

# THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

OCTOBER 2014

## Just a Thought . . . .

God can turn obstacles into opportunities of grace.

Read: Luke 12:22-31

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight

[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Prayer: Almighty God, thank you for being with us when we need you the most. Amen

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## A Moment With Mike . . .

October is always one of the busiest, but most memorable months on the church calendar. This year is no exception! We begin our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive to share gifts and Jesus with kids in foreign lands. This year, we kick off our drive with Tammy Fielder coming on October 5 to share during the Sunday School hour. Tammy will be able to share lots of good information with us and she will also have pictures of kids actually receiving the boxes in previous years! All of our Sunday School classes (children and adults) will meet together in the sanctuary to kick off this year's project.

Then there is Homecoming on October 12th. Ted Clifton will be the speaker. He will be joined by the rest of the old Christian's Hour Quartet to bring some great special music. The carry in meal afterwards is one of the highlights of the year! Our revival starts Sunday evening and continues through Wednesday night. I am excited about the array of local ministers that we have lined up to build us up and prepare us to be filled with God's Spirit. Please note that this year, we have moved up the times of our services. We will begin each evening at 7:00 pm. Between the speakers, the special music we have lined up, and the great fellowship with area churches, revival is always a great time of . . . well revival! I hope you are planning to join us. And be sure to invite someone. Your invitation may be just the encouragement they need to walk a deeper walk.

October 25th will be the day of our annual stew. Signup sheets will be posted for the ingredients as we prepare to make 50 gallons of stew. Many churches use their stew for fund raising. Ours is just for fun! Cooking begins around 2ish and we plan to eat at 5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to get to know the church family in a less formal situation. There is no charge and there will be plenty of stew . . . guaranteed!

As wonderful as October can be, what it actually becomes will depend in a large part on the decisions that you make. The opportunity will be there. I hope and pray that you will decide to be a part of what's happening at Oak Grove this month. If you do, there is a blessing to be had.

God bless and thanks for your continued faithfulness!

In His Service,  
*Mike*

## HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

HOMECOMING SERVICE ~ Sunday, October 12 ~ Ted Clifton w/ Christian's Hour Quartet  
Revival Services ~ Sunday, 7:00 pm ~ Randy Parker ~ Special Music by Mike Motley.  
Monday, 7:00 pm ~ Conley Stevenson ~ Special Music by Museville Christian.  
Tuesday, 7:00 pm ~ Tim Maness ~ Special Music by Terri Oakes.  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm ~ Wayne Keith ~ Special Music by Shockoe Praise Team.

Please make plans to attend and invite a friend, relative, associate and neighbor to attend with you. Our homecoming meal will be directly after the morning worship. The church supplies the Fried Chicken and Ham. Sides dishes, desserts and beverages are needed.

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

The grass may look greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed. ~ . . . *And be content with such things as ye have . . .*  
Hebrews 13:5

Remember the banana ~ when it left the bunch it got skinned.  
*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* Hebrews 10:25

The mighty oak was once a little nut that stood its ground.  
*A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.* Proverbs 12:3

### ANNUAL CHURCH STEW



Saturday, October 25

It has been a tradition for many, many years to have a stew at Oak Grove for the fun and fellowship in the preparing, cooking and eating. The ingredients are usually all donated by the church family and a list is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule for people to sign up as to what they would like to bring. Items are corn, green peas, butterbeans, potatoes, black-eyed peas, pintos, tomatoes, beef, and chicken.

Items need to be at the church by noon on the day of the stew and the cooking starts around 2:30 pm.

Invite a friend(s) and plan on joining us and enjoy starting at 5:30 pm.

