

THE LAMPLIGHTER – JULY, 2019

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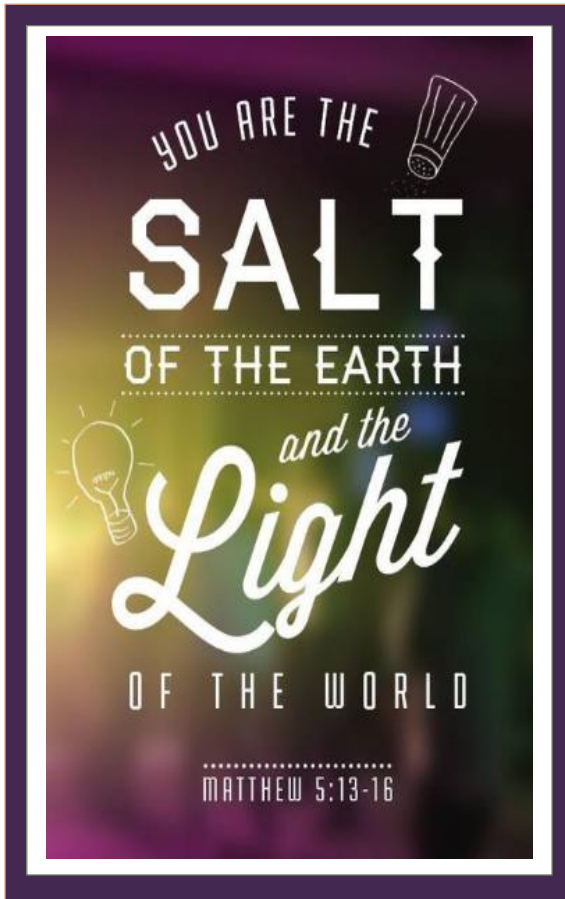


By: Todd Haley

Dear Family and Friends,

I have to say... June has been pretty SALTY around Oak Grove. It has been amazing to see so many people serving others, sharing the gospel, and providing for the needs of others. In June, we hosted another church that was from Mississippi, so they were able to accomplish missions in this area. They spent a week transforming the home of a retired Veteran and his wife. We provided a place for them to stay, some entertainment, and hopefully, a spiritual recharging station.

In the middle of June, we hosted a terrific Vacation Bible School. You know it has been good when on two separate occasions people stopped me in town, just to tell me their kid attended VBS and had an incredible time. Several people wanted me to convey to our church how much fun their kids had, and how glad they are as parents to hear their kids singing "Bible Songs"... as one lady put it. We made a difference in the lives of over 130 kids and over 70 adult workers. Thank you for all you did to make this such a success. We now have at least three people who have put their faith in Jesus Christ. As a direct result of VBS.



Finally, we closed out the month with an incredible group of over 40 warriors who set out for the mission field. Imagine that, over 40 people committed to spending time serving others in need. As a church, I am really proud of the way we sent them off on Sunday Morning. You cannot get closer to being a first-century church than sending out missionaries in the same way Paul and Barnabas were sent out. Mission work needs to be at the heart of all we do. It is the living out of our Mission Verse Matthew 28:18-20.

Sometimes people will ask why we spend the money and time to travel to a mission location when there is a lot of work to be done here. It is a great question. I think the answer is found in Acts 1:8 where Jesus was speaking to the disciples just before he ascended to Heaven... He told them and us, "...you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." I believe we are to be working here in our area, and as a church, we do. I also believe we are called to go beyond our region. There is something special that God does when we leave our local security area for a period of time. Whether it is three days or three weeks, God seems to really touch us and help us grow when we focus everything we have on serving in the name of Jesus Christ. Here at home, we are constantly inundated with all types of things, but on the mission field, we can focus on just one thing, being Jesus to others. I hope every one of our members will go on a mission trip in the near future. It will change the way you see God work in the world around you. Have a great day!!!

