

THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

FEBRUARY 2015

Just a Thought

What matters most is not how, when or where we pray but *that* we pray.

Read: James 5:13-18

Are any among you suffering?
They should pray. Are any cheerful?
They should sing songs of praise.
[James 5:13]

Prayer: Friend and Redeemer, thank You for the opportunity to communicate with You through prayer. Help us to find ways throughout the day to be in an authentic relationship with You. Amen

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A Moment With Mike . . .

As I write this, I am hearing the President of the United States give the State of the Union address. Through the years, this traditional address is supposed to be basically a report to congress concerning how the U. S. is doing. Through the years, particularly since the advent of television, it seems to have become more of a political event rather than an honest assessment of the state of our union. That's not a political statement as much as just an honest evaluation. But the idea of assessing how things are going is certainly a good idea. Maybe if they went back to giving a written report (as they used to do) and do away with the television cameras, we might (maybe) get a more honest assessment. Honest evaluation is vitally important if we are to clearly see where we have been and where we are heading.

But that's not just a governing principle. It is true in a business, in the church, and in our lives as well. My calling is not to deal with the government or business. But I am certain that in the area of assessing where we are as a church and where we stand individually as Christians in that church is within the bounds of where I can speak. In the church, it is vitally important that we remember our history and traditions. But it is equally important that we honestly assess what we are doing to reach today's world. Although the message of the gospel never changes, the methods we use to proclaim that gospel will certainly change. That's why we have a website. That's why we have a presence on Facebook. I'm very much aware of many of our folks don't use either one. That's fine. But it's a great example of one small way that we examine what we are doing and make adjustments.

Of equally great importance is the examination and evaluation of our own lives. Where are we in our growth? Are we making progress? Where can we improve? The Bible actually calls itself a mirror. As we look into it, we see ourselves as we are, not as we wish we were. We all fall short of what we need to be. But at the same time, the Bible gives us hope and a vision for what we can be.

May we honestly as God to hold us to His standard; to forgive us for our failures, but also to grant us the power and strength to become His followers. Not a fan . . . But a follower. A committed disciple of His. May God bless each of us in that endeavor!

In His Service,
Mike

THANK YOU, GOD

I thank you, God, for everything . . .
For the hope your mercy brings.
I thank you, God, for your Son
For the work He has begun.
I thank You, God, for Your goodness
For the joy of Your fullness.
I thank You, God, for prayers granted
For the peace You've implanted.
I thank You God, for deliverance
For the strength of perseverance.
I thank You, God for everything . . .
For each provision You daily bring!

Psalm 136:26 "O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever." King James Version



ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

6:00 PM



BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED DISH
AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME OF
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Hostesses are Patsy Motley & Diane Oswald

BRING A FRIEND!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ~ Eric Motley
- 3 ~ Danny Barker, Jr.
- 3 ~ Aaron Meadows
- 3 ~ Adam Nicholson
- 4 ~ Michelle Adkins
- 7 ~ Phyllis Bennett
- 13 ~ Ashley Barker
- 17 ~ Bob Grose
- 18 ~ Mildred McCulloch
- 18 ~ Andy Bennett
- 19 ~ Robert Fuller
- 20 ~ Anne Cravens
- 26 ~ Brittany Brooks Kolstad
- 28 ~ Nate Motley



ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 ~ Harold & Becky Motley
- 18 ~ Nelson & Joan Motley

Loves me not?

A girl asked a boy if he loved her, and he replied, "Yes, of course."
"Would you die for me?" the girl wondered.
After a brief pause, the honest lad said, "No, mine is an undying love."

INSPIRATIONAL WISDOM ON HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY AND FUL- FILLED LIFE

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**You cannot win if you do not begin.**

*Now therefore perform the doing of it;  
that as there was a readiness to will, so  
there may be a performance also out of  
that which ye have.*

*II Corinthians 8:11*

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**The best way to be successful is to
follow the advice you give others.**

*He who ignores discipline despises him-
self, but whoever heeds correction gains
understanding. Proverbs 15:32*

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**A minute of thought is worth more  
than an hour of talk.**

*Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth;  
keep the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3*

### LADIES CIRCLE REPORT

The first 2015 meeting of the Oak Grove Ladies Circle was held in the church fellowship hall Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2015 at 3:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by the President, Patsy Motley, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ladies present were: Jeanne Bennett, Betty Fuller, Anita Motley, Carol Motley, Clara Motley, Delores Motley, Donna Motley, Joan Motley, and Diane Oswald.

