

THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

MAY, 2015

Just a Thought . . .

I can keep speaking about God, even when it seems as if no one is listening.

Read: Luke 18:15-17

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
[Proverbs 22:6]

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us be your faithful witnesses today. Give us the wisdom to know how to show your love to those who don't yet know you. Amen

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Alt. Andy Cravens

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A Moment With Mike . . .

As most of you know, my ministry at Oak Grove did not go exactly as planned from early on. Without going into the details, let's just say that I had not planned on this being a ministry that I would perform without my wife and son being with me. As devastating as that was to me personally, I have worked at making the best of a situation that was less than ideal. I have reached the conclusion that it is not in the best interest of my youngest son to continue being a long-distance dad. Spencer has been a trooper and never complains about being in the car for 8 hours every other weekend. But obviously, the more time we spend traveling, the less time we have to enjoy each other. Looking to the future, I know that arrangement would not allow me to be as involved as I would like to be. Missing ball games, school activities, and other life events has been difficult. At our last board meeting, I informed the board of my intention to move sometime this summer in order to be closer to Spencer and to be a bigger part of his life. As of right now, there is no set time frame, but it will probably happen mid to late summer.

Please know that this should in no way reflect poorly on the church. When faced with what was clearly an awkward situation, the church and its leadership responded with love, encouragement, and grace. You have been understanding of my need for flexibility. Financially and emotionally, you have supported me and shown a tremendous amount of love and acceptance. On a professional level you have also intently listened and accepted my messages. I was permitted and encouraged to take a position with the school system as a bus driver that also provided medical insurance for Spencer and me. You were also amazingly encouraging during the time that I had my mother living with me and especially so when it became time for her to go to South Carolina to be with my sister and later for a short stay in the nursing home before her passing. The good folks at Oak Grove have gone above and beyond what could have been expected in order to make this work. You are to be commended for that.

Looking ahead, the church will again be facing the difficult task of looking for a new minister. Please be in prayer for those tasked with an extremely complex task. It's not just about finding someone who is willing to come and fill the pulpit; it is also about finding someone who will fit in and be comfortable with the unique personality of the congregation. It will not be an easy job. Please be patient and understanding. I will do whatever I can to be of assistance.

One season ends; another begins. That is the reality of life. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*" A new season approaches. I will be in prayer for you as you enter this new season. Please be in prayer for me as I transition to a new career and location.

In His Service,
Mike

OAK GROVE LADIES CIRCLE

Six ladies met Sunday afternoon, April 12 at 3:00 pm for the monthly meeting of the Oak Grove Ladies Circle. Patsy Motley, president, called the meeting to order and gave the devotions entitled "Root Bound" using scripture from Colossians 2:6-7. Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$852.88.

Ladies were reminded to send cards to shut-in community members.

Committee reports were given with special thanks expressed to Robert and Dayna Fuller for the clean-up around the outside of the church building and to Betty Fuller and Delores Motley for helping with the refreshments for the bridal shower given Bonnie Ignacki.

Ladies were reminded of the Ladies Retreat, April 17 & 18, 2015 and encouraged to attend.

The circle will make a \$50.00 donation to Mid-Atlantic Christian University for their April Showers program.

There will not be a May circle meeting; ladies discussed going out sometime during the month for lunch. Decision of time and place will be made at a later date.

LADIES RETREAT REPORT

Another successful Ladies Retreat was held on April 17 & 18 at Camp Pitt. 6 ladies from Oak Grove attended and 2 guests attended. The speaker, Roxie Rutledge did an outstanding job on the topics "Walking the Walk" on Friday night and "Walking the Distance" on Saturday morning. She encouraged the ladies to keep on the straight and narrow way that leads us to our heavenly home with Jesus.

A delicious meal of chicken casserole, ham, stringbeans, creamed potatoes, toss salad, roll and peach cobbler was the menu for the meal.

Thanks to Vickie Furrow for catering the meal.

Thanks to Peggy Ashby for being the chairperson for the 2015 retreat.

Both ladies did a great job!!!!

