looks on the kids' faces because of the seriousness ... the massiveness of the bouncy houses and inflatables on their faces ... providing a possible once in a lifetime experience for about eight hundred people", Pastor Russ said. Being available for the community, giving them access to Christ-like love and opportunities to invite joy unlike no other into peoples' lives is a gift that has to be shared. "To see the salvations of the kids who raised their hands in that moment, about 30 kids ... it was the most memorable one of many for me", Pastor Russ continued.

A photograph of a man and a woman smiling together. The man is on the right, wearing a dark blue sweater, and the woman is on the left, wearing a dark top and a chain necklace. They are standing in front of a Christmas tree decorated with lights and a white garland. The background is softly blurred with warm lights.

"We are thankful and grateful for you being a part of our lives, and that we get to do life with you. We love you, very much; we are here for you!"

- Pastor Chrissy Emanuel

"We don't take for granted the people that God has placed in our life, whether it's in-house or online. I want people to see the value in that, even though it may not be communicated as often as it needs to be".

"Know that Jesus has paid the ultimate price for us; also know that now you get to co-labor what that is in Him. Now, you begin to walk out all the good things that God has planned for you; you do that by co-laboring with Jesus, but also co-laboring with those you serve ... that is why community is so important".

- Pastor Russ Emanuel

WHAT KIND OF VOLUNTEER ARE YOU?

Answer each question to lead you to which volunteer you resonate with!

WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO IN A SITUATION?



Tasks and Steps



Go with the Flow

DO YOU FEEL REWARDED WHEN ...

DO YOU FOCUS ON WHAT YOU ..

Goals are Met

Collaborative Success

Input to Others

Output to Others

WHICH LYRIC HITS YOU THE MOST?

YOUR FAVORITE PART OF A CUPCAKE IS .

"We're All
in this
Together"

"I can Do it
All by
Myself"

the Cake Batter

The Frosting on Top

WHAT DO YOU DO IF A DODGEBALL WAS COMING AT YOU?

Catch the Ball so a
Teammate can Get Back
in the Game!

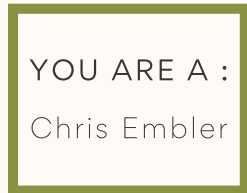
Dodge the Ball and
Quickly Attack!

Take the Hit and
Encourage Team from the
Sidelines!

Have Your Team form an
Assembly Line to takeout
the Opposing Team!

WHAT KIND OF VOLUNTEER ARE YOU?

Use the shapes of the answers above to find which volunteer you resonate with! You may feel torn between different types; that is okay ... you have been given more skills to serve with!



EVENT EXPERTS

Adjectives:
Engaging,
Celebratory,
Detail Oriented

Motivations:
"The Big
Reveal", Seeing
people come
together for an
Experience, A
Supportive
Team

Strengths:
Planning, Can
anticipate
where help is
needed, Makes
sure others feel
rewarded.

MOTIVATORS

Adjectives:
Energetic,
Leader, Team
Player

Motivations:
Others
achieving their
Goals, Success,
Team Morale

Strengths:
Rallying the
Team together,
Building
Relationships,
Willing to serve

CREATIVE TYPE

Adjectives:
Relatable, Stylish,
Aesthetically
Focused

Motivations:
Creative Design
and
Communication,
Valued Cohesion
and Identity,
Unity

Strengths:
Touch-ups,
Reaching Target
Audience,
Reaction Time

DATA HEADS

Adjectives:
Organized,
Keen-eye,
Focused

Motivations:
Making
progress,
Getting
Information
First, Meeting
Goals

Strengths:
Informed
Decision
Making,
Keeping
Strategy and
Timeline on
track, Knack for
Technology.

PAST SERIES

Recap



In our four part Christmas series, parallels were drawn between traditional items used to celebrate the holidays, such as a Christmas List, Tree, and Gifts, and how the Hope of Christmas already provided these creative ideas Just For You!



In our five part New years series, we learned God's true definition of success with His measurements: Faithfulness, Obedience Serving, Loving, Giving, Believing, and Attitude.



On Superbowl Sunday, records were set within the NFL and Olive Grove Church. Just a celebration of wins all around, knowing that our God is UNSHAKEN!



Our eight part series is now ongoing; dealing with life experiences, the heart, our relationships with others, and our relationship with God.

“Want to listen to past series? Check out our Podcast, Facebook, and Youtube!”

EVENT RECAP

April 2021



On Friday, April 2nd at 6 pm, Olive Grove had a Night Of Worship with Communion, and Baptisms.