### October Birthdays

2 ~ Ray Brooks  
2 ~ Bob LeMieux  
3 ~ Linda Ramsey  
4 ~ Bonnie Ignacki  
4 ~ J. R. Gibson  
5 ~ Tammy Motley  
8 ~ Nelson Motley  
8 ~ Christopher Craddock  
8 ~ Spencer Waters  
12 ~ Sonny Evans  
18 ~ Izabella Brumfield  
19 ~ Shelia Hudson  
27 ~ Kathi Fuller



### Anniversaries

9 ~ Yankee & Kera Meadows  
12 ~ Steve & Joanne Ignacki  
17 ~ Danny & Ashley Barker

## NOTES FROM LADIES CIRCLE MEETING, September 12, 2014

Present – Betty Fuller, Clara Motley, Patsy Motley, Delores Motley, Sandra Payne, Diane Oswald, Phyllis Bennett, Jeanne Bennett, Carol Motley, Joan Motley

Ten ladies of the Oak Grove congregation met in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 12, 2014, immediately following worship service. The meeting was called to order by the President, Jeanne Bennett and copies of the minutes for the last meeting were distributed to ladies present. Plans made for the Fall Revival and Homecoming were made. Delores Motley volunteered to get napkins for the fellowship meal and Jeanne Bennett will be in charge of decorations for the fellowship hall on Homecoming Sunday. Ladies who are available to help with decorating will meet in the fellowship hall on Saturday morning, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Ladies also volunteered to be hostesses for meals for the speakers each night of the Revival, October 12 through October 15, 2014. It was decided there would be another called meeting before the October Stew date.

Patsy Motley reported on plans for the 2015 Ladies retreat. The theme will be “Walk the Walk.” The next meeting of the retreat planning committee will be in February 2015 at Oak Grove.

Ladies were asked to remember persons who are ill and/or shut-in with cards.

### DON'T FALL OUT!

When a mother asked her child how he'd fallen out of bed, he replied, “I guess I stayed too close to where I got in.”

When we Christians fail to grow in prayer and discernment, knowledge and understanding of Scripture, generosity and other fruits of the Spirit, it's as if we're balancing precariously at the edge of the bed. It's quite easy to fall out — out of faith, out of church, out of active relationship with God.

A good practice, for sleeping and for our Christian faith, is to be careful not to stay too close to where we got in!

### Halloween Treat Bags



Individual wrapped candy is needed for the Trick or Treat Bags. If you can contribute, it would be graciously appreciated. Trick or Treat bags will be given to the kids of the church on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. ***Please have the candy to the church by Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.*** We will be fixing approximately 15 bags.

### OWEN FARM TRIP PLANNED

Sunday, October 26



The young and young-at-heart plan to make a trip to the Owen Farm again this year on Sunday, October 26th.

Lunch will be provided for those interested in going immediately after the worship service.

An entertaining afternoon will be had by those attending. You may visit the Pick your own Pumpkin Patch, hayrides, barnyard friends and other activities.

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Camp Pitt Report

SEPTEMBER

Camp Pitt \$ 6.00  
Birthday Fund \$ 0.00  
Total \$ 6.00

* SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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*Birthday **Anniversary			<b>1</b>  7:30 pm—Choir	<b>2</b>  *Ray Brooks *Bob LeMieux	<b>3</b>  *Linda Ramsey	<b>4</b>  *Bonnie Ignacki *J. R. Gibson
<b>5</b> Tammy Fielder to speak at Sunday School about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes *Tammy Motley	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  7:30 pm—Choir  *Nelson Motley *Chris Craddock *Spencer Waters	<b>9</b>  ** Yank & Kera Meadows	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> HOMECOMING Ted Clifton REVIVAL—7 PM Randy Parker  *Sonny Evans **Steve & Joanne Ignacki	<b>13</b> REVIVAL—7 PM Conley Stephenson	<b>14</b> REVIVAL—7 PM Tim Maness	<b>15</b> REVIVAL—7 PM Wayne Keith	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  **Danny & Ashley Barker	<b>18</b>  *Izabella Brumfield
<b>19</b>  Board Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  7:30 pm—Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12 noon—stew items due at church 2:30 pm—cooking begins 5:30 pm—stew is served
<b>26</b>  Youth to Owen Family Farm after church.	<b>27</b>  *Kathi Fuller	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  7:30 pm—Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  	