

# THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

September 2014

## Just a Thought . . .

Who needs me to notice and reach out to them today?

Read: Galatians 6:2-10

“Encourage one another and build each other up.

[I Thessalonians 5:11]

Prayer: Loving God, grant us wisdom and insight so that we can encourage someone today. Amen

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Boyd Motley

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## A Moment With Mike

Maybe you have heard that *National Back to Church Sunday* is September 21, 2014. Although, to the best of my knowledge, our church has never officially participated in this, the idea is well worth exploring. In case you haven't heard of National Back to Church Sunday, it is simply a day to target those who used to attend church, but don't attend anymore. Maybe they attended as children but as they moved into adulthood, they gradually slipped away from church attendance. Maybe they stopped attending after a move and simply never found a church in their new town. Or maybe just didn't find one like their home church. Perhaps it was a divorce or death that made attending church too painful or uncomfortable. Whatever the reason, it certainly sounds like a good idea to encourage folks to get into church again.

In reading about this Sunday, I noticed some interesting statistics from Dr. Thom Rainer, author of the book, The Unchurched Next Door.

- Eighty-two percent of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited.
- Only two percent of church members invite an unchurched person to church. Ninety-eight percent of church-goers never extend an invitation in a given year.
- 7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.

I don't know how accurate those statistics are in Pittsylvania County. We live in a rather conservative and church community. But I have been in conversations where people wonder where this person or that person was. They used to attend. I've got a great idea...let's invite them to come back! I'm also pretty sure that each of us has among our circle of friends those who don't attend church. (If you don't, you need to broaden your circle!) Why not invite them? They may not come. But then again, they might. If they do, it could change their lives dramatically. And if they don't, well, at least you tried.

We probably won't participate officially in Back to Church Sunday. But every Sunday could be Back to Church Sunday for someone. And maybe all they are waiting for is an invitation from you! As the church gears up for our busy fall season with revival, stew, and Thanksgiving, maybe you could be just what is needed for someone to make the move back into church. Give it some thought...and invite someone!

In His Service,

*Mike*

## AUGUST EVENTS

On Sunday August 3, following the worship service, the younger youth enjoyed pizza at Frank's Pizza and an afternoon at the Mega Bounce House in Danville. There were several different large bounce activities to enjoy and several different games that could be played. Refreshments were available. Although Oak Grove does not have a large group of younger youth, it is great that the church does have special events for them. We were sorry that some of them could not attend. There was no worry as to the 2 year old keeping up with the 6 year old after the first trial run.

On Sunday August 17, the annual church picnic was held at Camp Pitt for any of the congregation that wanted to attend. It was good to see so many in attendance from age 10 months to 90 years old. Fish, hot dogs and hamburgers along with side dishes and desserts were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bob LeMieux for furnishing the fish. The church furnished the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and drinks. Thanks to all the men who helped cook and to those providing the side dishes and desserts. Thanks again to Delores Motley for making the lemonade which is always a HIT!!! The pool was open and enjoyed by all the brave souls. The game Corn Hole was enjoyed by the young and old. The playground equipment was also enjoyed by the youth. Camp Pitt is a great place to meet and have fun and fellowship.

Submitted by Patsy Motley

## AMAZING PROMISES

### Pray for Confidence for He Hears

*"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

*I John 5:14*

You can have complete confidence in the Lord and His promises. If you have His mind and talk His language, possess His spirit, identify with His purposes, have His love in your heart, if you are in His will . . . He will always hear you.

And God does always answer sincere prayer. He answers in three ways:

1. Yes
2. No
3. Wait awhile

And every answer, whatever it may be, is for our good as long as we are in His will.

## LADIES CIRCLE

The Oak Grove Ladies Circle will meet in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, September 14th immediately following Sunday worship service. Plans will be made for the circle activities in relation to the church's annual Homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 12-15, 2014. If you can assist the circle with any of these activities, please make plans to attend our September meeting.