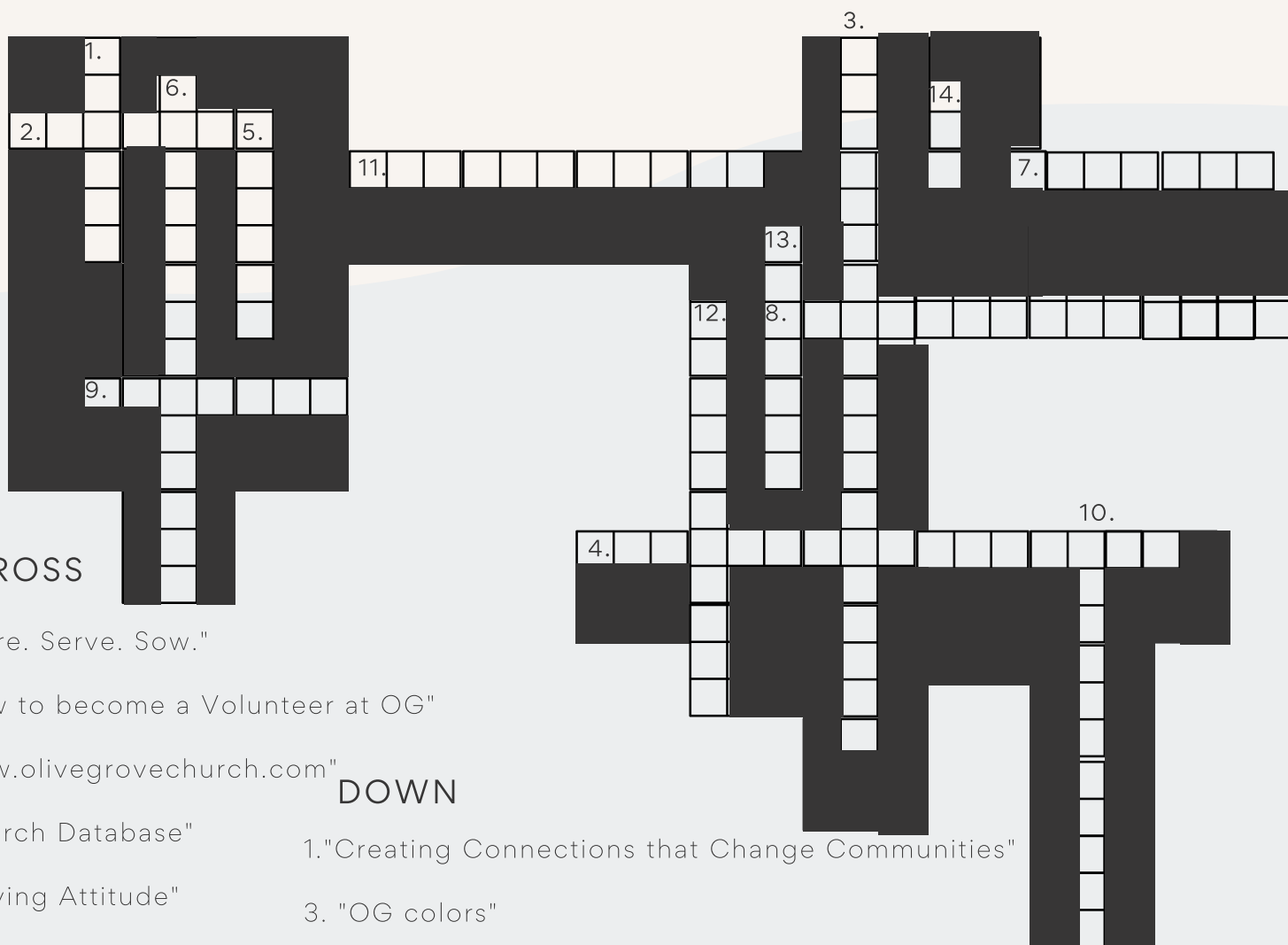
This event was In-House only, with an intimate setting that reflected Easter Sunday's look.

There were many lives touched and changed on that night, which was a great time to celebrate what the Lord has already done.

Celebrating the Good News!

OGC TRIVIA

How well know you know Olive Grove Church? Quiz yourself on all things OG down below!



ACROSS

2. "Share. Serve. Sow."

