

**“Oak Grove’s Oracle”**  
**A monthly newsletter of the**  
**Oak Grove Church of Christ**



**June 2019**

# Donald's Diary

Ask any of the many young people at Oak Grove and they will tell you that Summer is almost here. I remember the days of my youth and there were two things for me that really marked the start of summer...that was little league baseball and the end of school. When baseball practice started I knew that summer was close and when school was out I knew summer was here. As I think back on it, we never really did get to school all the way to the start of summer on June 20 or 21, but that was a fact that none of us cared about.

Summer doesn't really have anything to do with just a date on the calendar. For me, Summer is a state of mind. I think of longer days, a slower pace, cookouts, swimming, and vacations. I really enjoy summer and I am truly looking forward to the summer of 2019. I encourage you to read the June newsletter and see what is taking place this summer. Keep in mind that it is summer, and even the church calendar moves at a bit of a slower pace as well.

I encourage you to continue to make church a priority even during the lazy days of summer.

Speaking of the coming of summer I am reminded of a parable that Jesus told in Luke 21. Read this parable:

29 He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Just like I mentioned Little League and the end of School as signs that summer is coming, Jesus told the disciples that the fig tree leaves could tell the people of that day that summer was here. He told that parable to try and get his followers to be looking for the coming of God's Kingdom. I encourage you to be looking for the Kingdom of God as well. If you accept His Son, then the Kingdom is YOU!

Jeremiah 8:20 is another verse about summer that I hope will not apply to you or your friends and family:

20 "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved."

If you have family members and friends who are not saved make it a goal of yours to not let this summer end without the security of their salvation!

Have a great Summer!

"Don't forget the Summer film fest. We will have one on the fourth Saturday of June and the 4th Saturday of August. Drive-in movie style on the side of the Family Life Center. Gather there at dark to watch a family movie with your loved ones. June 29th and August 24th."

# Cottens Corner

When you receive this newsletter, odds are that school is out for the Summer and the kids are going to be finishing up little league, spring soccer and are looking forward to All- Stars and summer camp season. Summer is a great time to take a trip, my family will be spending a week in Hilton Head as well as visiting Mt Airy NC the town that the Andy Griffith Show was planned.

With the slower pace of Summer, with time on the lake or taking the camper out of town, it is natural that Church could take a backseat in our minds and we can decide to “vacation” from church for a while as well. I hope you won’t do that, because we have a lot of exciting stuff going on at Oak Grove

- A Sunday morning sermon series on “Going the Distance...I am a Christian now what” starting on June 9
- A growing childrens ministry with nearly 50 kids and it gets more and more crowded every week. We offer great Sunday School classes, church time classes as well as great teaching during all evening services... I hope you will make this a priority for your little ones.
- Jimmy and the student ministry will continue to meet on a weekly basis and there are several summer camp offers
- Men’s and women’s ministry will be meeting monthly to have a great meal but so much more... to pray and study Gods word together.

Take advantage of the summer to relax and refresh... but I pray you will continue to make spiritual growth a priority

# Membership Minute...

Announcing...Community Blessing Box

Located at the Oak Grove Church of Christ on the corner of Damron Branch and Canoe Run

Dear Oak Grove Church of Christ Members:

You know me as Donovan Damron, one of the preacher's kids. Last summer I had the privilege of serving our county as a Rogers Scholar.

One of the things that Representative Hal Rogers asks of his teenagers, serving as Rogers Scholars, is to complete a project that will help the community in which they live. I approached the Oak Grove Church about placing a small food pantry on the parking lot at the Church. They have given their approval for a "Community Blessing Box." The box has been built and is being used by the community. You can see it in the grassy area by the lower parking lot.

The Blessing Box is a "give what you can and take what you need" miniature food pantry that operates on the honor system. If someone is in need of food, then they are welcomed to take from the food box. If you have been blessed to be able to give, then you can stock non-perishable food items or essential hygiene (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) items in the box whenever you please. It is as simple as that!

The goal is to provide essential needs for people that may not be able to purchase these items on their own. Any help you can give to the community blessing box will be greatly appreciated as we would like to keep the blessing box stocked for those in need.

Once again, I want to make my church family aware of this service and also soliciting your help to make this project work as a "give what you can and take what you need" food pantry. If you can give, please do. If this will help your family in any way or at any time, then please feel free to take what you need!

Above all, Be Blessed!

Sincerely,

Donovan Damron

(pictures of the project will be featured later in the newsletter)





Women's Ministry  
w/ Tammy Doyle

Hi Sisters,

Our Daughters Banquet was a blessed evening with over 70 ladies in attendance. I've been to almost every banquet and this one is going to be hard to top. Our five speakers from different walks of life, each gave a moving testimony of their journey as a Daughter of the King. Sandra shared how her aunts and uncle influenced her by their faithful dedication to God through daily prayer. Rhonda delivered a powerful message of the freedom we have in Christ. Trinity spoke of being grateful for her mom and her Church family. April hit home the fact that God IS our Father. Shalene ended the evening by revealing how much we need to encourage and lift one another up as Daughters on this sometimes difficult road called life.