## GRANDPARENT'S DAY

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

National Grandparents Day falls each year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It's not a holiday invented to sell cards and flowers. It was initiated at the grassroots level by West Virginian Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade. There are three purposes for National Grandparents Day:

1. To honor grandparents.
2. To give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children.
3. To help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

## September Birthdays

4~Colby Yeatts  
4~Steven Dockery  
8~Sarah Nicholson Steinruck  
10~Boyd Motley, Sr.  
12~Ron Oswald, Jr.  
12~Darlene Gibson  
15~Scott Motley  
18~Michael Cravens  
19~Craig Motley  
19~Lee Anne Fuller  
20~Bryan Fuller  
27~Trent Oswald  
28~Gerrit Molhoek  
29~Natalie Motley



### Anniversaries

2~Ashley & Treva Motley  
4~Andy & Ruby Cravens  
6~Richard & Reva Motley  
18~Sam & Melissa Lawrence  
22~Danny & Cindy Barker

## "IT'S MY TIME"

Have you ever stopped to consider that each of us have actually the same amount of time. It may at times seem that we do not have as much time to do our work, enjoy our family, go shopping or even attend church as others. Sometimes it becomes a matter of choice.

Maybe you have never taken the time to count. For each of us there is a seven day week and each of the days have the exact same number of hours, minutes and seconds.

Just to jog your memory, there are 168 hours in each week. We will spend several of the hours each day sleeping, eating, working and the rest are our personal time.

Let's take a few moments to consider the hour and the percent of our time in worship. If we take only one hour of time for the Sunday morning worship that would amount to 0.005%, less than one percent of the total hours for the week. Let's add to that the hour for Sunday school and we see the increase to 0.01%. The additional hour for choir practice or Bible study will still leave us at less than 0.02%.

So often we take the attitude that it's my time and I can do just as I please. That part is right, but maybe we should ask ourselves if what we choose is what God wants us to do. Maybe a reminder from God's word would jog our thinking. Psalm 122 reads: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'".

Sometimes we are prone to say that the Bible does not tell us the exact number of times to meet. To a degree that is right but we find that the early church set the example by meeting on the first day of the week (Sunday). Acts 20:7 says, and upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow and continued his speech until midnight. Paul will also write in the Hebrew letter, chapter 10 the following: 23: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24: And let us consider one another in to stir up love and good works, 25: not forgetting the assembling ourselves together, as it is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the day approaching.

submitted by "The Old Preacher"

### ACTIVITIES . . .

#### NAME THIS HORSE!

Pastor Farnsworth bought an old nag for his grandchildren, but didn't know what to name it. As he stood in the pasture thinking, he noticed all kinds of birds flying around, each giving its own special call. Then, he got an idea.

Match the bird with its call, and write the letters in order in the space provided to find out the two-word name of the horse.

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| __ 1. Dove    | A. hiss    |
| __ 2. Crow    | A. crow    |
| __ 3. Cock    | E. caw     |
| __ 4. Duck    | G. chirp   |
| __ 5. Eagle   | I. cluck   |
| __ 6. Owl     | L. scream  |
| __ 7. Sparrow | P. coo     |
| __ 8. Goose   | R. quack   |
| __ 9. Hen     | T. chatter |
| __ 10. Magpie | Y. hoot    |

Write the horse's name

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### BRAIN TEASERS

Are you smarter than a fourth-grader?

Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-grader is a popular television program. Contestants are awarded a lot of money if they can answer 10 questions in different subjects. The following is actually from a fourth grade class. It is a question that asked you to look for patterns.

What do these words have in common?

Banana  
Dresser  
Grammar  
Potato  
Revive  
Uneven  
Assess

#### Answers:

Name this Horse . . .  
Pearly Gait

#### Brain Teasers:

If you take the first letter of each word and place it at the end of the word, it will spell the same word backwards

# SEPTEMBER 2014

Camp Pitt Report

AUGUST

Camp Pitt       \$ 7.79  
 Birthday Fund \$ 3.23  
 Total               \$11.02

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	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 pm—Choir	<b>4</b> *Colby Yeatts *Steven Dockery **Andy & Ruby Cravens	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> *Richard & Reva Motley
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<b>21</b> Board Meeting	<b>22</b> **Danny & Cindy Barker	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm—Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> *Trent Oswald
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