

THE LAMPLIGHTER – MAY, 2018

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A Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.

Thanks Mom

Dad came home to find toys all over the living room, dirty dishes stacked in the sink, clothes piled in the laundry room, beds unmade and kids still in their pajamas. The house was a wreck, like nothing he'd seen before.

Worried, Dad rushed upstairs to find Mom reading a book in bed.

"Are you okay?" he asked. "What happened?"

"You know how you always ask what I do all day?" Mom replied. "Well, today I decided not to do it."

A Child's Perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."





Our Christian love & sympathy are extended to:

- *Judy, James, David, Lena, Steven & Chad Hicks in the death of their husband/father, John Hicks
- *Wanda Griffin in the death of her niece, Becky Price



To our church family: Thank you more than words can say for the many calls, cards, visits, and prayers for our family during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. You fed us spiritually and physically with your love and delicious food. It was overwhelming. Thanks to our Sunday School class for their support from the beginning to the end and beyond. Food Group #5 served a delicious meal to our family for which we are so grateful. It was a great time of fellowship and remembering for us.
Don Wagner Family

The 2018 RA Mission Study, Sleepover & Race went well. We had 22 boys and 8 adult helpers. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this a success!

I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of our Easter Cantata. It was a wonderful time of worship as we remembered the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are looking ahead to the upcoming spring musicals by our Sunbeam Singers (April 29th at 6:00) and Children's Choir (May 16th at 6:30). In addition, the Adult Choir is busy preparing for the Patriotic Musical coming in July. Thank you to everyone that helps to make our music program a success. In Christian Love, Doug



We will have a Parent/Child Dedication service on Sunday, May 13th. We would like for participants to submit a photo of their child to be included in a slide program. You can email Angela (angela@ogbchurch.org) or call the church office at 357-7241 if you are interested in participating. Each child will be presented with a certificate and a small keepsake. Please sign-up by Wednesday, May 9th.



***GA Mother-Daughter Tea – Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall**

Wear your finest sundress and your mother's pearls. We're having a TEA PARTY just for the girls! All GA's, their mothers, and grandmothers are invited to join us for a light brunch and a time of fellowship.

***RA Associational Race – Saturday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. – Gym**

Vroom! Vroom! RA's are off to the races! Area churches will also be joining us on this day. Trophies will be given for the fastest cars.

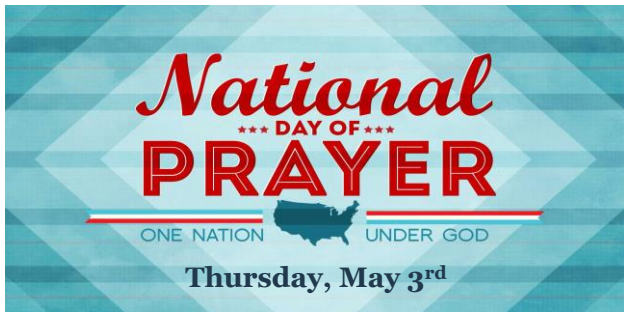
***Music Night – Sunday, May 6th at 6:00** – Please contact Doug Wagner if you would like to participate.

***Mother's Day Offering - May 13th**

On Sunday, May 13th we will collect a special offering to benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. This offering makes a huge difference in the lives of children, and provides approximately 33% of the annual operating funds needed to support ongoing ministries.

***Children's Choir Spring Musical – *Nailed It!* – Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.**

We hope you will join us for this special time of worship through song.



The National Day of Prayer mobilizes unified public prayer for America. Local observances will be held at Jaycee Park in Church Hill at 12:00 and Rogersville Town Square at 12:00 as well. If you are unable to attend, please take a moment in your day to pray for unity in America. For more information, visit their website at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

MAY SHOEBOX

Let us shop for you this month! During the month of May we are asking for donations to purchase soccer balls and pumps for shoeboxes that will be sent for Operation Christmas Child. We are able to buy the balls in bulk, resulting in lower prices. Each gift of \$6.00 will purchase a soccer ball and a pump. The GA's have provided special envelopes in the pews for these donations. If you prefer to give online, visit us at www.ogbchurch.org and click on the GIVE tab. Select Samaritan's Purse Soccer Balls. We are grateful for your support!




Just 1 donation can save 3 lives!

On Wednesday, May 16th Marsh Regional Blood Center will be coming to Oak Grove for a Blood Drive. Why donate blood? 1. You receive a mini-physical. Blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and red cell level are evaluated. 2. You get a FREE t-shirt and a snack! 3. YOU ARE HELPING SAVE LIVES!!! We currently only have 2 people signed up to donate. We need many more volunteers. Sign up at the Welcome Center today if you would like to participate.



High School & College Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 20th during the 11:00 service. Please contact Ramona Adams to participate.

Wherever you go

In 1990, Dr. Seuss published *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.

Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NIV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."



Ocoee Mission Trip Wednesday Night Meal

**When: Wednesday, May 23rd
Where: OGBC Gym
Time: 6:30 p.m.**

Hamburgers and all the fixings will be served. A love offering will be taken to benefit the Ocoee Mission Team which will be traveling to Cleveland, Tennessee June 10th – 15th.

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study	2 5:30 Church Council 5:45 VBS Meeting (FH) 6:30 Prayer Meeting	3 7:00 Ladies' Yoga (Mezzanine) 	4 6:00-9:00 RA's setup in Gym 	5 8:00-1:00 RA Associational Race 10:00 GA Mother/Daughter Tea 
6 8:00 Deacons' Meeting & Breakfast AM Lord's Supper PM – Music Night 	7	8 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study	9 6:30 Business Meeting (Elect Committee on Committees & Messengers to SBC)	10 10:30 "Young at Heart" Senior Adult Fellowship (FH) 7:00 Ladies' Yoga	11 	12
13  Happy Mother's Day TBCH Offering AM Parent/Child Dedication	14 	15	16 6:30 Children's Choir Musical  Marsh Regional Blood Drive 4-8 p.m.	17 7:00 Ladies' Yoga	18	19 11:30 - Gym 
20 AM  Graduate Recognition High School & College	21	22	23 6:30 Family Mission Night – Dinner/Love Offering for Ocoee Mission Trip	24 7:00 Ladies' Yoga	25	26 2:00-4:00 Baby Shower for Amanda Thurman Karalia (FH) 
Mission Team – Washington Baptist Church - Parsonage						
27 No PM Service	28  Church Office Closed	29 	30 6:30 Prayer Meeting	31 7:00 Ladies' Yoga	<u>Every Sunday</u> 9:45 Sunday School 5:15 Youth Choir	<u>Every Wednesday</u> 6:30 Youth & College & Career Bible Study, RA's, GA's, MF's 7:15 Adult Choir