

# THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

JANUARY 2015

## Just a Thought . . .

When God calls us to a task, God equips us to accomplish it.

Read: Judges 6:11-27

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." [Judges 6:12]

Prayer: Dear God, help us to follow your leading and to trust that you will give us what we need for the tasks you call us to do.  
Amen

## SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Andy Cravens  
John Motley  
Alt. Mike Waters

## SERVING COMMUNION

Greg Motley  
Ellis Motley  
Richard Motley  
Justin Fuller  
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## A Moment With Mike . . .

In my sermon on December 28, I opened with a quote from Charles Dickens' classic Tale of Two Cities. "*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.*" My point was that often our lives can be described in quite opposite ways in a close time span. We have all experienced it. An indescribably happy time followed by a time of great sorrow. Good times, closely followed by bad. Unfortunately, that is just the way life is. And although our relationship with Christ gives us enormous peace in dealing with the difficult times, it does not take away the roller coaster experience of life in this world. Jesus himself experienced those moments, perhaps never seen as clearly as the great praise heaped upon him at the triumphant entry, followed by the cries of "Crucify Him!" just a few short days later. So rest assured, 2015 will be a very good year...and it will be a very bad year. Do what you can to make good things happen...make good decisions, pray, worship, treat people kindly and compassionately. But realize that we live in a fallen world and many things happen that are beyond our control. In those times, cling to our Rock...Jesus!

I, for one, am looking forward to the freshness of a new year. In my mind, December 31<sup>st</sup> is a good time for wiping our feet on the doormat of life and stepping into a brand new year with a fresh start. I'm not sure exactly what I will do differently. As I write this, I am still contemplating specific resolutions. The reality is that I never do very well with New Year's resolutions. Perhaps what is needed is not a list written on a piece of paper to try to change things in my life. But more of a real change on the inside...in the way I think and feel. The word "repentance" comes from the Greek word "metanoia", which literally means a change of mind. Here's my prayer for me and for you as we begin this New Year: that we might be renewed in our minds and hearts; that we might experience true repentance!

Thank you for your continued love and support. May you and yours have a wonderfully blessed 2015!

In His Service,  
*Mike*

Members of the Oak Grove Ladies Circle ended the 2014 year with several activities during the month of December. On Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, the ladies attended a "cookie swap" at 11:00 in the church fellowship hall. After sampling the cookies that had been baked, trays were prepared and taken home. Boxes were also prepared and taken to various shut-ins living in the community. On Sunday, Dec. 21, gift bags were prepared by the circle members for seven different church members. The bags were either placed under the church Christmas tree or delivered to the person's home.

Also, on the evening of December 21, members of the circle served as hostesses for the reception which followed the Christmas program presented by the young people of Oak Grove (and some of the adults).

Additional copies of the Oak Grove cookbook are available if anyone is interested in purchasing a copy. The price for the cookbook is \$15.00.

Patsy Motley will be serving as circle president for 2015.

Submitted by Carol Motley  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

To Our Oak Grove Church Family,

There are no words that can convey our appreciation for the kindness you have shown to us during the loss of our Son, Jeff. We, Betty, the boys and I want to say "Thank you for your prayers, visits, food and for all the cards sent us." We know that time has a way of healing and we covet your prayers and the continual love, support, and the many acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement.

The Boys established a fund to be used for special needs for Jacob or to become a part of a fund to be used for Jacob's college education. Thanks to each and everyone who sent a contribution to Robert for the fund for Jacob in memory of Jeff.

Frank, Betty and Boys

First Ladies Meeting for 2015 will be held Sunday January 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All ladies are encouraged to attend and get involved. New plans and many decisions will be a part of this meeting.

Patsy Motley is the president for 2015, this is a new position for her and she definitely needs every lady's help.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ~ Patsy Rowland
- 1 ~ Alexis Meadows
- 8 ~ Justin Fuller
- 8 ~ Wade Riddle
- 9 ~ Yankee Meadows, Jr.
- 11 ~ Mike Waters
- 18 ~ Clay Motley
- 19 ~ Guy Riddle
- 20 ~ Stephen Fuller
- 21 ~ Harold Motley
- 22 ~ Patricia Cheek
- 24 ~ Lauren Fuller Owen
- 24 ~ Betty Riddle
- 28 ~ Charles Molhoek
- 31 ~ Pam Brooks



## INSPIRATIONAL WISDOM ON HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY AND FULFILLED LIFE

**Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up.**

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ~ Hebrews 12:2*

**Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.**

*I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. ~ Psalm 77:11,12*

Bob LeMieux requests that you save your egg cartons. You may bring and leave in the fellowship hall. Thanks

**SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016**

Chairman—Greg Motley  
Vice-Chairman—Jimmy Craddock  
Treasurer—Robert Fuller  
Assistant Treasurer—Andy Cravens  
Recording Secretary—Anita Motley  
Assistant Secretary—Donna Motley

**TRUSTEES**

Jimmy Craddock  
Frank Fuller  
Robert Fuller  
Boyd Motley  
Nelson Motley

**ELDERS**

Jimmy Craddock  
Andy Cravens  
Frank Fuller  
Robert Fuller  
John Motley  
Mike Waters

DEACONS—Anyone willing to serve at the table

**A New Year's Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our  
hearts and cause our Spirits to be  
born again.

Thank you for this new year, For  
all the potential it holds. Come  
and kindle in us a mighty flame  
so that in our time, many will see  
the wonders of God and live for-  
ever to praise Your glorious  
name.

Amen

(A modern prayer for the New Year)



**2015 BUDGET FOR OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

	Yearly	Monthly
Minister's Salary	\$33,400.00	\$2,783.33
Minister's Mileage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 125.00
Church Cleaning	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 300.00
Youth Activities	\$ 500.00	\$ 41.67
Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 116.67
Electric & LP Gas	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 750.00
Books & VBS	\$ 750.00	\$ 62.50
Building & Grounds	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 333.33
Missions	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.83
Gifts/Revival/Speakers	\$ 950.00	\$ 79.17
Miscellaneous	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 61,350.00	\$5,112.50

This budget was approved by the church Board.

**DID YOU NOTICE?**

Did you notice how clean the church yard looked this past fall after all the leaves and acorns had fallen? Danny Adkins took this task upon himself to see that the church yard was clean. A heartfelt "Thank You" to Danny for seeing a need and taking care of the job.

**SERMON SERIES**

***The Lord Is My Shepherd . . .***

One of the best known and loved passages in the Bible is the 23rd Psalm. In it, David describes the relationship between the Shepherd and his sheep. David, being a shepherd before he was king, knew what that meant. We will spend a few weeks exploring the meaning and fullness of the 23rd Psalm.

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Camp Pitt Report

DECEMBER

Camp Pitt \$1.00  
Birthday Fund \$2.00  
Total \$3.00

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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*Birthday **Anniversary				<b>1</b>  *Patsy Rowland *Alexis Meadows	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm—Choir	<b>8</b>  *Wade Riddle *Justin Fuller	<b>9</b>  *Yankee Meadows, Jr.	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  3:00 pm—Ladies Circle Meeting  *Mike Waters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  7:00 pm—Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  Board Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  7:00 pm—Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  7:00 pm—Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>