

# THE OAK GROVE CHRONICLE

Oak Grove Christian Church

SEPTEMBER, 2015

## Just a Thought . . .

Prayer is about a heartfelt desire to draw near to God.

Read: Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
[Colossians 4:2]

Prayer: Dear Lord, may we not forget you in our rushed routines. Help us to connect with you throughout each day.  
Amen

## SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Frank Fuller  
Robert Fuller  
Alt. John Motley

## SERVING COMMUNION

Greg Motley  
Nate Motley  
Richard Motley  
Donald Burnette  
Alt. Ray Motley

Serving Communion to Choir  
Justin Fuller

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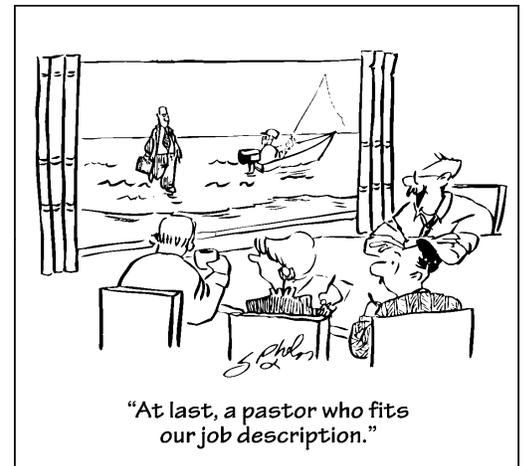
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## FROM: THE PREACHER AND THE BEAR

I take a break from packing the things of our life in this world to write my first newsletter article. I am amazed at the accumulation of things we are boxing up and bringing with us to Oak Grove. It seems that so much of it could be trashed but it is "important" or it is "something I need to hang on to"! I guess I could get theological and write about the accumulation of clutter in our spiritual lives and how Jesus wants to get rid of it for us. I could write about how we keep hanging onto these things because they are "important". I could write about how our daily load could be lightened if we would allow Him to free us. I could but I won't! I just want to say how happy Debbie and I are to be joining you in the Lord's work at Oak Grove. We are leaving behind ten years of living and ministering in West Virginia. They have been great years together and now we start our new life with you. Together all of us can remember the positives and move on to powerful praise and worship and service for Jesus in the days and years ahead.

God Bless!

The Preacher and the Bear



LUNCHEON HELD IN HONOR OF  
MIKE WATERS

On Sunday, July 26th the congregation honored Mike Waters for his service at Oak Grove Christian Church. Thanks to Delores Motley, Frank & Betty Fuller and Sandra Payne for helping to decorate and set up the tables in the Fellowship Hall for this occasion. Thanks to the church for providing the chicken, Guy Riddle for providing the ice and all those who helped with preparing side dishes and desserts. Although we understand and support Mike in his new endeavors and wish him the best, we are also saddened as he leaves Oak Grove.

Sunday, August 16, was a sad day as it was preacher Mike's last day with the Oak Grove Church. He chose to end his ministry with Oak Grove for another adventure that would locate him closer to his 7 year son, Spencer. The Oak Grove Church wishes Mike the best as he begins his new job with Cargo Transporters in Claremont, NC.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG UPDATE**

On August 4 I received a phone call that was overwhelming. Transition Pregnancy Solutions called and gave me the total amount that the Oak Grove Christian Church contributed. I was very well pleased with the total amount of \$267.00. The Boomerang project was a Ladies Circle project that was extended to the entire congregation. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project. May the money be used in a way to help teach and reach out to those in need of Transition Pregnancy Solution programs. Thanks, Patsy

**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

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

**Some people complain because God put thorns on roses while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns..**

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*  
~ ~Philippians 4:8

**Too many churchgoers are singing  
"Standing on the Promises" when all they  
are doing is sitting on the premises.**

*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*  
~Hebrews 6:12

**God plus one is always a majority!**

*...If God be for us, who can be against us?*  
~Romans 8:31b

## Welcome to our new Preacher.

On Sunday, August 30, Oak Grove welcomed their new preacher, Terry Newton and his wife Debra, from Beckley, WV. Terry and Debra had come for a trial sermon in July and on Sunday, August 16 the congregation voted to extend an invitation to Terry and Debra to come and minister to the Oak Grove congregation. Several of the Oak Grove congregation worked diligently to clean up the parsonage and the grounds around the parsonage for the new preacher and his wife. We looked forward to their arrival on Saturday, August 29. Thanks for all of your hard work and long hours. Hope someone warns the preacher that the mailbox in the front yard of the parsonage seems to be a target for traffic along Rt. 29. ~submitted by Patsy Motley

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT CAMP PITT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16** was the date set aside for the church picnic. There was a great turnout as the day was hot. Some enjoyed the pool, play areas and Delores Motley's famous lemonade. Corn Hole was a popular game as many enjoyed playing and watching. Fun, fellowship and good food was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to those who provided the side dishes. Hot dogs & hamburgers were provided by the church and Bob LeMieux provided delicious fish.



## TERRY & DEBRA NEWTON

Terry was ordained to the ministry at First Christian Church in West Frankfort, Illinois. He has 30 years of full-time experience in single and multi-staff churches. He has an M. A. in New Testament Exegesis and Preaching from Johnson Bible College (now Johnson University) and a B. S. in Christian Ministry from St. Louis Christian College.

They come from serving a small church part-time in West Virginia. They were waiting on God's calling them back into full-time ministry.

Terry likes to fish, target shoot and read to relax. He enjoys gardening and woodworking. He is also a CUBS fan. Debra occupies most of his free time.

As a minister he expects the congregation's prayer support. He would like to be treated as a member of the church family and not an employee.

Debra is a paralegal and will be looking for employment. She supports Terry 100% in his ministry. They want to be included in the church family's appropriate personal events as well as include the church family in theirs. They have a son, daughter-in-law and seven month old granddaughter in Roanoke. VA.

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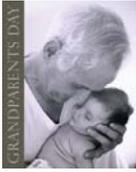
**Serving Communion to Choir**  
 Justin Fuller

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Camp Pitt Report

AUGUST

Camp Pitt      \$ 9.28  
 Birthday Fund      \$ 4.06  
 Total      \$13.34

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 PM—Choir **Ashley & Treva Motley	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> *Colby Yeatts *Steven Dockery **Andy & Ruby Cravens	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> **Richard & Reva Motley	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> *Sarah Nicholson Steinruck	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM—Choir	<b>10</b> *Boyd Motley, Sr	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> *Ron Oswald, Jr *Darlene Gibson
<b>13</b>  3:00 PM— Ladies Circle	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> *Scott Motley	<b>16</b> 7:30 PM—Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> *Michael Cravens **Sam & Melissa Lawrence	<b>19</b> *Lee Anne Fuller *Craig Motley
<b>20</b> Board Meeting *Bryan Fuller	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> **Danny & Cindy Barker	<b>23</b>  7:30 PM—Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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