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To: Oak Grove Church

From: Rev. Brad Humphrey

It is a new season at Oak Grove Church. It is like the Texas weather, you know it is a new season but you are not sure what it will be like. It could be really hot, really cold or just right. It could flood, be in a drought or be just right to water the fields and lawns. Whatever the day brings we need to celebrate and see what God has in store. Each day is a new opportunity to see God at work no matter what the season brings.

I hope you are aware that Rev. Kevin McClain is leaving Oak Grove after the service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be taking a love offering on June 2 to give you an opportunity to say thanks. Be prepared as God leads you.

I have just received word, that I have been appointed to serve as interim pastor beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We do not know how long this "season" will be but rest assured nothing will hamper Oak Grove Church continuing to be the great little church it has been for 144 years.

I have been with you for five years serving as consultant, building improvement engineer, Sunday School teacher and Trustees chair. We have worshipped together, studied together, worked together and become friends. I am not absolutely sure what this new season will bring for us, but I look forward to seeing how God will move.

If you do not know, let me introduce myself. I retired from the United Methodist Church in 2015 after serving in various capacities for 44 years. I have pastored 8 different churches and served 19 years as a campus minister at the University of Oklahoma. I taught at OU in the freshman programs as well. My churches have ranged from 100 to 600 in worship. In 2023 I was accepted as an elder in the Global Methodist Church. I will be moved from senior status to active status in the GMC.

Janie, my wife of 51 years, has been serving as music leader and fill in piano player. We are blessed with two very grown children and 6 grandchildren. It has been our pleasure to be a part of the church and it will be our pleasure to serve in this new capacity.

I'm not sure what God has in store for any of us yet, but know that He will walk with us through this new season rain or snow, flood or drought, or just the perfect weather.

Blessings,

Brad Humphrey