Two of these ladies were first time speakers! I am so thankful they overcame their fears and shared their beautiful hearts.

I also want to thank those who have been attending our monthly Prayer Breakfasts. Attendance was down last month but overall 10 to 16 or so ladies have enjoyed meeting, eating and being spiritually fed from the Word. I look forward to our future breakfasts and hope to see you there. Thanks Christy for taking the lead last month when Roni and I couldn't attend.

Blessings, Tammy J



## Jimmy's Journal

The 606 students will continue to meet through the summer, but hours will change to summer hours

Sunday: 6pm-7pm

Wednesday: 7pm-8pm

I would like to welcome Andrew Wolfe to the staff. Andrew will be interning with OG for the next 6 months. He has expressed his appreciation for this opportunity and can't wait to get started.

We will be doing several different things during the summer. Communication is important and I will text and Facebook post any events coming up.

We have many students attending HMCA this summer and I will be on staff for High School Week 2.

Last but not least....I want to congratulate our HS Seniors

- Haley Griffith

Daughter of Pete and Micha Griffith

Haley will be attending KCU in the fall and pursuing a Nursing degree

- Theodore (TPaul) Toney

Son of the late Heath Toney

TPaul plans attending ACTC

Congratulations to both of them and prayers as they start this new chapter in their life.....We love you!!!!



Some Mothers Day Pictures taken by Linda Brewer



## Oak Grove Adventure Fellowship News

The Oak Grove Adventure Fellowship has been active among our congregation for several years! My wife Sarah and I are proud to continue making an effort to bring the members of our church and our community closer to one another through the appreciation of God and all of the majesty and wonder that comes with creation. This year we look to grow this fellowship by encouraging increased involvement, offering new and exciting activities, and keeping Jesus at the center of the heart of this group. Listed below are our mission, motivation, methods, and contact information for your convenience!

### **Our Mission**

The Outdoor Adventure Fellowship seeks to 1.) Move God's people toward a greater appreciation of God's creation, 2.) Encourage a deeper level of involvement and participation for individuals in the church and the outdoors, 3.) Serve as an avenue for believers to grow closer to one another in Christ, 4.) And be an entry point into the church for those seeking a new relationship with God.

### **Our Motivation**

At the Oak Grove Church of Christ, we love God and we love people. The Outdoor Adventure Fellowship is motivated by the command of Christ to love those around us and to reach the world by sharing in the love we have been shown by our Heavenly Father.

### **Our Method**

The Outdoor Adventure Fellowship accomplishes its mission by creating unique experiences and organizing extracurricular activities for both believers and non-believers alike to participate in.

Reaching the world requires going into it. The Outdoor Adventure Fellowship is taking the church into the world by offering interesting and enjoyable outings for ALL people to experience the joy a saving relationship with Christ can offer.

### **Join Our Next Adventure!!!**

Sunday, June 16th: 2 pm – 4 pm Kayaking @ Grayson Lake

Sunday, July 7th: 2 pm – 4 pm Hike and Cave Tour @ Carter Caves

### **Contact Information**

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Children's Ministry  
w/ Janie Messer

## SCHOOL'S OUT- OH NO!

School is out for most and now those famous words that will usually cause the parents to experience the eye roll and heavy sigh, "I'M BORED!"

This Summer our children's ministry is going to make some plans for activities that will keep you children hopping...specifically at the Extreme Air at Kyova Mall and Camden park in June. Keep an eye to your church's FB page for more info to come!

Wednesday Nights are always Christ-centered chaos so don't let them slip by without having your students attend!

And of course let's not forget VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Into the Wild arrives July 22-26th-finishing up with our annual church pool party. We also want to participate in the Friday Night Movies with a picnic at the Lake thrown in for good measure!.

Keep an eye on the Facebook Page and my office door for more updates....

## What's Happening at the Grove?

### June

- 8 Men's Breakfast 9 am Shelter House  
9 Board Meeting after evening services  
15 Women's Ministry Breakfast 9 am Shelter House  
16 No evening service Fathers Day  
23 Church Staff Meeting 4:00 pm  
29 Drive In Movie- FLC parking lot  
30- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined service in Oasis  
30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rally at Iron Hill

### July

- 3 Independence Day Party at Cotten's  
13 Men's Breakfast 9 am shelter house  
20 Womens Breakfast 9 am shelter house  
22-26 Vacation Bible School

### Sanctuary Communion Meditation

- 2 Bob Thomas  
9 Josh Griffith  
16 Tyler Griffith  
23 PD Harris

### Oasis Communion Meditation

- 2 Tyler Clay  
9 Bob Thomas  
16 PD Harris  
23 Jason Greer  
30 Donald Franklin Damron

### Home Communion

- 2 David Flatt  
9 Paul Cline  
16 Jason Greer  
23 Jeff Moudy  
30 Jack Cotten

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