

July 2024



OAK GROVE CHURCH
A Global Methodist Church

The Old Is New News

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED AND INFORMED.

..... A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9

Most of what follows are not my words, but they are my heart, and I thought worth sharing with you as my newsletter article for the month:

“When Jesus ascended the mountain to teach the crowds, those watching Him expected Him to proclaim a powerful new authority over the currently ruling party. The Romans, who had occupied the Jewish territories, had instituted a brutal regime that saw widespread poverty and violence against the people. In Jesus, the people saw a King who was coming to rid the land of the Romans and bring health and wealth to the people once more. No longer would they be slaves of the Roman empire, they would now live comfortable with King Jesus! Imagine their confusion when Jesus uttered these world-changing words: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 5:3

When Jesus arrived, He brought in His wake an entirely new ethic for living in the Kingdom of God. No longer were men and women to vie for position and power, but instead, they were to become one another’s servants. Instead of storing up wealth in their storehouses, they were to fling open the doors with joy and give to all who had need. Rather than seek justice for wrongdoing, these new people were to live with open-handed generosity and forgiveness to all. Can you see now why the people started to walk away from Jesus when they heard these words?

In His life, Jesus showed that the way we live our lives physically shows how we are spiritually. Jesus Himself modeled this ethic when He humbled Himself and left His throne as King of Kings to become a poor, destitute infant in a barn. His life of poverty and His death on the brutal Roman cross showed that His work was not of a physical Kingdom, but

of a spiritual one.

It is this amazing grace Jesus showed that the apostle Paul writes of in 2 Corinthians. When we truly grasp how Jesus lived His life, we begin to understand how we are to live as His disciples. Though Jesus had great power and wealth as a King, He bowed down to become a suffering servant. Though we have wealth and power in the resurrected life, we are to bow as well to serve those who are unlike us – even those who stand against us! In this humility the believer isn’t powerless – rather they are at their most powerful and purposeful in their serving.”*

Questions to reflect on this month:

1. What does this life of powerful humility look like for you?
2. How would you have to change in order to live your life like that every day?
3. Reread 2 Corinthians 8:9 and think about how Jesus’s life on earth shows us how we are to live as His disciples, then as yourself: When people look at me, do they see Jesus in my actions and words?

Our country is at an inflection point and we as individuals have little to say about the direction it will choose. What we do have power over is how we will choose to live into the outcome, regardless of the choice the people ultimately make. We also have the power of the Kingdom at our side, and our prayers and life choices make a difference. How will you choose to live?

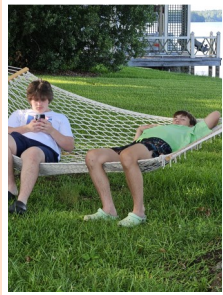
Happy Independence Day!

May God’s blessings
be on our country.



..... YOUTH

WOW! I have been here for three months and I feel welcomed and loved already. I want to thank all those who have taken time to help me with youth and all those that have made myself and my family feel like we are and have always been a part of Oak Grove Church Family. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and serving God through this community of faith.



On behalf of myself and the youth I would like to thank everyone who helped make the dessert auction a huge success and for showing the youth that they are a part of an amazing church family who loves and supports them. I am afraid to list any by name because there were just so many people that helped make the dessert auction possible that I am afraid I would accidentally miss someone. Thank you to all that donated a dessert. Thank you to all who took time out Saturday to come and help prepare the meal. Thank you to those that bought a dessert and donated. Thank you to our wonderful auctioneer duo.

On behalf of myself and the youth I would also like to thank the Findley's for hosting the youth on Sunday, June, 23 for a very amazing and fun day boating, swimming, and eating.

Thank you again for demonstrating to the youth on how we love, encourage, and help one another. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Sincerely,
April Brewer



SET APART

from

**KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN
BIBLE COLLEGE**

will be leading Worship

Sunday, July 21 at 10 am

A love offering will be taken

**Choir Rehearsal
Resumes July 10**

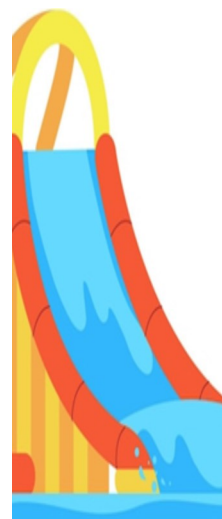



JOIN US FOR

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024
DURING CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND EDUCATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING YOUR BACKPACKS TO BE BLESSED FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR





**BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH**

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME! WE WILL HAVE WATERSLIDES, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

JULY 28, 2024 @5:30PM
BRING SUNSCREEN AND TOWELS

.. IN THE KNOW ..

