

October

at Sevenoaks



We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him Known

We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission

The Power of Presence



Sometimes the most powerful thing we can offer someone isn't advice, a meal, or even a solution — it's simply showing up. One of the essential ministries in our church is intentionally visiting and spending time with others. Many people are facing difficult situations, and through community we can bring the presence of Jesus to them.

Scripture reveals a God who constantly chooses presence. Jesus didn't send a memo about salvation — He came and dwelt among us (John 1:14). When we sit with the homebound, the grieving, the broken, the isolated, or the newcomer, we are living out that same incarnational love.

Research confirms what Scripture has always taught: presence changes us. Physically, it calms our bodies and lowers stress. Mentally, it interrupts isolation and brings clarity we can't find alone. Emotionally, it reminds us we are valued and not forgotten. Spiritually, it awakens purpose — in the one visited and the one who visits — helping us find meaning even in hardship, and building resilience to face pain together rather than alone.

Services in October

Join us for worship at 10:00 am

October 11

Thanksgiving Sunday Special Service

- New Sermon Series

"You don't have to be..."

October 18

Pastor Matthew - "You don't have to be...perfect"

October 25

Ray Cobb - "You don't have to be ...
defined by your past"

Because all this is true, what we're really offering is a Ministry of Presence — a ministry of visitation and community connection built on one core conviction: being with someone is itself part of Christ's ministry.

This ministry isn't about "fixing" people, but about being with them — listening, asking questions, sitting in silence when needed, and offering a blessing. If you sense a calling to this kind of faithful presence, we invite you to join us.

Often, love simply means showing up. Will you be present with us?

- Pastor Dale

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Board Update

The Board of Elders took a month off this past August, and did not meet together. However, that did not mean we were completely idle for the month. In addition to completing the PEAK Survey process some other back ground activities occurred.

To start – we, the Board, would like you to know how encouraged we were by your participation in the PEAK Survey. Your level of engagement greatly exceeded our expectations. In October and November, Sevenoaks' leadership will have meetings with denominational leadership about the future direction of the church. The information you have offered in your completed surveys will fuel those conversations; it will make them better! So, for your outstanding participation, church family, we say "Thank You".

One other item to note that occurred in the back ground is the formation of a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is working with Pastor Matthew in reviewing the current budget and developing the budget for next year. The committee consists of: Interim Lead Pastor – Matthew Carter, Board Chair – Mike Evanson, Board Treasurer – Ruby Stobbe, Sevenoaks Bookkeeper – Jenn Pitzel, Congregant Representative – Michelle Mosey.

Thank you all for your support as we continue forward.

Events & Announcements

SoulCare Class

- Drawing Near to God - Sept 27
- Dealing with Lies - Oct 4 & 11
- Repentance - Oct 18 & 25
- Family Sin Patterns - Nov 1 & 8
- Forgiveness - Nov 15 & 22

You're invited to drop in to any of these classes or attend them all. Each topic is over two dates.
Sunday mornings – 8:45am in room 105/107.

The Pre-Marriage Course

For couples engaged or exploring marriage. Starting Oct 16th, the course runs for five Friday nights at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Cost: \$40 per couple - Registration at Sevenoaks.org

Good Friends - Rescue Cambodia

This month will feature the Rescue Family Road Trip coming to share inspiring stories, vibrant Cambodian dance and an opportunity to meet the kids and leaders of the Rescue Cambodia Ministry. Thurs, Oct 22 at 10:30am in the Chapel. Refreshments provided. Invite a friend!

Women's Bible Study

Starting in October - book study "Names of God (Knowing Peace)" by Grace Fox. Wednesday mornings - 9:30-11am (book cost \$25)



Operation Christmas Child



October is around the corner and time for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign from Oct 18 to Nov 15, 2026. The boxes and brochures can be picked up and dropped off at the table in the lobby during the noted dates or in the church office Mon to Thurs. Any standard shoe box can also be used.

Sevenoaks Kids



Welcome to Sevenoaks Kids!
We're thrilled to grow in faith,
discover more of God's love,
and walk with Jesus together as
well as learn and celebrate all He has in store for
us. Kids Church meets at 10:00 am on Sundays -
age 6 months to grade 6

2026–2027 School Year

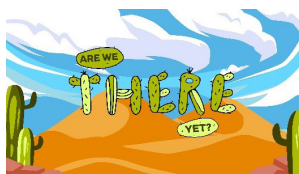
As we begin a new school year, all children and
volunteers who regularly participate in or serve with
Sevenoaks Kids are asked to complete registration
for the 2026–2027 year. Check your email for the
registration link or visit our church website to get
connected!