4. "How to become a Volunteer at OG"

7. "www.olivegrovechurch.com"

8. "Church Database"

9. "Serving Attitude"

11. "10:30 AM"

DOWN

1. "Creating Connections that Change Communities"

3. "OG colors"

5. "Year established"

6. "FTG stands for .."

10. "Name of Volunteers"

12. "Living under grace"

13. "An outward declaration of an inward transformation"

14. "A part of the OG Family"

OGC TRIVIA ANSWERS

How well know you know Olive Grove Church? Check out how well you did!

1. "CREATING
CONNECTIONS THAT
CHANGE
COMMUNITIES"
Vision

2. "SHARE. SERVE.
SOW."
Mission

3. "OG COLORS"
Black, Gray, Green, White

4. "HOW TO BECOME A
PARTNER AT OG"
Core Connections Class

5. "YEAR ESTABLISHED"
2011

6. "FTG STANDS FOR ..."
First Time Guest

7.
"WWW.OLIVEGROVECH
URCH.COM"
website

8. "CHURCH DATABASE"
Planning Center

9. "SERVING ATTITUDE"
We Get To!

10. "NAME OF
VOLUNTEERS"
OG Dream Team

11. "10:30 AM"
Church Party

12. "LIVING UNDER
GRACE"
New Covenant

13. "AN OUTWARD
DECLARATION OF AN
INWARD
TRANSFORMATION"
Baptism

14. "A PART OF THE OG
FAMILY"
You!

UPCOMING EVENT

April 2021



IN-HOUSE AND ONLINE SERVICE

Date:

Sunday, April 25th, 2021

Time:

10:30 am Eastern Time

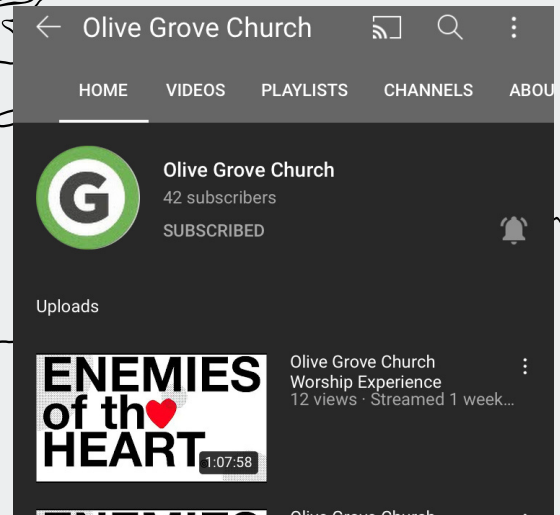
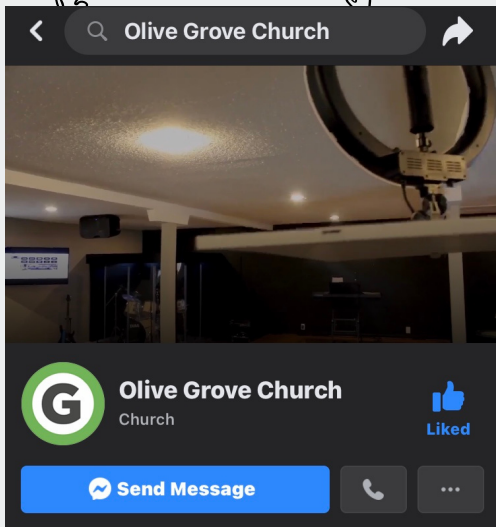
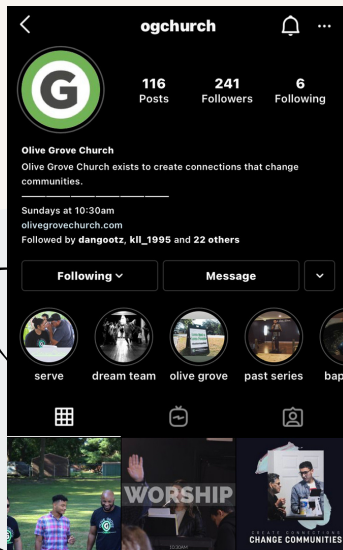
Description:

Get ready to take a trip through time for an experience like no other. There will be worship and an intriguing never-before-heard message. Be sure to tune in on Facebook Live or Youtube Live; better yet ... we have a seat inside just for you!.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US !

We offer In-house and Online Opportunities

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Want to be apart of the Olive Grove Dream
Team? Visit our website for more
information.

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Sundays @ 10:30 am
Serve. Share. Sow.

www.olivegrovechurch.com

