



Refreshing Membership

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WE ARE MADE FOR

A REFORGING OF OAK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Strategic Areas

- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Equipping of Families
- Rethinking Service, Ministry, and Structure
- Managing Interdependencies

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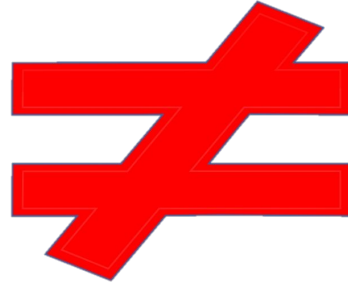
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Refreshed ORCC Documents

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- The pillars which provide firm structure and foundation

- **Convictions & Ministry Model**

- The walls and methods in which stand united and serve

- **Membership Affirmation**

- **Leadership Affirmation**

Statement of Faith

- The Scripture
- God
- Man
- Jesus Christ
- Salvation
- The Holy Spirit
- Assurance
- Resurrection of the Dead
- Baptism & the Lord's Supper
- The Church

Convictions & Ministry Model

ORCC Convictions

- **Expectations**

- Life Group Participation
- Ministry Service
- Purposeful Discipleship
- Sacrificial Giving

- **Distinctions**

- Purposefully created
- Marriage of a man & woman
- Lead by male pastor
- Active Shepherding

Convictions & Ministry Model

ORCC Ministry Model

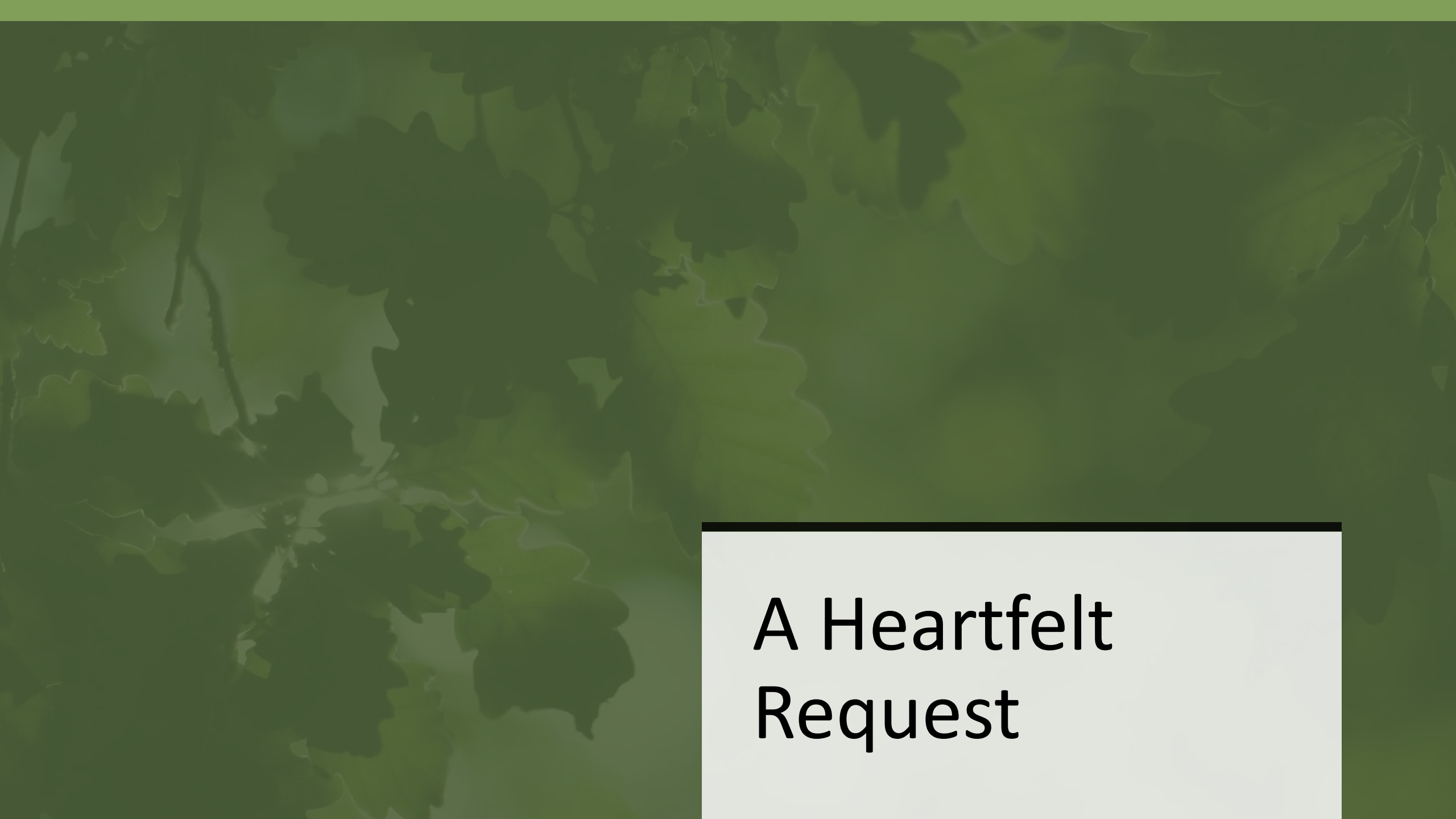
- **Personal Devotion**- Starts with confession, continues with abiding
- **Family Prioritization**- Healthy marriages and training up children
- **Sunday Gathering**- Corporate worship, teaching, and fellowship
- **Life Groups**- Building community & discipling participants to maturity
- **Ministry Involvement**- Using our gifts for support & witness

Convictions & Ministry Model

The Congregation

- **Visitors & Guest-** All are welcome
- **Members-** Affirm SoF, Acknowledge Convictions & Ministry Model
- **Leaders-** Affirm SoF, Affirm Convictions & Ministry Model
- **Deacons-** Distinctive leadership position
- **Pastors-** Men with the responsibility & authority to shepherd ORCC

All Under Jesus who is the Chief Shepherd of the Church



A Heartfelt Request



Biblical Responsibility of Shepherding

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:28, 35



Biblical Responsibility of Shepherding

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17



Biblical Responsibility of Shepherding

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

1 Peter 5:1-2



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Next steps &
Questions

Reasonable Questions?!?!

What if I want to talk more about this?

Join the pastors for lunch on August 27th!

Important Upcoming Dates

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 13th
 - Membership teaching
- 20th
 - Distribute membership affirmation documents
- 27th
 - BYOL with the Pastors

- 3rd
 - Begin accepting membership affirmations

- 1st
 - Retire legacy membership

Reasonable Questions?!?!

Will I be kicked out of the church if I don't sign membership by Oct 1?

NO, no one is being "kicked out" but you will need to renew your membership

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Will I be kicked out of the church if I don't sign membership by Oct 1?

Is a hard-set date really necessary?

NO, no one is being "kicked out"

A date supports SMART goals and healthy, loving accountability, and prioritization



¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:14b-16



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