We'd love to have you join our team! There are
many opportunities to make a difference as we
encourage children and their families to follow
Jesus and experience His love.

We are currently looking for teachers in both
Elementary and Little Oaks, as well as volunteers
to help in our registration area by welcoming
families and volunteers each week.

Talk to Pastor Carmen to learn more about how
you can get involved!

What we are Learning



Imagine wandering through
a hot desert, surrounded
by sand, cacti, and snakes,
wondering, "Are we there yet?"
That's probably how the Israel-
ites felt as they waited to enter the Promised Land.
But their journey reminds us to trust God and focus
on what He is doing in our lives today.



Joyful Bites

Once a month, our Children's Ministry
celebrates a different National Food
Day. If you're a part of our kids'
ministry – you won't want to miss these! This
month on October 25th, we are celebrating
National Caramel Apple Day!

**For Sevenoaks Kid's information
contact Pastor Carmen
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Youth and Young Adults

Sevenoaks Youth and Young Adults are all about
knowing Jesus with all our hearts, souls, minds
and strength - and making Jesus known in our
communities of friends, schools, and families,
Come hang out with us and get to know the God
who loves you!



Youth

On Wednesday evenings at
6:30pm, students from Grades
6-12 gather at the church
building for an evening of fun
games, tasty snacks and meaningful discussions
led by our Youth Leaders and Pastor Zach. Here
are a few of the special gatherings happening this
month:

Corn Maze

Wednesday, October 7 - Cost: \$15

Breakout Night

Wednesday, October 21 - Various Homes

Costume Party

Wednesday, October 28

Young Adults

On Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm our Young Adults
(ages 18-30) gather at the church building for
community.

On different nights we read the Bible, watch
engaging videos that encourage us in our following
Jesus, serve together, have fun together and pray
for one another.

We'll be meeting every Tuesday night in
September.

Also, once a month the Evanson's host a Game
Night at their home for Young Adults. Want to join
us? Please contact Pastor Zach.

**Games Night @ the Evanson's
Friday, October 16 7:30pm**

**For Youth & Young Adults information
contact Pastor Zach
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October at a Glance

Oct 10 Men's Breakfast
Oct 11 Thanksgiving Sunday Service
Oct 12 Church office closed for Thanksgiving
Oct 13 Ukrainian Food Bank
Oct 16 The Pre-Marriage Course starts
Oct 22 Good Friends featuring Rescue Cambodia
Oct 26 Neighborhood Satellite Food Bank
Oct 29 Helping Hands (Monthly Sewing Day)
Oct 31 Fall Carnival

Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sun	Prayer	9:00 am	Rm 103
	Soul Care Class	8:45 am	Rm 105
	Kids Church	10:00 am	Gym
Mon	ARMinistry	7:00 pm	Chapel
Tues	Young Adults	6:30 pm	Upper Rm
Wed	AM Prayer	6:45 am	Rm 101
	Women's Bible Study	9:30 am	Chapel
	Youth	6:30 pm	Gym
	PM Prayer	7:00 pm	Rm 101
Sat	Men's Prayer	8:00 am	Rm 101

Coming in November

Nov 11 Office Closed for Remembrance Day

Prayer Chain Requests
call/text 604-855-3156

Financial Update

Cheerful sacrificial giving is part of our life in Christ, an act of worship to the living God and an expression of trust in Him. Your generosity helps us fulfill our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.

As of September 13, 2026

Year-to-Date General Fund Income

Actual Income:	\$583,753.49
Required Per Budget:	\$711,297.00
Deficit:	<u>\$127,543.51</u>

Options for Giving

For those who worship with us in person on Sunday mornings, offering boxes can be found in the Chapel lobby and at the Information Centre.

To learn about secure options for giving online, come and speak to us in the Information Centre or visit our website.

www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give

Church Office Hours

Mondays - Thursdays 8:00am - 4:00pm

Coffee Break - 10:00am

Doors Locked during Lunch Break 12-1pm
(Oct 12- Church Office closed for Thanksgiving)

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