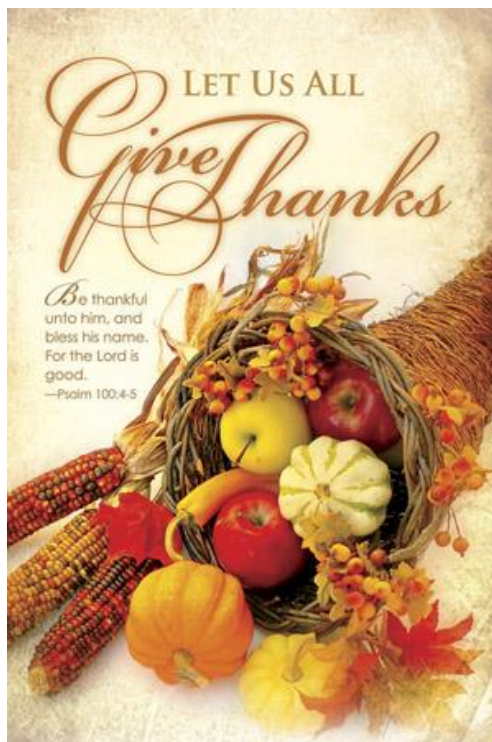


THE LAMPLIGHTER – NOVEMBER, 2018

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By: Todd Haley

Dear Friends and Family of Oak Grove Baptist Church,

November leads us into a great time of year for the church. We have moved out of the back to school and fall activities into the holidays. As Americans we celebrate a holiday we call Thanksgiving. Much of the world cannot conceive of ever having a day when as a country they celebrate all that God has done for them during the past year.

Americans have a great deal for which to thank God daily. We have a level of peace in our country the world envies. I know the media plays up the violence in the country, but for the most part, few of us experience violence on a regular basis. We have clean drinking water. We have bathrooms that work, and a transportation system of highways, trains, and airplanes that are second to none in the world. These are simple things until you live without them.

A person I met a few months ago had recently returned from a trip outside of the country. Their guide cautioned them not to drink anything with ice, much less plain water. For two weeks they were cautious, then on the last night before going home, their host wanted to celebrate their visit. The host went to town and was able to bring back a rare delicacy, ice. Wanting to give their very best the host served Coke, with ice. It was a very long, difficult airplane ride home, followed by a trip to the doctor for medicine.

Often, we mistake the holidays as a time of more work, expense, and sometimes waste. This year take the time to celebrate all that God has given each of us. While the exact subject for thankful prayers may not be the same, each of us has much to be grateful for this year. So during November, rather than letting Satan make you feel down, or hurried, or frustrated, take a moment each day and share with God something that makes you thankful. We can make this a month that reminds us what a great opportunity we have to know a God of grace, love, and hope. We can make this a month of true Thanksgiving.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Todd

What an exciting time of the year!! Cooler weather means that the holidays are on the way. All our choirs are working on their seasonal musicals, the Sanctuary choir musical is involving our Children's Choir, as well as our Youth Choir.

It also involves a drama team which we are putting together and will be rehearsing soon. If you could help as a drama team member, please let myself, Jaynie Connell or Scott Byerley know. I hope you're having a wonderful fall.

In Christian love, Doug

Wow!! What a wonderful study that we have enjoyed through the book of Galatians! I hope that all of you can join us for our next study through the book of James. James gives such practical instruction for believers and encourages us in our daily walk. The lessons that we will study in James touch on obedience, self-control, perseverance, the importance of works, and submission to God's authority and our place in His grand scheme. This study will change your life, if you let it.

If you don't have a Sunday school class to attend, we have 9 co-ed adult classes and 1 women's class to choose from. We have a fantastic group of teachers so you can't go wrong with any class you choose. I look forward to seeing you at Sunday school!!

Eric

YOUTH NEWS

The youth fall retreat was amazing. We went to Carson Springs in Newport, TN. The youth had no television or cell phone service during the weekend. This allowed them to focus on God and building relationships with each other.