Officers for 2015:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| President: Patsy Motley             | Vice-President: ?          |
| Secretary: Carol Motley             | Treasurer: Joan Motley     |
| Assistant Treasurer: Jeanne Bennett | Social Chair: Anita Motley |

Committees:

Hospitality: Betty Fuller, Patsy Motley

Supplies—Cleaning: Donna Motley

Friendship Garden: Sandra Payne, Delores Motley, Joan Motley & Donna Motley

Projects for 2015:

1. Support Mid-Atlantic Christian University
2. Support Grundy Mountain Mission
3. Support Camp Pitt
4. Provide refreshments for VBS
5. Provide box for canned items for Northern Pittsylvania Food Bank
6. Support "Little Life"
7. Support God's Pit Crew
8. Clean and organize church closets

The next scheduled meeting will be Sunday, February 8th @ 3:00 pm. All ladies are invited!  
Hostess for February—Communion & Flowers - Diane Oswald

The Oak Grove congregation was saddened at the death of Sally Roach Pruitt on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. She was a member at Oak Grove. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family. Her funeral was held on Friday, January 16 at the church with burial in the church cemetery.

Please remember Randall, Danny, Debbie and families in your prayers.

The congregation was pleased to have Jimmy and Ann Craddock back in attendance for the worship service on December 21 and have been in attendance regularly. On December 28, Ann came forward to re-commit her faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord. Attendance on December 21 was a milestone for Ann as she has been battling cancer and the side effects from treatments for many months. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

### **2015 SOUTH CENTRAL LADIES RETREAT**

APRIL 17 & 18  
AT CAMP PITT.

Please mark your calendar and  
**SAVE THE DATES**

On February 7 @ 10 o'clock at Oak Grove there will be a meeting to make final plans for this Retreat. If bad weather, the meeting will be held on February 21. Please see Patsy Motley for more details.

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# FEBRUARY

## 2015

Camp Pitt Report

DECEMBER

Camp Pitt     \$5.00  
 Birthday Fund \$2.40  
 Total             \$7.40

| SUNDAY                                                              | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                              | FRIDAY                                               | SATURDAY                                                                                               |
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| *Birthday<br>**Anniversary                                          |           |                                                                        |                                                                                                        |                                                                                       |                                                      |                                                                                                        |
| <b>1</b><br><br>*Eric Motley                                        | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><br>*Danny Barker, Jr<br>*Aaron Meadows<br>*Adam Nicholson | <b>4</b><br><br>7:00 pm—Choir<br><br>*Michelle Adkins                                                  | <b>5</b>                                                                              | <b>6</b>                                             | <b>7</b><br><br>10:00 AM—Ladies<br>Retreat Planning<br>Meeting<br><br>*Phyllis Bennett                 |
| <b>8</b><br><br>3:00 pm—Ladies<br>Circle Meeting                    | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><br>**Harold & Becky<br>Motley                            | <b>11</b><br><br>7:00 pm—Choir                                                                         | <b>12</b>                                                                             | <b>13</b><br><br>*Ashley Barker                      | <b>14</b><br><br> |
| <b>15</b><br><br>Board Meeting<br><br>6:00 PM—<br>Valentines Dinner | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br><br>*Bob Grose                                            | <b>18</b><br><br>7:00 pm—Choir<br><br>*Mildred McCullock<br>*Andy Bennett<br>**Nelson & Joan<br>Motley | <b>19</b><br><br>*Robert Fuller                                                       | <b>20</b><br><br>*Anne Cravens                       | <b>21</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>22</b>                                                           | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                                              | <b>25</b><br><br>7:00 pm—Choir                                                                         | <b>26</b><br><br>9:00 Food Distri-<br>bution, Weal<br><br>*Brittany Brooks<br>Kolstad | <b>27</b><br><br>9:00 Food Distri-<br>bution, Gretna | <b>28</b><br><br>*Nate Motley                                                                          |
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