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Todd Haley



Our Christian love & sympathy are extended to:

- *Suzanne Byerley in the death of her aunt, Kay Stout
- *Cathy Dean in the death of her uncle, Joe Todd
- *Rhonda Sands & family in the death of her husband, Mark Sands
- *Kay Grimes, Doug Wagner, & Marty Wagner in the death of their uncle, Ed Wagner



From the bottom of our hearts – Thank you church for your prayers, love and cards. Thank you to Patsy Tate’s food group for the wonderful food during the death of Mark Sands, husband of Rhonda Shoemaker Sands and son-in-law of Kyle & Bertie Shoemaker. Keep praying for us. God is good. All the time.
Love, prayers, and appreciation, Rhonda Sands and Kyle & Bertie and family

Dear Church Family,
I just want to express my sincerest gratitude to each of you. Thank you for the multitude of prayers, the many cards, and visits, the bright sunshiny moments which brought many fits of laughter and giggles and for those who took the time to bring food by the house (especially the chocolate pie). I covet your continued prayer support during my long-term recovery, and I thank the Lord for the faith of my physician, and you my church family. Please let me know how I can serve you. It would be an honor to lift you up to our precious Lord and Savior. Thank you for living out this verse for me: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith .Galatians 6:10.
Love, Dinah

W E L C O M E
NEW MEMBERS

Ashley Vaughn
Silas Jones

Dear Church Family,

Let me begin by thanking all of you who participated in such a great church music night a couple of weeks ago! We had a wonderful variety of age groups, solos, trios, quartet, youth and adult choirs.

On Sunday, June 30th at 11 a.m. our Sanctuary Choir will present ***Because They Gave Their All***. Please take time to invite anyone who is a military veteran or is currently serving. We would like to print the names of military personnel in the bulletin. Please contact the church office at 357-7241 or email Angela (angela@ogbchurch.org) with your information. We want to pay tribute to all who have served. We are also reserving front row seating for them for the service. Make plans to be there, invite others, and wear your red, white and blue!

Following the morning musical, the evening of June 30th, we will have an award winning group in concert. Sacred Harmony will be with us. They are headquartered out of Elizabethton and have toured the nation...YOU WILL LOVE THEM!!!

In Christian Love, Doug

From the Education Minister



Mark 5:19 - And he did not permit him but said to him, **"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."**

The verse that was printed on the shirts of all the Ocoee missionaries that participated this summer is one that provokes thought and should also provoke action, not only from those who participated, but from anyone who reads the verse. This verse records Jesus’ response to the man who was possessed by the legion of demons and was cured by Jesus. He desired to go with Jesus, but Jesus wanted him to share the story of God’s grace and mercy that he was shown to him with all that he knew. Does that verse reflect the way that you live your life? If not, then make it so. Become the light on the hill, the beacon in the darkness to all that are in your circle.

from the **YOUTH** minister

The Ocoee Mission Trip is one that the students look forward to all year long. Thank you for making it possible for so many students to go this year. We took over 30 students to Cleveland, Tennessee. It was a great week. Many seeds were planted and lives were changed. We give all the glory and honor to God.

Ramona



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a carton of your favorite ice cream to share. More information will be coming soon!



150th Anniversary 1869-2019

Dr. Walter Crouch will be at OGBC on Sunday, July 21st as a continuation of our 150th Anniversary celebration. Dr. Crouch was Interim Pastor of OGBC from November 2004 – September 2006. We are excited to hear from Walter during the morning worship hour that day.



Experience the music of Phillips and Banks on Sunday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. The group is made up of Jacob & Carmen Phillips and Caleb & Autumn Banks. They are a Southern gospel quartet with a mission to “encourage churches to keep on keeping on to reach out to the community and to the world. The other part is to reach out to people who don’t know Jesus.” We hope you will make plans to be here for this special night of worship through song.



*Congratulations to Tom & Sonya Hensley on the birth of their grandson, Luke Shawn Fleming, born June 18th weighing 9 lbs. 8.4 oz. Patrick & Shea Fleming are the proud parents, Liam is the big brother.

*Congratulations to Matt & Ashley Helton on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Elizabeth born June 25th weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship, Children's Church 6:00 PM Worship	1	2	3 5:30 Church Council 6:30 Prayer Meeting	4  Office Closed	5	6
7 PM 	8	9 	10 6:30 Business Meeting (Nominate Deacons)	11 10:30 Senior Adult Fellowship	12 5:00-9:00 Gym J. Roland	13 
14 PM Traditional	15	16	17 6:30 Prayer Meeting	18	19	20
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21 AM – Dr. Walter Crouch  PM Phillips & Banks Concert	22	23	24 6:30 Family Mission Night	25 	26	27
28 PM 	29	30	31 6:30 Prayer Meeting	 In God We Trust 		<u>Every Wednesday</u> 6:30 Youth & College & Career Bible Study, RA's, GA's, MF's 7:15 Adult Choir