The Bible study we did was called "Stop Asking Jesus into Your Heart" by J. D. Greear. In this study the students were asked: Am I saved? How do I know for sure? Many teens struggle with assurance of salvation. Despite God's desire that you be fully confident of your place with Him, you might often wonder if you truly belong to Jesus and He truly belongs to you. In this edition of "Stop Asking Jesus into Your Heart", the authors answer the tough questions about assurance:

What exactly is faith?

What is repentance?

Why are there so many warnings that seem to suggest we can lose our salvation?

With the right answers, you will understand that salvation isn't about just saying a prayer, walking an aisle, or holding up your hand. You will know for sure that salvation rests on your response of repentance and faith toward the finished work of Jesus.

This weekend could not be done without the youth team. I want to thank Angela, Chad, Christie, Diana, Randy and Tony for giving up your weekend and serving the youth. You all did an amazing job.

Blessings,
Ramona

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*



*To April Steele and family in the death of her mother, Wanda Griffin.

*To Jared Ellis & family in the death of his grandfather, George Snapp.

*To Larry Newland & family in the death of his aunt, Alice Newland.

*To Dare Wells & family in the death of her brother-in-law, Royce Adkins.

November 4th – Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night, Nov. 3rd.



November 18th – Joint Thanksgiving Service with Ridgeview Baptist Church - 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



Deacons & Wives' Christmas Dinner

Friday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.
Food will be provided by B.J.'s Catering. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.



Are you dreading the upcoming holidays? Wondering how you will make it through? Join us for Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays on Saturday, November 10th from 2-4 p.m. This seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, along with what to do about traditions and other coming changes. You'll also receive helpful tips for surviving social events and how to discover hope for the future.

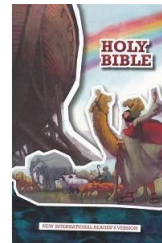


Our Angel Tree will be coming soon! Each name on the tree represents a needy child in our area. If you would like to help, please select an angel, purchase gifts, and return them to the church (wrapped and in the provided plastic bag) by Sunday, December 2nd. The Angel Party will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 2-4 p.m.



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

If you have a child in Kindergarten through ninth grade, please consider signing them up for Basketball or Cheerleading. The kids have a great time and learn a great deal. You can sign them up anytime, but evaluations will be held November 1st, 5th and 6th and it would be most helpful if they sign up by then.



Our First Graders will be presented with a Bible on Sunday, November 4th. All first graders are encouraged to be present.



The GA's will have a sleepover on Friday, November 9th. You may drop your GA off at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. This is sure to be a fun time for our 1st – 6th grade girls. Dinner will not be served, so please be sure your child has dinner before drop off. Thanks!



The Young at Heart/Senior Adult Choir will have their annual Thanksgiving Fellowship on Thursday, November 8th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. All Senior Adults are invited to be a part of this group.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 4:45 Bible Drill 5:00 Youth Choir			Every Wednesday 5:30 Bible Drill 5:45 Preschool Choir, Children's Choir 6:30 GA's, RA's, Mission Friends 7:15 Adult Choir	1 6:00-8:00 	2	3  FH Shower—Gina Gillenwater 1:00 Gym B-day Party—A.Blevins
4 8:00 Deacons' Mtg. & Breakfast *AM—1st Grade Bible Presentation *Gym—Evie Vaughn's SS class	5 6:00-8:00 	6  6:00-8:00 	7 5:30 Church Council 6:30 Prayer Mtg.	8 10:30 Senior Adult Choir & Fellowship	9 7:00—Gym GA Sleepover 	10 2:00-4:00—Gym Surviving the Holidays 
11 	12	13	14 6:30 Business Mtg.	15 	16	17 FH—Mallena Brewer Birthday Party
18 6:00 Joint Thanksgiving Service at Ridgeview Baptist	19	20 	21 6:30 Prayer Mtg	22 Thanksgiving HOLIDAY 	23 Church Office Closed	24
25	26 4:00-8:00—Gym Kathy Salyer 	27	28 6:30 Family Mission Night	29	30 6:30 Deacons & Wives'  Christmas Dinner	