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club will not meet in July.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, July 4 to celebrate Independence Day.

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

Choir Rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, July 10 at 6 pm. Join us as we prepare to lead in Worship.

NURSING HOME VISITATION

Congregational Care will be visiting the area nursing homes on Saturday, July 20. They invite you to join them at the church at 9:30 am to go.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Administrative Council will meet following worship on Sunday, July 21.

MES CIRCLE

MES Circle will not meet in July.

CHURCHWIDE CLEANUP DAY

Everyone is encouraged to pitch in and help us spruce up OGC at the churchwide cleanup day on Saturday, July 27. We will begin at 8:30 am. All ages welcome. Something for everyone to do!



..... CHILDREN



First, let me start by saying THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, for all the assistance with VBS. It was one of the best yet! I could not do this job without all of your help, no matter how great or how small. We had 44 kids, 24 youth and many, many adults helping. I think

we all enjoyed learning about the 7 Cs of Biblical History. It was such a blessing to see the kids eagerly trying to learn their Bible Verses each night. It is my prayer that the children all learned and planted something new in their hearts about Jesus that they can carry with them forever. We also had the Gideons come and give out Bibles to our older class of 4th - 6th graders. In addition, we gave 2 Bibles to 2 children who said they did not have a Bible at home and wanted one. What a blessing that was!



Second, Camp Wesley Pines starts Monday, July 1st. Please have your kids here no later than 7:30 a.m. so we can load the church bus and head out. We are taking 13 children this year! Please be in prayer for these kids as they go to camp and experience a wonderful week of growing closer to God.



Next, we will begin a little fundraiser during the month of July to raise money for our playground renovation. The Wall of Money Challenge will begin June 30 and run through the month of July or until all the envelopes have been taken. It is very simple. There will be 100 envelopes. Simply pick an envelope with a number on it and put that amount in the envelope. If you get envelope #4, put \$4.00 in it, if you get envelope #57, put

\$57.00 in the envelope, etc. If all 100 envelopes are taken and returned, then we will raise \$5,150.00. Of course, if you want to round up then we can raise even more! There will be a box to deposit them in or you can hand them in at the office. If you want tax credit, please write your name on the envelope before you turn it in.



Finally, it is time to start planning for the fall. Please let me know if you want to join or return to our children's ministry by teaching Sunday School or leading a Wednesday night group. We can always use more help and we would love to have you assist! We are also working on adding a new ministry to our children's program so stay tuned for more information on that!



Thanks so much for all you do for our children's ministry. Y'all are the best church family and I truly mean that! Please continue to keep our children, families, and volunteers in your prayers.

In His Service,
Kaycee



JULY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Josh/Christian Hammond
- 13 Jerry/Cindy Aubin
- Bill/Betty Entrekin
- Nick/Elizabeth Goff
- 17 Chris/Christy Dickerson
- 29 Barry/Grace Dickerson
- 31 Rich/Dawn Nuss

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Candace McDonald
- Harley Grace Sterling
- 2 Carol Standland
- 5 John Fisher
- River Mathias
- Bud West
- 9 Alyssa Bell
- 9 Zach Lishman
- 10 Gabe Entrekin
- 11 Jerry Aubin

- Woodrow Gammel
- 12 Cline Ladner
- 13 Winnie Drane
- Jamie Shelton
- 16 Cindy Pace
- 18 Susannah Hansson
- Kimberly Shelton
- Frank Woodruff
- 19 Madison Goff
- 20 Larry Johnson
- 21 Chris Cain
- 22 Joe Shearer
- 23 Neil Powe
- 25 Charles McCormick
- 26 Clara Dickerson
- Cindy Smith
- 28 Judy Parker
- 29 Barry Dickerson
- 31 Bill Entrekin

Please contact the church office to add an anniversary or birthday!



God's Newest Little Ones

Each month we would like to introduce you to our newest little ones that are a blessing to our church and our families. Please send a photo and information to the church office at office@ogchurch.life.

Max Michael Hansson



June 3, 2024

Erik and Susannah Hansson
Grandparents: Jimmy and Felecia Carpenter

Ruth Elaine "Ruthie" Hairston



June 8, 2024

Rob and Emily Hairston
Grandparents: Lath and Kaycee Hairston

*Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you.....*

Jeremiah 1:5

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