If you missed this year, make plans to attend next year. No retreat date for 2016 has been set yet.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1~Ellery Blurton	23~Jacob Davis
3~Jean Grose	23~Debbie Jefferson
3~Lucas Fuller	26~Danny Adkins
9~Joyce Ferguson	27~Ray Motley
16~Billy Byrd	28~Boyd Motley, Jr
20~Cindy Barker	28~Benjamin Motley
23~Frank Fuller, Sr.	30~Jimmy Craddock

ANNIVERSARIES

1~Frank & LeeAnne Fuller
3~Greg & Donna Motley
9~Bobby & Connie Jarrett
14~Guy & Iris Riddle
27~Chris & Michelle Stallard

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know. Thanks

INSPIRATIONAL WISDOM ON HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY AND FULFILLED LIFE

It's the little things in life that determine the big things.

...Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ~ Matthew 25:21b

The doors of opportunity are marked "Push" and "Pull".

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. ~ Proverbs 13:4

Reputation is made in a moment: character is built in a lifetime.

My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. ~ Job 27:6

More Than A Mother

When God set the world in place,
when He hung the stars up in space,
when He made the land and the sea,
then He made you and me.
He sat back and saw all that was good,
He saw things to be as they should.
Just one more blessing He had in store;
He created a mother, but whatever for?
He knew a mother would have a special place
to shine His reflection on her child's face.
A mother will walk the extra mile
just to see her children smile.
She'll work her fingers to the bone
to make a house into a home.
A mother is there to teach and guide,
a mother will stay right by your side.
She'll be there through your pain and strife,
she'll stay constant in your life.
A mother will lend a helping hand
until you have the strength to stand.

She'll pick you up when you are down,
when you need a friend she'll stick around.
A mother is one who listens well,
will keep her word; will never tell.
A mother never pokes or pries
Mothers Day Poems but stands quietly by your side,
giving you the strength you need,
encouraging you to succeed.
A mother is one who can be strong
when you need someone to lean on.
You're more than a mother to me;
a reflection of Him in your face I see
a love that knows no boundaries.
I'm glad that you chose to be
all this and more to me.
You share a love that knows no end,
you're more than my mother, you are my friend.

By:Kari Keshmiry



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Origin And Birthplace Of Memorial Day

On May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic established Memorial Day or Decoration Day as the national day to decorate the graves of the Civil War soldiers with flowers. Major General John A. Logan appointed May 30 as the day to be observed. Arlington National Cemetery had the first observance of the day on a grand scale. The place was appropriate as it already housed graves of over 20,000 Union dead and several hundred Confederate dead. Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant presided the meeting and the center point of these Memorial Day ceremonies was the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion. Speeches were followed by a march of soldiers' children and orphans and members of the GAR through the cemetery strewing flowers on both Union and

Confederate graves. They also recited prayers and sang hymns for the dead.

Even before this declaration, local observances for these war dead were being held at various places. In Columbus, Miss., a group of women visited a cemetery on April 25 1866, to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers and the Union soldiers whop fell at the battle of Siloh. Many cities in the North and the South claim to be the first to celebrate Memorial Day in 1866 but Congress and President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo in New York as the 'birthplace' of Memorial Day in 1966. It was said that on May 5, 1866, a ceremony was held here to honor local soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War, businesses were closed for the day and residents furled flags at half-mast. It was said to be the first formal, community-wide and regular event.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by the Congress, who designated the last Monday in May as the day for its observance. Many states observe separate Confederate Memorial Days. Mississippi observes it on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, Georgia on April 26, North and South Carolina on May 10 and Louisiana and Tennessee on June 3. In Tennessee, the day is named as 'Confederate Decorations Day' while Texas observes 'Confederate Heroes Day' on January 19. In Virginia, Memorial Day is better known as 'May Confederate Memorial Day.'

May 25, 2015

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Camp Pitt Report

MARCH

Camp Pitt \$ 6.58
 Birthday Fund \$ 3.00
 Total \$ 9.58

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
*Jean Grose *Lucas Fuller **Greg & Donna Motley			7: 30 PM—Choir			*Joyce Ferguson **Bobby & Connie Jarrett
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 No Ladies Circle			7: 30 PM—Choir	**Guy & Iris Riddle		*Billy Byrd
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Board Meeting			7: 30 PM—Choir *Cindy Barker			*Frank Fuller, Sr *Jacob Davis *Debbie Jefferson
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	 Memorial Day Never Forget Ever Honor	*Danny Adkins	7: 30 PM—Choir *Ray Motley **Chris & Michelle Stallard	*Boyd Motley, Jr *Ben Motley		*Jimmy Craddock
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