

THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

MARCH 2015

Just a Thought . . .

Am I showing God's grace
to those around me?

Read: Matthew 7:1-5

Do not judge, so that you may not
be judged. [Matthew 7:1]

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to treat
others with the grace and mercy
you show to us through Jesus
Christ. Amen

Prayer Focus: Someone who has
treated you unfairly

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A Moment With Mike . . .

Just when I think we have survived a winter that was somewhat milder than predicted, Old Man Winter shows himself! Winter is not one of my favorite seasons. I just really don't like the cold. Part of that is that my aged joints complain more in cold weather. So when we had made it through most of the winter without the extreme cold and snow of last year, there were few people happier than I was. Then, wham! It hits full force! This is not just a rant about winter. There is a point to be made here. I Corinthians 10:12 says "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" Sometimes, when we think we are home free is when stuff happens. We have discovered that in our own lives, haven't we? Statistics tell us that most accidents happen close to home when we think we're almost there. We have seen ball teams that think they have a game won. Then they let down their guard and end up losing.

Paul said "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7) The goal in life is to finish well. It is not enough to just participate for a while and then quit. To reap the reward the Bible says that we must finish the race. It is easy to grow weary and slack off. Or even quit altogether. Jesus calls for us to follow Him to the end. My prayer is that we are committed to following Jesus and serving Him as long as we have the ability to do so. There is work to be done. We are the ones that need to be doing it. Join me in striving to finish well.

May God richly bless you and keep you as you travel His paths.

In His Service,

Mike



Men's Retreat ~ March 13, 2015—
Early Registration is \$10 if paid by March 8th.
4:30 pm—Registration begins
5:30 pm—Meal
6:30 pm—Program

Speaker will be Jim Tune, president of the 2015 International Conference on Missions (to be held in Richmond, VA this year). Please see Mike if you are interested in attending.

OAK GROVE LADIES CIRCLE

The Ladies Circle met on Sunday, February 8th in the church fellowship hall with 7 members present. Patsy Motley opened the meeting by reading a poem about Valentine's Day by Kay Cochran. The Treasurer's report was given and the Business session was held. All are invited to participate in the collection of non-perishable food items for the Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center, which will be an ongoing project for the year. Prior to the benediction the President read the following excerpt on MOMENTS:

Happy Moments ~ Praise God
Difficult Moments ~ Seek God
Quiet Moments ~ Worship God
Painful Moments ~ Trust God
Every Moment ~ Thank God

The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY ~ ~ ~ NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have tentatively agreed with LifeTouch Photography to have a new church pictorial directory made. Every family that has a portrait made will receive a free copy of the directory and a free 8 x 10 family portrait. Other pictures will be available to purchase as well. The tentative photography dates are Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1 from 2:00 ~ 9:00 pm. Family and friends can also come and have portraits made, even if they are not going into the directory. This is a great chance for families to have some keepsakes made. More information will be forthcoming as plans are finalized. But PLEASE mark your calendars for these photo dates.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Robert "Bob" Sales. Bob is Betty & Frank's brother-in-law.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7~Luke Motley
10~Melissa Lawrence
12~Greg Motley
12~Bryson Kitchens
15~Jeanne Bennett
15~Austin Meadows
19~Anita Motley
25~Madison Barker
26~Thomas Ferguson

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Anniversaries

5~Bob & Myra LeMieux
5~Ellis & Hilda Motley

INSPIRATIONAL WISDOM ON HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY AND FULFILLED LIFE

The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. ~ John 13:15

Our children are like mirrors ~ they reflect our attitudes in life.

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. ~ Proverbs 20:7

You can accomplish more in one hour with God than one lifetime without Him.

*... With God all things are possible.
~ Matthew 19:26b*

HOW MUCH AM I MISSING?

This is a question that we can ask ourselves about anything in our everyday life. It could be about a ball game, a car race, or any other event that takes place in our everyday life.

My question is about our worship and our attendance at the various services of our local congregation. Many of us do not attend the morning Bible Study. I wonder is it a matter of time, I can't get up and get to the 10:00 hour, get ready and make it on time. Take a moment and think to remember that the teacher had to spend time to prepare the lesson. Some just an hour or so and for some several hours preparation to present a lesson that takes only about 40 minutes. The lessons are well organized and taught from either the Old Testament or the New. These lessons are designed to bring us into a closer relationship with God and presented to encourage us to make a commitment to our salvation.

Some of us could come into a closer relationship with God by using our talents to sing with the Choir. Our songs are not just for entertainment but for us to listen to the words and ponder their meaning. To each of us a time of reflection of God's mercy, grace for us.

Would you consider including Bible School or being a member of the Choir? We would love for you to be a part of all of the above.

~ The Old Preacher ~

Sheva Church of Christ will be hosting, IVAN PARKER, on Saturday, March 14th @ 6:30 pm. Parker will be presenting a concert. There is no cost for the event but a free-will offering will be collected.

See the brochure on the bulletin board in the vestibule or for more information call Sheva Church of Christ at 434-432-2452

FLOATING BRIDAL SHOWER

for

Bonnie Ignacki & Andrew Zuideman

Saturday, March 21

2:00 ~ 4:00 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

All ladies of the church are invited

Bonnie is the daughter of Steve & Joanne Ignacki

Valentine Fellowship Meal

Our annual Valentine Fellowship meal was held on Sunday, February 15th in the fellowship hall of the church at 6:00 pm. Due to bad weather and extreme cold temperatures our attendance was low, but those attending enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 8TH . . .**

LADIES RETREAT

April 17 & 18

Roxie Rutledge, guest speaker

From Versailles, Indiana

The Oak Grove Ladies will be responsible for decorating the podium for the speaker in the multi-purpose building. All ladies are encouraged to mark their calendars for April 17 & 18 and plan to attend.

Early registration fee is \$10 and registration forms will be given out as soon as received. Looking forward to seeing you at the retreat. For more information see Patsy Motley.

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Camp Pitt Report

FEBRUARY

Camp Pitt	\$75.00
Birthday Fund	<u>\$ 2.46</u>
Total	\$77.46

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1	2	3	4 7:00 pm—Choir	5 ** Bob & Myra LeMieux **Ellis & Hilda Motley	6	7 *Luke Motley
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 3:00 PM—Ladies Circle Meeting	9	10 *Melissa Lawrence	11 7:00 pm—Choir	12 *Greg Motley *Bryson Kitches	13 Men's Retreat @ Camp Pitt 4:30 pm— Registration 5:30 pm—Meal, 6:30 pm program	14 6:30 PM - Ivan Parker Concert @ Sheva
15 Board Meeting *Jeanne Bennett *Austin Meadows	16	17	18 7:00 pm—Choir	19 *Anita Motley	20	21
22	23	24	25 7:00 pm—Choir *Madison Barker	26 *Thomas Ferguson	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				